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Growers, EPA discussing OK of additional Bt crops

By DIANNA F. DANDRIDGE
Staff Writer

Panhandle producers of corn and cotton who want to use more of the Bt varieties may soon get their wish, if meetings between growers' representatives and the federal Environmental Protection Agency produce favorable results.

Representatives of the Plains Cotton Growers Association (PCGA) and Texas Corn Producers Board (TCPB) are meeting this week with EPA officials to present their case for allowing additional Bt crop.

Bt (*Bacillus thuringiensis*) registered crops have been genetically altered to produce a

micro-organism level pesticide, according to Roger Haldenberg of the PCGA.

"What this does is get into the gut of larvae or the grub and kills the insect," he said. "The problem (is) the insects that are not killed rapidly develop strong resistance to the pesticide," he said.

Haldenberg said the corn borer and the cotton borer are essentially the same insect, with the primary difference being the crop infested.

"The concern with planting Bt corn and Bt cotton in close proximity is resistant insects may move from one crop to another and so damage both crops and breed even more

resistant future generations of borers," said Haldenberg.

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry has joined the fight to allow more widespread Bt variety use. In a letter to the EPA, Perry wrote: "Much of the northern Texas High Plains has no cotton production. Where there is cotton production, in the southern part of the Texas High Plains, there is no Bt cotton. Currently, there is no Bt cotton being grown in the Texas High Plains, and there should be no resistance problems by allowing Bt corn to be planted in this region."

Haldenberg said the EPA requires a refuge, certain percentage of non-Bt crops, to act

as a buffer, but that should not be a problem in the top 20 Texas Panhandle counties.

TCPB executive director Jerry Don Glover of Lazbuddie agrees with Haldenberg and believes the restrictions should be lifted.

Glover said most of the EPA restrictions against Bt hybrids come from labeling, which prevents Bt corn use in Bt cotton-producing areas.

"The EPA indicates it will work with TCPB and others to allow more Bt hybrids in the region," Glover said. "We are now awaiting decisions by Monsanto, which has registration on the hybrids in question, to lift the restrictions. We believe there is a good chance

Monsanto will revise its registration in our favor."

Monsanto is scheduled to re-register its Bt lines in 2001.

Glover said if restrictions are lifted, producers will be able to provide much needed up-to-date information which will lead to better labeling and fewer restrictions.

"BT varieties work well in our vital integrated pest management programs. It is greatly needed across the Texas corn-producing areas," he said.

A final decision on the Bt question should be made by late November, Glover said.

NEWS

'FUN BREAKFAST'

Regional matchup to be Friday

The Hereford Lady Whitefaces will take on the Dumas Demonettes in the Region I volleyball finals at 7 p.m. Friday at Caprock Activity Center in Amarillo.

U.S. FAILS TO FIND SUPPORT FOR USING FORCE AGAINST IRAQ

UNITED NATIONS (AP) - The United States was all but on its own today in its willingness to threaten force against Iraq, despite winning a unanimous Security Council resolution condemning Iraqi defiance.

Major countries - Russia, France, China and Egypt - signaled Wednesday that they were opposed to resorting to military action to force President Saddam Hussein to back down in a standoff over U.S. arms inspectors in Iraq.

With neither the United States nor Iraq showing signs of blinking, Russian Ambassador Sergey Lavrov warned that the crisis was "headed for deadlock" and was "very dangerous."

All 15 Security Council members voted for Wednesday's U.S.-British resolution, which condemned Iraq for failing to cooperate with U.N. inspectors, demanded an immediate and unconditional reversal of Iraq's Oct. 29 order expelling six American inspectors and slapped a foreign travel ban on Iraqi officials who interfere with the inspections.

But the price of unity was a resolution that contained no threat of military force, referring only to a "firm intention" to take unspecified "further measures" if Iraq refused to comply.

FBI DETERMINES TWA FLIGHT 800 BROUGHT DOWN BY MECHANICAL FAILURE

NEW YORK (AP) - The FBI has found "absolutely no evidence" that a criminal act caused the deadly explosion aboard TWA Flight 800 last summer and has suspended its investigation, The Associated Press has learned.

The decision, outlined in a letter sent by the FBI to victims' families and obtained late Wednesday by the AP, narrowed the possible causes of the explosion pursued by investigators to one: mechanical failure.

The explosion of the Paris-bound flight on July 17, 1996, off the coast of Long Island killed all 230 people aboard. There were numerous theories as to the cause - from sabotage to a bomb to an errant Navy missile - but investigators have focused on problems in the plane's center fuel tank.

The FBI investigation probed possible links to international terrorist groups and included interviews with more than 7,000 people, according to the letter written by James Kallstrom, the FBI assistant director in charge of the agency's investigation.

RAINFALL TO COME TO CHILLY END; COLD FRONT SPREADS ACROSS STATE

The rainfall that has dampened most areas of Texas will come to a chilly end by late Friday.

The end of the precipitation and clearing skies will result in much colder temperatures over the northern half of the state.

Temperatures will drop into the 20s across much of the northern half of the state over the weekend.

There is the possibility of some light snow in the Panhandle and South Plains on Friday.

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Bull Chip to Daniels

By BECKY CAMP
Lifestyles Editor

Margie Daniels received the prestigious Bull Chip Award Thursday morning during the annual "Eat-Your-Heart-Out-Neiman-Marcus" Fun Breakfast. The event is sponsored by the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce.

Receiving special recognition and a standing ovation were the members of the defending Class 4A State Champion Lady Whitefaces volleyball team and Coach Brenda Kitten.

Merchants who participated in Wednesday's "Preview Night" also were present to display their merchandise before the breakfast.

Following a meal catered by K-Bob's, co-emcees John Stagner and Tom Simons kept the program moving.

Nancy Denison provided background music on the piano.

The team of Mike Schumacher, Teresa Garth, Bob Kinsey and Betty Drake won a game that required passing a Christmas ornament from toothpick to toothpick without using the hands. The losing team members were Ed and Lois Lemons and Dean and Mary Herring.

Santa Claus also was on hand to greet those who attended the preview and breakfast. Or, could that have been Santa's helper? As the real - or could that have been the rogue? - Santa made a surprise appearance to make some special presentations.

One presentation was to Mayor Bob Josseland who attended the breakfast with his wife, Nancy, not Sue, as she had been identified in an article in Wednesday's issue of *The Brand*.

(The newspaper regrets the error.) Simons presented the Bull Chip Award to Daniels "for her important,

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Speechless recipient

Margie Daniels, executive director of Hereford Senior Citizens, was speechless as she was presented the Bull Chip Award by Mayor Tom Simons during the "Eat-Your-Heart-Out-Neiman-Marcus" Fun Breakfast at the Community Center. Daniels' response to the presentation and the standing ovation from the banquet room crowd was "Thank you."

U.S. jobless claims drop

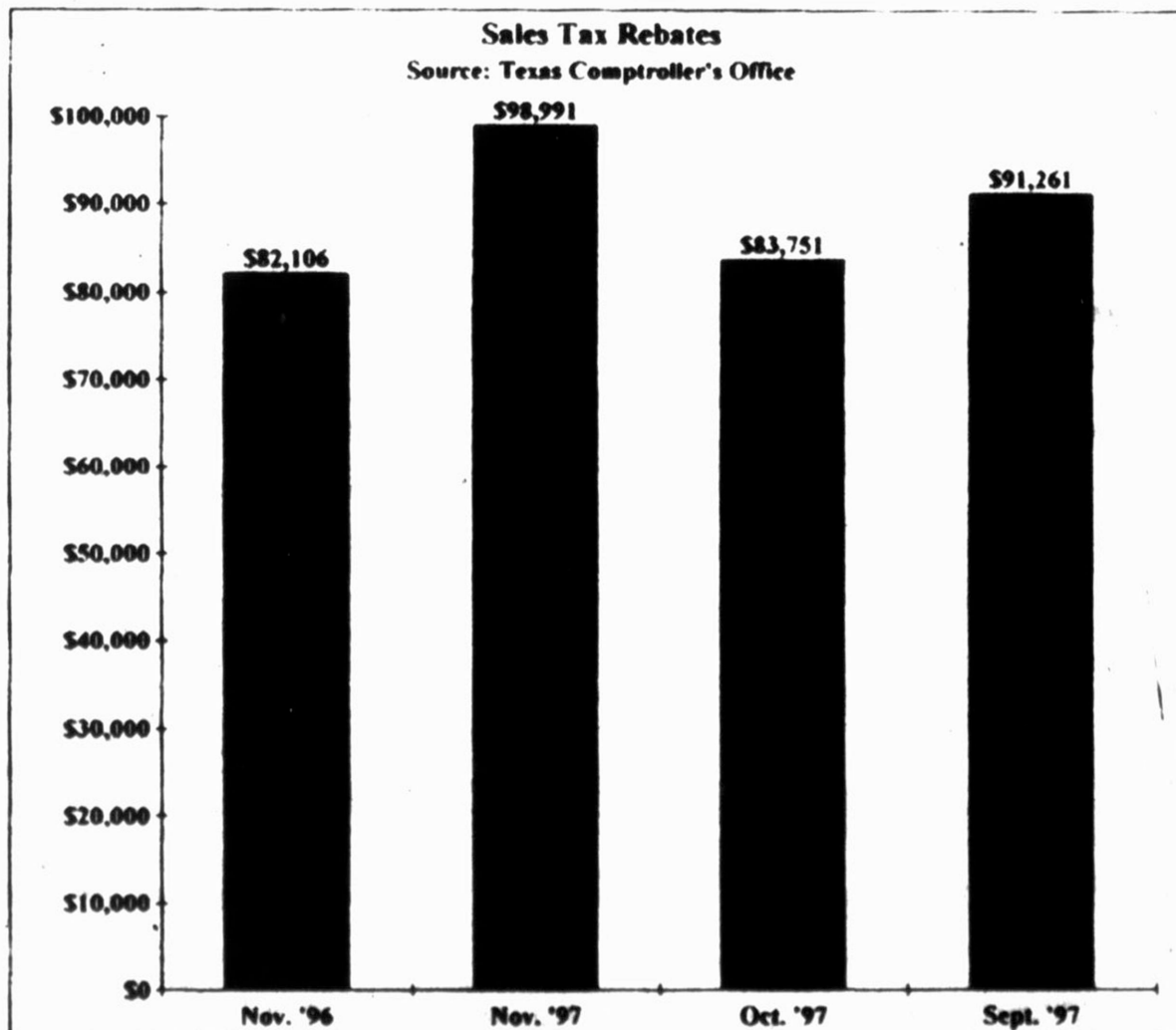
WASHINGTON (AP) - First-time claims for jobless benefits fell by 6,000 last week. It was the 10th straight week that claims totaled less than 320,000, a level that analysts say is a sign of continuing payroll growth. The Labor Department said today that new applications for unemployment insurance totaled a seasonally adjusted 310,000, down from a revised 316,000 a week earlier. The prior week's total initially was estimated to be 315,000.

The jobless claims level was the lowest since 299,000 during the week ended Oct. 25. Many analysts had expected a 5,000 drop.

It also was the longest string of claims below 320,000 since a 26-week stretch ended in February 1989. A level below 320,000 is believed to be consistent with a tight labor market.

The four-week moving average of new weekly jobless claims inched up to 309,250 from 308,500. It was the highest since 312,750 during the period ended Sept. 20.

Many analysts prefer to track the less-volatile four-week average because it smooths out the spikes in the weekly reports.



Hereford economy continues on track

By DONALD M. COOPER
Brand Editor

It was good news for Hereford when the November sales tax rebate checks were distributed by the state comptroller's office.

Hereford, which levies a 1.5 percent sales tax, received a check for \$98,991.34, a 20.6 percent improvement over the \$82,106.02 received in November 1996. The November check was 15.3 percent higher than the \$83,751 for October, and a 7.8 percent improvement over the \$91,261 received in September.

For the year, Hereford has received \$956,097.85, a 6.7 percent improvement over the \$895,698.14 for the same period in 1996.

Deaf Smith County, which levies a 0.5 percent sales tax, received \$33,505.50 for November, a 17.1 percent gain over the \$28,606.52 for November 1996. For the year, the county has received a total of \$325,070.31, 3.2 percent more than the \$314,847.26 received for the same period in 1996.

Texas Comptroller John Sharp on Friday delivered a total of \$230.6 million in monthly sales tax payments to 1,087 Texas cities and 117 counties.

"Consumer spending shows confidence in the continued growth of the Texas economy, and sales tax rebates are a healthy 7.1 percent ahead of those through November of last year," Sharp stated.

Sharp delivered monthly sales tax rebates to Texas cities totaling \$212.4 million, 11.4 percent above than last November's payments of \$190.5 million. Rebates of \$18.2 million to Texas counties were 15.7 percent higher than allocations of \$15.7 million in November 1996. Another \$6 million went to 26 special purpose districts around the state.

