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EDCs learning from Amarillo experience

By SPEEDY NIEMAN
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Amarillo's experience with a new industry trying to work its way out of bankruptcy may cause Hereford and other cities with economic development corporations to pay more attention to how they structure grants for new industries.

Stempel Manufacturing, which moved to Amarillo in February from the Abilene area, received a total of \$4.35 million in tax-funded incentives from the Amarillo Economic Development Corporation before filing for Chapter 11 bankruptcy last month to reorganize its finances.

Amarillo EDC said last week that it didn't know that Stempel had used \$150,000 of a \$1.5 million grant for housing cost differentials, including \$65,000 used to move the company's principal owner to Longview.

The remainder of the grant, which contained no stipulations on its use, helped reduce company debt rather than pay for relocation expenses, it was reported. AEDC heard proposals last week from its executive director, Michael Bourn, to strengthen its investigation of companies and to place restrictions on its grants.

Mike Hatley, executive director of Hereford Economic Development Corp., noted Wednesday that "we've all learned from the Stempel case,

and we'll certainly pay more attention to how we structure grants."

Hatley said the research done on business prospects varies widely among Texas' 320-plus cities that an economic development corporation. It sometimes depends on whether the research is on a locally-owned company or one the EDC knows little about.

HEDC looks at financial statements as far back as it can, said Hatley. "If the company has been operating 10 years, we'd like to have 10 years of financial statements," he said, adding HEDC also looks at the personal

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Halloween warnings

As the annual night of ghosts, ghouls and spooks approaches parents are reminded of a number of safety tips to keep the young spooks safe. Children should always be accompanied by an adult. Costumes should be light reflective or have light reflective tapes. Face make-up allows children to see and breathe better than do masks and a flashlight should be part of the children's costumes. Trick-or-treaters should only go to well lighted homes and never enter the houses. Never eat unwrapped candy or treats and parents should check all treats before allowing children to eat any goodies.

Hereford police receiving grant

By DONALD M. COOPER
Brand Editor

The check's in the mail. Hereford was among 200 cities, counties and municipalities in Texas receiving grants totaling \$28 million to help them reduce crime and improve public safety.

The grants, which are administered by the U.S. Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Assistance, were made under the auspices of the Local Law Enforcement Block Grants Program. Hereford will receive \$17,184.

According to U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, the grants were distributed using a formula based on violent crime data the FBI has collected from states and municipalities covering the past three years.

"I support effective partnerships involving federal, state and local law enforcement agencies and am confident this program will continue to deter drug trafficking and violent crime throughout Texas," Gramm stated in a press release.

In addition to the grants to the cities and counties, the state received \$1,089,075 for its crime-fighting efforts.

The local jurisdictions can use their grants to fund drug courts, hire police officers or pay existing officers for overtime, establish multi-jurisdictional task forces, purchase equipment directly related to basic law enforcement functions, prosecute violent offenders or implement crime prevention measures.

Hereford Police Chief David Wagner said the department may purchase new radios with some of the money.

Other Panhandle jurisdictions receiving grants include:
- Amarillo, \$298,630;
- Dumas, \$13,707; and
- Borger, \$10,617.

Trick or treat?



Photo by Mauri Montgomery

Deciding which party gets the upper hand in the traditional "trick or treat" Halloween salute, depends. These two surprised Halloween-goers appear to have received the raw end of the bargain. The observance of Halloween, for most people, has no other significance than a night offering free candy and good-natured fun — where reality is

momentarily concealed behind funny-looking costumes, masks, makeup or — photos. This picture, staged earlier, originally featured these children standing before an open door at dusk. An old horror movie poster of Frankenstein was reproduced and digitally scanned into the open doorway to complete this monstrous illusion.

Title IX often is being used to advance special agendas.
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After 15 months, Tiger's home

WILMINGTON, N.C. (AP) - Fifteen months had passed since Hurricane Bertha ripped ashore and Paulette Tipton's cat, Tiger, disappeared.

Then she saw the classifieds: "FOUND CAT: Yellow and white, long hair, male. Found 10/23, Bethel Road area. Call Needham Animal Hospital."

Could it possibly be? Tipton telephoned the hospital, drove over to have a look and there he was. Tiger, long-lost Tiger.

"I told him he could eat Starkist tuna for the rest of his life," Tipton said.

While making preparations for Hurricane Bertha, the family lost track of the cat. They had just moved to Wilmington, and Tipton said she thought the unfamiliar surroundings and the blasting winds of that

summer day in 1996 might have killed Tiger.

Turns out Tiger had been just a few miles away the whole time, using his charm to seduce food from strangers.

A woman whose house he sought out in recent weeks had taken him to the animal hospital, thinking he was better off put to sleep than homeless. Mercifully, the hospital placed the ad instead.

Tiger, 14, reclined on a plaid couch Tuesday afternoon, nursing an infected bite wound on his head but otherwise appearing fit. His future travels will be limited.

"He's not leaving this house," Tipton said. "Not for a daily romp or anything."

NEWS

CHINESE PRESIDENT VISITS WITH CONGRESSIONAL CRITICS

WASHINGTON (AP) - Chinese President Jiang Zemin meets his toughest critics today on Capitol Hill, a day after vigorously sparring with President Clinton over human rights but ending their talks as "old friends."

Members of Congress, in criticizing the groundbreaking nuclear deal the two presidents agreed to Wednesday, distrust assurances from China that it will halt atomic weapons assistance to other nations, particularly Iran. In exchange, Beijing will be able to buy nuclear reactors and technology from American companies, which stand to make tens of billions of dollars.

"Once again the business community has called the shots in U.S.-China policy," complained Rep. Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., one of several lawmakers who joined public demonstrations against Jiang's state visit. "This is the work of a regime which leaves a trail of broken promises."

Rep. Edward J. Markey, D-Mass., said he would move to tighten the 1985 U.S.-China Nuclear Cooperation law that Clinton will certify to seal the agreement with China. Congress has 30 days to consider Clinton's certification, which he has yet to send to Capitol Hill.

U.N. DEMANDING IRAQ ALLOW U.S. INSPECTORS

UNITED NATIONS (AP) - The Security Council is demanding that Iraq rescind an order expelling American arms inspectors, warning of unspecified

"serious consequences." Saddam Hussein showed no signs of backing down today.

In a show of international solidarity, even nations generally sympathetic to Iraq joined its adversaries in condemning Iraq's order Wednesday, which gave American members of a U.N. inspection team seven days to leave Iraq.

The arms inspectors are trying to determine if Saddam's government has complied with 1991 U.N. orders that Iraq destroy its weapons of mass destruction. Compliance with the orders is essential to lifting of harsh U.N. sanctions, imposed when Iraq invaded Kuwait, sparking the Persian Gulf War.

U.N. officials said expulsion of the Americans - 10 of the 40 weapons inspectors based in Iraq - would cripple the inspection team.

SENATE PANEL TO GRILL INTERIOR SECRETARY

WASHINGTON (AP) - Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt is being asked to reconcile his conflicting statements about whether the White House pressed for a decision about an Indian gaming plan opposed by a Democratic lobbyist.

The issue pits the word of Babbitt against that of an old friend from Arizona hired to lobby him on behalf of three Wisconsin Indian tribes that unsuccessfully sought the Interior Department's approval to open a casino.

Babbitt and his old friend and political associate, Paul L. Eckstein, were scheduled to testify today at Senate campaign fund-raising hearings about the casino decision, which the losing tribes say was tainted by politics.

Three Wisconsin bands of Chippewa Indians allege in lawsuits that Babbitt succumbed to political pressure from rival tribes that donated \$286,000 to the Democratic Party, mostly after the decision against the casino plan was made. Also lobbying against the casino was Don Fowler, then the chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

Cotton harvest is under way

By DIANNA F. DANDRIDGE
Staff Writer

Cotton harvest began this past week in the five mid-Panhandle counties - Briscoe, Collingsworth, Deaf Smith and Donley - which profitably produce cotton. Spot checks with county agricultural extension agents indicated yields would not exceed the average in most areas.

Deaf Smith County Agent Dennis Newton said production is up this year from 10,000 planted acres to 17,000.

"We'll be well under way with harvest next week. This weekend's freeze was just what our producers were waiting for," said Newton.

Annual yields in the Hereford area average between 350 pounds per acre for dryland to 480 pounds for

irrigated acreage.

Newton estimated a 1- to 1 1/2-bale average average across the county this year.

"Boll weevil populations were very low, and I doubt much, if any, damage will be reported this year," he said.

Briscoe County Agent Pammy Millican reports only about 30,000 acres were planted this year and producers can expect to average a bale per acre.

Millican said the saving factor for area producers was the hot weather in September, which allowed cotton to mature even after the delayed start caused by cool wet temperatures in the spring.

Collingsworth County Agent Dale Dunlap reported a planted-acre drop of 14,000 and expects to see some reports of boll weevil loss and damage.

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Local Roundup



Combest signs pledge

U.S. Rep. Larry Combest (right) joined Jack Faris, president of the National Federation of Independent Business, in signing a pledge to work to abolish the IRS code. The NFIB is sponsor of the Campaign to Abolish the IRS Code, which the organization contends should be replaced with a simpler, fairer code that rewards work and savings. Faris said a million petitions will be collected and brought to Washington by next June, when the NFIB opens a Congressional Small Business Summit. Combest, a Lubbock Republican, represents Texas' 19th Congressional District, which includes Deaf Smith County.

Mostly clear

Tonight, mostly clear with low in the upper 30s. Northwest wind 5-10 mph. Friday, partly cloudy and warmer with high in mid-70s. Friday night, partly cloudy and low in lower 40s.
3- to 5-day forecast
 Saturday and Sunday: turning cooler, highs in the mid-60s Saturday and mid-50s Sunday. Low Sunday in mid-30s.
 Monday: partly cloudy, low 25-30, high in upper 50s.

News Digest

STUDY: IMAGING SYSTEM FAILS TO STOP FRAUD

AUSTIN (AP) - An effort to prevent welfare fraud by requiring applicants to give fingerprints didn't do much to stem cheating when tested in a \$1.7 million pilot program, according to a University of Texas report. State officials, however, stood by the fingerprint-imaging program Wednesday. The initiative has been touted by Gov. George W. Bush and was recommended to state lawmakers by Comptroller John Sharp, a candidate for lieutenant governor. "One of the keys to it working well is going to be when it goes statewide," said Texas Department of Human Services spokesman Michael Jones. The Lone Star Image System is meant to detect and deter duplicate receipt of food stamps and Aid to Families with Dependent Children, now known as Temporary Assistance for Needy Families. It requires a photo and a digital imprint of applicants' index fingers. Because the program was piloted only in Bexar and Guadalupe counties, cheaters could have gone anywhere else in the state to try to get duplicate benefits, Jones said.

