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NEWS in brief

"HEREFORD" BUSINESSMAN PLANS PRESENTATION TO JOSSERAND

A Hereford businessman-entrepreneur will make a special presentation Nov. 11 to Mayor Bob Josslerand that will earn him a "specification" for the Guinness Book of Records.

That doesn't sound at all unusual. After all, Josslerand is the mayor of Hereford, so it's only natural that he would represent the city in such an event.

What is unusual, however, is the "Hereford" businessman. He's Dave Vernon, and he's a resident of Hereford, England, not Hereford, Texas. Don Cumpton, executive vice president of Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce, said Vernon plans to deliver a 5-gallon container of beer, made from hops grown by Vernon in the English Hereford.

The presentation of the beer to Josslerand is tentatively set for 2 p.m. Nov. 11 at City Hall, 224 N. Lee.

Cumpton has invited community leaders to be at the presentation. He also plans to present Vernon with an "honorary Bull Chip" plaque. Cumpton said he also has received letters and telephone calls from Vernon in connection with the visit to Deaf Smith County.

"While the hops are a major crop in Hereford, England, the Bull Chip will represent the large cattle feeding industry of Deaf Smith County," Cumpton said.

He also will give Vernon a \$10 bill - the result of a wager he made with Vernon on the recent Ryder Cup matches.

The bet was made during a telephone conversation, and the European team won the golf matches.

The English Hereford is a city of 690,400 people in County Worcester, which is west of London. It also is home to the Hereford United Football Club, a member of the English Football League.

That's soccer in Hereford, Texas.

LADY WHITEFACES HAMMER MAIDENS TO ADVANCE IN AREA PLAYOFFS

The Hereford Lady Whitefaces took a big first step on the road to Austin, routing the San Angelo Lake View Maidens 15-4, 15-2 in front of 600 at Cub Gymnasium Tuesday night in the area round of the Class 4A playoffs.

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SLOW-MOVING COLD FRONT TO BRING WINDY, COOLER CONDITIONS

By The Associated Press

A weak, slow-moving cold front will bring cooler temperatures to Texas tonight and Thursday.

The front was moving slowly southward early today along a line through extreme West Texas and the Concho Valley to between Wichita Falls and Abilene. It was expected to produce windy conditions and perhaps a few showers and thunderstorms in eastern sections of North Texas.

West Texas will have mostly sunny days and clear nights. Skies will be clearing across most of North Texas by late tonight, but there may be a few widely scattered showers in southeastern areas. It will be clear and cool on Thursday.

Lows tonight will be in the 30s and 40s in West Texas, the 40s in North Texas and in the 50s and 60s in South Texas.

Highs Thursday will be in the 60s and 70s in West Texas.

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REPUBLICANS HOLD ONTO STATEHOUSES TO SWEEP OFF-YEAR VOTING

By The Associated Press

Trumpeting statehouse victories in Virginia and New Jersey, Republicans swept off-year voting and claimed bragging rights heading into next year's pivotal midterm elections. "You cannot allow Republicans to get the advantage on taxes," a prominent Democrat said after the GOP had done just that.

In New Jersey, GOP Gov. Christie Whitman won a cliffhanger re-election in the marquee race of 1997, defeating a surprisingly tough Democratic opponent and overcoming disenchantment among conservative Republicans. A GOP newcomer easily retained custody of the sole House seat at stake in Tuesday's elections in New York's Staten Island.

Republicans stretched their control of the Virginia statehouse with victories in the governor's race and two other statewide offices.

GOP Mayor Rudolph Giuliani marched to re-election in New York City, one of many mayors of both parties returned to office by satisfied voters.

"Great momentum!" crowed Republican Party Chairman Jim Nicholson, predicting the anti-tax message that worked for the GOP in Virginia could be replayed nationwide next year.

AU PAIR'S ATTORNEYS ARGUE FOR TOSSING VERDICT, LOSE BID TO SHOW EVIDENCE THEY DIDN'T USE

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) - Louise Woodward's lawyers got a chance to argue that her murder conviction should be reduced, but the judge rejected their attempts to introduce evidence they chose not to argue before the jury.

Prosecutors reminded the judge that the British au pair got a fair trial and he shouldn't substitute his judgment for the panel's.

Superior Court Judge Hiller B. Zobel appeared unsympathetic Tuesday as the 19-year-old woman's defense team conceded that its strategic decision to let the jury consider only first- or second-degree murder in the death of 8-month-old Matthew Eappen "can be seen as a mistake."

The baby's mother, Deborah Eappen, said in a televised interview that Ms. Woodward's outwardly respectable demeanor made it difficult to believe she could be a killer.

"The idea that someone who looks normal, or friendly, or young, or, I hate to use stereotypes, a young, white, soft-spoken, British accent, intelligent girl could harm your child - it's terrifying to people," she said in an interview to air tonight on CNN's "Larry King Live" program.

ELECTION '97

Deaf Smith County Constitutional Amendment Election
November 7, 1995
Election Day Plus Early Voting

Registered Voters by Precinct		1708	2240	2856	1712	82	168	88	53	60	8,967	
Ballots Cast by Precinct		218	84	88	255	16	27	23	7	15	818	
AMENDMENT/PROPOSITION		EARLY	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	TOTAL
PROP #1: Allow a person to hold more than one office	FOR	112	38	34	113	26	8	7	6	4	6	354
	AGAINST	102	42	50	136	58	8	19	17	3	9	444
PROP #2: Limit increase in appraised value. Allow transfer of tax freeze to another property	FOR	176	62	55	188	63	10	18	16	5	11	604
	AGAINST	35	19	28	55	17	6	8	7	2	4	181
PROP #3: Allow exemption for taxes for water conservation	FOR	153	56	50	153	56	14	13	13	3	10	521
	AGAINST	54	23	30	87	23	2	13	10	3	4	249
PROP #4: Cleanup of Constitution numbering	FOR	173	57	51	177	59	10	15	21	6	10	579
	AGAINST	30	21	24	58	19	5	11	2	1	4	175
PROP #5: Allow Supreme Court to sit at other locations	FOR	125	60	40	154	47	11	10	12	2	7	468
	AGAINST	78	21	37	85	29	5	16	11	5	7	294
PROP #6: Allow Texas Growth Fund to invest in South Africa	FOR	92	31	27	106	26	7	9	5	2	5	310
	AGAINST	115	50	47	137	53	8	15	17	5	9	456
PROP #7: Allow Texas Water Development Board to invest more efficiently	FOR	151	62	58	166	48	8	11	13	4	7	528
	AGAINST	54	18	22	70	32	8	15	10	3	7	239
PROP #8: Allow home equity loans	FOR	104	32	38	133	43	9	10	4	2	2	377
	AGAINST	110	50	43	118	41	7	16	19	5	13	422
PROP #9: Allow ad valorem tax rate in Harris County of .05	FOR	137	34	37	128	34	9	10	15	3	6	413
	AGAINST	60	38	36	84	38	7	13	7	3	7	293
PROP #10: Limit use of Victims of Crime Fund	FOR	154	58	55	162	55	7	13	15	5	7	531
	AGAINST	55	22	21	73	23	9	14	8	2	6	233
PROP #11: Limiting the amount of state debt	FOR	161	59	49	159	51	12	12	19	4	8	534
	AGAINST	49	21	29	71	27	4	15	4	3	5	228
PROP #12: Establishing deadline for Supreme Court ruling	FOR	179	63	61	193	63	13	20	21	6	8	627
	AGAINST	31	17	19	43	14	3	7	2	1	5	142
PROP #13: Protection of the Texas Tomorrow Fund	FOR	173	62	69	179	63	12	19	19	6	8	610
	AGAINST	37	20	10	56	14	4	8	3	1	6	159
PROP #14: Allow legislature to establish Constable qualifications	FOR	162	59	57	178	56	12	18	17	5	8	572
	AGAINST	45	22	20	54	20	4	9	6	2	6	188

County's voters follow statewide trend

Staff and Wire Reports

Deaf Smith voters followed the trend set by other Texas voters in Tuesday's election, approving most of the 14 constitutional amendments on the ballot. However, the county voters split dramatically with the rest of the state in opposing Proposition 8, which would allow home equity lending.

The home equity lending amendment was the most controversial proposition on the ballot, and its approval will mean that Texas has joined the rest of the Union in allowing homeowners to borrow against the equity in their property. Texas had been the only state to prohibit such lending.

In Deaf Smith County, just 818 voters - slightly more than 9 percent - cast ballots in the election. Of that 818, early voting accounted for 218 ballots.

With 100 percent of the state's precincts reporting, here are the statewide results of the election:

Proposition 1: Allowing a person to hold the position of municipal judge in more than one municipality. Defeated: 37 percent in favor; 63 percent opposed.

Proposition 2: Permitting the Legislature to limit the maximum average annual increase in homestead appraisal valuations to 10 percent or more for each year since the most recent tax appraisal. Also would permit school districts to retroactively apply the 65-and-over property tax freeze to a person's new homestead. Approved: 76 percent to 24 percent.

Proposition 3: Allowing counties, cities, towns and other local taxing entities the power to grant exemptions or other property tax relief on property where approved water conservation initiatives have been implemented. Approved: 62 percent to 38 percent.

Proposition 4: Updating the Texas Constitution to reflect amendments to federal law, delete obsolete provisions and renumber provisions with duplicate numbers. Approved: 79 percent to 21 percent.