The November payments include local sales taxes collected by monthly

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Local Roundup

Public meeting

AMARILLO - The Amarillo National Resource Center for Plutonium will hold a public meeting at 5:30 p.m. today at the Amarillo College Business & Industry Center, 1413 S. Polk.

The meeting is intended to focus on the progress of a study now under way that assesses the health and safety, wastes and environmental issues related to two new missions for which the Pantex plant is being considered. Researchers from the center's consortium are conducting the study at the request of Gov. George W. Bush.

The meeting will offer Panhandle residents a chance to meet the scientists conducting the study and hear the preliminary results.

Windy, colder

Tonight, windy and turning much colder. Cloudy with a 40 percent chance of light snow, low in the lower 20s with north wind 20-30 mph and gusty.

Friday, windy and unseasonably cold. Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of light snow and high near 30. North wind 20 to 30 mph and gusty. Friday night, mostly cloudy and unseasonably cold with a 30 percent chance of light snow and low 10 to 15.

3- to 5-day forecast

Saturday, a chance of morning light snow, otherwise becoming partly cloudy. Unseasonably cold with a high 30 to 35.

Sunday, partly cloudy and warmer with low 15 to 20 and high near 45

Monday, partly cloudy and warmer. Low in the lower 20s and high near 50.

Children's book week

In celebration of Children's Book week, Deaf Smith County Library will be conducting a trivia contest nove. 17-21A different question will be asked each day. every child who comes into the library with the correct answer to that day's question will be given a prize. Check with elementary school librarians, listen to KPAN lunch menus, or watch public service announcements on hereford Cablevision for each day's question. Friday's question will have a five part answer and must be answered completely for a special prize. All questions are taken from new Accelerated Reader books purchased by grant a grant from the Texas Book Festival.

Hereford Economic Indicators

(By Hereford Economic Development Corp.)

	Current Mo.	Last Mo.	1 yr. ago
Sales Tax			
County	\$28,644.82	\$31,955.71	\$30,181.12
City	\$55,833.89	\$60,840.49	\$56,677.55
Econ. Development	\$27,916.94	\$30,420.24	\$28,338.77
Employment			
Labor Force	8,450	8,708	8,896
Employed	7,900	8,138	8,293
Unemployed	550	570	603
Unemployment Rate	6.5	6.5	6.8
Utility Connects			
Electric	N/A	6,338	6,276
Gas	5,293	5,249	5,213
Water	5,313	5,304	5,279
Construction			
Building Permits	\$120,000	\$49,900	\$90,100
Permits YTD	\$2,448,993	\$2,328,993	\$2,898,370
Agriculture			
Wheat per bushel	\$3.23	\$3.06	\$3.81
Corn per Cwt.	\$5.15	\$4.70	\$4.92
Grain sorgh. per Cwt.	\$4.45	\$4.00	\$4.08
Cattle per Cwt.	\$67.96	\$65.99	\$70.75

News Digest

DEATH ROW INMATE'S RELEASE CRITICIZED

TYLER (AP) - Some East Texas residents don't share Kerry Max Cook's enthusiasm for leaving prison for their neighborhood after 20 years of confinement.

Neighbors of Evelyn Cook, who lives in the small community of Tecula where the former death row inmate has returned, had mixed emotions about the idea.

"They proved twice that he did it and if he's done it once, he'll do it again," Lori Beamer, a local store clerk, told the Tyler Morning Telegraph. "I don't think they should have let him out without his new trial. You can't be too cautious."

Cook has been free since Tuesday on \$100,000 bond to await a fourth trial for the 1977 slaying of a Tyler secretary. He said it was like a dream to leave prison.

Last November, the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals overturned Cook's capital murder conviction, ruling that prosecutors hid evidence. The U.S. Supreme Court last month let the reversal stand, clearing the way for a fourth trial tentatively scheduled for next fall.

RANGERS SEEK TEXAS MAN IN MEXICO

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - Texas Rangers have crossed the border to search a Mexican town for a man wanted in the bloody slaying of a mother of young quadruplets last week in Florida.

Jose Luis Del Toro Jr., 21, was sought in the northern Mexico city of Piedras Negras, just across the border from Eagle Pass, according to the Texas Department of Public Safety. Mexican Federal Judicial Police assisted the search.

DPS spokesman Mike Cox said authorities had information that Del Toro was in Piedras Negras. He declined to elaborate.

Before dawn Wednesday, a convenience store clerk told police a man fitting Del Toro's description had been in the store. Authorities took videotapes from the store's video cameras to verify the sighting.

Del Toro was named in a first-degree murder warrant obtained by Sarasota County sheriff's officers in the death of Sheila Bellush, 35, who'd recently moved from San Antonio to Sarasota, Fla.

ERS CASE HIGHLIGHTS NEED FOR CAUTION

AUSTIN (AP) - Texans should take heed to the lesson learned by Austinie Amie Rodnick: read and question everything about insurance policies.

Ms. Rodnick lost her bid Wednesday before the state Employees Retirement System Board of Trustees to get coverage for her mother's care at a nursing home.

Ms. Rodnick said the state employees' benefit manual clearly said "skilled-care facilities" are covered.

State inspector paid for excellent report

HOUSTON (AP) - A state inspector who gave a perfect inspection report to a heavily criticized West Texas jail was a paid consultant for the private jail company that operated the facility, the Houston Chronicle reported today.

Tony Schaffer, an attorney for the Bobby Ross Group, which operates the Dickens County Detention Center at Spur, conceded that a wholly owned subsidiary of the company paid \$42,000 a year to Robert L. Dearing, deputy director of the Texas Commission on Jail Standards.

The \$3,500-a-month consulting fee nearly doubled Dearing's annual state pay of \$48,360, the Chronicle reported.

Schaffer insisted that Dearing did no work for the Bobby Ross Group, which operates in Texas, and did no consulting for any of its Texas-run facilities. The company also operates lockups in Karnes and Newton counties.

Schaffer said Dearing was paid by BRG of Georgia, a subsidiary of Bobby Ross Group, to conduct "security inspections" of the company's Irwin (County) Youth Development Campus, which houses male juvenile offenders in Ocilla, Ga.

He said BRG of Georgia has the same corporate officers as the Bobby Ross Group.

Last month, Dearing and Robert Scarborough, a jail commission inspector, gave a clean bill of health to the Dickens County Correctional Center despite an audit by Montana state corrections officials that found 29 areas of noncompliance with the jail's contract to house Montana prisoners.

The critical audit was the basis for Montana's breaking its \$3.6 million-a-year contract with Dickens County. The jail is about 55 miles east of Lubbock.

The Chronicle reported that the consulting work had been carried out with the full knowledge of Dearing's boss, Jack Crump, executive director of the jail commission, who said he saw nothing wrong with it.

"I understand the implications of conflict of interest," Crump told the newspaper. "It was an out-of-state effort. There was no connection with what was happening (in Texas) other than Bobby Ross operates some facilities in the state. But I never looked upon that as him being a paid consultant for Bobby Ross."

But Crump added that "assumed" Dearing was not working for free.

Dearing's role as deputy director makes him responsible for scheduling, reviewing and sometimes participating in inspections of county jails, Crump said.

The jail commission is charged with inspecting and certifying county jails, including those privately run. Its authority to enforce state standards, in effect, gives it the life-and-death power over private vendors who want to be in the booming privatization of jails and prisons.

The actual report on Dickens County was prepared by Scarborough, a jail commission inspector based in Tulsa, Crump said. But he said Dearing reviewed and signed off on Scarborough's report.

Dearing resigned his consulting job effective immediately after media calls about the matter, Crump said. "I come away feeling OK, if we've canceled" the consulting agreement, Crump said.

Crump said he was aware of the situation for two or three years, but Schaffer said Dearing had been under contract for the past 12 to 18 months.

The October visit by jail inspectors to Spur was prompted by incidents of alleged civil rights violations involving out-of-state prisoners and

inmate uprisings in Brazoria and Limestone counties.

Both of those facilities are operated by Capital Correctional Resources Inc., but Crump said the incidents spurred the jail commission to conduct unannounced "technical assistance" visits at all facilities housing 100 or more felons from other states.

Dearing, who reportedly was on vacation this week, did not return a call when the newspaper sought comment.

Crump said that he does not believe that Dearing's rating of the Dickens County Correctional Facility was influenced by the payment from BRG.

In a prepared statement, Larry Young, president of Bobby Ross Group, said that before contracting with Dearing, company officials "verified with state officials that such a business relationship was appropriate and in compliance with ethical standards."

Young did not say which state officials had signed off on the propriety of the consulting contract.

State law generally prohibits agency officials from accepting any benefits from individuals they regulate, said Karen Lundquist, general counsel for the Texas Ethics Commission.



Prison facility honored

Huntsville - Texas' Department of Criminal Justice's Diagnostic Unit has been honored as the best in the United States.

The Diagnostic Unit in Huntsville, which handles more than 30,000 offenders coming into the Texas prison system with medical problems, was chosen above more than 400 prisons and jails.

The Huntsville unit was cited for maintaining impressive quality in its health care despite the high daily volume of inmates.

"This honor is a tribute to the professionalism and teamwork of our TDCJ personnel, who run the unit, and the medical staff of the University of Texas Medical Branch, who provide the health services," TDCJ executive director Wayne Scott said.

The honor is the second national recognition in two years for TDCJ's medical services. The system-wide managed health care program was honored for overall quality and efficiency in 1995 by the National Managed Health Care Congress.

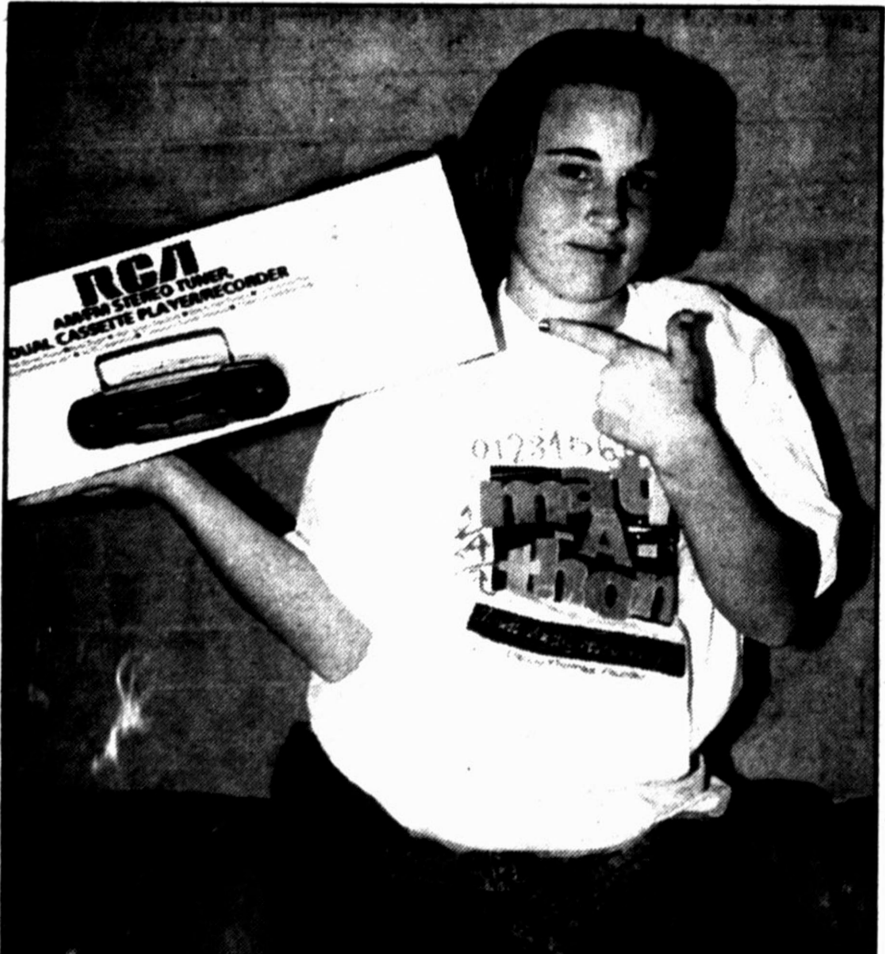
The Diagnostic Unit provides medical care for incoming inmates while determining where they can be appropriately housed and treated permanently in one of TDCJ's 106 units.

In addition to medical treatment as needed, all incoming offenders are given complete medical and psychological testing to determine their initial housing and custody status.

Inmates spend an average of 30 days in diagnostics.

The Diagnostic Unit is headed by Warden Jim Willett, a 26-year veteran of TDCJ. He has been at the unit since 1990 and been the warden since 1993.

TDCJ's managed health care services are provided by the University of Texas Medical Branch, Texas Tech health Sciences Center and the University of Houston College of Pharmacy.