INTEREST ON CHILD SUPPORT SUBJECT OF HAGGLING

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - Attorneys representing custodial parents seeking to collect interest on back child support say it's "criminal" for the attorney general's office to be fighting their efforts. San Antonio attorneys Steve Sinkin and Richard Orsinger, who filed a class-action lawsuit last year, said Wednesday that roughly 2 million children from 500,000 families in Texas are owed up to \$5 billion in interest on back child support that the state has failed to collect. Attorney General Dan Morales' office is fighting their efforts, saying that state law prohibits attempts to collect interest on back child support in cases prior to 1991.

HEDC

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financial statements of principal officers and checks Dun & Bradstreet credit reports.

Hereford ties some grants to job creation and others to job performance. Hatley said the local board might offer a grant that would be paid to the company over 12 months, checking each month to make sure the company is performing as it said it would.

If an existing basic business is approved for a grant on creation of new jobs, the grant might be paid at the end of the year when it can be determined if those new jobs are real.

"Even with the best plans, economic development is still a risky business," said Hatley. "Our board has the opportunity to give away money almost every week, but they may be more cautious with these tax funds than they are with their own money."

He said the board is represented by men with various business experiences, "and if we need an accountant to look over financial statements, we're not bashful about getting that expertise."

The present HEDC board includes:

- Cliff Skiles, chairman, veterinarian and ag businessman;
- Joe Artho, vice chairman and Hereford Grain manager;
- Jerry Stevens, auto dealer;
- Craig Smith, banker; and
- Gilbert Tijerina, meat market owner.

The secrecy that surrounds economic development projects further complicates efforts to investigate a company. Companies are reluctant to let loose of financial information for fear it will end up in a competitor's hands. In addition, some companies don't want their name mentioned until a deal is made, hoping to control the number of contacts from development corporations.

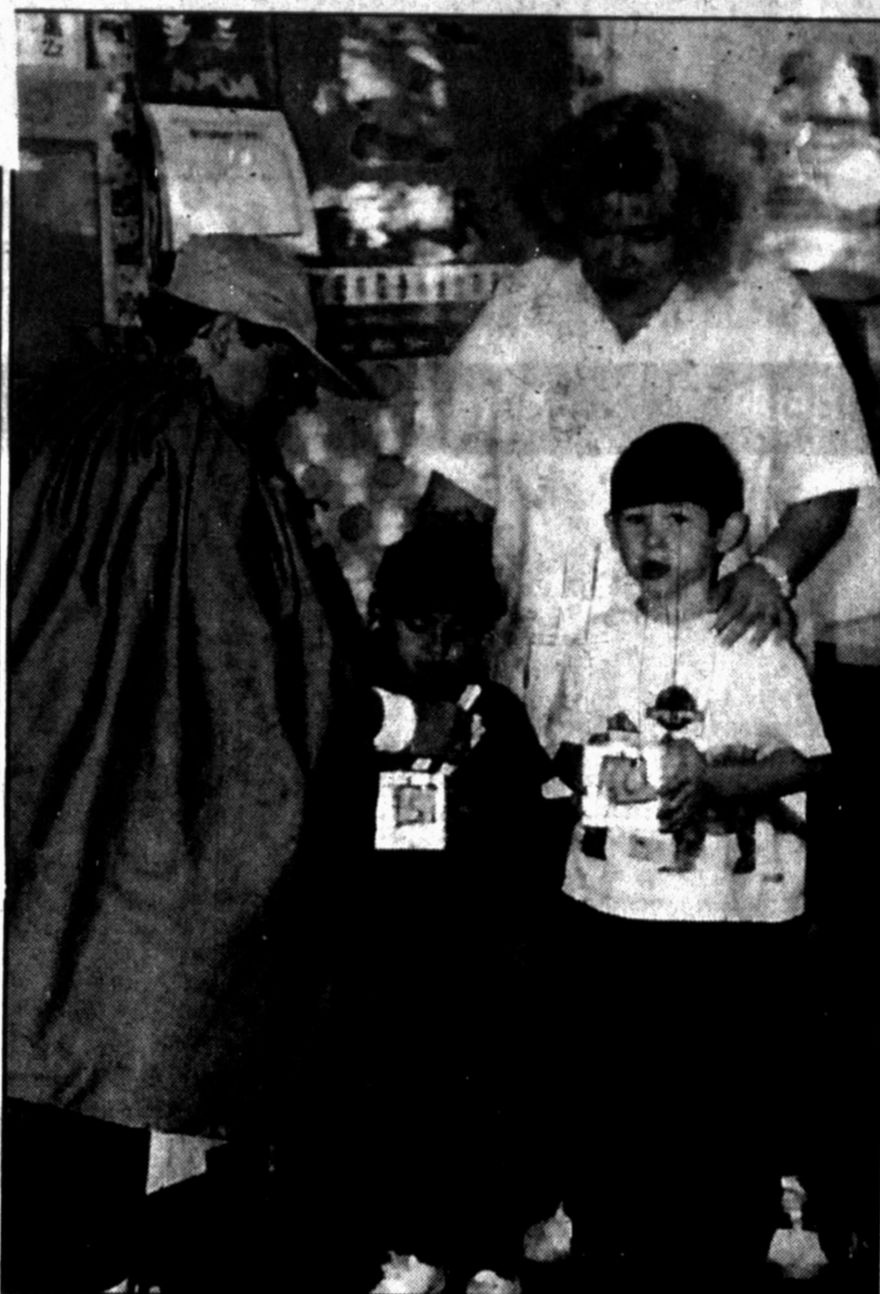
At the same time, development corporations don't want the public to know what companies they are considering until everything is final, for fear that another city will go after their prospect.

Smaller cities, like Hereford, don't collect nearly as much development funds as a metropolitan area, but there are other factors that come into play in the hunt for some new companies: quality-of-life issues, available labor force, and the unified support of local governmental agencies.

Hatley said a new state law requires economic development corporations to account for how they spend local tax dollars with annual reports they must file with the Texas Comptroller's Office.

The comptroller's office will send out surveys in December, and the economic development corporations must return them by Feb. 1. Hatley said development corporations had some input on the law, but most are unhappy about the rule "because it's just more paperwork."

Joe Newman, executive director of the Texas Economic Development Council in Austin, said, "We don't have anything to hide, but we're concerned that the state might want to tell us what to do with our local tax money."



Celebrating 50 days

Kindergarten students at Bluebonnet Elementary, Dasyree Hernandez and Justin Bradshaw, get some help from Zero the Hero, Karen Langford and their teacher Delores Dow in celebrating the 50th day of school by learning how to count to 50 by ones, fives, and tens.

Hard lesson learned the easy way

PITTSBURGH (AP) - There was shrieking, giggling and blushing from high school students when a teacher asked them to "pick a partner who you'd like to exchange body fluids with."

The request was nothing lurid. It was merely part of an experiment to show the students how fast the AIDS virus can spread.

Thirty students each swapped cups of chemically treated water with three others. Color changes showed that about three of every four students became "infected" with mock HIV.

The results stopped the giggling - and taught a lesson Wednesday. Donte Taylor, 15, called it an "eye opener" for teens.

"It scares me," he said. "It's better to just not do anything: abstinence."

Revelations this week that a New York man may have knowingly infected at least nine women and girls as young as 13 make the lesson especially timely, organizers said.

The exercise was part of a curriculum on AIDS offered to 3,000 teachers who are meeting in Pittsburgh for the three-day convention of the National Science Teachers Association, which officially begins

today. Since publication last spring of the curriculum's book and video, both titled "The Science of HIV," thousands of teachers have requested them, the association said.

And despite references to rectal tears and vaginal fluid, nobody involved with the project can recall a single complaint about unsuitable contents.

"I think there are a fair number of parents who are relieved that it's being taught," said Sharon Nelson, a teacher at Waunakee High School in Waunakee, Wis., who has used parts of the curriculum in her classes.

The key is focusing on scientific principles behind HIV infection, "not a moral judgment on what you should or should not be doing," said Michael DiSpezio, who wrote the curriculum with funding from Abbott Laboratories, a medical and pharmaceutical manufacturer in Chicago. In his hourlong lesson with 70 students at Taylor Allderice High School, DiSpezio used Lego blocks and color drawings to describe how proteins are built in a cell, how a virus attacks and why HIV is impervious to disease-fighting cells.

"If somebody is telling them to do

Crime Victim Services find help of Legislators

Service reaches division status

AUSTIN (AP) - Two state legislators and the attorney general are urging voters to ratify a proposed constitutional amendment they said is needed to protect the assets of the Crime Victims' Compensation Fund.

Money in the fund is used to compensate victims of crime for their out-of-pocket expenses, such as medical bills not covered by insurance. Nearly all of the money in the fund comes from fines against criminals.

Proposition 10 on Tuesday's ballot would prohibit the Legislature from spending the fund's money for unrelated projects.

"Government may not be able to alleviate the physical and emotional trauma suffered by victims of crime or their families, but we can ease the financial burden, and in some cases keep a victim out of a financial crisis," Sen. Mike Moncrief, D-Fort Worth, said Wednesday.

Joining Moncrief was Rep. Pete Gallego, D-Alpine. Both were sponsors of the proposed amendment.

"It is only right that the perpetrators of crimes be required to fund this program. And, it is only right that these funds be used only for the benefit of victims of crime," Gallego said.

Attorney General Dan Morales, whose office administers the fund, said it paid \$28.3 million to 8,337 crime victims in the last fiscal year.

Nearly half those receiving assistance were victims of aggravated assault or assault, and 17 percent involved sexual abuse of a child. Families of homicide victims accounted for 6.7 percent of the assistance provided.

"For far too long government and the judiciary have been overly concerned about the rights of criminals, to the detriment of crime victims," Morales said.

"That momentum has been stopped. All of our energy is in creating momentum for victims of crime. This amendment is a significant push in that direction," he said.

Texas Department of Criminal Justice has put new emphasis on its Victim Services office by elevating the program to division status and having it report directly to the agency's top management.

"This enhanced status for Victim Services recognizes the priority rightfully given this critical program," said Patsy Day, Texas Board of Criminal Justice member from Dallas. "The criminal justice system in Texas is very serious about its commitment to the rights and needs of victims."