Proposition 5: Allowing the Texas Supreme Court to hold sessions at any location in the state. Approved: 59 percent to 41 percent.

Proposition 6: Repealing prohibition on Texas Growth Fund investment in companies that fail to disclose investment in South Africa or Namibia. In favor, 50 percent; opposed, 50 percent. In the final vote total, 564,015 voted against and 562,386 were in favor of the measure.

Proposition 7: Allowing the Texas Water Development Board to consolidate existing voter-approved bond authorizations for water supply, water quality, flood control and other programs into a new fund. Approved: 64 percent to 36 percent.

Proposition 8: Removes most restrictions against home equity lending. Approved: 60 percent for, 40 percent again.

Proposition 9: Permitting Harris County rural fire districts to increase tax rate. Approved: 53 percent to 47 percent.

Proposition 10: Dedicating the crime victims' compensation fund and its auxiliary fund only for victim-related compensation, services or assistance. Approved: 69 percent; opposed, 31 percent.

Proposition 11: Prohibiting the Legislature from authorizing additional state debt payable from general revenue if the resulting annual payments would exceed 5 percent of the average general revenue available over the past three years. Approved: 68 percent; opposed, 32 percent.

Proposition 12: Requiring the Texas Supreme Court to rule on a motion for rehearing within 180 days of its filing or have the motion deemed denied. Approved: 75 percent to 25 percent.

Proposition 13: Backing the Texas Tomorrow Fund prepaid college tuition program. Approved: 72 percent; opposed, 28 percent.

Proposition 14: Authorizing the Legislature to establish qualifications for constables. Approved: 78 percent to 22 percent.

Proposition 8 author looking at ways to ease more limits

AUSTIN (AP) - Now that Texas has joined the other 49 states in allowing people to obtain home equity loans, some already are thinking about ways to permit bigger loans for even more purposes.

"Once we've got it passed, then we can sit down and intelligently, without any emotion, discuss how to make it the way it ought to be," said Sen. Jerry Patterson, an author of the equity loan constitutional amendment approved Tuesday.

He said he would like to lift the restriction that says a homeowner's total debt, including original and second mortgages, can't be more than 80 percent of the home's market value.

Patterson, R-Pasadena, said he also wants to give people access to lines of credit secured by a house, which are prohibited.

Others said changes won't be easy - and they're glad when it comes to consumer protection.

Tom Smith of Public Citizen said Texas' law is one of the best for consumers, citing such measures as caps on fees and mandatory counseling for senior citizens.

The home equity lending measure provides for a cooling-off period

to allow borrowers to back out of a loan without penalty and has a "non-recourse" provision, so only the home can be taken if someone defaults on a second mortgage.

"I think that putting the consumer protections in the constitution was a brilliant move. They're going to have a hard time finding two-thirds of the members of the House willing to change those," Smith said.

A two-thirds vote of the Legislature is required to put a proposed constitutional change before voters.

Even with protections, Smith said, "Consumer debt will rise. And, inevitably, more Texans will lose their homes."

With 100 percent of precincts reporting, the vote was 60 percent, or 698,815 for and 40 percent, or 474,418 against Proposition 8, one of 14 proposed amendments on the ballot.

Texas had been the only state to prohibit general-purpose loans based on equity, which is the difference between a home's market value and the amount owed on it. The state allowed equity loans only for limited purposes, such as paying for taxes or home improvements.

According to legislative analysts, the value of untapped home equity

in Texas is estimated to be between \$124 billion and \$142 billion.

"It means I get to use something that 100 percent belongs to me as I see fit, and not as the government sees fit," Patterson said.

Several banks planned to start taking loan applications right away, although the loans can't be closed until Jan. 1.

UC Lending, a Baton Rouge, La.-based company that specializes in home-equity loans, plans to open offices in Texas beginning in January. The company said the measure will mean loans for Texans with less-than-perfect credit.

"We can help them get financial stability again, without charging the high rates typical of credit cards and finance companies," said company president and chief operating officer, John Dienes.

Voters also ratified 12 other amendments. Among those approved were Propositions 10 and 13, which would make the state's crime victims' compensation and prepaid college tuition funds off-limits to raids by the Legislature.

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Local Roundup

Scholarship announced

The 1998 Beef Industry Scholarship Program will award 16 students each a \$1,250 scholarship for 1998. To be eligible, students must major in agriculture at a four-year college, write a brief letter saying what role the student anticipates playing in the beef industry and write a 750-word essay describing an issue confronting the beef industry and offer solutions. Applications must be postmarked by Dec. 8. Scholarships will be awarded during the NCBA Cattleman's Centennial Convention in Denver in February. For more information, contact NCBA at (303) 694-0305.

Benefit Dance

The Hereford Elks Lodge will sponsor a benefit dance Nov. 15, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the lodge at 325 E. Austin road. Music will be provided by Doug Schroeter. Cost will be \$5 per person with the proceeds going to the Deaf Smith County Crime Stoppers. Everyone is invited to attend.

Mostly clear

Tonight, mostly clear with a low in the lower 30s and light and variable wind. Thursday, mostly sunny with a high in the mid-60s. Southwest to south wind 10-15 mph.

3- to 5-day forecast

Friday, mostly clear, low in mid-30s and high in lower 70s.
 Saturday, partly cloudy, low in mid-30s and high around 65.
 Sunday, mostly cloudy, windy and cooler, with low around 30 and high in the lower 50s.

News Digest

FORT WORTH WOMAN, 96, SEXUALLY ASSAULTED TWICE
 FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) - A 96-year-old Fort Worth woman who has to use a walker and lives alone has told police that she's been sexually assaulted in her home twice in less than two months.

Although she could provide only a vague description, the woman says she's positive the same man attacked her both times.

The told police that the first attack occurred on the night of Sept. 5 and morning of Sept. 6. She said the man stayed in her house for about 12 hours and raped her twice.

She said she went outside on Monday of last week to retrieve her dog, and the man slipped into her home and sexually assaulted her when she came back. She said he stayed about two hours last week.

The woman told police Johnson that as he was leaving after the first attack, the man said he would come back.

BLACK VOTERS HELP KILL ANTI-AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PLAN
 HOUSTON (AP) - Minority voters, particularly blacks, appeared to play a pivotal role in stopping an anti-affirmative action measure from passing in Houston.

Tuesday's referendum on affirmative action was the first since California adopted Proposition 209 last year. In a close contest, opponents defeated the ballot proposal, 163,651 or 55 percent, to 136,302, or 45 percent.

According to longtime political analyst Richard Murray, black voters were the key in keeping Proposition A - modeled after Proposition 209 - from taking hold in Houston. The Houston measure would have eliminated affirmative action in awarding city contracts.

"The big difference here, compared to California, is that blacks voted solidly and turned out in solid numbers," Murray said.

In California, more blacks voted to end affirmative action, some 27 percent for Proposition 209 compared to about 73 percent against, said Murray, a University of Houston political science professor.

BROWN, MOSBACHER IN RUNOFF IN HOUSTON
 HOUSTON (AP) - Republican activist Rob Mosbacher will have to turn up the heat to win the job as Houston mayor over Lee Brown, former drug czar for President Clinton, a longtime pollster says.

"Buckle your seatbelts," Richard Murray, a political science professor at the University of Houston, said after Mosbacher and Brown officially advanced to a runoff.

"Coming off a disappointing finish, if he (Mosbacher) is going to make a race of it, he's going to have to mix it up."

Murray said there was low turnout in heavily conservative areas.

"He didn't really stir up that base much," Murray said. "I assume that means he's going to take a few swings at Lee Brown soon. He needs to polarize it because Brown has got all the blacks already."

PRIEST RESIGNS AMID SEXUAL MISCONDUCT CHARGES
 SAN ANTONIO (AP) - Monsignor John A. Flynn, pastor of South Texas' largest Catholic parish, has resigned and retired from the active ministry in the wake of sexual misconduct allegations, Archbishop Patrick Flores says.

Flynn's resignation was made public in a statement from Flores that was read to parishioners at Mass on Tuesday morning by the Rev. Jeff Pehl, associate pastor of St. Matthew's Catholic Church.

"With the announcement of Monsignor Flynn's resignation, Archbishop Flores has now confirmed that the allegations concerning him (Flynn) are true, including sexual misconduct with a female adolescent some years ago," the statement said.

"Monsignor Flynn has admitted the allegations are true. He has resigned as pastor of St. Matthew's Parish and retired from active ministry," Pehl read from the statement.

Flores' office said the archbishop would make no additional comments and would not answer questions about the resignation, the *San Antonio Express-News* reported today.

CITY WORKERS HELP MAN RECOVER SHOES FROM DUMP
 DALLAS (AP) - Greg Rohan opened his car's trunk and grabbed a plastic bag he expected to contain dress shoes worth \$2,000.

But instead of his Bruno Maglis, he found a bag full of household garbage.

Rohan intended to take the bag of shoes to a shop to be shined and was carrying them in one plastic bag and the household garbage in the other. He realized he had placed the wrong bag in the trash bin.

"I turned white as a ghost," said Rohan, executive vice president of the Heritage Rare Coin Galleries in Highland Park. "In a moment of horror, I saw a bag of Ferragamo and Bruno Magli shoes worth \$2,000 heading to the dump."