Math kids

Seventh and eighth grade students recently participated in the annual St. Jude's Math-athon. The students took pledges for each math problem they completed. Combined the students collected more than \$400 for St. Jude's Research Hospital. Above: Students participating were Melissa Warren, Tamata Smith, April Riley, Alexis Garcia, Timothy Villa, Amanda Dandridge, Wayne Milan, Julianna Morgan, Jerrod Horton Gilbert and Aimee Gafford. Left: Amanda Dandridge was the big winner turning in \$117 to the organization. Along with a t-shirt, certificate, and sport bag, Amanda claimed the big prize of a dual cassette radio.

Homeless author homeless again

AUSTIN (AP) - An author who won national acclaim four years ago for his book on being homeless is on the street again.

But local writers are pitching in to help Lars Eighner out.

He's best known for his "Travels With Lizbeth," a memoir of the three years he spent with his dog, Lizbeth, living under a shower curtain, sleeping under bridges and scouring trash bins for food in Austin and southern California.

Since then, he had a novel published, wrote reviews, magazine essays and gay erotica and made appearances at book events. None provided a dependable income that could match his living expenses and debts.

Last year, he moved into a San Antonio apartment when he couldn't afford the rent on an Austin bungalow. Two weeks ago, he returned to Austin and homelessness, pitching a tent near a creek bridge.

Being homeless becomes harder with age, Eighner said. "I'm another 10 years older and 10 years more decrepit," he said.

"Travels with Lizbeth" was named one of the top books of 1993 by The New York Times, which gave

it a rave review on the front page of its Sunday Book Review section.

Monday night, Texas Observer editor Louis Dubose moved Eighner, the author's companion and Lizbeth into a room at his house. A committee of local writers plan to create a rescue fund to help Eighner pay the rent on an apartment.

"Lars has health problems - phlebitis, arthritis - and all he can do is write because of his physical condition. If you don't have a steady

gig, life is precarious," Dubose said.

Added author Mary Willis Walker, "I like Lars and think he's a really wonderful writer. I can't stand the idea of his living on the streets. And Lizbeth. I can't stand the idea of her living on the streets."

Obituaries

KIMBERLY NICHOLE DE LA PAZ
Nov. 12, 1997

Kimberly Nichole De La Paz, infant daughter of Derrick and Matilda Vela of Odessa died Nov. 12 in the Odessa Medical Center.

Graveside services will be 10 a.m. Friday St. Anthony's Catholic Cemetery. Deacon Johnny Cloud will officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Gilliland-Watson Funeral Home.

Survivors include her parents Derrick and Matilda De La Paz of Odessa; grandparents, Gregg and Brenda De La Paz of Odessa, Jesse and Juanita Enriquez of Hereford and great grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Elizondo of Crystal City.

Emergency Services

Activities reported by the law enforcement include:

- Police Department
- Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 200 block of Whittier.
- Reckless driver was reported in the 600 block of east Park.
- Disorderly conduct was reported in the 200 block of avenue H.
- One minor traffic accident was reported.
- 11 traffic tickets were issued.
- No Curfew violations.

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AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Lotto Texas numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery: 17-28-34-37-39-41

Estimated Lotto Texas jackpot: \$15 million

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

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Lifestyles

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Debts of daughter are parents' responsibility

Dear Ann Landers: My wife and I have been retired for nearly 10 years. We maintain separate bank accounts, and our incomes are equal. We each cover a share of our living expenses.

Several years ago, "Clara" managed, without my knowledge or consent, to get a major credit card. She ordered one for herself, one for me and one for our daughter, "Jennifer."

Jennifer is a lawyer, but she had no credit cards of her own because her credit rating is poor. However, my wife trusted her anyway. Jennifer earned about \$120,000 last year and spent money like there was no tomorrow. She used her credit card, and although she paid the bills at first, she claims business has fallen off and she can't keep up.

Although my wife and I have paid our share of the bill, Jennifer refuses to pay hers. Our credit limit has been reached because of Jennifer's charges, and we are now unable to use the card ourselves.

We have pleaded with our daughter to pay a little something every month or to stop buying things on the card, but she has refused. We then demanded that she return the card. She said that she would not and that we had a lot of nerve to ask. I sent her copies of the monthly statements, but she claimed she never received them. I sent the last statement by certified mail, and it was returned, marked "Refused." I even tried inviting Jennifer over for dinner so we could discuss the situation, but she hung up on me.

Our friends say we are stuck. What do you say, Ann? We need your help.

-- Left High and Dry in Houston

Dear High and Dry: Here's the result of my research: According to Suzanne Boas, president of Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Greater Atlanta, each person who opens an account on a joint basis is equally liable for any charges. Failure to pay the balance could subject you to legal action and affect your credit rating. Boas recommends sending a certified letter immediately to your credit card company asking to be removed from the joint account. Although you will still be liable for the charges that have already been incurred, you will not be liable for any charges after the letter is received by your credit issuer.

If you need assistance to work out a debt repayment plan, the National Foundation for Consumer Credit can help. Call 1-800-388-2227 to get the name of a trained NFCC counselor (Internet: <http://www.nfcc.org>).

Meanwhile, it seems to me that Jennifer has another set of problems in addition to her credit rating. Her hostility suggests that she is out of control in areas that have nothing to do with bad credit.

I fear you have been pulling your daughter's chestnuts out of the fire too long. Stop it, and let her take her lumps. It's high time she faced the consequences of her out-of-line behavior. And please, insist that she get some psychological help. This young woman sounds as if she is at the breaking point.

Gem of the Day: It is far better to give money to a friend or a relative than to lend it -- and it costs about the same.



Speaker's gift

Master Gardener Jan Furr, right, was the guest speaker at the Northern Zone meeting of District 1 Texas Garden Clubs held recently at the Hereford Senior Center. Phyllis Brown, president of Hereford Bud to Blossom Club, presented Furr with a gift of appreciation.

Garden clubs hold zone meeting at HSC

Bountiful Harvest was the theme of the Northern Zone meeting of District 1 Texas Garden Clubs which was held recently at Hereford Senior Citizens Center.

Ruth Barrett of Pampa, Northern Zone chairman, called the meeting to order.

Mildred Fuhrmann of Hereford gave the invocation and Norma Thurston, president of the board of Hereford Senior Citizens Association, gave the welcome.

Hereford Bud to Blossom Club president Phyllis Brown delivered the greetings and the response was from Kris Brown of Amarillo.

The business session was led by Betty Medford of Sundown, District 1 director, with club presidents reporting on their individual club activities and projects.

Sue Howard of Bushland gave the blessing prior to the lunch at the Senior Center.

Door prizes of food items donated by Arrowhead Mills were awarded by Brown.

The closing program was given by Master Gardener Jan Furr of Hereford on gardening in the Panhandle. She gave tips to the group based on her own experiences with her own yard and garden. She also gave landscaping ideas.

Redwine recognized as Pilot of Quarter

Shannon Redwine was recognized as the Pilot of the Quarter for the months of July, August and September at the Tuesday morning meeting of Hereford Pilot Club.

President Martha Jones presided at the meeting held in the Hereford Community Center. Tables were decorated in a fall theme by Marcie Ginn.

Three new members, Betty Jones, Charmayne Klett and Bobbie Jo King, were installed by Peggie Fox. Linda Minchew read the Code of Ethics. Secretary Cindy Caro read the

minutes and Kim Leonard gave the treasurer's report.

A report on the recent "42" Game Night was given by Marilyn Bell.

Pecan sales were reported by Elvira Enriquez and Betty Taylor. They advised another shipment of pecans was due Tuesday.



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VFW Auxiliary plans auction in December

The November meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary to Roy Wederbrook Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4818 was preceded by a dinner.

President Betty Boggs presided over the business session.

Essie Martin, Buddy Poppy sales chairman, discussed the Poppy sale. Proceeds will be used to benefit needy veterans and their families throughout the coming year.

Plans were discussed for the District 13 Convention in Plainview on Nov. 15-16.

A special thanks was given to all members who donated cakes for

Hereford Care Center's Halloween cake walk.

Initial plans were made for the auction sale to be held Dec. 12 at the VFW Post Home.

Members present were Colleen Schaeffer, Mildred Clements, Anita Vardell, Earline Schneider, Marie Goheen, Terrye Rhyne, Winnie Tyler, Pixie Forbus, Peggy Oakes, Imogene Sweeney, Laura Smith, Boggs and Martin.

The next meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 1 preceded by a potluck supper at 6:30 p.m.

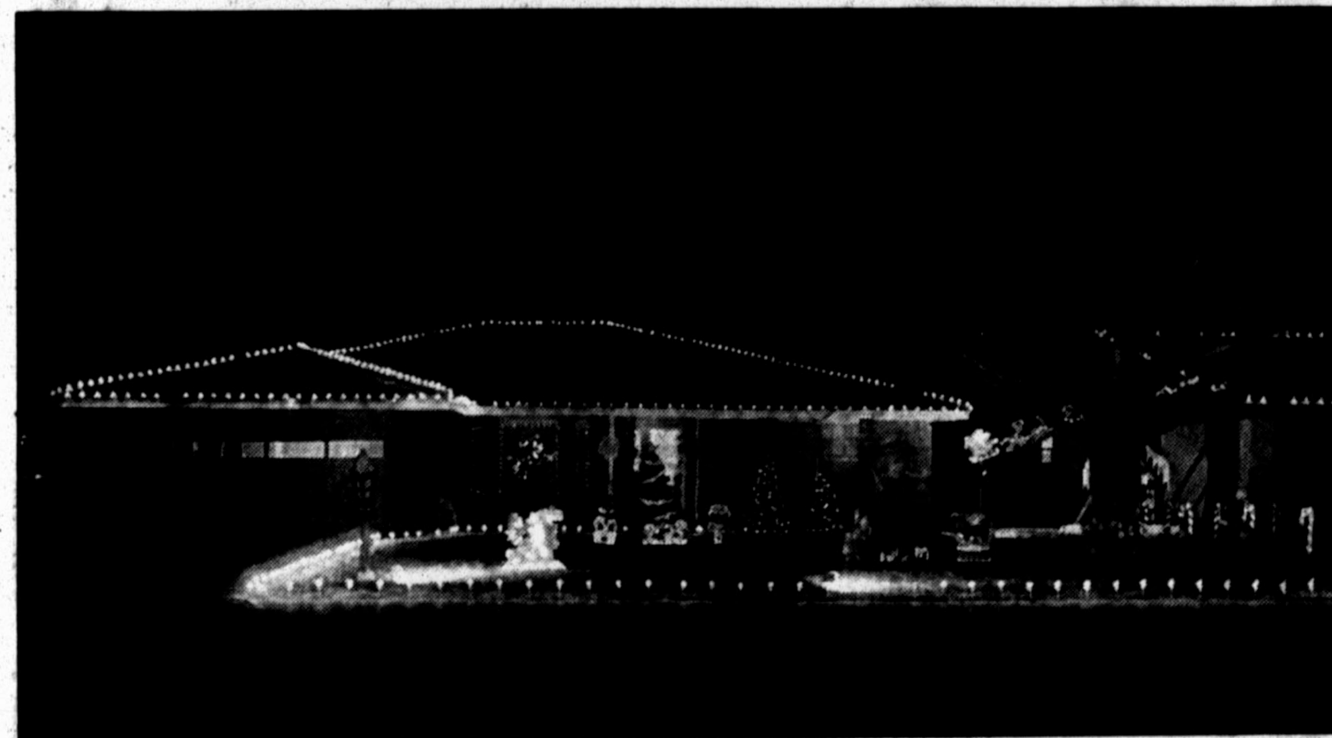
New Arrivals

Morrie and Elaine Marino of Batavia, Ill., are the proud parents of a son, Morris Anthony Marino, born Oct. 3 in Geneva, Ill.

Grandparents are Leonard Sr. and Clara Reinart of Hereford.

Gregg and Alice Peters of Aurora, Ill., are the proud parents of a daughter, Taylor Michelle Peters, born Sept. 14 in Hoffman Estates, Ill.

Grandparents are Leonard Sr. and Clara Reinart of Hereford.



Aglow for Christmas

This Hereford home was decorated for Christmas last year and entered in the annual Christmas Lighting Contest sponsored by the Women's Division of the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce. The contest will be held again this year with entries being accepted for both residences and businesses. Entry forms are available at the Chamber office. Judging will be Dec. 15-17 and winners will be announced in the Dec. 21 edition of *The Hereford Brand*.

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Melodrama cast

The melodrama, "The Blight Before Christmas," will be performed at the dinner theater during the 1997 Festival of Trees at 7 p.m. Nov. 22. Tickets for the beef tenderloin dinner are \$12.50 each. The cast of characters include, seated from left, Carole McGilvary-Aunt Fuzziwig; Mary Dziuk-Felicity; standing from left, Lucy Martin-Cheyenne; Swede Schmucker-Sheriff Dickens; Ed Schilling-Bob Scratchet; Courtney Brooke-Jake Marley; and Kevin Sellars-Humbug.