The Victim Services office, which has more than 70,000 victim contacts a year, has been part of TDCJ's much broader Programs and Services Division since it was created in 1993.

TDCJ executive director Wayne Scott called the Texas Victim Services program "a pacesetter for the nation, both in its accomplishments and in its creative outreach in assisting victims." The office has been headed by Raven Kazen since its Creation.

Among its activities, Victim Services maintains a data base of more than 38,000 victims and concerned citizens.

From that data base, more than 23,000 victims were notified this past year when their attackers came up for parole review or were released.

The office also operates a hotline - 1-800-848-4284 - which handled 50,000 victim calls last year.

One of the program's most unusual services - apparently the only one of its kind in the nation - is assisting victims' families in viewing executions, a practice started by the board of Criminal Justice 18 months ago. Families are given extensive counseling both before and after the execution.

The office has also pioneered a mediation program for victims who want to personally meet with their attackers. TDCJ officials say the mediation program, which they say is totally "victim-driven," has been applauded by victims as bringing peace and closure to their trauma.

Victim services has also taken charge of the Crime Victim Clearinghouse which assists victims with many services, ranging from counseling resources to restitution programs.

Another important Victim Service mission is the training of state and local criminal justice professional and victim advocates regarding victim sensitivity and other victim issues.

something and not explaining why, that doesn't have as much clout," said DiSpezio, who previously worked as an eighth-grade teacher and a scientist who studied parasites.

In the water-swapping experiment, DiSpezio asked 30 students to each take one cup of water, dump the liquid into a friend's cup and take half back again, then swap with two more partners.

Water in only four of the 30 cups was treated beforehand with a chemical representing HIV. When DiSpezio squirted a drop of another chemical into it, the water in the "infected" cups turned red.

He tested each student's cup, and 23 turned red. Students yelled and gasped as the number of infections mounted.

Emergency Services

Activities reported by law enforcement agencies include:

- Police Department
- An assault was reported in the 600 block of Ireland.
- Reckless driver was reported in the 200 block of Avenue F.
- Criminal Mischief was reported in the 300 block of Stadium Drive.
- Theft was reported in the 400 block of east First.
- Criminal mischief was reported in the 400 block of Austin Road.
- No arrest reported.
- One minor traffic accident was reported.
- 12 traffic citations were issued.
- No curfew violations.
- No fire calls.

People finding work when welfare cuts become reality

NORWALK, Conn. (AP) - Caseworkers told Tracy Williams months ago that the welfare checks she had received for more than three years would end and she would need to find work.

So Williams, a 27-year-old mother of three with a high school graduate equivalency degree, did what nearly half the state's welfare recipients have done: She got a job.

"I guess they kind of gave me some motivation to go work," said Williams, who earns \$1,100 a month as a waitress.

Though some counties across the country have already hit their welfare cutoff dates, the first statewide deadline on state cash aid to families expires Saturday in Connecticut.

For Williams, it will mean the loss of a \$630 monthly check. In the next year, more than 6,000 working parents like her are expected to be dropped from state welfare rolls because their paychecks exceed their welfare checks.

Federal law passed last year required welfare recipients - estimated by the government at about 10.5 million people - to go to work. States were to have 25 percent of them working by Oct. 1, a proportion that will climb to 50 percent in 2002.

The law says no federal money can be spent for people who have received benefits for more than five years, a time limit adopted by many states for their aid programs.

But some set stricter limits and penalties, including Connecticut,

whose 21-month limit - shortest in the nation - began ticking Jan. 1, 1996.

For all the talk of "time's up," fewer than 300 of the 21,000 people facing the cutoff within the next year are actually expected to lose their checks. The state is liberally granting six-month extensions to those still looking for work or earning too little. More extensions are possible.

Connecticut's experience is being closely watched. It is one of about 20 states that have adopted time limits shorter than the federal grace period.

"There will be lessons learned," said Peggy Flaherty Haering, a public policy researcher at the Hudson Institute in Indianapolis. "You're redesigning a system. You are, in essence, experimenting."

State officials say their program is already a success - welfare caseloads are down 11 percent to 52,000 from 59,000 two years ago. Nearly half of the recipients say they have jobs.

Connecticut families making less than the federal poverty level were eligible for full benefits until Saturday, when they will lose their welfare check if wages exceed the state aid they had received.

But even then, those who get jobs or don't meet the requirements of the state's new welfare program can still receive day-care vouchers adjusted to their income, as well as two years of health insurance.

Critics warn that a true test of the program may not come until a slump in Connecticut's economy. The

jobless rate of 4.6 percent is the lowest this decade.

"One would have to be naive to suggest that the time limits haven't had an impact in terms of motivating people who might not have otherwise gotten employment to do so," said Janet Van Tassel, director of the Connecticut Alliance for Basic Human Needs.

"We are equally naive if we don't recognize that the welfare caseload always goes down as unemployment goes down."

At the welfare office in Norwalk, Williams wondered aloud how she will pay her \$750 monthly rent without her welfare check. Her caseworker recommended she seek rental subsidies.

Despite the potential hardships, Williams said: "I like my job. My kids see that I work - they look at that."

Other welfare recipients say the state is being too harsh.

Ramona Morrison, 29, who lives in the Hartford suburb of Vernon, started working when she was 13, picking shade tobacco when she was not in school. The mother of two now earns \$6.50 per hour as a part-time floral designer.

Morrison's six-month extension is in jeopardy because her husband was fired from one job and quit another, earning the family their second sanction from state caseworkers. Already, it means the family's welfare check will be slashed 35 percent for three months.

LOTTO TEXAS

TEXAS LOTTERY
By The Associated Press

No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were:
12-18-19-20-31-37
 Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$18 million.

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
3-6-0

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery:
12-18-19-20-31-37

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Lifestyles

Veleda Study Club address given by First Methodist Church pastor

Dr. Tom Fuller, pastor of First United Methodist Church, addressed the recent Veleda Study Club meeting.

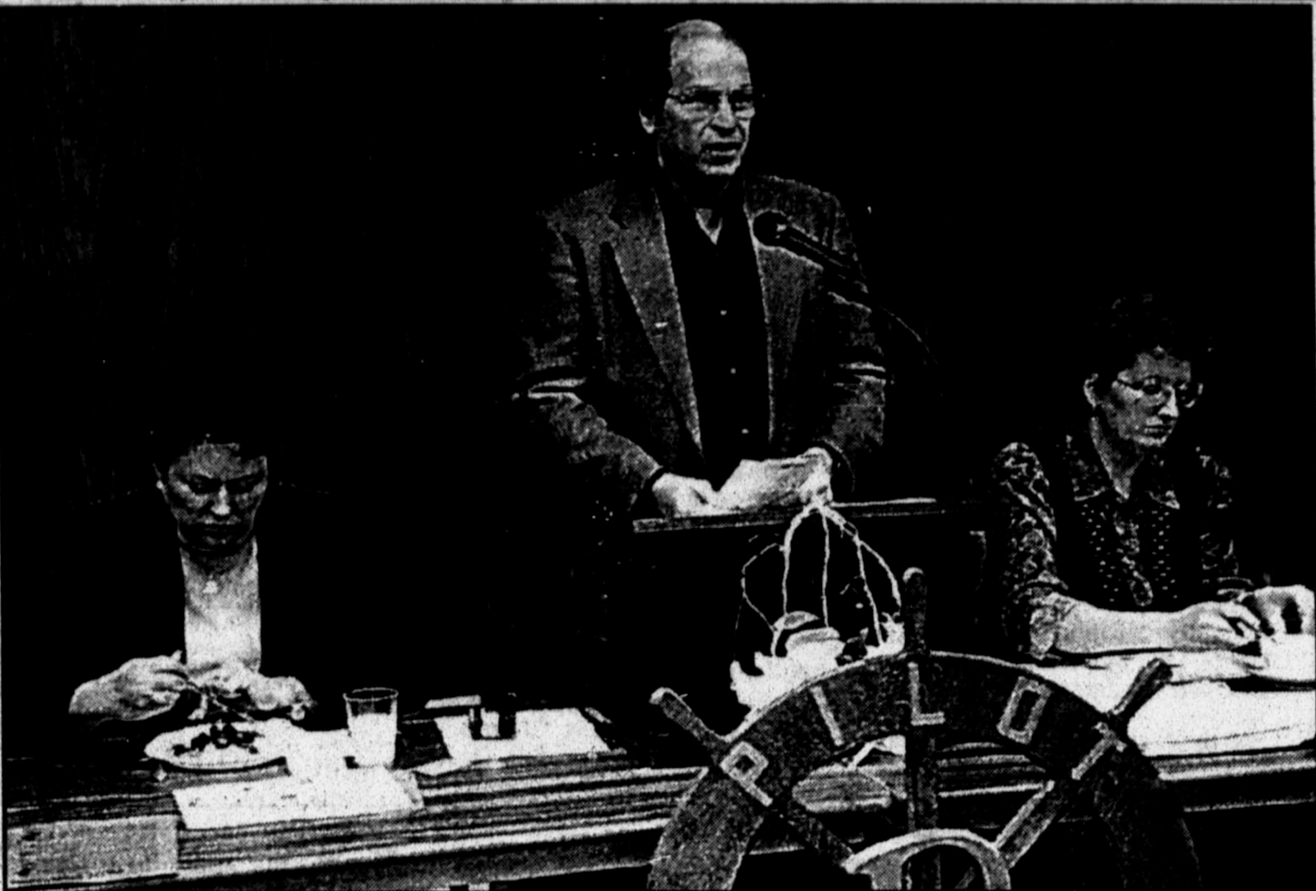
Dr. Fuller talked about his creed: 1. Judge people by motives rather than actions. 2. Seek to understand people.

3. Seek to serve.
4. Build up and honor people.
5. Seek the approval of the Lord.
6. Don't take praise or criticism seriously.
7. Don't be afraid of pain because one can't live without it.
8. When trouble comes, try to see

the big picture.

Roll call was answered with, "We are thankful for..."

Those present were Marcella Bradley, Juanita Brown, Bettie Dickson, Mary Dziuk, Betty Gilbert, Della Hutto, Clovis Seago, Theda Seiver and Margaret Zinser.



Pilot program

Nathan Stone, Pastor of Fellowship of Believers, presented the program during the Tuesday morning meeting of Pilot Club of Hereford. Also pictured are Martha Jones, left, president and Cindy Caro.

Pilot Club hears

Brain-related disorders discussed

Nathan Stone, Pastor of Fellowship of Believers, presented the program for Pilot Club of Hereford at its regular meeting Tuesday.