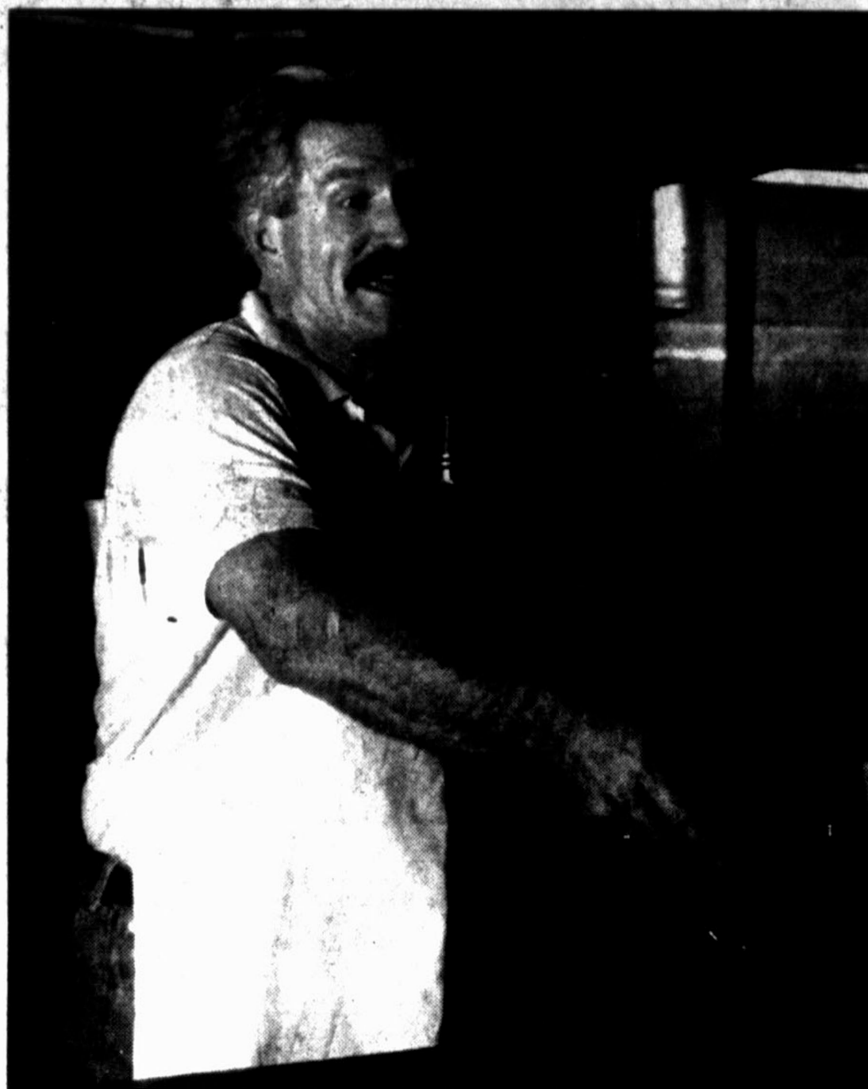
"I'd really done a bonehead thing that would be very expensive and inconvenient to fix," he said.

SEPARATISTS GET LONG PRISON TERMS
 ALPINE (AP) - Defense attorneys are expressing confidence that the organized crime convictions of two Texas separatists won't hold up for long.

Republic of Texas leader Richard McLaren was sentenced Tuesday to 99 years in prison and fined \$10,000 and his top aide, Robert Otto, was sentenced to 50 years and fined \$10,000.

Both men immediately told their attorneys they want to appeal. "I think it's going to come back," McLaren's attorney, Frank Brown, said outside the courtroom. "I've been at this a long time and this is probably the best appeal I've ever seen."

Brown and Mike Barclay, Otto's lawyer, said their appeals will be based on defense contentions that prosecutors failed to prove their case against the separatists.



Flip that flapjack

Kiwanis Club member, Lloyd Ames really got into his work Tuesday as he flipped flapjacks at the annual Kiwanis Club pancake and sausage supper.

UP loses defense contracts

Improvements must be made

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - The government says it has decided to stop using Union Pacific trains to haul weapons and munitions shipments for the government - at least until the railroad improves its operations.

The Defense Department said Tuesday that Union Pacific failed recently to guard tanks that the company left parked on a rail siding for four days.

Officials said Tuesday that the military will Union Pacific only if it can find no cheaper alternative that meets the military's security requirements.

The *San Antonio Express-News* reported today that the decision was taken by the Military Traffic Management Command after a shipment of 63-ton M-1 Abrams tanks sat unattended on a Lafayette, La., railroad siding.

The military requires checks within an hour of a train's stopping for any reason.

Military officials said the cross-country train from Barstow, Calif., was 24 days late when it reached its destination in Jacksonville, Fla.

"Someone has to monitor them; in other words, look at them, make

sure the tanks are there and make sure they are properly secured," command spokeswoman Lyn Kukral said.

The decision to temporarily disqualify Dallas-based Union Pacific, which hauls more military goods than any other railroad, is the first time the military has taken such a step for a company's entire rail network, officials said.

"It is unusual," Union Pacific spokesman John Bromley said. "I don't recall a systemwide disqualification before."

Officials told the newspaper the order was issued last month, confirmed Tuesday and will be reviewed in January. If Union Pacific has improved its service record, military officials said, the limited disqualification will be rescinded.

Union Pacific has been a major military hauler of ammunition, tanks, jeeps and personnel carriers.

"Trains stop for hundreds of reasons. If the train has Abrams tanks, they require a check," Bromley said. "That is difficult to do even under the best of circumstances."

The past few months have not been the best for rail giant Union Pacific.



Cute babies for United Way

Karen Sherrod, director of the local United Way, collects a check for \$1,124.01 from Alco manager Dave Jorgenson. The funds were collected from the annual cute baby contest and were nearly twice what the store predicted and nearly three times the goal set by the corporate office.

Emergency Services

Activities reported by the law enforcement agencies include:

- Police Department Arrests**
- A 41-year-old man was arrested in the 300 block of Avenue H and charged with public intoxication.
- A 39-year-old man was arrested in the 300 block of Avenue H and charged with public intoxication.
- Disorderly conduct was reported in the 200 block of Avenue F.
- An accidental death was reported in the 200 block of Ironwood.
- A report of failure to give notice upon striking an unattended vehicle.
- An assault reported in the 700 block of east Third.
- An assault was reported in the 700 block of La Plata Drive.

- Theft of service was reported in the 300 block of West 15th.
- A stalking report was filed in the 600 block of Irving.
- A domestic disturbance was reported in the 200 block of Avenue I.
- A domestic disturbance was reported in the 600 block of Irving.
- A domestic disturbance was reported in the 600 block of Avenue G.
- Disorderly conduct reported in the 900 block of south McKinley.
- 11 traffic tickets were issued.
- 4 minor traffic accidents reported
- Fire Department**
- At 7:58 p.m. fire fighters responded to 612 Irving for a rescue.

Books are good infant medicine

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - The poking and prodding are over and now 18-month-old Gecaria Wilson's face lights up. The doctor has brought her a familiar present.

"Boo! Boo!" she says, clutching the present, a book so new the pages stick together. When someone opens the back cover, she turns it upside down - even at her age, she knows front from back.

The children's clinic at the Medical Center of Louisiana at New Orleans is one of dozens using a growing national prescription of sorts. The clinic hands out new books at each baby checkup, from when the infant is six months old to 5 years. Parents are also told about the importance of reading.

The Reach Out and Read program started at the Boston Medical Center eight years ago is going nationwide: The American Academy of Pediatrics is including it as part of its "Prescription for Reading" program.

That means the academy's 53,000 members in North America and Central America will be urged to use the reading program, which was named a model for child development last spring by the White House.

"I'm just tickled there's a focus on something as vital to success as reading for children," says Stephen Hales, a New Orleans pediatrician.

"Very few things are as strong a prediction of success in education and life as a foundation in reading."

Dr. Barry Zuckerman, who developed Reach Out and Read, and academy president Robert Hannemann were expected to explain the program today at the academy's meeting here.

The program includes pads for doctors to write out prescriptions for reading. Publishers have donated 250,000 books and Visa is providing 7 million "reading checkup" booklets.

The 20-page booklets ask parents whether their children "respond happily to reading by waving hands or batting the pages? Point to something in a picture and say its name?"

The booklets also have "Not to worry!" sections. It's okay, parents are reassured, if a baby teethes on books or even if a child shows little interest in reading.

"Put the book down and try again later," they're advised.

Hales says he and his partners spend hundreds of dollars each year on good books for their waiting room, which doesn't have a television. He tells parents to read to their babies from birth.

Children learn from being cuddled and read to, even when they're too young to understand the words. They learn that books mean closeness and fun, that books and words go together and which direction their language moves on the page - in English, from left to right. Nursery rhymes and stories in verse show them the rhythms of language.

Reading to children also gives them skills they need when they get to school, says Reid Lyon, chief of child development and behavior at the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development.

Children whose parents don't have books often don't know which end of a book is up when they get to school, he says. Those who don't hear nursery rhymes or play word games may not realize that words are made of different sounds.

"If we ask these little kids what rhymes with cat, they'll say 'Kitty' or 'Dog' - not 'Mat, fat sat.' They can't rhyme unless they can slice a sound off and replace it," Lyon says.

Kids from poor homes and homes without books are likely to read poorly.

"But if we get to them early enough, in first or second grade, with informed instruction, at least 90 to 95 percent come up to grade range," Lyon says.

Reach Out and Read hasn't yet studied whether its babies turn into better readers than others, Zuckerman says. But the program has found its mothers are four times as likely to read to their children than those who aren't involved - and mothers who receive welfare payments are eight times more likely if they participate.