Area Events

AMARILLO

Jay Bee and Associates will perform their last public murder mystery comedy for the year Saturday at the Rendezvous Comedy Club. The mystery dinner theater is rated G and is suitable for the entire family.

The audience enters the theater and becomes guests at the Hollywood Awards Banquet of 1929. Murder mayhem and movie stars abound. In "WHODUNDIDIT?" the clues are there. Can the audience find the murderer?

Doors open at 6:45 p.m. The Rendezvous is located at 7717 Canyon E. Way at the Bell Street Exit in Amarillo.

Admission cost covers the buffet dinner, coffee or tea, and the play. Reservations are recommended.

The Whodundidit players will be available for group performances. For more information call 806-359-9752.

Amarillo Botanical Gardens' Festival of Trees will begin Nov. 18 and continue through Nov. 26.

More than 20 designer trees will be showcased. Each tree has been "purchased" by individuals and businesses for other non-profit agencies, businesses and individuals' homes.

The Tiffany Dinner on Nov. 18 will be catered by Chef Douglas Lee of the Big Texan. Reservations are required for the \$50 per person dinner.

On Nov. 21 the Topiary Luncheon will feature cuisine catered by Chef

Douglas. Luncheon tickets are \$20 per person.

Tickets for Open House are \$2 for adults and 50 cents for children.

For additional information, call Jackie Wilson at 806-352-6513.

CANYON

To honor the centennial of the founding of the Taos, N.M., art colony, the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum, Canyon, has organized a year-long celebration of the Taos Art Colony, including exhibitions, lectures, films, museum trips and other programs beginning Nov. 22.

The celebration of the centennial will open with two exhibitions featuring the colony: "Barela: Taos Sculptor" and "Early Taos Printmakers."

In 1995, the museum acquired Patrocino Barela's *Spirit Ascendant* in honor of Dr. Henry E. Martinez, Amarillo thoracic surgeon and native of northern New Mexico. This exhibition is also presented in honor of Dr. Martinez.

Opening jointly with the Barela show will be an exhibition focusing on prints made in Taos before 1950. Printmaking became an important

form of artist impression in Taos during the first half of the 20th century.

The museum's collection of prints will be augmented by works borrowed from private collections and museums.

Both exhibitions will run through Jan. 18, 1998.

PANHANDLE

Members of the Amarillo Fine Arts Association (AFAA) have contributed works for a varied show at the Square House Museum in Panhandle.

The show features works of 33 artists, representing both professional and amateur members of the AFAA.

The contributing artists were given free rein to select one of their works for exhibition. There are seven different media represented including oil, watercolor, acrylic, pastel, charcoal, ink and glass. Subjects range from landscapes and buildings to still life. There are portraits, animals and birds and several floral depictions.

The public is invited to a reception for the artists from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. The show can be viewed through Jan. 4, 1998.

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Hints from Heloise

Dear Heloise: I read your answer to a letter sent by a reader about how to organize recipes.

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My solution was computer shareware. I purchased a shareware program for \$2, then paid a small registration fee. The program organizes the cookbook for me. Not only does it store recipes, but it also holds other hints.

As I have time, I type in a few more recipes. The computer sorts them by category, saving me considerable time. When I want something, I just call it up and print it out and I don't have to worry about the paper being old and deteriorating.

When I complete my task I will share my efforts with other relatives who have expressed a desire to see what I have saved. I hope this is of help to your readers. — Gail Nagle, Economy, Pa.

Keeping track of those treasured family recipes can be a task! Glad you wrote in with a very modern and easy way to do just this. One note though: please keep a few of the originals. — Heloise

Send a money- or time-saving hint to Heloise, PO Box 795000, San Antonio TX 78279-5000 or fax it to 210-HELOISE.

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Today in History

By The Associated Press
Today is Thursday, Nov. 13, the 317th day of 1997. There are 48 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Nov. 13, 1789, Benjamin Franklin wrote a letter to a friend in which he said, "In this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes."

On this date:
In 1775, during the American Revolution, U.S. forces captured Montreal.

In 1927, the Holland Tunnel opened to the public, linking New York City and New Jersey beneath the Hudson River.

In 1940, the Walt Disney animated movie "Fantasia" had its world premiere in New York.

In 1942, the minimum draft age was lowered from 21 to 18.

In 1956, the Supreme Court struck down laws calling for racial segregation on public buses.

In 1969, speaking in Des Moines, Iowa, Vice President Spiro T. Agnew accused network television news departments of bias and distortion, and urged viewers to lodge complaints.

In 1974, Karen Silkwood, a technician and union activist at the Kerr-McGee Cimarron plutonium plant near Crescent, Okla., was killed in a car crash.

In 1977, the comic strip "Li'l Abner" by Al Capp appeared in newspapers for the last time.

In 1982, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial was dedicated in Washington.

In 1985, some 23,000 residents of Armero, Colombia, died when a mudslide, triggered by the Nevado del Ruiz volcano, buried the city.

Ten years ago: Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega unveiled an

11-point proposal in Washington for a cease-fire that called for the Contra rebels to lay down their weapons and accept an amnesty.

Five years ago: Riddick Bowe won the undisputed heavyweight boxing title in Las Vegas with a unanimous decision over Evander Holyfield.

One year ago: A grand jury in St. Petersburg, Fla., declined to indict police officer Jim Knight, who had shot black motorist TyRon Lewis to death the previous month; the decision prompted angry mobs to return to the streets. An all-white jury in Pittsburgh acquitted a suburban police officer, John Vojtas, in the death of black motorist Jonny Gammage in a verdict that angered black activists. Sgt. Loren B. Taylor, a drill sergeant who'd had sex with

three women recruits at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., was given five months in prison and a bad-conduct discharge in the first sentencing of the burgeoning Army sex scandal.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Jack Elam is 81. Actress Madeleine Sherwood is 75. Actor Richard Mulligan is 65. Producer-director Garry Marshall is 63. Country singer-songwriter Ray Wylie Hubbard is 51. Actor Joe Mantegna is 50. Musician Andrew Rankin (The Pogues) is 44.

Thought for Today: "Education is a private matter between the person and the world of knowledge and experience, and has little to do with school or college." - Lillian Smith, American writer and social critic (1897-1966).

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Sports

Zampese takes heat for woes

On the Sidelines

Volleyball Playoffs

CLASS 4A
Region I
 Regional Results
 Dumas def. Springtown 15-8, 15-9
 Hereford def. Denton 15-4, 15-5
Regional Finals
 Dumas (24-9) vs. Hereford (26-8), 7 p.m.
 Friday Caprock Activity Center, Amarillo

Region II
 Regional Results
 Southlake Carroll def. Red Oak 15-8, 10-15, 15-12
 Coppell def. Chikoma 15-10, 13-15, 15-9
Regional Finals
 Southlake Carroll (29-8) vs. Coppell (24-19), TBA

Region III
 Regional Results
 Magnolia def. Friendswood 15-7, 13-15, 15-11
 Dickinson def. Tyler Chapel Hill 15-10, 17-15
Regional Finals
 Dickinson (29-11) vs. Magnolia (37-3), TBA

Region IV
 Regional Results
 Austin McCallum def. San Antonio Sam Houston 15-1, 15-6
 New Braunfels Canyon def. Flour Bluff 15-6, 15-0
Regional Finals
 Austin McCallum (32-9) vs. New Braunfels Canyon (24-9), 2 p.m. Saturday at Buda Hays

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NBA

Wednesday's Games
 Boston 88, Denver 86
 Atlanta 89, Indiana 86
 Sacramento 115, Orlando 89
 New York 93, Toronto 70
 Washington 90, Chicago 83
 Philadelphia 114, Houston 100
 Utah 98, Vancouver 80
 Phoenix 103, Milwaukee 95
 Detroit 102, Golden State 71

Thursday's Games
 Cleveland at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
 Washington at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
 L.A. Lakers at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
 Milwaukee at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.
 Detroit at Seattle, 9 p.m.

NHL

Wednesday's Games
 Washington 4, Pittsburgh 1
 New Jersey 3, N.Y. Rangers 2
 N.Y. Islanders 2, Florida 2, tie
 Boston 3, Dallas 3, tie
 Carolina 6, Edmonton 4
 Vancouver 5, San Jose 2
 Montreal 4, Anaheim 3, OT

Thursday's Games
 Washington at Buffalo, 6 p.m.
 Detroit at Ottawa, 6:30 p.m.
 Colorado at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.
 Toronto at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
 Boston at St. Louis, 7:30 p.m.
 Montreal at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
 Carolina at Calgary, 8 p.m.
 San Jose at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Demers hired

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) -- Jacques Demers brought his reputation for turning hockey teams around to the Tampa Bay Lightning Wednesday as their new coach.

The two-time NHL coach of the year replaced Rick Paterson, who led the team on an interim basis for six games after Terry Crisp, who got Tampa Bay was fired on Oct. 26.

The team was 0-6 under Paterson and returned home Wednesday from a four-game west coast road trip winless in its last 13 games.

Stock sale OK'd

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) -- The Green Bay Packers Wednesday received the NFL's OK for its plan to raise as much as \$80 million by selling what is essentially souvenir stock.

Commissioner Paul Tagliabue informed the club that the proposed stock sale that will be discussed at the team's special stockholders meeting on Thursday fell under the grandfather clause allowing public ownership of the team and therefore "may proceed without a vote of the NFL clubs."

Now, it's up to stockholders to approve the sale, which club president Bob Harlan said is essential for the Packers to remain competitive into the next century.

Sports calendar

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

Friday Football
 Denver City vs. Perryton, 8 p.m.
 Whiteface Stadium.

Saturday Football
 Lubbock Estacado vs. Berger, 2 p.m. Whiteface Stadium.

IRVING (AP) -- Ernie Zampese has gone from genius to goat in this season of Dallas Cowboys discontent.

The radio talk shows most often blame the 61-year-old offensive coordinator for the touchdown drought that has befallen the struggling, 5-5 team.

"We're the best team in the NFL between the 20-yard lines," said running back Emmitt Smith. "Inside the 20, we're the worst."

Forget the fact that Zampese directed the offense to a Super Bowl championship only two years ago.

Critics say his play calling has grown stale and the Cowboys have become the most predictable team in the NFL.

The Cowboys have had trouble scoring touchdowns for the last two years. Their offense was rated 24th last year and is currently 19th. Dallas is next to last in the NFL this year in red zone (inside the 20-yard line) scoring.

"We've had some injuries in the offensive line and that hasn't helped," Zampese said. "But we can't dramatically change our offense. We have good players. It's

just a matter of executing the plays."

The chain-smoking Zampese has been dogged by an alarming number of penalties by the offense at critical times.

"We've had too manyamentals down in scoring territory," said Dallas coach Barry Switzer. "That's really hurt us."

Zampese put in some new twists for the Dallas offense in a 24-6 win over Arizona. Dallas went with two tight ends and Troy Aikman spread the ball around to eight different receivers.

"It makes us a better offense when we're able to do that," Aikman said. "We don't want to be predictable. We all know, more times than not, when we throw, the ball has usually gone to Michael Irvin."

Zampese even ordered a flea-flicker. However, the Cowboys couldn't pull it off. Smith was in the game and took a handoff from Aikman and then tossed the ball back to Aikman whose pass was incomplete. Sherman Williams was supposed to be in the game, not Smith.

"I've got a bad hand," Smith said. "I wasn't sure I could even toss the ball back. That play didn't work so good."

This week Zampese will be watching the Redskins running the offense he taught their head coach, Norv Turner.

"Norv was an excellent student," Zampese said. "He has a tremendous offensive mind."

Turner said anyone criticizing Zampese doesn't know anything about football.

Griffey earns AL MVP

NEW YORK (AP) -- Ken Griffey Jr. became the ninth unanimous pick for the American League Most Valuable Player award, winning the honor for the first time Wednesday.

Griffey, who hit .304 for Seattle, led the AL with 56 homers and finished first in the majors with 147 RBIs, received all 28 first-place votes and 392 points in balloting by the Baseball Writers Association of America. He's the first unanimous AL pick since Chicago's Frank Thomas in 1993, and the 13th unanimous selection overall.

"This award means a lot," Griffey said. "Kids always think about being the MVP."

Griffey, winning an honor his father never did during 19 seasons in the majors, led the AL in runs (125),

total bases (393) and slugging percentage (.646). He also won another Gold Glove in center field.

Griffey had 24 homers through May but just five in June and three in July before getting hot again.

He said dealing with the death of his mother-in-law held down his numbers.

"That's why I struggled in July," he said.

He had finished close in previous MVP voting, winding up second in 1994, fourth last year and fifth in 1993. He's had to face great expectations his entire career.