He presented information about Alzheimer's disease and other brain-

related disorders and told of a newly formed support group for persons dealing with family members having these problems.

Pilot Club presented a check for

\$1,000 to Julia Arredondo for Special Olympics.

Elvira Enriquez was recognized as sweetheart and presented a gift by the club in appreciation of her hard work and wonderful attitude.

Rebekah Lodge sets date for Thanksgiving dinner

Hereford Rebekah Lodge #228 met Tuesday evening with seven members attending.

Noble grand Anna Conklin presided at the business session.

A donation was voted to Visual Eye Research Foundation in memory of P.P. of Rebekah Assembly Marguerite Gailey.

The date of Nov. 11 was set for the annual Thanksgiving Supper for members and their families.

Susie Curtsinger read "Ode to a Pill," author unknown.

Rosalie Northcutt served Halloween cupcakes, cookies and coffee to Conklin, Curtsinger, Peggy Lemons, Ben Conklin, Nelma Sowell and Dorothy Lundry.

Care center to hold carnival

A special Halloween Carnival for young and old will be held from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Friday at Hereford Care Center.

Trick or treaters are welcome to come by the center to participate in traditional carnival activities such as cake walk, fishing booth, dart throw, face painting, pin the nose on the pumpkin.

Prizes will be awarded for best children's costumes.

New Arrivals

Josi and Kirk Johnson of Houston are the proud parents of a daughter, Hannah Schyler, born Oct. 10.

She weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces and was 20-3/4 inches long.

Grandparents are Terry and Pam Fogo of Hereford and Bill and Mary Johnson of Houston.

Great-grandparents are Glenn and Hattie Michael of Hereford, Wes and Orpha Fallis of Belleville, Kan., and Mary Kirkwood of Houston.

Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: I had a dog and four cats when I married "Jim." I knew he had allergies but thought we could work things out. I was wrong. When we married, my indoor cats were put outside, and my beloved dog, who had spent eight years sleeping next to my bed, didn't understand why he was banished to the kitchen.

The worst part is listening to Jim yell at my dog and tell me how stupid he is. It's like watching a stepfather mistreat your child. Jim thinks I'm silly when I tell him it hurts me when he hollers at my pets. He keeps saying, "For heaven's sake, they are just animals."

In all fairness to my husband, it is no picnic for him, either. His eyes can itch so much they swell shut, and occasionally, he has trouble breathing. We can't find a satisfying compromise. I feel guilty because I can no longer lavish time and attention on my pets, and they wonder what they did wrong. Jim has

suggested more than once that we get rid of "the menagerie."

I love my husband very much. He is faithful, smart, ambitious, a good provider and a wonderful father to our 2-year-old son. But I believe we both would have been better off marrying our "own kind." -- Between a Rock and a Hard Place

Dear Rock: You are going to have to decide what means more to you -- your pets or the physical well-being of your husband. In my opinion, you would be a fool to put your animals ahead of a faithful, smart, ambitious good provider and wonderful father. Find a good home for the pets, and save your marriage.

Keep reading for more pet letters: Dear Ann Landers: Please allow me to address the letter from "No Name in San Bernardino," who wrote about disciplining pets.

"No Name" used an example of a dog that drinks from a toilet and then licks a baby's hand as something that fills her with disgust. Her

comment that animals which are allowed to roam outside are full of germs is true, but she forgot something.

She forgot about the baby. Anyone who has had a year of high school biology can tell you there are hundreds more bacteria on the back of that baby's hand than on the dog and the toilet combined. Kids are also allowed to roam outside, and they often go in places an animal wouldn't. Yet she made no remark about the dangers of being kissed by a child. -- La Verne, Calif.

Dear La Verne: You are absolutely right -- as hundreds of readers have told me. Here's the final word for today:

Dear Ann Landers: I do not agree with your suggestion of asking people to lock up their pets while company visits. People should control their animals when company visits -- the same as their children. If the child of my host behaves badly, should I ask him or her to lock up the child until

we leave?

My husband and I, at least for now, have chosen to have four-legged children instead of the two-legged variety. They sleep with us and usually get some of what we eat, and we have taken them on several vacations.

What about children who run around like maniacs when company is present? I have visited friends with children who scream, fight, throw things and interrupt adult conversations. The parents are oblivious to this and it really makes me angry.

I believe the solution to the problem is discipline and control over both animals and children. -- Pet Lover in L.A.

Dear Pet Lover: Your last sentence puts the entire problem in the proper perspective. I wish I had thought of it. Step to the head of the class.

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Pumpkin characters

Members of the Sparklers 4-H Club used pumpkins to make Halloween characters during the recent club meeting. Laurie Paetzold gave instructions on how to create the faces. The club's next meeting will be Nov. 20 at St. Anthony's when Missy Wilcox will give a program on festive candlesticks.

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Sports

On the Sidelines

Volleyball Playoffs

Pairings Class 4A BI-District Region 1
 Dumas (29-9) vs. Lubbock Estacado (11-13), Saturday, 5 p.m., Canyon HS
 Andrews, bye
 El Paso High vs. Pecos (17-11), Saturday, 3 p.m., Van Horn High School
 Lamesa, bye
 Stephenville vs. Ft. Worth Western Hills, TBA
 Springtown, bye
 Burkburnett (18-9) vs. Ft. Worth Boswell (12-14), Thursday, 7 p.m., Graham High School
 Arlington Heights, bye
 Canyon Randall (18-10) vs. Snyder (16-16), Saturday, 6 p.m., Lubbock Monterey High School
 El Paso Borges, bye
 El Paso Bowie vs. San Angelo Lake View (25-5), Saturday, 5 p.m., Sul Ross State University, Alpine
 Hamilton (23-4), bye
 Weatherford vs. Ft. Worth Trimble Tech, Saturday, 5 p.m., Ft. Worth Brewer High School
 Denton, bye
 Sherman vs. Justin Northwest, TBA
 Brownwood, bye

NHL

Wednesday's Games
 N.Y. Islanders 5, Montreal 2
 St. Louis 3, Philadelphia 2
 Dallas 4, Washington 3
 Ottawa 5, Tampa Bay 2
 Detroit 4, San Jose 3
 Chicago 3, Vancouver 0
 Edmonton 3, Phoenix 2
Thursday's Games
 Anaheim at Boston, 6:30 p.m.
 N.Y. Rangers at N.Y. Islanders, 6:30 p.m.
 Vancouver at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
 Ottawa at Florida, 6:30 p.m.
 Colorado at St. Louis, 7:30 p.m.
 Phoenix at Calgary, 8 p.m.

NBA

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

IN BRIEF

Tyson injured

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) -- Former heavyweight champ Mike Tyson suffered broken ribs Wednesday in a motorcycle accident on Interstate 84 in Manchester and was expected to be hospitalized about two days, a hospital spokesman said.

Tyson is in stable condition, Hartford Hospital spokesman James Battaglio said.

"He's got some fractured ribs on the right side and any other injuries are still being evaluated," Battaglio said late Wednesday.

The accident occurred about 5 p.m. when traffic was moving slowly along the highway. Tyson's motorcycle skidded when it hit some sand as it exited the highway. He was wearing a helmet.

Golf balls returned

PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla. (AP) -- A burglar brought a whole new meaning to taking a mulligan. Someone made off with 107,000 golf balls this weekend after slicing through a metal locking plate on a storage unit at a Nitro Golf warehouse.

The 214 boxes of recycled balls were recovered Wednesday after someone, who claimed he bought them from a wholesaler in Florida, suspected they might be stolen. The person then contacted Nitro's plant in Myrtle Beach, S.C., said Jim Crawford, vice president of finance for Nitro Leisure Products, based in North Richland Hills.

New PGA events

HOUSTON (AP) -- The world of golf got a little smaller, or a little larger, depending on how you look at it.

The PGA Tour, in conjunction with the tours of Europe, Japan, Southern Africa and Australasia, announced Wednesday three international events beginning in 1999, each with a purse of at least \$4 million.

Each tournament will have a first prize of at least \$720,000, PGA Tour commissioner Tim Finchem said.

Sports calendar

Thursday Football

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

HUSKERS-SOONERS

Former Big 8 foes to battle again Saturday

By RICHARD ROSENBLATT
 AP Football Writer

For 71 consecutive years, there's been Nebraska-Oklahoma.

After Saturday's game in Lincoln, Neb., the series takes a two-year break, courtesy of Big 12 Conference schedule-makers.

"There have been a lot of consecutive Nebraska-Oklahoma games and over the last 35 years or so, and in most cases, they have been very significant games," Cornhuskers coach Tom Osborne said. "From that standpoint, it is sad to see it end."

The end may not be soon enough for the Sooners (3-5), who enter the game against No. 1 Nebraska (7-0) as 37-point underdogs and without

1,000-yard rusher DeMond Parker.

Nebraska has won the last six meetings, including last year's 73-21 rout -- the worst loss in the 103-year history of Oklahoma football. Before the Huskers began their domination, the teams battled almost annually for the Big Eight title and berth in the Orange Bowl.

For the Huskers, Scott Frost directs the nation's top-ranked offense (501.7 yards per game), while Ahman Green, with 993 yards and 13 touchdowns, paces the top-rated running game (398.7 yards per game).

Led by end Grant Wistrom and a solid set of linebackers, the defense allows just 66 yards rushing and 14.1 points per game.

The Sooners, meanwhile, counter with youth -- two freshmen are expected to fill in for Parker (1,123 yards), who missed most of the last week's game against Kansas State with bruised stomach muscles.

Look for Seth Littrell and J.T. Thatcher in the Sooners backfield. The two have a total of 16 carries for 39 yards.

And coach John Blake says he'll use three quarterbacks -- Justin Fuente, Eric Moore and Brandon Daniels. Last week, Daniels was the backup strong safety.

"I think there's a lot key areas where we don't match up with Nebraska," Blake said.

O's manager Johnson could be on firing line

BALTIMORE (AP) -- Baltimore Orioles owner Peter Angelos now has a reason to fire manager Davey Johnson, who may not be asked back for the third and final year of his contract.

In what Angelos calls "an infraction of serious proportions," Johnson ordered second baseman Roberto Alomar to pay a \$10,500 fine for violating team policy to a charity that retains Johnson's wife as a fund-raiser.

"The money belongs to the ballclub," Angelos said Wednesday in a telephone interview with The Associated Press. "That's an obligation the manager has. There

has been an infraction of serious proportions here."

Johnson fined Alomar \$10,000 in July after Alomar skipped an exhibition game between the Orioles and their Triple-A team without permission. Alomar tried to be with his family in Puerto Rico after the death of his grandmother, but ended up staying in Baltimore because he could not get a flight back in time for the Orioles' next game.