Many of the mothers who bring babies to the Medical Center cannot buy enough food, let alone books. Some can't read.

"We tell them they can help enjoy the book in other ways," co-director Ellen Beyer says. "They can enjoy the pictures and go through the book from beginning to end, telling a story even if it's not the story on the page."

Doctors enjoy handing out the books, too.



Big bucks

Melinda Henson, center, showed that shopping in Hereford can pay big dividends after she was named the winner of \$500 in Hereford Bucks earlier this week. A drawing, which was sponsored by local merchants, businesses and the Deaf Smith Chamber of Commerce, was held in conjunction with the retail community's annual "Home for the Holiday's".

Obituaries

GARY COLEMAN
 Nov. 4, 1997

Gary Coleman, 43, of Hereford died Tuesday.

Services will be 10 a.m. Thursday at the Church of the Nazarene with Pastor Ted Taylor officiating. Interment will be in Rest Lawn Memorial Park. Arrangements are under the direction of Gililand Watson Funeral Home.

Mr. Coleman was born Nov. 11, 1953 in Hereford to Bruce Coleman and Norma Jo Busby Coleman. He married Joanie Paetzold Jan. 10, 1975.

He is survived by his wife Joanie Coleman; two sons, Brandon and Brent Coleman; one daughter, Kyla Coleman; parents, Bruce and Jo Coleman all of Hereford and one sister, Cindy Lemons of New Mexico.

The family requests that memorials be made to the Coleman Children Education Fund at First Bank Southwest.

LOTTO

TEXAS LOTTERY

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery: **6-10-21-22-37**

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery, in order: **2-9-3**

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Lifestyles

Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: I had to write when I read the letter from "Van-couver," whose mother constantly nags her to get married. If her mother is anything like mine, I doubt that getting married will change anything.

By the time I was in my mid-20s, my mother started asking, "When are you going to get married?" After I married, she found another subject, "When are you going to give me grandchildren?" I finally announced, at age 39, that I was pregnant, and her only comment was "You're too old to be having a baby."

At last, I have a great job, a wonderful husband, a beautiful baby and a busy life, but my mother is still complaining, "You don't visit often enough." When I go to see her, she always finds something wrong. After my last visit, she called to say she didn't like the way I combed my hair and the outfit I wore made me look fat.

By now, I'm sure you get the picture, Ann. What can I do about my mother's constant criticism? -- Pueblo, Colo.

Dear Pueblo: Absolutely nothing. Criticism is your mother's major vehicle for communication, and she will never change. Listen, smile, and do as you please. The good Lord gave you two ears so comments like your mother's can go in one and out the other.

Dear Ann Landers: My husband started balding at 24 and became increasingly self-conscious and insecure about it. In an attempt to disguise the thinning process, "Tom" spent more and more time styling what hair he had left and decided the best solution was to sweep the remaining strands across the bald spot on top. This made him look ridiculous.

Tom was extremely defensive when I suggested he leave the top bald. I begged him to give it a try while on vacation and no one would see. He agreed. The first barber we encountered cut his hair short, revealing the bald spot. I loved it.

By the end of the first week, Tom was a completely different person--relaxed and confident. When we

returned home, people complimented him on his great tan and the new look. It changed our lives. He now enjoys water sports, windy days and baseball caps. No more wig manuals and hair-growing goop. His list of clients has expanded, and the bald jokes are now funny. He tried shaving it all off once, but we decided we like the fringe better. -- On Top of It in Sun City Center, Fla.

Dear Sun City: How nice that Tom discovered bald can be beautiful. Yul Brynner, the patron saint of the Shining Dome, was the trailblazer. Bless his hairless head.

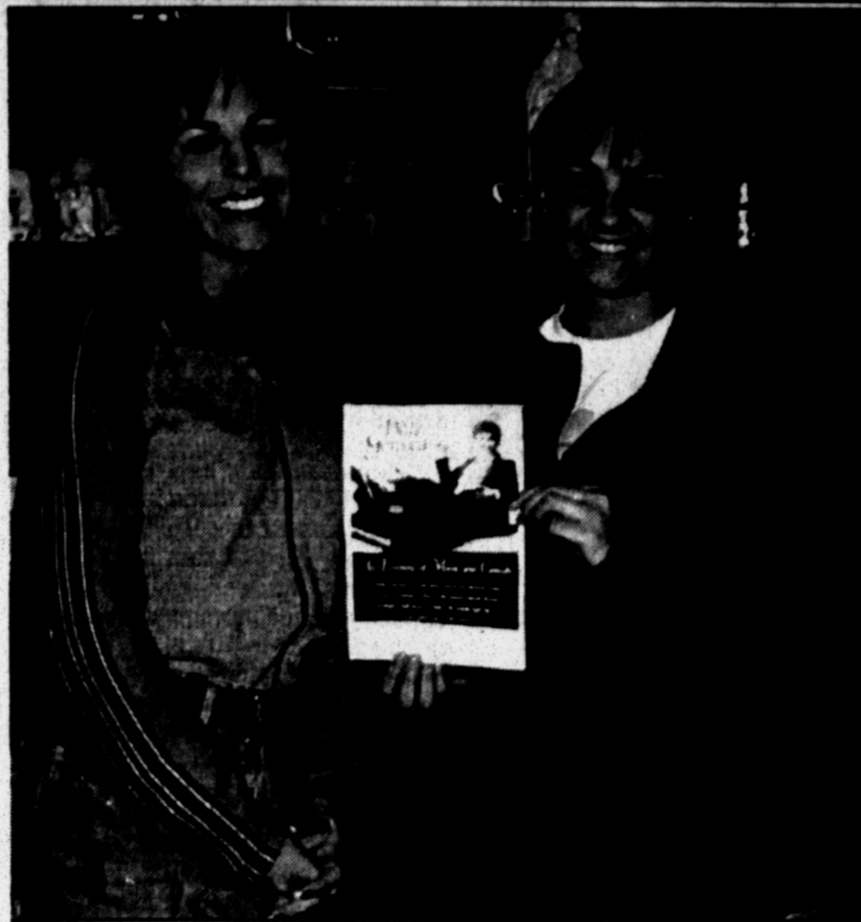
Dear Ann Landers: This is in response to "Maine," who had two failed marriages and a relationship with a man who turned out to be a womanizer. She said she didn't think she would ever find a decent man.

I'm 22 and am considered a nice guy. I attend church regularly and don't smoke, drink, swear or gamble. I'm a movie buff and enjoy music. I'm average-looking -- no Tom Cruise -- but I wouldn't scare small children, either. I am clean-cut and neatly dressed. The problem? Women avoid me like the plague.

It seems that no female wants anything to do with a decent man, yet I hear them complain bitterly about how there are no decent men left. I would love to find an interesting woman, but I'm beginning to wonder if one exists. -- Mr. X in Tenn.

Dear Mr. X: I can assure you there are plenty of decent women who would flip for a guy like you. Keep your eyes open at church. Take a night course at a college. Don't be afraid to take a chance on a blind date. Be more outgoing. A positive attitude will be helpful. Keep me posted.

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An evening of music and comedy
Concerteers Jacquie Bezner and Kate Denison display a poster featuring Dale Gonyea, pianist and comedian, who will perform at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Hereford High School auditorium. The concert is the first of the 1997-1998 season presented by Hereford Community Concert Association.

Concert association to host pianist/comedian

Hereford Community Concert Association presents its first concert of the 1997-1998 season at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Hereford High School auditorium. Dale Gonyea, pianist/comedian, will perform a program of his original material that combines impeccable musicianship with hilariously incisive commentary on life in the 90s.

Season memberships in the association are still available prior to Thursday night's performance. Adult memberships are \$20; student, \$10; and family, \$50.

In addition to Gonyea's concert, season memberships entitle ticket holders to two other Community Concerts and Amarillo Little Theatre's Touring Production in Hereford.

Members are entitled to attend concerts in Pampa, Borger and Plainview.

The two additional Community Concerts will include the New York Theatre Ballet on Feb. 5 and *Banjomania* on March 6.

One local concert association member had the opportunity to see *Banjomania* recently in Georgia and said, "This one show is worth the

price of the season ticket. The show is excellent -- fun, entertaining and educational. The musicians describe each banjo and also use other instruments during the show."

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TUESDAY-Chicken fried steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, buttered broccoli, peach/cottage cheese salad, rolls, Boston cream cake; or beef and ham loaf, peaches, plain cake.

WEDNESDAY-Roast turkey, giblet gravy, cornbread dressing, sweet potatoes, seasoned green beans, jellied cranberry salad, rolls, pumpkin

pie with whipped topping; or pork roast.

ACTIVITIES
THURSDAY-Pool classes, exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., oil painting 9-11 a.m., DSHH by BP/BS 9 a.m.-12 noon, Thrift Store open 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

FRIDAY-Pool classes, line dance 10-11 a.m., Thrift Store open 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

SATURDAY-Games 12 noon-4 p.m.
MONDAY-Pool classes, line dance 10-11 a.m., doll class 1-4 p.m., Hereford Retired School Employees Assn. 11 a.m.-1 p.m., FOT meeting 9 a.m.

TUESDAY-Pool classes, exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., decorative tile painting 1-3 p.m., Beltone 10 a.m.-12 noon, choir 1-2 p.m., NARFE 1 p.m.