"All my life in professional baseball, people said 'He could be better.' There's always a but after everything I've done. You get tired of somebody saying, 'He hit 49 but

he didn't do something else.' It's not fair. I go out there every day, take early batting practice, fly balls. Every day I get asked questions: 'What's next for you?'"

Griffey's home-run total matched the seventh-most in a single season, and his 294 homers already is 76th on the career list. On April 25, he became the fourth-youngest player to reach 250 homers, trailing only Jimmie Foxx, Eddie Mathews and Mel Ott.

Griffey's father, Ken Sr., who finished with 159 homers, was ninth in NL MVP voting in 1976 with 49 points and got one 10th-place vote in 1980. The two were together last week at an awards show in Florida.

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Watch out for Vols, Ohio St.

By RICHARD ROSENBLATT
 AP Football Writer

Don't count No. 4 Ohio State or No. 5 Tennessee out of national title contention just yet.

Entering Saturday's games, the Buckeyes (9-1) and Volunteers (8-1) need to keep winning and hope for a few surprises that could put Ohio State in the Rose Bowl and Tennessee in the Orange.

"I think you can go crazy at this time of year worrying about that stuff," Buckeyes coach John Cooper said.

Ohio State should have an easy time against Illinois (0-9), but then comes the toughie -- at No. 1 Michigan on Nov. 22 with a Rose Bowl berth hinging on the outcome.

Tennessee, led by Peyton Manning, has clear sailing into the SEC title game on Dec. 6, with games against three teams with losing records -- Arkansas (3-5) on Saturday, Kentucky (4-5) and Vanderbilt (3-6).

"We've been through two years of a lot of frustration to get ourselves to this point to have a chance," Vols

coach Phil Fulmer said, referring to Florida's SEC dominance the past few seasons. "Now we've got a chance and we need to make the most of it."

An Orange Bowl bid could come Tennessee's way if No. 12 Florida beats No. 2 Florida State on Nov. 22.

Manning, who threw for 399 yards and four TDs in last week's 44-20 win over Southern Mississippi, is 205 of 337 for 2,500 yards and 23 TDs this season, while freshman running

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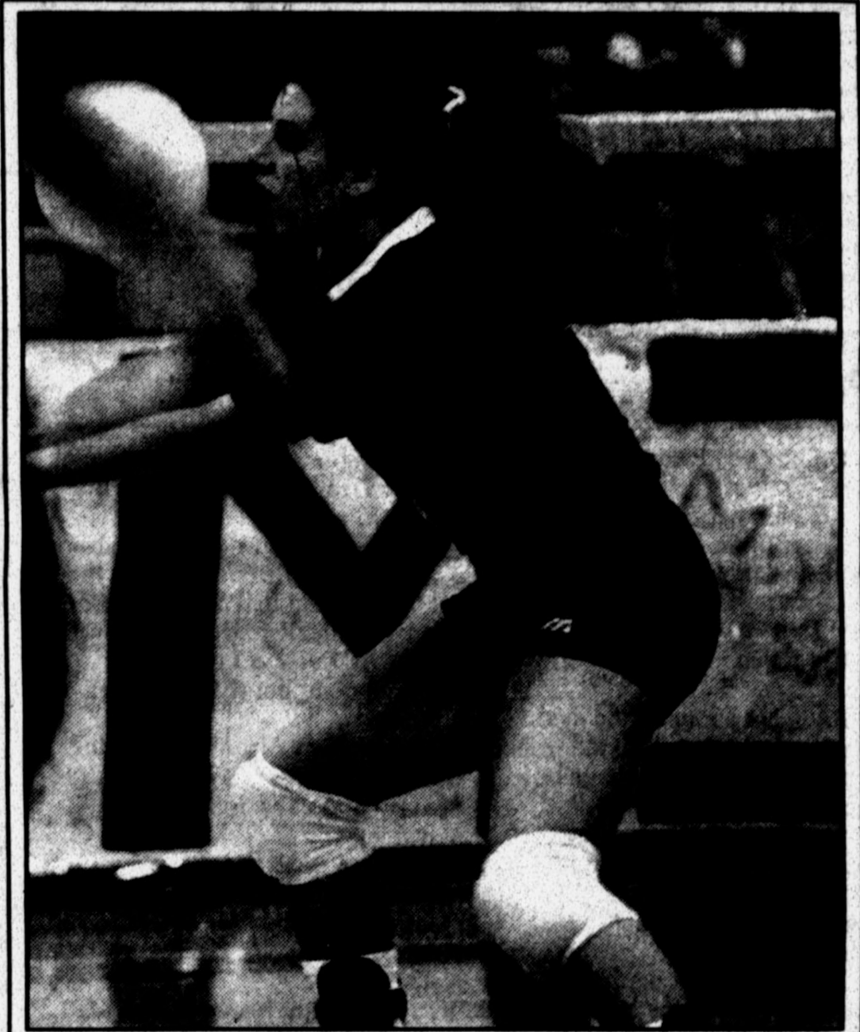


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Concentration

Hereford's Makesha Rives digs a shot Saturday afternoon at the Amarillo High Activity Center during the Lady Whitefaces' regional quarterfinal match with Canyon Randall. Hereford will face the Dumas Demonettes in the Region I final 7 p.m. Friday at Caprock Activity Center in Amarillo.

Houston pounds 76ers

HOUSTON (AP) -- It had been awhile since the Philadelphia 76ers won a game and even longer since they'd beaten the Houston Rockets.

The Rockets had won 11 straight against Philadelphia, but Allen Iverson had 26 points and 15 assists and the 76ers held on for their first victory of the season, 114-100 Wednesday night.

"In the other games we didn't concentrate as well at the end," Terry Cummings said. "Tonight we did. In the five games we lost we didn't show the commitment at the end."

"The last two games we lost in the last six or eight minutes. Tonight we did all the little things we needed to at the end, like play defense and rebound."

After trailing most of the game, the Rockets built a 90-84 lead with 10:45

to play. But the 76ers (1-5) didn't fold.

Houston made only two more field goals the rest of the game and the 76ers outscored the Rockets 17-4 for a 101-94 lead with 5:46 to play.

The Rockets, who scored only 13 fourth-quarter points in their 86-85 loss to Portland on Friday, were outscored 32-14 in the final period by the 76ers, who outshot the Rockets 62 percent to 44 percent.

"Our point guard was perfect," 76ers coach Larry Brown said. "This was a huge game for us against a great team. We played as well as we could possibly play. It's the best we've executed."

Iverson wouldn't call his game perfect, but he'll take the performance.

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Late Boston goal ties Stars

DALLAS (AP) -- Ted Donato scored with 41.5 seconds left after Boston pulled its goalie, and the Bruins tied the Dallas Stars 3-3 Wednesday night.

Dallas took a 3-1 lead into the third period, but Ray Bourque's fifth goal of the season at 10:54 narrowed the Bruins' deficit.

With goaltender Byron Dafoe off the ice for a sixth attacker, the Bruins tied it when Donato popped a

bouncing puck off Stars defenseman Derian Hatcher and past goalie Ed Belfour.

The slumping Stars are 1-2-3 in their last six games. Boston is 3-1-1 in its last five.

Boston took a 1-0 lead at 10:57 of the first period when Dave Ellett deflected a bouncing puck past Belfour on a power play. Joe

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Hoop Shoot Winners

Winners in the recent local competition of Girls 12-13 Division of the 1997 National Elks Hoop Shoot were (front) Sarah Griffin, first place; (back, left to right) Celeste Guzman, third place, and Amber Fortenberry, second place. Boys winners in the 12-13 Division of the local competition were (front) Armando Torres, first place; (back, left to right) Seth Hatley, second place; Marc Wells, third place.

True champion will require playoffs

This week, there were two new No. 1 teams in college football.

Depending upon your preference, and which poll you believe is one true poll, it's either Michigan or Florida State.

Michigan earned the AP nod with a stunning win at Penn State. Florida State got the ESPN/USA Today coaches poll with a matter-of-fact win over ACC rival North Carolina.

Both replaced Nebraska, which beat Missouri in overtime, 45-38.

Thing is, the Huskers probably didn't deserve to be No. 1. Nebraska replaced Penn State three weeks ago after the Nittany Lions eked out a 16-15 win over Minnesota and Nebraska impressively shut out the powerhouse offense of

The Toy Department

By Bob Varnette



Texas Tech in a less than impressive, for Nebraska anyway, 29-0 win.

Is my sarcasm showing? Oh, I'm sorry. I forgot we're talking about something really important.

Face it, the only reasons there are polls is people like to see them to see how teams compare, like

they're a really reliable way to do that, and second, to determine who goes to the big bowls.

The polls and the bowls mean only as much as we're willing to ascribe to them, which to me means they mean nothing.

There will never be a true national champion unless and until there is a playoff. I don't care what anyone says about the Bowl Alliance and their efforts to have a "true" national championship. Their product is flawed because their method is flawed -- they still use the polls to determine who goes to the bowls.

Polls are beauty contests. They are based upon writers (AP) and coaches (ESPN/USA Today) and

their biases. And just like you and me, they have their favorites.

How else do you explain Notre Dame? OK, well maybe not this year.

Take this week's AP poll for example -- Nebraska wins and drops to No. 3. Missouri loses and jumps from nowhere into the 25th spot. It's idiocy.

If you're going to have a poll, how can a team win and drop? How can a team lose and rise?

There's only one solution to this problem -- eliminate the polls and the bowls.

The NCAA should go to playoffs, just as they do in every other sport. There's no reason Division IA football should be excluded.

But wait, critics say, what about the rich and storied tradition of the bowl games? Yeah, and these are the same types who gave us seven or eight, or knows how many now, New Year's Day bowl games. Remember when "traditionally" there were only four?

They hide behind tradition only when it suits their financial goals. If they could make more money, they'd dump the bowls in a minute.

But wait, they say, it'll draw out the season way too long and students will miss too much school.

Playoffs work just fine in NCAA Division I-AA, II, and III. Next whiner.

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FEARLESS FORECASTERS



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Midland Lee at Amarillo High	Amarillo High	Lee	Amarillo High	Amarillo High
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Dumas vs. Snyder	Dumas	Dumas	Dumas	Dumas
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Iowa State vs. Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska
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Denver vs. Kansas City	Denver	Denver	Denver	Kansas City
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Oakland vs. San Diego	Oakland	San Diego	Oakland	San Diego
Carolina vs. San Francisco	San Francisco	San Francisco	San Francisco	San Francisco

Playoffs

Uh, we've always done it this way. An even better reason to have Division I join the 1990s. The present poll/bowl system is for all practical purposes a throwback to the 1930s. It's called progress. Deal with it. But what about all the money these games bring in to the respective communities that have bowl games? So much money that most bowls have to go begging for money. Remember when the Cotton Bowl was actually the Cotton Bowl? And how about the FedEx Orange Bowl, or the Norwest Bank Sun Bowl, or my all-time favorite, the Poulan WeedEater Independence Bowl? Point is, these people who run the bowls have sold their souls to corporate America. Doing away with the bowls isn't going to stop that. Here's the Varmette Plan for the Division I-A College Football Playoffs. (Actually, it's pretty much the NCAA's plan, but since they're to... uh... to propose it I'll go on record with it.) In our perfect world of college football, we no longer have any polls, or at least if we do, they're

Griffey

"He asked me if I wanted to borrow his World Series ring. Hopefully, I'll get mine in '98," Griffey said. "He has three; I don't have any." Griffey would rather play for a Series winner than win MVP awards. "There is no bragging rights," he said. "He still has the (replica World Series) trophy at the house. He has the flags hanging off the mantle and I don't. That's what our family plays baseball for, those flags, and that's what I want." New York Yankees first baseman Tino Martinez was second with 24 second-place votes and four thirds for 248 points, followed by Thomas (172 points) and Baltimore reliever Randy Myers (128). For winning the award, Griffey gets a \$150,000 bonus.

meaningless. Here's how we pick the 16 teams that will make the playoffs. The country is divided into four regions, the East, the South, the Midwest and the West. It's done geographically, not like in the NCAA Division I basketball tournament, but that's another column. Four teams from each region will be selected. Selection will be based upon a weighted rating system. These systems take several different forms, but most rely upon strength of schedule and how you do, as well as how well your schedule does. We weight it so that a 76-0 blowout of Tarkio College means less than a 14-point win over a quality opponent. This would encourage teams to schedule stronger opponents. No more poll voters to impress. Sixteen teams means four playoff wins to a national title. Schools would be limited to 11 regular season games. (Kickoff games would be eliminated, too. I know; it's so cruel.) If we end the regular season before Thanksgiving, we have a true national champion by Christmas. Now, wouldn't that be a really nice Christmas present?

Stars

Nieuwendyk tied it about five minutes later on a rebound, his 11th goal of the season. Jere Lehtinen put the Stars ahead at 9:57 of the second period, taking a pass from Jamie Langenbrunner and backhanding a shot past Jim Carey. Lehtinen played his second game after missing 10 games because of a separated shoulder. Pat Verbeek's sixth goal of the season at 18:20 of the second period extended the Stars' lead to 3-1. The Stars were without their top player, center Mike Modano. He was scratched because of a bone bruise.