Johnson tacked on an extra \$500 because Alomar also missed a team banquet in April.

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Photo by Rick Castaneda

Not in time

Dumas quarterback Lucas Evenson gets off a pass before the hit is applied by Hereford's Zack Wall. The Hereford defense limited the Demon offense to just 142 total yards, but lost the

District 1-4A game Friday at Whiteface Stadium, 11-6. Hereford is idle this week and will wrap up their season Nov. 7 at Kimbrough Memorial Stadium when they meet Canyon.

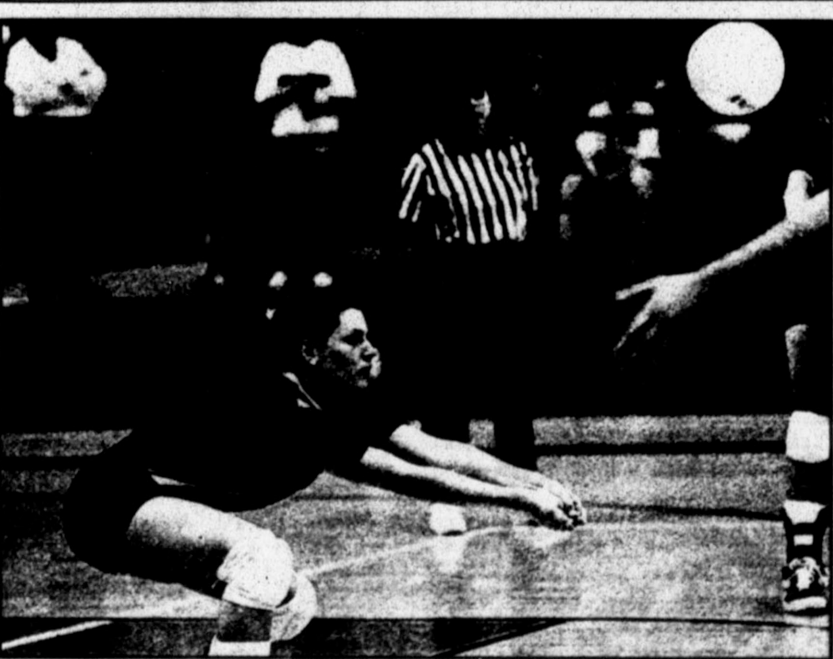


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Concentration

Hereford's Makesha Rives returns a shot Tuesday night at Caprock Activity Center during the Lady Whitefaces' match with Canyon Randall. Hereford downed the Lady Raiders 11-15, 15-9, 15-12 in the District 1-4A seeding tournament to earn the district's top seed.

Dallas need only look at 'Niners for inspiration

IRVING (AP) -- Dallas can look to the San Francisco 49ers of two years ago to find hope for its current sinking spell.

San Francisco limped into Texas Stadium in the 10th game of the season with a 5-4 record. Dallas had a gaudy 8-1 ledger.

Then the 49ers gave the Cowboys a 38-20 headache to bounce back into the NFC West title chase.

Dallas needs the same kind of performance at 3 p.m. Sunday in 3Com Park. "Good things can happen when you least expect them," coach Barry Switzer said.

Indeed, the seven-point underdog Cowboys need to play like the 1995 San Francisco team and the 1996 Dallas team that stunned the 49ers 20-17 in overtime last year on a Chris Boniol field goal.

"We've been in a struggle every week," Switzer said of the 4-4 Cowboys. "They (the 49ers) haven't had any struggle."

With eight games left, Switzer has

this scenario planned for the Cowboys: "We win all five games at home and win another one on the road. We'll be 10-6 like we were last year and be in the playoffs."

Dallas must find its lost offense to beat the 49ers, who have one of the toughest defenses in the NFL.

"They have a great defensive line," Switzer said. "Maybe the best in the league."

Running back Emmitt Smith agrees it will be a challenge for the Cowboys.

"You don't get to be 7-1 in this league by being shabby," Smith said. "I think we might be their toughest challenge this year but they'll probably be our toughest challenge. I know one thing, we'll have to put some points on the board to beat them. We know we can beat them on their home field. We did it last year. But it's very important for us to play a smart game."

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Stars edge Caps

LANDOVER, Md. (AP) -- Benoit Hogue finally got rid of that big fat zero next to his name.

Hogue scored his first goal of the season with 17:22 left Wednesday night as the Dallas Stars extended their winning streak to four games with a 4-3 comeback victory over the Washington Capitals.

"During the season you always seem to be stuck on one goal. It can be 20, it can be 18, it can be six. I was stuck on zero," Hogue said. "The guys were saying, 'Get rid of that zero, Hogue.' I finally got one, and hopefully I'll keep going. I think I gained a little confidence now."

Greg Adams had a goal and an assist for the Stars, who trailed 3-1 in the second period before rallying to hand Washington its first home loss. Dallas goaltender Roman Turek blanked the Capitals over the final 38 minutes.

"I thought we created a lot of turnovers in the offensive zone from the eight-minute mark of the second period to the end of the game," Stars coach Ken Hitchcock said. "Once we got physical, we were very good."

Joe Juneau had a shorthanded goal and an assist for the Capitals, now winless in their last four games (0-3-1). Washington, playing at home for the first time in 19 days, was 3-0-0 at the USAirways Arena this season.

"I don't think we were tired at the end. They just did a better job than we did," Washington forward Andrew Brunette said.

The injury-riddled Capitals added two more players to the list: Juneau strained his groin and defenseman Sergei Gonchar strained his back.

Hogue snapped a 3-3 tie by taking the final swing of the stick in a four-shot flurry against goaltender Olaf Kolzig. It was Hogue's second point in 11 games this season.

"That's a big burden off Benny's back. He's struggled this year and tonight he had a slow start and a real hard finish," Hitchcock said. "He was very physical, knocked people off the puck -- it was good to see."

The Capitals' last gasp came with 66 seconds left, when a shot by Hunter hit the right post.

Dallas center Mike Modano, who entered the game tied for second in the NHL with 18 points, had his lip

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Title IX often used to advance agenda

Each day, we sink further into the abyss.

It make one wonder if there will come a time when we will have been dragged so deep into the darkness we will have no memory of the light.

I was troubled by a story that made its way across the Associated Press wire this weekend. Boston University has decided to drop its football program after the end of the 1997 season.

Not a big deal in my life, as I'm sure it's not in yours, but it's a sign of a crime. And the crime could just as easily spread someday to your town.

The Terrers' football program succumbed to the crime of gender-based funding. The weapon -- Title

The Toy Department

By Bob Varmette



IX.

Title IX, as it was envisioned when it first took effect in 1972, is one of the most positive programs in sports, ever. It's then stated goal was to increase the participation of women in athletics, from colleges all the way down to primary schools.

So how could a program with such a laudable goal be the weapon used to murder the BU football program?

Title IX is the weapon not because of what it is, but because of how it is used. The point some would probably make is that Title IX is not at fault; it's the people who misused it.

I don't agree. Title IX not only provides the people who misuse it with the means, it also provides them with the mandate.

The NCAA, various state high school athletic governing bodies, and numerous misguided administrators and officials, have seized upon Title IX and used it to advance their own political agenda.

Instead of using it to promote the development of women's athletic programs, they use it as the weapon to destroy men's programs.

Don't kid yourself, Boston University is not the first institution to do this, nor will it be the last. More and more colleges and high schools are finding out how to use this powerful weapon.

The proof of their guilt is in the methods used. Decisions are often made without consultation; announcements made with stealth.

In the case of Boston University, the news was delivered by their coach, Tom Masella, after their game Saturday, their Homecoming game. No BU administrator was

present at the announcement.

The stated reason for elimination of football is one that has been used before -- not enough funding. This at a school with 30,000 students, who each pay \$30,000 per year.

The football program at BU costs \$3 million dollars per year.

BU officials told the Associated Press cutting football would provide more funding for women's athletics and a new recreational sports center. The officials said the university could now channel more funds into so-called "priority sports," such as men's and women's basketball, soccer, crew and hockey.

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Ohio St. vs. Michigan St.	Ohio State	Ohio State	Ohio State	Ohio State
Seattle vs. Denver	Denver	Denver	Denver	Denver
Jacksonville vs. Tennessee	Jacksonville	Jacksonville	Tennessee	Tennessee
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Johnson

Johnson ordered Alomar to pay the fine to a scholarship fund run by Dr. Benjamin Carson of Johns Hopkins Hospital. Johnson's wife, Susan, is involved in fund-raising for the Carson Scholars Foundation.

The fine has not been paid because of an objection raised by the Major League Baseball Players Association, which protested the amount of the fine and its designation to a charity picked by Johnson.

"Unless this matter is resolved, there will be a grievance filed on behalf of the player," union spokesman Rich Weiss said Wednesday.

Under Johnson, the Orioles compiled the best record in the American League and won their first division title in 14 years. But Angelos and Johnson, both strong-willed, have had their differences over the past two years.

Before the controversy over the fine, Angelos said he probably would bring Johnson back for the final year of his \$2.5 million contract. Johnson, in turn, sent a fax to the Orioles asking for an extension or a buyout.

Now it appears that Angelos can justify dismissing Johnson without compensation.

Angelos said it was too strong to say he is considering firing Johnson, but did not offer any words of hope for Johnson either.

"The matter remains under review," Angelos said.

Stars

cut open by the stick of Washington defenseman Sylvan Cote early in the game. He played the final two periods and had one assist.

The Capitals went up 3-1 at 1:50 of the second period on a shorthanded goal by Juneau, who gained possession in his own end and skated down the left side before taking a shot that bounced off defenseman Sergei Zubov and into the net.

Dave Reid got a power-play goal at 5:09 and Jamie Langenbrunner made it 3-3 at 8:18 with a slap shot from the right circle.

"It wasn't our young kids, it was our veteran guys that let Olie down," Capitals coach Ron Wilson said. "When a team gets three or four whacks at the puck, it's the defensive zone not doing its job."

The Stars took a 1-0 lead at 5:15 of the first period when Adams jammed in the rebound of a shot by Todd Harvey. Playing without Modano, Dallas managed only one shot the rest of the period.

Dallas

Smith acknowledged the Cowboys' 4-4 record is disappointing.

"We're supposed to be a professional ballclub. We've just shot ourselves in the foot when games got down to where every play counted. I think we can get on a roll. We just need to make some big plays and capitalize when we get in the red zone (inside the 20). We need to protect our quarterback better."