WEDNESDAY-Pool classes, ceramics 1-3 p.m., birthday social 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

New Arrivals

Shannon and Rene Steelman are the proud parents of a daughter, Brandi Nicole, born Oct. 29 at Hereford Regional Medical Center.

She weighed 8 pounds, 7-1/2 ounces and was 22-3/4 inches long. Welcoming her home are sisters Mandy, 7 and Shylene, 6.

Grandparents are Vincent C. and Gladys Meyer and John and Betty Steelman, all of Canyon.

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Safety record captures award for TPMHA

The Texas Panhandle Mental Health Authority has received the Best Workers' Compensation Safety and Loss Prevention Award for 1997 from the Texas Council of Mental Health Mental Retardation Centers. TPMHA is one of 38 centers in the state and also won this coveted award in 1995.

This award is presented annually to the center who has the best safety record related to equipment, vehicles, facilities, and the delivery of client services.

TPMHA began in 1965 in Amarillo after passage of the Texas Mental Health and Mental Retardation Act. Since then, the centers throughout the state have worked unceasingly to create services allowing people with mental disabilities to live and work in their hometowns. More than 160,000 mentally ill and mentally retarded Texans are served each year statewide. TPMHA has 14 offices in the area that serve over 3,000 adults and 900 children/adolescents annually.

The Mission Statement of TPMHA is: "To respond to the diverse needs of all people with mental illness by creating an accessible system of services which supports individual choices and results in lives of dignity and independence."

TPMHA has a local board of trustees appointed by city and county governments and citizens of their communities in the 21 county catchment area. Each regional and local office has an advisory committee that meets quarterly. Members of these committees are consumers

and/or family members, community leaders, and concerned citizens.

The local Mental Health Authority is under contract with the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation and other state agencies and must adhere to rigorous and extensive national and state performance standards, and consistently work toward improved quality assurance procedures in their effort to provide the highest quality care possible.

Texas Panhandle Mental Health Authority serves the upper 21 counties of the Texas Panhandle and has offices in Amarillo, Dumas, Pampa, Clarendon, Borger, Hereford, and Perryton. The purpose of region wide centers is to provide comprehensive and coordinated services. The priority population includes children and adolescents needing mental health interventions as well as adults who suffer from severe and persistent mental illnesses--major depression, schizophrenia, and bi-polar disorder. The agency also serves adults with other severely disabling mental disorders which require crisis resolution or ongoing and long-term support and treatment. Persons who have a dual diagnosis of mental illness and chemical dependency are also served. The Regional Emergency Assessment Center and Hotline (REACH) is a 24 hour hotline that serves the Panhandle. For more information about any of the programs offered by TPMHA, call Gene Ann Grant, Family and Community Education Director at (806) 354-2191.

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'42' players

The tables were full at the September "42" Game Night sponsored by the Pilot Club of Hereford in the Community Center. Those who enjoy the game will have an opportunity to participate in another game night from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Thursday in Hereford Community Center. Tickets are \$5 in advance or at the door. Prizes will be awarded in Hereford Bucks. Ticket holders will be entered in a drawing to be held April 2 for a card table and chairs. The next "42" Game Night will be Jan. 8. Proceeds benefit Pilot Club service projects.

Auxiliary hears partnership idea

Hereford Regional Medical Center Auxiliary met Monday for its monthly noon meeting. Vice president Theda Seiver called the meeting to order and read the Auxiliary Prayer.

Grace Covington reported 29 baby books distributed and 158 hours of volunteerism.

Jim Robinson, HRMC administra-

tor, introduced Pat Stone, director of Deaf Smith Community Health Improvement Partnership. Mrs. Stone explained the purpose of the organization is to gain community input to advance educated citizens regarding health care. Members of the organization will include representatives from all segments of the community.

According to Stone, the goal is to make Hereford Regional Medical Center the best rural hospital in Texas.

Members attending were Janis Bell, Lupe Cerda, Billee Johnson, Irene Reinart, Anna Robinson, Mary Schlabs, Anna Stindt, Joy Stivers, Elizabeth Vogel, Quintna Waits, Covington and Seiver.

Harder gives Westway program

Beverly Harder, County Extension Agent/Family Consumer Sciences, revealed what's new, innovative and practical for Christmas in a program titled "In the Nick of Time" at the regular monthly meeting Monday evening of the Westway Family Community Education Club in the

home of Bonnie Duke. President Carolyn Evers presided over the business meeting. Following the Council report by Grace Covington and the treasurer's report by Rosie Valdez, final plans were made for the Westway Country Christmas Bazaar which will be held

beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday in the Hereford Community Center.

Roll call was answered with "What I failed (or succeeded) in doing 'in the nick of time,'" by Helen Brown, Gayle Carter, Covington, Duke, Evers, Martha Rincon, Valdez and Wanda Jesko.

McBrayer performs songs for Xi Epsilon Alpha

Susan Shaw's home at 123 N. Texas was the site of the recent meeting of Xi Epsilon Alpha chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority. Shaw introduced local family physician, Dr. Duffy McBrayer to the group.

McBrayer sang various selections written by Andrew Lloyd Webber as Linda Gilbert accompanied on the piano. The varied compositions included song from "Evita," "Joseph and the Technicolor Coat," and "The Phantom of the Opera." Accompanying him on two songs was

local student Diane Detten.

Guests in attendance included Claudia McBrayer and Judy Detten.

A brief business meeting was held prior to the program. It was announced that rituals are set for Nov. 18.

Upon adjournment, Shaw served refreshments of cookies, tarts, coffee and tea. Members in attendance were Peggy Hyer, Connie Matthews, Gaye Reily, Melinda Henson, Kim Hollingsworth, Sharon Bodner and Linda Arellano.

Flame Fellowship meets

Hereford Flame Fellowship will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Hereford Community Center.

Guest speaker will be Pat Stanton of Shallowater. Stanton has spent 11 years ministering through the organization of the Rays of Hope Prayer Ministry. The Lord used her in television, radio, and a miracle healing ministry during this time. She closed the Rays of Hope offices in Lubbock in 1986.

She is now directing her time and energies to prayer, study and public ministry. She is experiencing a strong healing presence of the Holy Spirit and an increase in the anointing where believers are open to the power and gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Stanton encourages you "to come to the meeting as you are and to leave as you always wanted to be."

Everyone is invited to attend. Please note the new meeting time.

Breast cancer screening clinic set at South Plains Health Care

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist/St. Anthony's Health System will conduct a breast cancer screening clinic at South Plains Health Care Providers, Inc., 603 East Park, Hereford, on Nov. 14.

Participants will receive a low-cost screening that includes a mammogram and instruction in self-examination by a registered nurse. A minimum of 15 women needs

to register in order for the mobile mammography clinic to come to area towns.

This clinic is available only to women who need financial assistance. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance.

All exams are done by appointment only. Call 806-359-4673 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information.

Update

The Mexican Red Cross, through its more than 500 volunteers in the states of Guerrero, Chiapas, and Oaxaca, is continuing to provide emergency relief to more than 25,000 hurricane victims. To date, over 5,000 metric tons of relief supplies have been distributed to the most vulnerable. Damage assessment is ongoing to provide additional information for relief assistance to remote rural communities, which are served by land and by air.

The American Red Cross has delivered 22,000 comfort kits and 200 cleanup kits to the affected areas. American Red Cross has also facilitated the delivery of large capacity water storage containers, donated by the office of foreign disaster assistance. Working in close coordination with the Water Relief Network, of the Chlorine Chemistry Council, the American Red Cross has supplied well over 1,000 five gallon water containers and 40,000 pounds of chlorine-based water disinfectant used to destroy harmful bacteria in water supplies. Reinforced plastic sheeting has also been delivered for sheltering of the homeless and for temporary repair of damaged homes.

The Red Cross of Mexico is in the initial planning stages for the process of rebuilding homes completely destroyed by Hurricane Pauline. At this time, materials for the construction of at least on thousand housing structures are being estimated and the experience gained in years of work between the Mexican and American Red Cross, in the post earthquake and Hurricane Gilbert time period will again be put to good use.

The most effective way to assist persons displaced by the hurricane is to send a check to your local Red Cross Chapter designated "Mexican Hurricane Relief" or to the American Red Cross International Response Fund, P.O. Box 37243, Washington, D.C. 20013.



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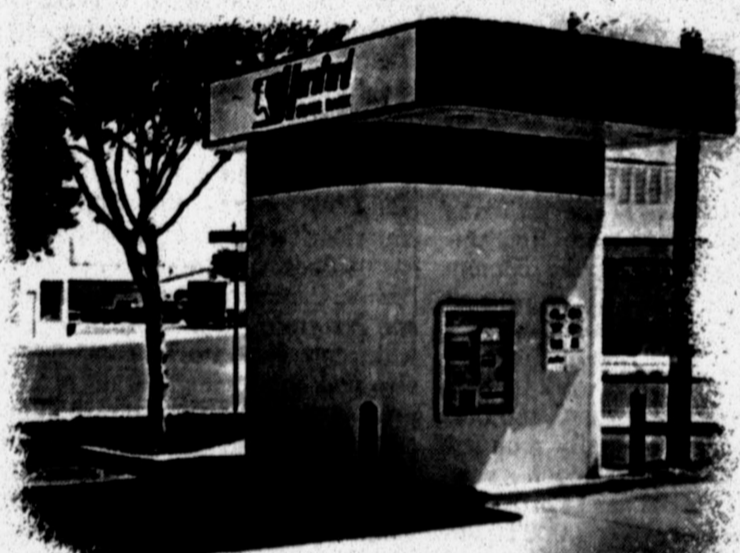
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Sports

On the Sidelines

District 1-4A Football

Team	District	Season	PP	PA
Dumas	5-0	6-0	226	65
Randall	4-1	7-2	235	153
Borger	4-1	6-2	252	143
Pampa	2-3	3-5	118	153
Canyon	1-4	2-7	127	223
Hereford	1-4	2-7	125	178
Caprock	1-5	4-5	184	215

Last week's games
Friday
Amarillo Caprock 34, Pampa 27
Dumas 25, Canyon 7
Canyon Randall 21, Borger 14
Hereford idle

This week's games
Friday
Hereford at Canyon, 7:30 p.m.; Dumas at Borger, 7:30 p.m.; Canyon Randall at Pampa, 7:30 p.m.; Amarillo Caprock idle.