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"I wouldn't call it perfect, I missed a few shots," Iverson said. "But we executed this time. This should be a confidence booster because it showed that once we got a lead in the fourth quarter we know how to handle it." Philadelphia forward Tim Thomas was hospitalized for X-rays and evaluation after he collided with Rockets guard Matt Maloney under the 76ers basket with 1:18 to go in the first quarter. X-rays were negative and all feeling returned to his legs. He suffered a bruised tailbone but was expected to accompany the team on its flight to Dallas. "You expect to be a little rusty after being off so long," Rockets coach Rudy Tomjanovich said. "But on defense, they weren't one step ahead of us. Giving up 62 percent shooting on your home court is not winning basketball, that's for sure." Cummings added 16 points off the bench for Philadelphia. Clyde Drexler led the Rockets with 23 points and Hakeem Olajuwon had 14 points and 15 rebounds. "We didn't play to our level," Rockets guard Mario Elie said. "The Lakers (Friday's opponent) are going to kick our butt if we don't wake up. We are just not covering our back. We're letting them score too easily out there."

Watch

back Jamal Lewis has 789 yards and three TDs. For the Buckeyes, Joe Germaine, 107 of 156 for 1,494 and 13 TDs, leads the way, along with a defense ranked second in the nation in points allowed at 11.3. David Boston is the top receiver with 64 catches for 836 yards and 11 TDs. The big game in the Pac-10 has Washington (8-1, 5-1) at UCLA (7-2, 5-1), where the loser remains in contention for the Rose Bowl, but would need lots of help in the four-team race. If the Huskies win, and then beat Washington State on Nov. 22, they

will play in Pasadena on Jan. 1. Washington quarterback Brock Huard is expected to return after missing last week's game -- a 31-28 loss to Oregon -- with a sprained ankle. Running back Rashaan Shehee, though, is out with a knee injury. UCLA, after a week off, is as healthy as it's been all season. "I wish I could be a fan in the stands for this one," UCLA coach Bob Toledo said. "We're looking forward to it." UCLA dropped its first two games -- by three points to Washington State and by six to Tennessee -- but has won seven in a row.

Georgia edges Texas, 89-87

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) -- Ron Jirska didn't see the need to celebrate his first victory as coach at Georgia. So No. 19 Georgia's 89-87 win over No. 22 Texas on Wednesday night in the third-place game in the Coach Against Cancer Classic fell into the ho-hum category despite the

closeness of the game. Junior guard Ray Harrison had 22 points, one off his career high, and highly regarded freshman Jumaine Jones added 18 for the Bulldogs (1-1). Texas junior forward Kris Clack matched his career high with 25 points before fouling out.

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NEWS

HOUSE GOP BACKS DOWN ON ABORTION, VOUCHERS; SPENDING BILLS OK'D

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Senate was ready to send President Clinton two of Congress' three remaining must-pass bills after Republicans dropped efforts to limit overseas abortion aid and to provide vouchers for some District of Columbia private school students.

Capping months of controversy, the House voted 333-76 early today to approve a foreign aid measure that lacked the abortion restrictions. Just before midnight, it had passed by voice vote a bill financing the District of Columbia government for 1998, minus the private school vouchers.

The Senate was expected to pass both bills today and then lawmakers would head home to tout the year's accomplishments - chiefly, the budget-balancing and tax-cutting laws.

"If we're lucky, we'll be out late tomorrow," House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., said Wednesday.

AGENCY MAY GIVE NOD TO PILL TO HELP BALDING MEN REGROW HAIR

WASHINGTON (AP) - Merck & Co. wants to help balding men regrow their hair by merely popping a pill, and today government scientists will decide whether that's a safe thing to do.

If the Food and Drug Administration agrees, Merck's Propecia would become the first anti-baldness pill for American men. The only option now for bald men who want to grow hair is to slather Rogaine on their scalps.

Propecia works by suppressing a hormone that shrinks hair follicles. It's not a miracle cure, cautions Dr. Ronald Savin, a dermatologist in New Haven, Conn., who helped test the drug.

POLITICAL CONNECTIONS DON'T PREVENT MAN'S ARREST IN WOMAN'S DISAPPEARANCE

WILMINGTON, Del. (AP) - Thomas Capano's ties to influential politicians were his strength for years: An aide to governors and mayors, he even called on powerful attorneys when he became the sole suspect in the disappearance of a woman he'd been dating.

Capano's closely knit world fell apart Wednesday when he was thrown in jail and charged with first-degree murder. Lawyers said the arrest - long awaited by relatives of the missing woman, Anne Marie Fahey - came after two of Capano's own brothers gave authorities key evidence about her disappearance.

Ms. Fahey, 30, vanished after having dinner with Capano at an upscale Philadelphia restaurant on June 27, 1996. President Clinton offered federal assistance in finding the secretary of Gov. Thomas Carper.

JUDGE'S DECISION IN AU PAIR CASE MAY GIVE GROUNDS FOR AN APPEAL

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) - Judge Hiller Zobel is a widely published author who quoted the poet Milton and songwriters Gilbert & Sullivan during Louise Woodward's trial.

Legal experts wonder whether his love of writing and history pushed him to creative excess in setting her free.

Even his admirers say they were surprised Zobel composed his own theory to explain the death of Matthew Eappen, a theory neither prosecutors nor defense attorneys had suggested in her controversial trial - and one which could provide an opening for an appeal on the prosecution.

The judge "did what the jury's not supposed to do, and that is try to figure it out," Harvard Law School professor Alan Dershowitz said Wednesday. "A creative appellate lawyer can come up with grounds (for an appeal), and this is probably one of them."

Prosecutors argued at trial that Ms. Woodward shook 8-month-old Matthew and slammed his head against a hard surface on Feb. 4 in frustration over the conditions of her job. Defense attorneys said the injuries had happened weeks earlier.

But Zobel, who has written books and articles for mainstream magazines as well as legal journals, reached a different conclusion about what happened in the house where the 19-year-old English au pair was alone with the victim and his brother, who was 2 at the time.

CLINTON ACCUSER GRILLED BY ATTORNEY

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) - Paula Corbin Jones was questioned under oath by President Clinton's lawyers for nearly eight hours in her sexual harassment lawsuit.

Wednesday's depositions were taken at a law office only blocks from where Mrs. Jones claims Clinton propositioned her in 1991, when he was Arkansas governor and she was a state employee. Clinton denies the allegation.

Mrs. Jones, her lawyers and spokeswoman Susan Carpenter-McMillan slipped out a guarded entrance without speaking to reporters after Mrs. Jones was questioned. Mrs. Carpenter-McMillan said only that she expected to be back at the law office today.

Before Wednesday's deposition, Mrs. Carpenter-McMillan said she expected the president's lawyer, Robert Bennett, to be unrelenting in grilling Mrs. Jones about her claim Clinton summoned her to a hotel suite, exposed himself, and asked her for oral sex May 8, 1991.

EXTENSION OF BABBITT INQUIRY TO BE ADVISED

WASHINGTON (AP) - Justice Department prosecutors are expected to recommend that Attorney General Janet Reno extend a probe of whether Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt improperly let politics influence a decision about an Indian casino license.

Reno was expected to decide today whether to order a 90-day preliminary inquiry to determine whether an independent counsel should investigate Babbitt's handling of a decision to reject a proposed Indian gambling casino in Hudson, Wis.

Justice Department prosecutors reviewing allegations that political contributions influenced the decision to reject the proposed casino were "quite certain" to recommend that Reno prolong the inquiry, a federal law enforcement source said Wednesday, speaking on condition of anonymity.

For the past 30 days, Justice Department prosecutors have reviewed allegations that political pressure brought by Minnesota and Wisconsin Indian tribes opposing the casino improperly influenced the Interior Department's decision to deny permission to three Wisconsin Chippewa tribes to build a casino at a dog track near the Minnesota state line.

BOGGS SWORN IN AS AMBASSADOR TO VATICAN

WASHINGTON (AP) - Former Rep. Lindy Boggs, who knew Al Gore as a toddler, was sworn in by the vice president as ambassador to the Vatican.

In a ceremony Wednesday at the Old Executive Office Building at the White House complex, Gore recalled that Boggs, 81, took a foreign trip with his parents when Gore was 4 years old. He said he still treasures a photograph of Boggs holding him in her arms. Gore's father, Albert, is a former senator.

After swearing her in at a ceremony attended by hundreds of prominent Catholics and lawmakers, Gore told Boggs, "Good luck and God speed."

She was joined on stage by her family, including daughter Cokie Roberts, a host of ABC's "This Week."



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Vouchers get a nod

AUSTIN (AP) - Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock had imagined being a student in a low-performing public school before deciding to lend his clout to a proposal to provide such children taxpayer-funded private tuition.

"If I was that child and wanted to improve myself, I would like the best education that I could possibly get," Bullock told The Associated Press in an interview Wednesday. "This would be a means for them to do it."

Bullock's decision to become honorary chairman of the pro-voucher Putting Children First group surprised some and prompted a newspaper editorial cartoon portraying him torching public schools.

But he said it's not a new idea for him, noting that a pilot voucher proposal for low-income students passed the Senate as part of an education overhaul in 1995. That measure died in the House.

Bullock said the idea isn't a swipe at public schools but a new focus on students.

"The issue is the child," he said. "It's not a question of our public schools or an attempt to diminish their importance in our everyday life. ... We have some great public schools in Texas. I really admire the teachers in our public schools."

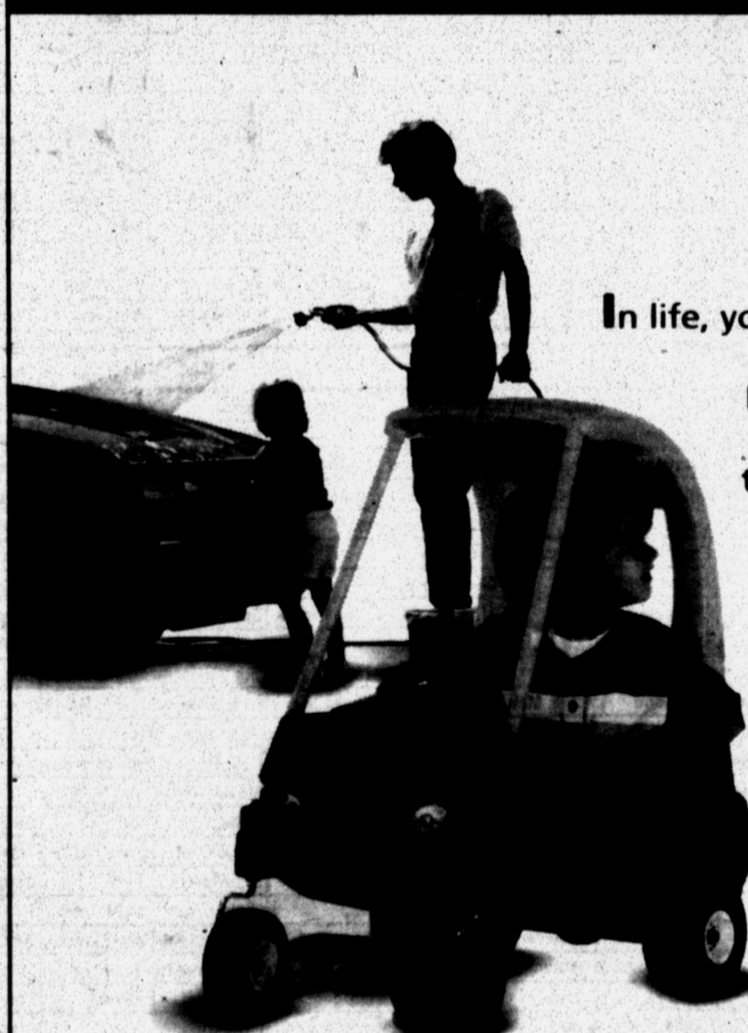
Voucher opponents, including teacher groups, say a voucher program would drain much-needed dollars from public schools, hurting the majority of children who remain in them. They also question whether a state voucher would cover the cost of attending a good private school.

But Bullock said it's time for Texas to give vouchers a try, through a pilot program that could target low-income children in low-performing schools.

He said he has talked to some teachers who support the idea, and that he has heard of instances in which private schools have agreed to accept lower tuition for voucher students.

Bullock likened the idea to the Tuition Equalization Grant Program, which provides state-funded scholarships for private university students. He said it makes sense at a time when the state hasn't provided enough funding for a massive school building program.

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RUNAWAY SLAVE POSTERS PULLED FROM CHRISTIE'S AUCTION

NEW YORK (AP) - Three reward posters for runaway slaves were pulled from a Christie's auction following reports on their racist content.