However, Smith said, the Cowboys have rallied from deeper holes.

"We're not devastated, we're not depressed," Smith said. "It hurts. But I know one thing: This team doesn't accept losing."

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Agenda

Perhaps it is time for a re-evaluation of Title IX. How many more men's programs must be eliminated?

The intent of Title IX was never to savage men's programs.

There is an atmosphere of fear and intimidation that surrounds Title IX. The politically-correct crowd and certain women's organizations have latched upon Title IX as a way to punish men for past injustices toward women.

Fearful administrators, often not in agreement with the aims of these few, kowtow lest they be branded as politically incorrect or sexist. Worse, they fear reprisal-based litigation against them

personally, as well as their institutions.

The NCAA acts in collusion with the fear-mongers. They use tactics that often border upon extortion, threatening colleges with the ultimate weapon -- money.

State high school governing bodies act in much the same fashion. They hand down their mandates to individual school districts -- mandates the districts dare not disobey.

These administrators, ever fearful of angering this select cadre and their minions, are forced

to dole out funds with great care. A little too much money to a men's program and there could be trouble. The women's locker room isn't quite as nice as the men's, that could mean their jobs.

So decisions must be made. But the decisions have already been made. If a program has to suffer, the men all too often receive the sanctions. When was the last time you heard about a women's program being eliminated so that more funding could go to men?

How did this happen? How could something that at its inception was such a good deal for

everyone have turned out this way? The deal went down, but it went down twisted.

We let them do it. We let fear and intimidation come to be the rule in the funding of high school and college athletics.

Title IX must undergo some changes to restore that goal. The goals of promoting women's athletics and saving men's programs are not mutually exclusive.

You have more power than you think. Use it now.

Title IX must be retaken and returned to its original intent. We must end forever its use as an instrument of a corrupt political agenda.

Report: Vikings already for sale

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) -- The Minnesota Vikings have secretly been on the market for at least two months, and board members already have entertained four out-of-state prospective buyers, according to a published report.

The suitors represent Los Angeles; Toronto; Birmingham, Ala.; and another unidentified area, the Star Tribune reported in Wednesday's editions. It is believed the unidentified bidder intends to keep the team in the Twin Cities.

Board members already have rejected a \$150 million bid to purchase the team, Vikings vice chairman and part owner Philip Maas said.

Maas said the four potential buyers have visited the Twin Cities to meet with a three-person board of directors

committee charged with entertaining offers and executing a sale.

The Vikings' asking price is estimated to be between \$150 million and \$210 million, depending on how an offer is structured to include the team's debt. No one potential buyer has emerged as a front-runner, a second team source said.

"There are definitely four groups that have come in and talked," said Maas, one of the team's 10 principal owners. "There are a number of us that feel an attempt should have been made in good faith to inform people of the sale, whether it was the Legislature or the stadium task force, or the people of Minnesota."

"There's a lot of division among the board about what's the right thing to do. What's right for people and fans here, as opposed to those that

want to maximize their investment."

Team president Roger Headrick, reached Tuesday night in Atlanta where he attended the funeral of Atlanta Falcons owner Rankin Smith, declined to comment.

"A board committee has been active in pursuing the wishes of a majority of the (owners) to sell their interest," the Vikings said in a statement. "As everyone knows, our objective has been to fulfill the National Football League's mandate of a 30 percent owner, which has been public knowledge for several years."

The Vikings have 10 primary owners who each own equal shares valued at nearly 10 percent apiece. The league wants the team to have one owner with at least a 30 percent stake, although it has said in the past

it will allow the Vikings to resolve their push for increased stadium revenue before settling the ownership issue.

Maas said the sale process needs to be announced in order to give the state an opportunity to generate a local buyer who will keep the team in Minnesota.

"If the Legislature or the task force are making funding decisions about a new stadium, they have a right to know what we're thinking and doing," Maas said.

According to the team source, at least four of the team's board members are committed to ensuring that the Vikings stay in Minnesota. That effort will even include pushing for the current ownership group to accept less than the highest bid from an in-state buyer.

Barkley hints at retirement

HOUSTON (AP) -- Charles Barkley, saying his young daughter was being harassed by schoolmates over his arrest in Florida, told several Houston reporters Wednesday he is "leaning toward retirement" from basketball.

The Houston Rockets forward, who has missed two consecutive practices, was in Phoenix Wednesday to mull over his future with his wife, Maureen, and daughter, Christiana, according to several reports.

Barkley contacted at least two

television stations -- KHOU and KTRK -- and also called the Houston Chronicle.

KHOU said Barkley reported being upset with harassment his daughter was facing at elementary school in Phoenix.

Barkley also said he was upset that the NBA did not rule out suspending him for the Sunday incident in which he was accused of throwing a bar patron through a plate-glass window.

"Right now, I'm leaning toward retirement," the 11-time NBA

All-Star told the Houston Chronicle. "If the league is not going to stand by me, then I'll just say thank you very much and move on."

Barkley could not be reached by The Associated Press on Wednesday night.

NBA officials said in a conference call earlier Wednesday that the league would take no action against Barkley until there was some outcome in the Florida case.

Media tabs Lobos to win WAC

DENVER (AP) -- New Mexico will win the Western Athletic Conference basketball title next March. At least that's the opinion of

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Names in the News

BOB HOPE
WASHINGTON (AP) - Bob Hope was named an honorary U.S. veteran Wednesday for his half-century of entertaining the troops around the world.
 Hope, 94 and in frail health, attended the ceremony in the Capitol Rotunda and rose to thank the crowd of lawmakers and other officials, many of whom watched his shows as servicemen during wartime.
 "I've traveled all over the world, and I've never met a better audience than this," Hope said.
 Hope, the first American to be so honored by Congress, began his military shows in 1941. He visited the European and Pacific war zones in World War II, was there for the Berlin airlift and entertained the troops in the Korean, Vietnam and Persian Gulf wars.
 Sen. Strom Thurmond, also 94, presented a resolution to Hope and called him "a great man, great American, a great entertainer."
 "May you live long and have good health," Thurmond.

PRINCESS DIANA
NORTHAMPTON, England (AP) - Princess Diana's childhood home and burial site will open to the public next summer.
 Althorp Park will open July 1, on what would have been Diana's 37th birthday, and close Aug. 30, the day before the first anniversary of her death in a Paris car crash, her family said Wednesday.
 The number of people allowed will be limited to preserve the beauty and dignity of Diana's final resting place, the family said.
 The Spencers have not decided whether to charge a fee but said any money collected would go to charity. Visitors will not actually be allowed onto the island where the princess is buried, but it can be seen from the house 100 yards away.
 The family plans to open a museum, with family photographs, home movies and other memorabilia alongside a selection of tributes and condolence books.
 Before Diana's death, the house was open to the public in July and August and attracted about 10,000 visitors each year.

DREW CAREY
PHOENIX (AP) - At 39, Drew Carey is already talking about retirement.
 "I don't know what's wrong with taking your money and sitting back," he said when asked what he will do when his "Drew Carey Show" ends.
 While he enjoys the things money can buy, he said he's as comfortable at Bob's Big Boy as he is at Spago.
 "I don't want to spend \$50 for a hamburger at some fancy place and they don't make it as good as Bob's

anyway," Carey said.
 The comedian was in town last week to promote his book, "Dirty Jokes and Beer: Stories of the Unrefined."
FRANK MCCOURT
LIMERICK, Ireland (AP) - Frank McCourt, whose book "Angela's Ashes" angered residents with its uncompromising depiction of his impoverished childhood, has been honored by the University of Limerick.
 The school received threatening letters for its decision to give McCourt an honorary doctorate, but the ceremony Tuesday went smoothly.
 McCourt, who won the Pulitzer Prize for biography this year for the book, shrugged off the protests.
 "I portrayed my experiences," he told reporters. "My perspective."

JOHN KITZHABER
SHARON KITZHABER
SALEM, Ore. (AP) - The governor and his wife have their first First Baby.
 Logan, weighing in at 7 pounds, 8 ounces, was born Tuesday to Gov. John Kitzhaber and his wife, Sharon.
 Mother and baby were doing well, spokesman Bob Applegate said.
 "Sharon and I appreciate the good wishes that all Oregonians have shared with us in recent months," the governor said in a statement.
 Logan is the first child born to an Oregon gubernatorial couple since the 1959-67 tenure of Republican Mark Hatfield.
 The baby is the Kitzhabers' first child. They were married on New Year's Day 1995, eight days before Kitzhaber took office.

MIKE TYSON MASKS
SANTA FE SPRINGS, Calif. (AP) - A store has made a big seller out of Mike Tyson Halloween masks with a little alteration - an ear sticking out of the mouth.
 "Originally we had the Tyson masks without the ear. What we did was find some ears in the store and attach them to the masks," said Halloween Club store manager Kathy Crawford.
 She said revelers are scooping up the masks at \$29.95 each.
 Tyson bit off a piece of Evander Holyfield's ear during a fight.

REP. MAXINE WATERS
LOS ANGELES (AP) - Rep. Maxine Waters' home was burglarized while she was out of state, but the thief was caught in the act, police say.

WARREN WILLIAMS, 48, was arrested Sunday for investigation of burglary and jailed without bail. He did not know the home belonged to the Democratic congresswoman, sheriff's Deputy Debra Glafkides said.

DANNY AIELLO
EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) - Danny Aiello didn't need his alter ego Dellaventura to figure out why his right foot was throbbing. He had 1,000 pounds of evidence.
 During a visit to the Meadowlands Racetrack on Wednesday to shoot scenes for his CBS detective drama "Dellaventura," Aiello stood behind an 8-year-old gelding named High Tier who stepped back on his right foot. X-rays showed no serious damage to Aiello's fourth toe and doctors gave him the go-ahead to resume filming.
 "It certainly wasn't the horse's fault," Aiello said. "I should have known better than to stand behind him. I like horses and being around them. I just wasn't paying attention."
 The episode will air in November or early December.

SEN. JESSE HELMS
WINGATE, N.C. (AP) - Sen. Jesse Helms may not have to look too far to get steamed over U.S. business deals with China.
 Stamped on the bottom of the official souvenir coffee mugs at Wingate University's Jesse Helms Center is "Made in China."
 The North Carolina Republican - a fierce critic of China's human rights record - wasn't aware the mugs were made in the communist country, center officials said this week. Helms himself didn't return a message Wednesday seeking comment.
 "Nobody made a conscious decision to get mugs from China," said Stelle Snyder, the center's director of marketing. "It was certainly not something we planned."
 Center officials said the mugs were donated.
 Snyder said the center is reworking its logo and already had plans to get rid of the mugs.
 Helms, who heads the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, has used the visit of China's President Jiang Zemin to highlight concerns about China's human rights abuses.