NHL

Tuesday's Games
Los Angeles 3, New Jersey 0
Washington 2, Vancouver 1
Toronto 0, San Jose 0, tie

Wednesday's Games
Dallas at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m.
Detroit at Carolina, 6:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Montreal, 6:30 p.m.
Edmonton at N.Y. Islanders, 6:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Florida, 6:30 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Colorado, 8 p.m.
Toronto at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Anaheim, 9:30 p.m.

NBA

Tuesday's Games
Toronto 104, Golden State 86
New York 102, Boston 70
Atlanta 82, Detroit 71
Cleveland 89, Indiana 77
Seattle 118, Houston 84
Milwaukee 110, Orlando 78
Dallas 82, Vancouver 87
Washington 120, Denver 98
Phoenix 106, Utah 84
Portland 122, Minnesota 105
L.A. Lakers 101, Sacramento 98

Wednesday's Games
Miami at Boston, 8 p.m.
Golden State at New Jersey, 8:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Philadelphia, 8:30 p.m.
Dallas at Charlotte, 8:30 p.m.
Indiana at Detroit, 8:30 p.m.
Orlando at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Vancouver at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
Houston at L.A. Clippers, 8:30 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Rolen NL Rookie

NEW YORK (AP) -- Scott Rolen of the Philadelphia Phillies was unanimously voted National League Rookie of the Year on Tuesday, breaking the Los Angeles Dodgers' five-year hold on the award.

The 22-year-old third baseman became the youngest NL player to reach 90 RBIs since Darryl Strawberry in 1984, and led NL rookies in batting average (.283), runs (93), hits (159), doubles (35), homers (21) and RBIs (92).

Rolen was the Phillies' second-round pick in the June 1993 amateur draft. He became the first Philadelphia rookie to lead the team in homers and RBIs since Greg Luzinski in 1972, and had the most homers and RBIs for a Phillies rookie since Willie

Grbac sidelined

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) -- Just when the Kansas City Chiefs were starting to believe that 1997 would be a special season, disaster struck.

Quarterback Elvis Grbac, the main cog in an unexpected 7-2 start that vaulted the Chiefs into the thick of the AFC race, probably will miss more than a month with a broken collarbone.

Moreover, the Chiefs lost their quarterback just as they headed into a four-week stretch when they travel to Jacksonville and Seattle and play host to San Francisco and Denver, whose 8-1 records are tops in the NFL.

Dr. Lewis Rosenblatt of Kansas City said that without knowing any details of the injury he would expect Grbac to miss at least a month and a half.

Texas assigned team

LOS ANGELES (AP) -- The Los Angeles Dodgers announced Tuesday they have assigned their Class A Savannah minor league team in the South Atlantic League to the Texas Rangers.

The Dodgers had a working agreement with the Sand Gnats in Savannah, Ga., the past two seasons.



Sports calendar

Thursday Football
Canyon junior varsity at Hereford junior varsity Maroon, 7 p.m., Whiteface Stadium.
Hereford junior varsity White at Plainview, 5 p.m.
Canyon freshman at Hereford freshman "A," 5 p.m.
Plainview freshman "Red" at Hereford freshman "B," 7 p.m.

Switzer ignores increasing criticism

IRVING (AP) -- As the Dallas Cowboys continue to slide, criticism of coach Barry Switzer builds. Or so he is told.

"I don't pay any attention to that," Switzer said Tuesday. "I have never let things like that bother me."

Although Switzer has been jeered practically since he replaced Jimmy Johnson, things have been especially heated the last two years. The Cowboys missed the NFC championship game for the first time in five years last season and at 4-5 this

season they're in jeopardy of missing the playoffs for the first time since 1990.

Switzer, however, insists he ignores the pundits who speculate he'll be fired and the fans who are calling for his dismissal.

"I don't even think about it," Switzer said. "It really doesn't enter my mind. It seems to be on your mind more than it is on mine. It's irrelevant to me."

Switzer spent much of his weekly news conference Tuesday discussing

his job performance. His personal evaluation: "Same as it's been every year. It's no different from any other year."

When asked if he expects to be back next year, Switzer only response was, "Sure."

Curiously, Switzer somewhat double-talked himself on the topic of who to blame for the team's slide.

Initially, he said, "It all starts with me, comes to me, and then on down through the coaching staff and the players to take all the responsibility."

Later, while discussing reports that players find practices less intense and less focused, Switzer turned the criticism back on the players.

"Players win and lose football games. Coaches orchestrate the game plans, get everyone ready to play as we always have, and they go out and try to execute," he said.

Switzer said the practice routine is the same as it has been his previous three seasons in Dallas. And, if players aren't as focused or as intense, "then it's their problem."

He also took a shot at the unnamed players who've grumbled about the practice routine, saying, "I think it's their way for not being accountable for us being beat."

The only person who can determine whether Switzer stays is owner Jerry Jones, and he's standing behind Switzer.

"In looking at our best opportunity to compete and get in the playoffs this year, I'm convinced that change is not

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MAIDEN KILLERS



Hereford destroys Lake View, 15-4, 15-2

By BOB VARMETTE
Sports Writer

BROWNFIELD -- It could barely be called a match.

The Hereford Lady Whitefaces took a big first step on the road to Austin, routing the San Angelo Lake View Maidens 15-4, 15-2 in front of 600 at Cub Gymnasium Tuesday night in the area round of the Class 4A playoffs.

"I thought we played well," Hereford head coach Brenda Kitten said. "I would say it was a complete victory."

The win was just one in the Lady Whitefaces' defense of their Class 4A title. For the Maidens, it was a nightmare. Hereford's hitting shredded the Lake View defense and never allowed the Maidens to catch their breaths.

"We've never played a team that can hit so consistently," said Lake View head coach Connie Bozarth. "All of their front people are such a force. Normally, we're a pretty decent blocking team. They're just a very solid team."

Julie Rampley led the Lady Whitefaces with 11 kills. Meredith Tabor added four kills and Katie Betzen had three. Rampley and Betzen both had a pair of blocks.

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Hereford's Julie Rampley digs as Katie Betzen (5) looks on during the Lady Whiteface's district seeding match with Canyon Randall Oct. 28. Hereford won to advance into the area round

with a first-round bye. Hereford defeated San Angelo Lake View 15-4, 15-2 Tuesday night in Brownfield in the area round match to advance to the regional quarterfinals.

WAITING GAME Tech may not know fate until NCAA ruling as late as June '98

By MARK BABINECK
Associated Press Writer
LUBBOCK -- Long-awaited allegations have finally been leveled against Texas Tech and an enforcement timetable is set, but other questions linger about the Red Raiders' athletic future.

"At this point, no one can say with certainty what penalties will be forthcoming," Chancellor John T. Montford said. "We certainly face sanctions. We are hopeful we can adequately respond to a number of these allegations."

Citing a general "lack of monitoring and a lack of appropri-

ate institutional control" in the athletic department, the NCAA accused Tech of violations in 18 areas.

Rules allegedly were broken both within the department and elsewhere in this university-dominated West Texas community.

The NCAA Committee on Infractions likely will hear the case in April. They might not issue sanctions until early June.

In addition to typical allegations of athletic personnel helping players with extra benefits, the 57-page letter of inquiry left Tech fans asking serious questions:

-- Which allegations will Tech officials dispute? Without elaboration, officials said the school agrees with some allegations and disagrees with others. In Tech's only other brush with the NCAA, a minor investigation in 1987, 21 of 36 allegations eventually were thrown out.

-- What lies ahead for assistant men's basketball coach Greg Pinkney and assistant football coach David Moody? Both coaches are alleged to have violated rules and could face

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Mavs claw Grizzlies

DALLAS (AP) -- The Dallas Mavericks keep surprising even themselves with their second-best start in franchise history.

Michael Finley scored 29 points and Dennis Scott added 28 Tuesday night as the Dallas Mavericks celebrated their home opener with a 92-87 victory over the Vancouver Grizzlies and extended their winning streak to three games.

Their 3-0 start was topped only by a 4-0 streak to open the 1995 season. "A lot of people thought we couldn't do what we've done,"

Finley said. "We've surprised a lot of people, including ourselves a little bit. This could be a good season."

The Mavs won only 24 games last year. "We were nervous and jittery in the first half, but we finally settled down," said Dallas coach Jim Clemons. "Once we got the jitters out of our system, we were OK. Now we'll see if we can make it four in a row."

Dallas plays at Charlotte on

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Sonics zoom by Houston

SEATTLE (AP) -- The Seattle SuperSonics still aren't sure how life will be without Shawn Kemp, but they're starting to feel better about it.