The unidentified seller has decided to donate the Civil War-era posters to a museum or historical society specializing in black history, Christie's spokeswoman Vredy Lytsman said Tuesday.

The posters and five other items had been grouped into three sets, each valued at about \$1,000. One of the posters offered a \$200 reward for a "Negro man John" with a "remarkable fine set of teeth."

Criticism of the sale mounted after television news reports.

State Sen. David Paterson of Harlem "believes no one should profit off the misery of the African-American labor experience," said his spokesman, Michael Jones-Bey.

The items were to be sold Wednesday in an auction featuring other 19th-century items, including documents signed by Abraham Lincoln.

JURORS IN CIA SHOOTING TRIAL SEQUESTERED

FAIRFAX, Va. (AP) - Jurors deciding on life or death for a Pakistani man who killed two CIA workers spent the night isolated from their families and under armed guard after four Americans were killed in an ambush in Pakistan.

The judge in Mir Aimal Kasi's capital murder trial decided Wednesday that the jury should be sequestered as a shield from publicity about the overseas attack, which police in Pakistan said was believed to be in retaliation for Kasi's conviction. No threats were made against the jury, said Jim Vickery, chief deputy sheriff for Fairfax County.

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KELLY PRESTON

MIAMI (AP) - Kelly Preston won a court order to keep away a man who wrote her a letter laced with sexual innuendo and references to her husband, John Travolta.

A judge ordered Joseph Cheffo III to stay 500 feet away from the actress despite his contention that the letter was a satirical joke that backfired.

Ms. Preston testified Wednesday that she broke into tears at reading the letter, which was delivered to her Oct. 7 on a Miami Beach set of the Disney movie "Holy Man."

"Now we all occasionally go a few years without being able to obtain sex. I realize that," the aspiring comedy writer wrote. "I admit that I sometimes get the characters confused. For example, I'll say 'Git att a heal' or 'Wha' while wearing the white suit, or I'll throw people down stairs when I'm 'Michael.'"

The references are to Travolta's roles in the 1970s sitcom "Welcome Back Kotter" and his movies "Saturday Night Fever," "Get Shorty" and "Michael."

Asked later whether he would obey the order, Cheffo said, "Of course."

STEVEN SPIELBERG

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Steven Spielberg's studio says a novelist is trying to sink the movie "Amistad" with a bogus claim that DreamWorks SKG stole from her book about a slave ship rebellion.

"This lady is essentially claiming she owns a piece of American history," said Bert Fields, an attorney for DreamWorks. "It's really sad that this lady, who should be supporting this picture, is trying to destroy the project to get money."

Barbara Chase-Riboud is suing the studio for at least \$10 million, alleging it lifted characters and scenes for the movie straight from her 1989 book "Echo of Lions." Like the novel, "Amistad" is based on a revolt on a Spanish slave ship in 1839.

Fields said the screenplay was based on another book and was written with the help of numerous historians.

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"They keep changing their story about where they got the story," lawyer John Shaeffer, who represents the novelist, said Wednesday. He said he might seek to block the movie's scheduled Christmas Day release.

Chase-Riboud's first novel, "Sally Hemmings," earned her the Janet Heidinger Kafka Prize for Excellence in Fiction by an American woman.

WHITNEY HOUSTON

NEW YORK (AP) - Whitney Houston claims she didn't know she was inking a deal to sing at a mass wedding for members of the Rev. Sun Myung Moon's Unification Church.

But the pop diva will go ahead with her Nov. 29 appearance, even though she learned only recently of Moon's involvement, her spokeswoman Lois Smith said.

"The engagement was made by her agent some time ago," Smith said Wednesday. "I'm not sure she (Houston) was aware of all the ramifications."

The event was presented to Houston as a world culture and sports festival at Washington's RFK Stadium. But advertisements bill it as True Love Day, at which couples from the South Korea-based church will tie the knot or reaffirm their vows.

Houston will be paid "a lot," Smith said.

The Unification Church is accused by critics of devious recruitment tactics, brainwashing members and duping them out of money.

CINDY CRAWFORD

NEW YORK (AP) - You'll soon be seeing more of Cindy Crawford - she's inked a pretty deal with ABC.

The model signed a three-year development deal committing her to exclusive television appearances on

ABC and other Walt Disney Co.-owned entities, the network said Wednesday.

She's expected to appear on "Good Morning America," in specials and at major sporting events. ABC also has the right to develop TV series ideas for Crawford.

A six-year host of MTV's "House of Style" fashion show, Crawford has had specials for MTV and Fox and even filled in on ABC's "Live with Regis and Kathie Lee."

LISA DARR

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Lisa Darr doesn't want anyone confusing her TV life with real life.

The actress says she gets asked one question a lot: "Are you gay?"

After all, she portrayed the lover of Officer Abby Sullivan on "NYPD Blue" and currently plays Ellen Morgan's companion on "Ellen." She's happy to set the record straight: She's not gay, she has a boyfriend and the casting on both ABC series was "a complete coincidence."

"Playing characters like this is a non-issue for me, and I really don't think about it at all," she said in Wednesday's editions of the *Los Angeles Times*.

OCTAVIO PAZ

MEXICO CITY (AP) - Octavio Paz spoke on national television to deny rumors of his death, and he did it with panache.

"The art of dying is the art of playing hide and seek," the ailing Mexican poet said Tuesday night in a hoarse voice. "It is one of the most delicate and difficult games, so you have to know how to play it well."

The rumor was carried by a European news agency earlier that night and quickly retracted.

"It pains me that those who insist on killing me are in such a hurry,"

the 83-year-old Nobel laureate joked by telephone on Mexico's Televisa network.

Paz has been suffering from an undisclosed illness. He said he is feeling better but his disease was a "long and wretched" one.

Mexican newspapers carried front-page stories on the incident, including the capital daily *La Jornada* under the headline: "Learn to Smile."

"The Labyrinth of Solitude," a book-length essay probing his nation's soul, is probably his best-known work outside Mexico.

BARBRA STREISAND

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Will Barbra Streisand tour again? Anything's possible, her spokesman

said Wednesday.

"There definitely is contemplation of a tour in 1998. What I've heard speculated is a few cities in Europe and possibly Australia," Dick Guttman said when asked about reports that New York concerts were on the list.

"There is nothing planned in the U.S. right now," he said. "There is no question that there is interest. Anything's possible."

Streisand last toured in 1994 and her new album "Tough Ground," a collection of inspirational love songs dedicated to President Clinton's late mother, went on sale Tuesday.

"The album is taking off very, very well. It is a solid hit and that will undoubtedly heat up demand for a tour," Guttman said.

TERRY BRADSHAW

NEW YORK (AP) - It's third-and-long for Terry Bradshaw. Production has stopped on the former quarterback's syndicated "Home Team with Terry Bradshaw" because of low ratings.

The distributor, Twentieth Television, will decide after seeing the ratings during the November sweeps whether to continue, show spokesman Jeff Erdel said.

The talk show will stay on the air at least through the end of the year, with episodes that have already been taped running this month. Reruns will begin in December.

The show premiered Sept. 8 and is seen on 182 stations, covering 94 percent of the U.S. market.

Television

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 13

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Plans and specifications, including minimum wage rates as provided by Law, are available for inspection at the office of Kenneth Fox, Area Engineer, Borger, Texas, and at the Texas Department of Transportation, Austin, Texas. Bidding proposals are to be requested from the Construction and Maintenance Division, 200 East Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas 78704-1205. Plans are available through commercial printers in Austin, Texas, at the expense of the bidder.

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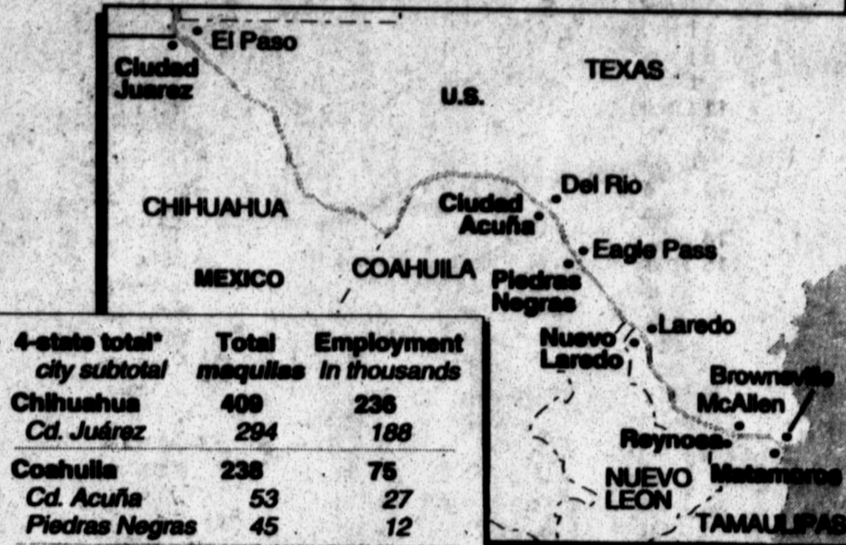
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Keeping an eye on Texas

Border manufacturing big business

Mexican manufacturing plants, or maquiladoras, in six cities along the Texas border employ more than 343,000 workers who produce items such as electronic and transportation equipment, textiles and apparel. The four Mexican states that border Texas along the Rio Grande are home to 42 percent of all the maquiladoras in Mexico and employ 56 percent of all Mexican maquila employees.



4-state total city subtotal	Total maquilas	Employment in thousands
Chihuahua	409	236
Coahuila	238	75
Nuevo Leon	106	38
Tamaulipas	337	134
State total	1,090	482
Mexico total	2,624	861

* Totals as of March 1997.
SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Twin Plant News, Mexican National Institute of Statistics, Geography and Information, and Dallas Federal Reserve Bank.

Echándole el ojo a Texas

Las fábricas son gran negocio en la frontera

Las fábricas de manufactura, o maquiladoras, en la frontera Texas-México emplean más de 343,000 trabajadores que producen equipos electrónicos, equipo de transporte, textiles y ropa de vestir. Los cuatro estados en México que dan al Río Grande cuentan por 42 por ciento de todas las maquiladoras en ese país vecino y emplean 56 por ciento de todos los empleados en maquilas Mexicanas.



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State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — Texas Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer last week lowered benchmark rates for automobile insurance.

The new rates, which become effective Jan. 20, are used as a price-setting guide by state-regulated insurers, who presently cover about 75 percent of the market.

"This is good news for all motorists, especially drivers who buy only the insurance they need to obey the law and those who are concerned about being hit by the large number of drivers who carry no insurance at all," Bomer said.

Under Bomer's order, individual benchmark rates will decrease 19 percent for bodily injury and 28 percent for uninsured motorist coverage, but collision coverage will increase 8 percent and comprehensive coverage by 9 percent.

Insurers are allowed by law to charge up to 30 percent above or below benchmark, so rate decreases are not guaranteed. It's up to the insurer.

Bill Lambe, state program director of Citizens Action, told the *Austin American-Statesman*, "Texas consumers will welcome this news of rate reductions with

caution, to be sure. They have heard these promises before and failed to see insurers follow through with lower rates."

Still, Bomer's order was the first reduction in the benchmark rate since the rating system was created in 1991. Benchmark rates inched up 3 percent in 1995 and 3.2 percent in 1996.

HUB Contracts Decrease
Businesses owned by women and minorities got much less state business in 1997 than they did in 1996.

Figures compiled by the Texas General Services Commission — the agency that oversees most state contracts — reveal the first decline in contracts since the "Historically Underutilized Business" program was launched seven years ago.

In 1996, state agencies spent \$936 million with 6,311 woman and minority owned businesses, or about 16 percent of the \$5.8 billion awarded in contracts.

In 1997, about 13 percent of the \$6.1 billion in state contracts — \$784 million — went to 4,474 HUBs.

State Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas, who battled against attempts to cut the affirmative-action program in the last legislative session, said, "It's amazing to me that in a state the size of Texas, some state agencies are unable to find qualified HUB vendors."

Teacher Standards Vote Set
The State Board of Educator Certification voted in favor of proposed standards requiring teachers to renew their licenses every five years.

Certification under the proposal, would require 30 hours of training per year or 150 hours every five years.

A final vote on the proposal, which will affect some 250,000 classroom teachers, is scheduled for March.

Teacher organizations rallied against the proposal before the

vote and convinced the board to tentatively agree to reduce the number of training hours from 200 to 150 every five years.

No Confidence Led To Firing
Texas Lottery Commissioner John Hill said lack of confidence led to the firing of the lottery's executive director Lawrence Littwin two weeks ago.

Hill told the *Houston Chronicle*, "We had just concluded after careful evaluation that we didn't have confidence that he was the right person to lead the agency."

Littwin investigated the lottery operating company, GTECH Corp., to see if improper political contributions were made to legislators.