Television

THURSDAY OCTOBER 30

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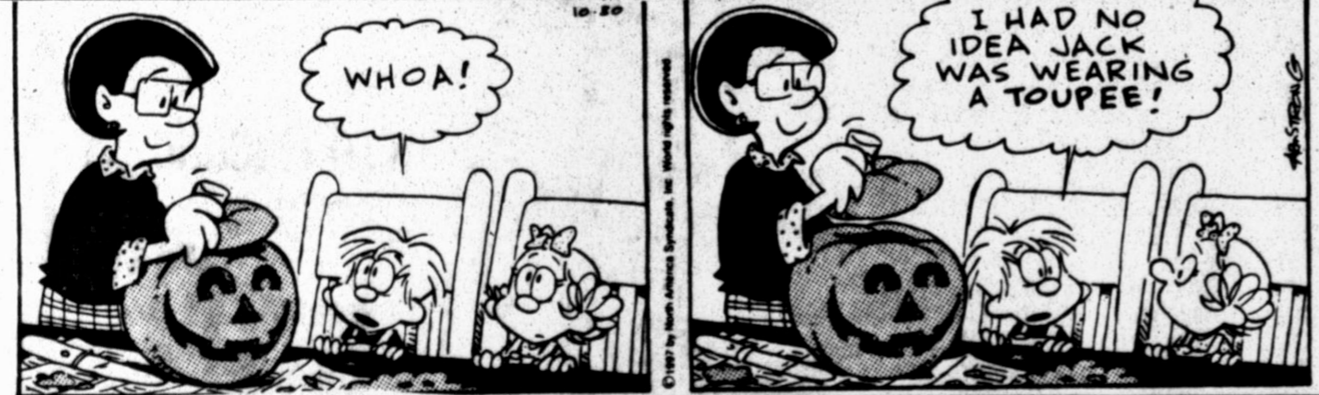
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EXCELLent record books garner Washington trip for local youths

Miriam Wilks and Kylee Auckerman, both of Hereford, recently captured State 4-H record book honors and will spend their Thanksgiving holiday in Washington, D.C., as part of the EXCELL recognition program.

EXCELL (EXperience Citizenship, Examples of Lifetime Leadership)

ship) is a regional program providing recognition for State 4-H Record Book winners from the High Plains. This area includes Districts 1 and 2 of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

The two local youths will be among 13 area 4-H'ers traveling to Washington where they will tour

national landmarks, museums and historical sites. They will have the opportunity to meet various dignitaries.

Wilks and Auckerman are active members of the Deaf Smith County 4-H program. They were both cited in September as recipients of the William J. Danforth "I Dare You" Award. Recently, they were recognized at a luncheon for record book winners during the State Fair of Texas in Dallas.

Miss Wilks, 17-year-old daughter of Andrew and Jan Wilks, is a senior student at Community Christian School. Her winning record book was entered in the Consumer category and she is currently serving as president of Citizens 4-H Club. This past summer, she took State 4-H Round-Up honors by taking first place in Consumer Judging; first place in Consumer Education, public speaking; and third place in Design and Apparel. She has also completed 4-H projects in horse judging, safety, citizenship and health.

Miss Auckerman, a sophomore at Hereford High School, is the 15-year-old daughter of Rick and Georgia Auckerman. She is active in the Showmanship 4-H Club and won first place in State public speaking this year with a Family Life demonstration. Her record book is in Horticulture. She has also been active in food and nutrition, clothing and textiles, sheep and judging activities.

EXCELL was established three years ago as a means of rewarding High Plains youngsters who produced State-winning record books. Other local youth who have previously benefitted from this program include Cady Auckerman, Karon Harder and Erin Auckerman.



Record book winners

Kylee Auckerman, left, and Miriam Wilks were recently recognized at the Texas 4-H Awards Program Recognition Luncheon in Dallas during the Texas State Fair. Each local youth won first place on the state level for a 4-H Record Book. As winners, they have earned them a trip to Washington, D.C. as part of the EXCELL recognition program.

Today in History

By The Associated Press
Today is Thursday, Oct. 30, the 303rd day of 1997. There are 62 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Oct. 30, 1938, the radio play that panicked the nation, "The War of the Worlds," starring Orson Welles, aired on CBS.

On this date:
In 1945, the U.S. government announced the end of shoe rationing.

In 1961, the Soviet Union tested a hydrogen bomb with a force estimated at 58 megatons.

In 1979, President Carter announced his choice of federal appeals judge Shirley Hufstедler to head the newly created Department of Education.

Ten years ago: President Reagan announced that Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev would visit Washington the following December for a summit, during which the two leaders would sign a treaty banning intermediate-range nuclear missiles.

Five years ago: Iran-Contra special prosecutor Lawrence E. Walsh released an excerpt of notes taken by

former Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger in January 1986 which suggested then-Vice President Bush was fully aware of the Reagan administration's arms-for-hostages deal with Iran. (Bush said despite the notes, he was not aware until December 1986 that the arrangement was an actual arms-for-hostages swap.)

One year ago: After a four-hour trial, a Chinese court sentenced pro-democracy activist Wang Dan to 11 years in prison for "conspiring to subvert the Chinese government."

Festival is Friday

A Fall Festival is being sponsored from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday by the Sunday School and Youth of Immanuel Lutheran Church, 100 Avenue B. The family night will feature lots of games, door prizes and candy. The community is welcome to attend the festival which will provide a place for families to have a safe and fun Halloween.

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Area Events

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Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the Jack B. Kelley Student Center Commons. A parents' welcome meeting will begin at 10 a.m. The 1997 Parents of the Year will be announced at the meeting.

A Mom and Dad's Association meeting will be held at 11 a.m. and brunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.

An open house begins at 2 p.m. and parents are then invited to the annual tailgate supper from 5-6 p.m. at Kimbrough Memorial Stadium, followed by the WTAMU football game against Midwestern State University.

For ticket prices and more information, call the office of admissions at 1-800-99-WTAMU or 806-656-2020.

BOVINA

St. Ann's Catholic Church of Bovina is sponsoring its Annual Turkey and Trimmings Dinner from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday.

The menu includes turkey and dressing, creamed potatoes and gravy, green beans, relish plate, cranberry sauce, homemade bread, dessert, and

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Donations will be \$6 for adults and \$3 for children 6 and under.

The dinner will be served in St. Ann's Parish Hall on Third Street in Bovina.

A quilt will be raffled off at the dinner.

AMARILLO

The Don Harrington Discovery Center will debut "Captain Abdul's Pirate School: Charting the Course" on Nov. 15 at the Discovery Center.

The multi-component exhibit that runs through Jan. 4, 1998, deals primarily with navigation, latitude and longitude and how to use a compass. Interactive components will teach the value of being able to orient

yourself in the world utilizing both natural phenomenon and technology.

Exhibit components will demonstrate compass, celestial navigation, maps and charts, sextant, global positioning satellite, and gyroscope.

The Discovery Center was granted permission to use the characters from the popular children's book Captain Abdul's Pirate School by Colin McNaughton. Captain Abdul and his quirky crew provide visitors with a fresh and fun way to learn the logistics of navigation. Accompanying the exhibit will be four life-size sculptures of these characters.

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State Capital HIGHLIGHTS By Lynell Williams & Ed Sterling TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — Texas Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer last week ordered an estimated \$610 million in 1998 liability insurance rate cuts — with almost half going to individual drivers — to assure that tort reform directly saves money for consumers and businesses. Bomer announced his decision at a Houston news conference with Gov. George W. Bush.

through the year 2000 to reflect the anticipated savings from tort reform bills passed in 1995. When added to the estimated \$435.5 million in 1996 cuts and the projected \$441.2 million in reductions Bomer ordered for 1997, the action brings the total insurance impact of tort reform to \$1.5 billion.

Early Voting Under Way Early voting for the Nov. 4 constitutional amendment election started as early as Oct. 18 in some Texas counties and will run through Oct. 31. Secretary of State Tony Garza has launched a multimedia effort urging Texans to vote.

compensation. Ken Waldrep, whose neck snapped in a game against the University of Alabama, was not a school employee and therefore not eligible to collect benefits, state district court jurors ruled.

Bush Appoints Justice Gov. Bush named Dallas appeals court judge Deborah G. Hankinson to fill the seat held by Texas Supreme Court Justice John Cornyn, who stepped down to run for the GOP nomination for Texas attorney general.



Elected Steve Louder, president/general manager of Deaf Smith County Electric Cooperative, recently was elected Region 10 manager/director of the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corp.

GOP's secret donors named

WASHINGTON (AP) — Conservatives who secretly financed Republican TV spots include an oilman, a fruit grower, a former convenience chain entrepreneur and a lumber mill operator with a sign on his door reading: "Official Clinton Free Zone."

Greenspan soothes, warns

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan didn't say, "I told you so," but he could have. Instead, the man who first warned investors about "irrational exuberance" 10 months ago tried to soothe the jangled nerves while at the same time sounding the alarm about potential future market jolts.

Greenspan discussed dangers not only in the countries of Thailand, the Philippines, Indonesia and Malaysia but also more recent troubles in Hong Kong and lingering troubles faced by Japanese banks, burdened by a heavy load of bad loans.

Dairy price support hike lacking backers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Dairy-state lawmakers who want the government to boost price supports for milk are having trouble finding the support they need to get the Clinton administration to act.

The price increase would run counter to the market-oriented 1996 farm law, Glickman said. And neither the Senate nor the House agriculture committees plan to consider the issue, aides said.

Names in the news

BARBARA BUSH COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — Barbara Bush has a message for young women: Do as I say, not as I do. While one might batted an eye when she gave up her early dream of becoming a nurse and left Smith College in 1944 to marry the future president, Mrs. Bush told Columbia College students that things are different now.

surf on the Net occasionally," Mrs. Bush joked, adding that she is "afraid to go into the chat room." PRINCE ALBERT BOSTON (AP) — Prince Albert of Monaco has been given another title: fellow of the Boston University libraries.

The donors were named in bank records provided to a Senate committee and their identities were obtained by The Associated Press. The contributors were able to give unlimited amounts in obscurity, since the organizations receiving the money had no obligation to disclose names and amounts.

NEWS

in brief

NEW HOME SALES SLIP IN SEPTEMBER

WASHINGTON (AP) - New home sales slipped a bit in September but remained strong, while the number of new applications for unemployment benefits fell last week to the lowest level in three months.