Gary Payton had 27 points and 12 assists, and the Sonics held Hakeem Olajuwon and Clyde Drexler in check

to beat the Houston Rockets 118-94 Tuesday night.

Vin Baker, Kemp's replacement, scored 20 points for Seattle.

"I think they're going to be really

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Mackovic contract won't allow buyout, report says

AUSTIN (AP) -- University of Texas coach John Mackovic's contract doesn't allow for a buyout but does provide for him to be reassigned within the athletic department should school officials decide to remove him as coach, the Austin American-Statesman reported Tuesday.

There has been mounting speculation that university alumni might raise the money -- \$1.8 million -- to buy out the remaining three years of the contract of the embattled coach, whose Longhorns are 3-5 and tied for last in the Big 12 South.

Patricia Ohlendorf, UT vice provost and general counsel to the president, said a buyout won't happen.

"We do not give a lump sum

payment to an employee of the University of Texas and say, 'Now, here, go on your way.' We do not do that as a matter of policy."

"I do want to emphasize that no one is talking to Coach Mackovic about (a reassignment)," Ohlendorf said. "We're talking to him about beating Texas Tech."

If Mackovic resigns to take another job before the end of his contract, UT owes him nothing.

A losing record is not grounds for termination, Ohlendorf said.

Mackovic's contract allows him to be reassigned to a job with "executive level administrative responsibilities in the athletics department" for the remaining years of the agreement if such a reassignment is deemed necessary by the

athletic director and UT president in an annual review of the program.

Athletic Director DeLoss Dodds has said he will review Mackovic's performance at the end of the season.

If reassigned, Mackovic could become the highest-paid associate athletic director in UT history. He still would be paid \$600,000 per year -- \$150,000 salary, \$60,000 salary supplement, \$20,000 personal expense allowance, and \$370,000 for summer camps, coach's shows and endorsements for each of the three years remaining on his contract.

Dodds recently signed a five-year contract that pays him \$200,000 annually.

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Photo by Rick Castaneda

Trench warfare

Dumas tailback Astolfo Venzor (25) finds it tough going against the Hereford defense Oct. 24 during the Demons District 1-4A game with the Whitefaces at Whiteface Stadium. Venzor is surrounded by Hereford defenders Rusty Dutton (17), Daniel Fangman (62) and Ulysis Tabares. Dumas won 11-6, but Venzor got only 79 yards on 35 carries. Hereford will close out the season at Canyon Friday night.

District 1-4A Football Statistics

Team Offense				Team Defense				Player, team				Kickoff Returns (min. 5)						
Rush	Pass	Total	Avg.	Yds.	Int.	Tf.	TDs	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs	
Borger	1745	1466	3211	401.4	102	495	4.9	3	Griffin, Caprock	16	238	14.9	2	Miller, Hereford	7	31.3	50	0
Dumas	2084	700	2784	348.0	47	414	8.8	2	Davis, Canyon	16	235	14.7	3	Venezor, Dumas	6	28.3	75	1
Randall	2208	871	3079	384.9	86	405	4.6	3	High, Hereford	16	214	13.4	4	Hukins, Canyon	19	21.4	40	0
Caprock	1218	1591	2809	351.1	45	403	9.0	6	Willard, Borger	14	282	18.7	2	Wilson, Randall	9	18.3	34	0
Pampa	1257	712	1969	246.1	61	297	3.7	4	Cano, Borger	13	124	9.5	0	Tindall, Borger	5	18.0	28	0
Canyon	1081	835	1916	239.5	118	217	1.9	14	Player, team	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs	Yds.	TDs	TDs	
Hereford	1008	612	1620	180.0	83	169	1.4	9	Ladd, Randall	25	996	39.8	75	4	4	55	1	
Dumas	372	553	925	116.9	48	119	2.5	8	Russell, Canyon	51	1981	38.8	67	4	4	12	0	
Borger	1151	720	1871	233.9	40	90	2.3	5	Hodges, Hereford	33	1205	36.5	54	3	3	68	0	
Pampa	1385	722	2107	263.4	42	131	3.1	6	Wilkinson, Borger	18	647	35.9	51	2	2	47	1	
Randall	1607	708	2315	289.4	40	74	1.7	5	Stemp, Caprock	48	1479	30.8	47	2	2	35	0	
Hereford	1497	1259	2756	344.5	17	48	2.8	5	Buchanan, Dumas	35	1037	29.6	49	2	2	21	0	
Caprock	1992	1025	3017	377.2	12	28	2.3	1	High, Hereford	16	493	30.8	49	2	2	20	0	
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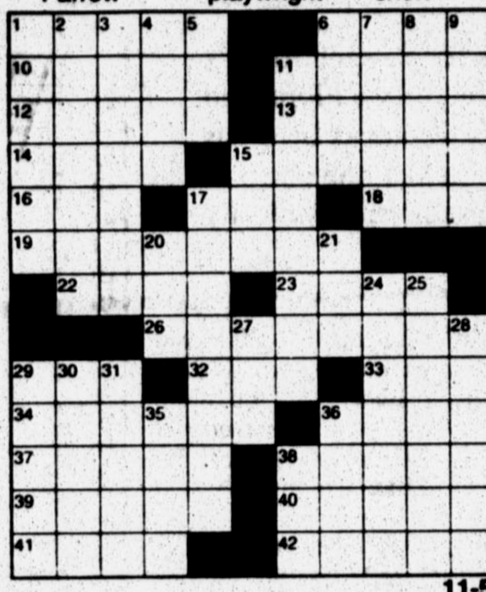
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Dec	77.28	77.08	77.08	18	84.18	83.18	
Jan	77.08	76.88	76.88	19	83.98	82.98	
Feb	76.88	76.68	76.68	20	83.78	82.78	
Mar	76.68	76.48	76.48	21	83.58	82.58	
Apr	76.48	76.28	76.28	22	83.38	82.38	
May	76.28	76.08	76.08	23	83.18	82.18	
Jun	76.08	75.88	75.88	24	82.98	81.98	
Jul	75.88	75.68	75.68	25	82.78	81.78	
Aug	75.68	75.48	75.48	26	82.58	81.58	
Sep	75.48	75.28	75.28	27	82.38	81.38	
Oct	75.28	75.08	75.08	28	82.18	81.18	
Nov	75.08	74.88	74.88	29	81.98	80.98	
Dec	74.88	74.68	74.68	30	81.78	80.78	
Jan	74.68	74.48	74.48	31	81.58	80.58	
Feb	74.48	74.28	74.28	32	81.38	80.38	
Mar	74.28	74.08	74.08	33	81.18	80.18	
Apr	74.08	73.88	73.88	34	80.98	79.98	
May	73.88	73.68	73.68	35	80.78	79.78	
Jun	73.68	73.48	73.48	36	80.58	79.58	
Jul	73.48	73.28	73.28	37	80.38	79.38	
Aug	73.28	73.08	73.08	38	80.18	79.18	
Sep	73.08	72.88	72.88	39	79.98	78.98	
Oct	72.88	72.68	72.68	40	79.78	78.78	
Nov	72.68	72.48	72.48	41	79.58	78.58	
Dec	72.48	72.28	72.28	42	79.38	78.38	
Jan	72.28	72.08	72.08	43	79.18	78.18	
Feb	72.08	71.88	71.88	44	78.98	77.98	
Mar	71.88	71.68	71.68	45	78.78	77.78	
Apr	71.68	71.48	71.48	46	78.58	77.58	
May	71.48	71.28	71.28	47	78.38	77.38	
Jun	71.28	71.08	71.08	48	78.18	77.18	
Jul	71.08	70.88	70.88	49	77.98	76.98	
Aug	70.88	70.68	70.68	50	77.78	76.78	
Sep	70.68	70.48	70.48	51	77.58	76.58	
Oct	70.48	70.28	70.28	52	77.38	76.38	
Nov	70.28	70.08	70.08	53	77.18	76.18	
Dec	70.08	69.88	69.88	54	76.98	75.98	
Jan	69.88	69.68	69.68	55	76.78	75.78	
Feb	69.68	69.48	69.48	56	76.58	75.58	
Mar	69.48	69.28	69.28	57	76.38	75.38	
Apr	69.28	69.08	69.08	58	76.18	75.18	
May	69.08	68.88	68.88	59	75.98	74.98	
Jun	68.88	68.68	68.68	60	75.78	74.78	
Jul	68.68	68.48	68.48	61	75.58	74.58	
Aug	68.48	68.28	68.28	62	75.38	74.38	
Sep	68.28	68.08	68.08	63	75.18	74.18	
Oct	68.08	67.88	67.88	64	74.98	73.98	
Nov	67.88	67.68	67.68	65	74.78	73.78	
Dec	67.68	67.48	67.48	66	74.58	73.58	
Jan	67.48	67.28	67.28	67	74.38	73.38	
Feb	67.28	67.08	67.08	68	74.18	73.18	
Mar	67.08	66.88	66.88	69	73.98	72.98	
Apr	66.88	66.68	66.68	70	73.78	72.78	
May	66.68	66.48	66.48	71	73.58	72.58	
Jun	66.48	66.28	66.28	72	73.38	72.38	
Jul	66.28	66.08	66.08	73	73.18	72.18	
Aug	66.08	65.88	65.88	74	72.98	71.98	
Sep	65.88	65.68	65.68	75	72.78	71.78	
Oct	65.68	65.48	65.48	76	72.58	71.58	
Nov	65.48	65.28	65.28	77	72.38	71.38	
Dec	65.28	65.08	65.08	78	72.18	71.18	
Jan	65.08	64.88	64.88	79	71.98	70.98	
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Jun	64.08	63.88	63.88	84	70.98	69.98	
Jul	63.88	63.68	63.68	85	70.78	69.78	
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Sep	63.48	63.28	63.28	87	70.38	69.38	
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Jan	62.68	62.48	62.48	91	69.58	68.58	
Feb	62.48	62.28	62.28	92	69.38	68.38	
Mar	62.28	62.08	62.08	93	69.18	68.18	
Apr	62.08	61.88	61.88	94	68.98	67.98	
May	61.88	61.68	61.68	95	68.78	67.78	
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Aug	54.08	53.88	53.88	134	60.98	59.98	
Sep	53.88	53.68	53.68	135	60.78	59.78	
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Jun	52.08	51.88	51.88	144	58.98	57.98	
Jul	51.88	51.68	51.68	145	58.78	57.78	
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Sep	51.48	51.28	51.28	147	58.38	57.38	
Oct	51.28	51.08	51.08	148	58.18	57.18	
Nov	51.08	50.88	50.88	149	57.98	56.98	
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Jan	50.68	50.48	50.48	151	57.58	56.58	
Feb	50.48	50.28	50.28	152	57.38	56.38	
Mar	50.28	50.08	50.08	153	57.18	56.18	
Apr	50.08	49.88	49.88	154	56.98	55.98	
May	49.88	49.68	49.68	155	56.78	55.78	
Jun	49.68	49.48</					