Littwin said the commission — which includes Harriet Miers of Dallas and Anthony Sadberry of Cypress — fired him because of political intimidation resulting from his investigation.

But Hill, who was not specific about the reason for the commission's lack of confidence in Littwin, said, "It had nothing to do with political issues or political pressures. It didn't have anything to do with him looking at the financial records of legislators. It was our conclusion that he wasn't working out."

The new interim lottery executive director is Linda Cloud.

Other Capital Highlights

The Immigration and Naturalization Service has proposed giving Texas and New Mexico two-thirds of the 1,000 new border patrol agents who will be on the job next year. Federal legislation passed in 1996 requires the number of agents to increase 1,000 per year through 2001.

Insurance Commissioner Bomer approved rules carrying out a new law that gives patients the right to binding, independent medical review of decisions to deny treatment issued by HMOs and insurance companies.

SALES TAX

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filers on September sales, and by quarterly filers on July, August and September sales, and reported to the comptroller in October.

The next sales tax allocation will be Dec. 12.

November rebates for other area municipalities were:

- Amarillo, \$3,729,382.65, up 14.7 percent from \$3,252,413.39;
- Borger, \$233,694.58, up 16.6 percent from \$200,487.60;
- Canyon, \$56,741.68, up 29.8 percent from \$43,726.69;
- Dalhart, \$98,664.60, up 24.2 percent from \$79,439.14;
- Dimmitt, \$26,084.50, down 8.71 percent from \$28,573.68;
- Dumas, \$91,746.99, 12.9 percent from \$105,378.71;
- Friona, \$27,000.75, up 39.7 percent from \$19,329.22;
- Lubbock, \$2,399,705.98, up 9.9 percent from \$2,184,367.73;
- Pampa, \$258,678.16, up 20.9 percent from \$214,021.53;
- Plainview, \$257,232.50, up 12.8 percent from \$228,091.53; and
- Vega, \$3,084.52, up 21.6 percent from \$2,535.64.

PAUL MCCARTNEY

LONDON (AP) - Paul McCartney's simple boyhood home will be open to the public next summer after a facelift by the National Trust.

Don't look for marble floors or gilded ceilings, says the trust, keeper of some of the grandest homes in Britain.

"We're actually taking the house back to give the flavor of the late '50s," Trust spokeswoman Sarah Collins said Wednesday.

The small, two-story rowhouse in Liverpool stands among similar unremarkable houses on Forthlin Road.

EX-NEWSPAPER EXECUTIVE ACCUSED OF THEFT

LOS ANGELES (AP) - A former *Los Angeles Times* executive has been accused of stealing \$800,000 by billing the newspaper for free-lance articles that were never written.

Charles Boesch, 53, was arrested Wednesday and scheduled to be arraigned today.

According to Deputy District Attorney Brent Collier, Boesch, a 34-year veteran at the *Times*, prepared fake invoices and article summaries over a four-year period and submitted them to the *Times*' accounting department for payment to outside accomplices.

The alleged scheme was uncovered during an audit when then-Editor Shelby Coffey III reviewed the story summaries, Collier said.

"Once they started the audit, Shelby Coffey looked at the summaries attached to the invoices and realized, 'We never ran any of these articles,'" Collier said.

Boesch, of Chino Hills, was in custody Wednesday after bail was set at \$800,000. It could not be determined if he had a lawyer. There was no telephone listing for a Charles Boesch in Chino Hills.

TWO CONVICTED IN WORLD TRADE CENTER BOMBING

NEW YORK (AP) - Only one suspect remains at large in the World Trade Center bombing, and prosecutors tempered their pleasure at the conviction of the plot's mastermind with a vow to catch the last man.

Ramzi Yousef, 29, and an accomplice, Eyad Ismoil, 26, were convicted Wednesday of conspiracy and other charges in the Feb. 26, 1993, bombing.

The blast killed six people, injured more than 1,000 and did more than a half-billion dollars in damage to the twin towers. Four Islamic extremists already have been sentenced to 240 years in prison in the bombing.

The jury heard more than 100 witnesses and viewed hundreds of exhibits over three months. Jurors deliberated for three days before voting to convict the men, who could get up to life in prison.

KILLING SUSPECT SAYS OLDER FRIEND INFLUENCED ACTIONS

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) - The teen-ager charged with stabbing his mother to death and then fatally shooting two other people says he was influenced by an older friend with a fascination with satanic worship.

"Everything I did was influenced by Grant (Boyette) and I didn't really realize it, you know. He put a lot of bad things into my head and it builds up after time," Luke Woodham, 16, told ABC News' "Prime Time Live" on Wednesday.

Police say that on Oct. 1, Woodham stabbed his mother, Mary, to death in her bed, then went to Pearl High School, pulled a rifle from a long coat and began shooting as students waited for classes to begin. Two students, including ex-girlfriend Christina Mcnefee, were killed and seven wounded.

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COMPROMISE ON AMTRAK OVERHAUL BILL SOUGHT

WASHINGTON (AP) - Lawmakers and the Clinton administration rushed to solve a last glitch in an Amtrak overhaul bill with the end of this session of Congress looming and the railway's survival on the line.

Pressures for an agreement were intense, with lawmakers on both sides agreeing that without a bill to reform Amtrak operations and infuse the money-losing railway with new funding it may not survive the winter.

"Without this package, this financial crisis could mean the end to the nation's passenger rail service," Rep. Robert Wise, D-W.Va., said Wednesday.

The Senate last week approved an Amtrak bill that would provide \$3.4 billion in operating funds through 2000 and put in place changes that would streamline the railway, allow management to choose routes based on customer demand, reduce some labor protections and put caps on Amtrak's liability for accidents.

Passage would also release \$2.3 billion for capital investment promised under the balanced budget deal but frozen until Congress passes an Amtrak reform bill.

MOTHER CLAIMS STRESS LED TO KILLING CHILDREN

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) - The hospital where Christina Riggs once worked has no record of her being sent to the Oklahoma City bombing. Yet the nurse accused of killing her two children claims she has post-traumatic stress disorder as a result of helping bombing victims.

Mrs. Riggs, 26, was found unconscious on a bed at home last week, her 2-year-old daughter and 5-year-old son lying dead next to her and a bottle of water nearby. On a nightstand were three syringes, two almost empty bottles labeled morphine and one partially empty bottle labeled potassium chloride, a deadly drug used in executions.

"I hope one day you will forgive me for taking my life and the life of my children," the note said. "But I can't live like this any more, and I couldn't bear to leave my children behind to be a burden on you or to be separated and raised apart from their fathers and live knowing their mother killed herself."

But Ms. Riggs survived and was charged with two counts of capital murder, which carries the death penalty. Her mother and attorney plan to argue at a Friday hearing that she belongs in a psychiatric hospital, citing a depression they say was worsened by the April 19, 1995, bombing that killed 168 people and injured hundreds of others.

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BULL CHIP

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but often unrecognized, contributions to the community.

Daniels, the executive director of Hereford Senior Citizens Center, has lived in Hereford since 1978. She has been instrumental in the growth of Hereford Senior Citizens Association and the present Senior Citizens facility.

She was born on a farm northwest of Hooker, Okla., on Aug. 28 (in a year undisclosed by Simons). She and her husband, Al, were married in 1949. They have five children, nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

In 1988, Mrs. Daniels was named the Dear Smith County Citizen of the Year.

She has served on local, state and national boards, always striving to provide the best for the senior citizens of Dear Smith County.

Representatives of local organizations announced coming events.

These included:

- **Festival of Trees:** Daniels invited everyone to come by the Senior Center Nov. 19-23 to see the display of trees. The Lionel trains also will be on display, the Holiday Bazaar will be open and other events will occur continuously;

- **Christmas Lighting Contest:** The contest is sponsored by the Women's Division of the chamber. Residences and businesses are eligible to enter. Entry forms are available at the chamber office, 701 N. Main;

- **Retail Merchants:** Local downtown merchants will be open until 8 p.m. Dec. 1-5 to give shoppers a chance to "Shop Hereford." There also will be a drawing for \$500 in Hereford Bucks;

- **Tour of Homes:** Betty Taylor of La Madre Mia Study Club announced the tour will be 1-4 p.m. Dec. 7. Included will be the homes of Robert and Camille Beville, 313 Sunset; Steve and Tonja Horrell, 218 Texas;



Longtime Hereford resident Bub Sparks strolls through a wide array of holiday offerings from the annual Deaf Smith Chamber of Commerce "Eat-Your-Heart-Out-Neiman-Marcus" preview night, Wednesday at the Hereford Community Center.

and Mitch and Jan Reeve, 1919 Plains;

- **Amarillo Farm and Ranch Show:** Several Hereford businesses will have exhibits at the show, according to Mark Landrum. The 13th annual show will be Dec. 2-4 in the Amarillo Civic Center; and

- **Christmas in the Park:** Josserand announced the second annual lighting of trees will be 7 p.m. Dec. 1 in Mothers Park. The light display will be expanded this year to include the adjacent section of Dameron Park.



Rogue Santa

A Santa from "Another Pole" crashed the party Thursday morning during the annual "Eat-Your-Heart-Out-Neiman-Marcus" Fun Breakfast, sponsored by the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce. The Santa, who referred to the previous Santa as "fat boy", barged in and directed some amusing anecdotes toward community leaders who were present during the event. When he's not playing the imposter, the Santa is usually directing the Whiteface tennis teams as coach Ed Coplen.

GROUP CLAIMS RESPONSIBILITY FOR SLAYINGS

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP) - A previously unknown group claimed responsibility today for the killings of four Americans, threatening more attacks if a Pakistani gets the death penalty for the 1993 murders of two CIA workers.

Police stepped up security after Wednesday's killings in Karachi, setting up roadblocks today in the southern port of 14 million residents to question morning rush-hour drivers and search cars for weapons.

Police were also watching several suspects, a senior police official said, speaking on condition of anonymity and without elaboration.

Even before today's unproven claim of responsibility, authorities had linked the shooting deaths of four Houston-based oil company workers and their driver to the U.S. conviction of Mir Aimal Kasi of Pakistan.

Gunmen ambushed the Americans on Wednesday as their car inched along in a traffic jam, two days after a Virginia court found Kasi guilty in the 1993 shooting spree outside CIA headquarters.

JUDGE MAY RULE ROAD RAGE WAS HATE CRIME

DALLAS (AP) - A man could face life in prison if a judge rules a 1995 shooting was a hate crime.

Angelo Farrer was convicted Wednesday of aggravated assault in the May 30, 1995, shooting of Melvin Scruggs, a black man who was left paralyzed with a bullet in his spine.

Jurors were told to return to court today to decide on punishment. If District Judge Gerry Meier rules that racial hatred triggered the attack, his maximum punishment instead of 20 years could be life in prison.

On the day in question, a car driven by Scruggs and a pickup truck driven by Farrer almost collided on a Dallas freeway.

MISSING RECORDS DELAY MAN'S ENROLLMENT

KELLER (AP) - Darren Zachary Taylor watched as his plans to continue his education evaporated because of a paperwork purgatory.

Taylor can prove he lived in Keller, a Fort Worth suburb, but he couldn't prove he graduated from high school in 1984.

"We know he was in school here, by talking to people," Keller school district superintendent Charles Bradberry said. "But we can't find his records and can't say what happened to them."

School officials looked for months, trying to find his high school transcript. The school hired a worker last summer to spend three days searching to see if Taylor's records had gotten into the wrong folder.

JUDGE UPHOLDS TOBACCO AD RESTRICTIONS

TACOMA, Wash. (AP) - A federal judge has upheld tobacco advertising limits described by local health officials as the most restrictive in the nation.

U.S. District Judge Robert Bryan rejected claims by store owners that the rules interfered with their right to earn a living.

The rules ban most tobacco advertising outdoors and inside businesses if it is visible from the outside. Bryan ruled last week that the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department board acted within its authority in passing the regulations.

"This court decision is a step toward sanity," department director Federico Cruz-Urube said Tuesday.

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LEVI'S EX-BOSS SEES GREEN, NOT BLUE
SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - Levi Strauss & Co., which just announced plans to fire nearly 6,400 workers and close 11 plants, paid more than \$126 million to its retiring president last year, the *San Francisco Chronicle* reported.

According to company records, the newspaper said Thomas Tusher was paid \$105.8 million in accumulated stock options and \$21.5 million as a "gross tax offset bonus" to help him cover the taxes on the option package.

Levi spokesman Clarence Grobey would only confirm that Tusher received sizable options and said that he "played a pivotal role during 10 years of unprecedented growth in the company."

The stock options were given to Tusher and 15 other top Levi's executives after the company went private in a \$1.7 billion leveraged buyout in 1985.

Options are the right to buy a stock at a predetermined "exercise" price in the future, when the market price of the stock may be higher. The option holder then buys the stock at the exercise price, sells it at the market price and keeps the difference.

The company announced last week that it would close 11 plants in four states, slashing 6,395 jobs.

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