New single-family homes sold at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 802,000, down 0.2 percent from 800,000 in August, the Commerce Department said today.

It was the second consecutive decline. Still, September marked the fourth consecutive month of sales at or above 800,000, the longest such stretch in 19 years.

Economists had been looking for a modest 1.2 percent gain in September. Low mortgage rates, plentiful jobs and steady income growth have been supporting sales.

The Labor Department said new applications for unemployment insurance totaled a seasonally adjusted 297,000 last week, down 16,000 from the previous week and the lowest since late July. Many analysts had expected a decline of just 5,000.

FLOWERS SUBPOENAED IN JONES CASE

DALLAS (AP) - Gennifer Flowers, who claims she had an affair with President Clinton, has been subpoenaed to answer questions in Paula Jones' sexual harassment lawsuit against the president.

Ms. Flowers received the subpoena Tuesday and is scheduled to give a deposition Nov. 14, said her lawyer, Rugger Burke.

Burke said he wasn't certain what Ms. Flowers would be asked, but noted that Mrs. Jones' attorneys had asked for tape recordings of conversations and any correspondence between Ms. Flowers and Clinton.

Mrs. Jones alleges in her \$700,000 lawsuit that Clinton, then the Arkansas governor, exposed himself and asked her for oral sex in May 1991. She was a state employee at the time and claims Clinton later used his influence to land her in a dead-end job.

Clinton denies the allegations and says he does not recall meeting Mrs. Jones.

FETUS ABUSE CONVICTION UPHELD

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) - Following up on a ruling that found a viable fetus is a person covered by the state's child abuse laws, the state Supreme Court has upheld a woman's conviction for taking drugs while pregnant.

The court ruled 3-2 to uphold the conviction of Cornelia Whitner, who gave birth to a baby boy with cocaine in his blood.

Ms. Whitner, whose son is living with relatives, was sentenced to eight years in prison for child neglect in 1992 after her newborn tested positive for cocaine. A judge freed her 19 months later, saying child abuse laws do not apply to prenatal actions.

South Carolina Attorney General Charlie Condon appealed Ms. Whitner's release to the state Supreme Court, which upheld her sentence in July 1996. The court ruled that if a fetus can survive apart from its mother, it is a child under child abuse laws.

JUDGE GIVES OK TO RADIATION SETTLEMENT

CINCINNATI (AP) - A federal judge approved a tentative deal that would pay \$36,000 to \$66,000 to each family of cancer patients who were given large experimental radiation doses during the Cold War.

U.S. District Judge Sandra Beckwith granted preliminary approval of the \$4.3 million settlement Wednesday. She scheduled a March 16 hearing to allow the relatives to comment on the settlement.

The proposed settlement also would require a memorial plaque at the University of Cincinnati campus and an apology from the federal government. Other defendants were the city of Cincinnati and several researchers.

The lawsuit stems from treatments between 1960 and 1972 on about 90 patients at General Hospital, which joined the university's hospital system in 1979.

BLACKLISTED SCREENWRITER DIES

OXNARD, Calif. (AP) - Paul Jarrico spent decades working to restore credits to screenwriters like himself who were blacklisted during the Red Scare.

He finally got an industry apology but had precious little time to savor it.

Jarrico was killed when his car veered off the Pacific Coast Highway and slammed into a tree as he drove home from a luncheon honoring the blacklisted writers, who were targeted by the House Un-American Activities Committee in October 1947. He was 82.

Jarrico died at the scene of Tuesday's crash. A day earlier, he and other blacklisted screenwriters received a standing ovation - and a belated apology - at a historic awards dinner sponsored by Hollywood's four major talent guilds.

FRATERNITY EXPELLED FOR OFFENSIVE HUNT

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (AP) - Fear and anger spread across the Indiana University campus because a fraternity played a prank that crossed the line, the dean of students said in handing down the harshest punishment available.

The university expelled Zeta Beta Tau on Wednesday for sending new pledges to search for 22 items, including photos of a midget, "2 chicks kissing (less clothes, more credit)" and "any funny-lookin' Mexican."

The penalty was harsher than that recommended by the university's Fraternity and Judicial Board, which had suggested suspending the historically Jewish fraternity through Jan. 1, 2000, followed by a year of probation.

"The actions of these young men generated fear and anger," said Richard McKaig, dean of students. "Enough is enough."

LAWMAKERS CONCERNED ABOUT TRADING HALTS

WASHINGTON (AP) - Amid the rosy afterglow of the stock market recovery, U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, and other lawmakers are raising concerns about the operation of so-called circuit breakers, temporary trading halts used for the first time in Monday's selloff.

They questioned Wednesday whether the mandatory pauses, designed to give a steeply falling market a breather and halt panic selling, might actually worsen market instability.

The chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission, speaking publicly for the first time since Monday's plunge, said the circuit breakers "functioned as designed." But he called such concerns "legitimate" and promised that the agency would study the trading curbs.

And Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan said he "has never been wholly friendly to circuit breakers or stopping markets, because I'm always concerned as to how in the world are you going to get them started again?"

Greenspan and the SEC chairman, Arthur Levitt Jr., were testifying on broader issues before two separate congressional committees.

CHINA PURCHASING 50 BOEING JETLINERS

WASHINGTON (AP) - China is making its biggest purchase of airplanes in history - 50 Boeing jetliners for \$3 billion, President Clinton says.

"This contract will support tens of thousands of American jobs and provide China with a modern fleet of passenger planes," Clinton said Wednesday during a news conference at the White House compound with Chinese President Jiang Zemin.

Phil Condit, chairman and CEO of the Seattle-based Boeing Co., was signing the contract today in a ceremony at the Commerce Department with U.S. Commerce Secretary William Daley and senior Chinese government officials.

In both China and the United States, "trade has been a critical catalyst for growth," Clinton said Wednesday.

"China is the fastest-growing market in the world for our goods and services," he said.

HOUSE SUPPORTS IMMIGRATION STATUTE

WASHINGTON (AP) - By an unexpectedly large margin, the House has voiced support for an immigration program that allows certain illegal immigrants to remain here while applying for legal residence in exchange for paying \$1,000 fines.

Conservative Republican critics of the program had wanted the House to stand fast against a Senate-passed bill that would make the measure a permanent part of U.S. immigration law.

But on a 268-153 vote Wednesday, the House rejected a motion to instruct its negotiators not to give in to the Senate. While the motion was non-binding, the vote was a key test of the House's support.

Jubilant supporters of the program predicted that the vote will strengthen their campaign to keep the measure alive.

Twice, Congress has temporarily extended the program, which was originally due to expire Sept. 30. The latest extension expires Nov. 7.

TICKET-WRITING CONTEST TRIGGERS OUTRAGE

SUGAR LAND (AP) - A contest that offered a steak dinner to the police officer who wrote the most traffic tickets during an eight-hour shift is under investigation, authorities say.

The contest was apparently an attempt by a sergeant to motivate his patrol officers, but city officials quickly distanced themselves from the contest Wednesday.

Sugar Land Police Chief Earnest Taylor said such a contest is "completely and absolutely unacceptable and would not be tolerated."

City Manager David Neeley said the incident is under investigation and a decision on how to discipline the officer should be made by the end of next week.

Police officers are not judged by how many tickets they write, Neeley said.

COUNCIL MEETING RULED ILLEGAL

ALVIN (AP) - The Texas Attorney General's office says the Alvin city council apparently violated the Texas Open Meetings Act in an unscheduled meeting, according to a published report.

The *Brazosport Facts* reported today that Craig Leavers, an investigator with the open records division of the Attorney General's Office made the determination after council members met in an unposted session Wednesday morning.

The unposted session was held after the council failed to obtain a quorum during a special meeting Tuesday night. Only three of the seven council members attended and agreed to a suggestion by Mayor Joe Rossano that they recess the meeting until the following day.

No one in the audience of about 35 objected.

Councilman Larry Townsend said council members agreed to the unorthodox meeting because of the time-sensitive nature of one of the agenda items.

STATEMENT INDICATES KOS ADMITTED MOLESTATIONS

DALLAS (AP) - Although he has repeatedly maintained his innocence, Rudolph "Rudy" Kos told a psychiatrist in 1992 that he molested about 20 boys, *The Dallas Morning News* reported today.

In a copyright story, the newspaper reported that the suspended priest's attorney said he learned from a reporter Wednesday about the 1992 statement, which was made to a doctor working with a Catholic treatment center in New Mexico.

Dr. Jay Feerman's written account of the admission accompanied a deposition he gave to plaintiffs who recently won a landmark civil verdict against the Catholic Diocese of Dallas.

Brad Lollar, Kos' criminal-defense attorney, says that he is unaware of any evidence against his client other than the testimony of former altar boys.

"I'm not aware of any confessions," said Lollar, who will get his first look at the prosecutors' case in a hearing Friday.

ANTIQUA COFFINS GO DOWN RIVER WALK

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - San Antonio will take on the feel of mythic Transylvania this weekend, with ghouls milling around the Alamo and a parade of antique coffins floating through a rolling fog on the River Walk.

It's all part of the city's efforts to become the "Halloween headquarters of Texas" in festivities that kick off today.

"Other cities may have haunted houses, but they don't have a haunted river," said Sam Gorena, executive director of Paseo del Rio, which is organizing the Halloween events.

GERMANY ORDERS BUDGET FREEZE

BONN, Germany (AP) - Germany ordered a budget freeze today as a part of its long-running battle to stay on track for the debut of a shared European currency.

Finance Minister Theo Waigel determined the freeze was necessary because a shortfall in tax revenues this year promises to be even bigger than expected, spokeswoman Barbara Eckrich said. The order takes effect Friday.

Record postwar unemployment is straining Germany budget, pushing up spending on benefits for the jobless.

The new measures bar unbudgeted spending by any department unless approved by Waigel and also include a federal hiring freeze.

DEMOS TO RETURN OHIO FIRM'S DONATION


WASHINGTON (AP) - The Democratic Party will give back a \$100,000 donation from an Ohio firm because of questions about whether the money came from an Egyptian citizen, a party official said.

The refund is the latest for the Democratic National Committee, which is being investigated by Congress and the Justice Department over allegations that donations made during the 1996 presidential election may have come from foreign sources. It is illegal for foreigners to make political contributions.

Global Resource Management Inc., based in Dublin, Ohio, asked the DNC to refund the donation that it made on Aug. 12, 1996, for a fund-raiser for President Clinton's birthday.

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