News Digest

U.N. ENVOYS LAUNCH DIPLOMATIC MISSION IN EFFORT TO RESOLVE IRAQI CRISIS

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - Three U.N. envoys opened a delicate diplomatic mission to Iraq today, hoping words would resolve a crisis over U.S. weapons inspectors that threatened to erupt into armed conflict.

But Iraq showed no immediate signs of backing down in the confrontation. For the third day in a row, Iraqis turned back U.N. inspection teams that were trying to check sites near the Iraqi capital, said Alan Dacey, a U.N. spokesman in Baghdad.

All three teams were refused access because they included Americans, Dacey said. The arms experts returned to the U.N. headquarters in Baghdad, he said.

The state-run Iraqi News Agency put the number of teams barred at four and said two others decided to return as well, despite permission to proceed.

CLINTON, NEWT JOIN FORCES ON TRADE BILL

WASHINGTON (AP) - His trade bill advancing in the Senate, President Clinton is joining forces with Speaker Newt Gingrich to pull off a victory in the House.

To nudge resistant Democrats, Clinton planned to unveil today a modest expansion of programs to aid workers harmed by trade agreements or changes in technology. He, Gingrich, R-Ga., and California Rep. Vic Fazio, the Democratic Caucus chairman, also feverishly worked the phones to ensure that Clinton wins passage of the bill bolstering his trade negotiating powers.

"I call upon all the members of the House, without regard to party, to make the choice they know is the right one for America when they vote on Friday," the president appealed from the White House Rose Garden on Tuesday.

CLINTON TO LOBBY FOR CIVIL RIGHTS NOMINEE

WASHINGTON (AP) - Praising him as "superbly qualified," President Clinton plans to step up lobbying efforts for Bill Lann Lee, his nominee to head the Justice Department's civil rights division.

Lee's nomination appeared in jeopardy Tuesday after Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, criticized the Los Angeles lawyer's views on affirmative action and said he would vote against confirmation.

Other committee Republicans said they, too, would vote against Lee. Clinton questioned the GOP's motives, noting that Lee's 23-year career was devoted to fighting for equal opportunity and against discrimination.

LOTT: SHORT-TERM HIGHWAY BILL UNLIKELY

WASHINGTON (AP) - Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott is showing little taste for moving a short-term highway bill aimed at keeping expired federal road programs afloat during the winter. But with Congress' adjournment looming, a group of lawmakers is trying to craft legislation anyway.

Governors are asking lawmakers to extend the federal highway program for six more months before Congress finishes its business for the year, perhaps by Friday. Members of the Senate and House committees that oversee transportation issues met Tuesday to begin drafting such a bill.

But Lott, R-Miss., chided state officials for not aiding him last month when Democrats bogged down a six-year highway bill for two weeks because they were trying to add unrelated campaign finance legislation to it. Lott says that long-term, \$145 billion extension is dead for the year.

RUSSIAN PARLIAMENT OK'S CHEMICAL WEAPONS BAN

MOSCOW (AP) - Parliament's upper house unanimously ratified a global ban on chemical weapons today, a move that will require Russia to destroy the world's largest chemical arsenal.

Russia has more than 40,000 tons of Soviet-era chemical weapons, and its cooperation is considered essential for the Chemical Weapons Convention to succeed. Russia was among 165 countries that signed the treaty in 1993, but parliament had been reluctant to ratify it.

At President Boris Yeltsin's urging, the lower house approved the treaty last week, and the upper house, or Federation Council, consented today without any dissenting votes.

Russian Foreign Minister Yevgeny Primakov said the chemical weapons ban "fully corresponds to the interests of Russia and the stability of the world."

TEAMSTERS AGREE TO PAY HALF OF ELECTION COST

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Teamsters have agreed to pay at least half the estimated \$7.4 million cost for a rerun of the union's federally supervised election.

Negotiations with the Justice Department over costs are continuing, but union spokesman Matt Witt said Tuesday the union will pay at least \$3.7 million.

The federal government paid all of the nearly \$20 million cost of last year's contest between Teamsters President Ron Carey and challenger James P. Hoffa.

Carey's slim victory was thrown out and a new race ordered Aug. 22. Carey's campaign manager and two consultants pleaded guilty to a conspiracy that funneled union treasury money into Carey's campaign. Another court officer is determining whether Carey should be eligible for the rerun.

PANEL OK'S BAN ON LOCAL INTERNET TAXES

WASHINGTON (AP) - Despite objections from state and local governments, a Senate panel endorsed a bill Tuesday that would ban local taxes aimed at the Internet and online computer services and transactions.

The bill, opposed by many states and cities currently taxing Internet services, cleared the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee on a 14-5 vote.

"The Internet will be the business infrastructure of the 21st Century," said Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., the bill's chief sponsor.

"To subject it to as many as 30,000 taxing jurisdictions applying different rules of taxation would be a mistake," he said.

The bill would declare a five-year moratorium on any state or local taxes specifically directed at Internet use or electronic commerce.

COURT REJECTS PAYMENTS FOR NAZI FORCED LABOR

BONN, Germany (AP) - Twenty-two former slave workers who toiled in an Auschwitz munitions factory under Nazi guard are not entitled to back wages from the German government, a Bonn court ruled today.

In a blow to thousands of other survivors of the Nazi forced labor system, Judge Heinz Sonnenberger said German laws exclude payment for Third Reich slave-laborers whom the government has already compensated for their imprisonment.

Although Germany has awarded more than \$58 billion in reparations to Nazi victims, it has refused to honor wage claims by slave-workers, who were technically working for private companies.

The 22 plaintiffs were forced to work at the Union munitions factory while interned at the Auschwitz death camp from 1943-45. All plaintiffs were Jewish, and most were Polish citizens.

Each worked 12 hours a day, six days a week for periods ranging from 27 to 68 weeks.

U.S. FACTORY ORDERS SHOW ANOTHER GAIN

WASHINGTON (AP) - Demand for chemical and metal products in September produced the fourth consecutive monthly gain in orders to U.S. factories.

Orders rose a moderate 0.4 percent to a seasonally adjusted \$336.5 billion after a large 1.2 percent advance in August, the Commerce Department said today.

It was a stronger showing than anticipated by economists. September orders for durable goods inched up just 0.1 percent. That was considerably better than an earlier estimate of a 0.6 percent decline.

Orders for non-durable goods jumped 0.8 percent, led by chemicals and chemical products. All non-durable goods industries reported increases except for petroleum and coal products and food.

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MICROSOFT MAY INVEST IN US WEST CABLE

NEW YORK (AP) - Microsoft Corp. is nearing an agreement to invest as much as \$1 billion in the cable television operations of U.S. West, *The New York Times* reported today.

The move would advance Microsoft's efforts to turn the nation's cable television infrastructure into the primary, high speed access to Internet. Microsoft is hoping to control the software that would run the set-top device used for getting online.

The investment would get the software giant as much as 6.3 percent of the cable operations of U.S. West, a regional telephone carrier, the *Times* reported. Microsoft made a similar investment in June, paying \$1 billion for an 11.5 percent stake in Comcast Corp., another major cable provider.

GORBACHEV HOSPITALIZED IN SWITZERLAND

BERN, Switzerland (AP) - Former Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev is in a Switzerland hospital today, undergoing undisclosed medical checks that authorities say are not believed to be serious.

Gorbachev, 66, was taken to Bern's main hospital Tuesday after a routine health test showed up irregularities, said Roland Wiederkehr, a Swiss lawmaker and president of the Swiss Green Cross, an environmental organization in which Gorbachev is the international president.

Wiederkehr did not elaborate further on the nature of the illness.

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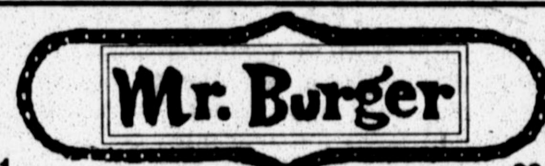
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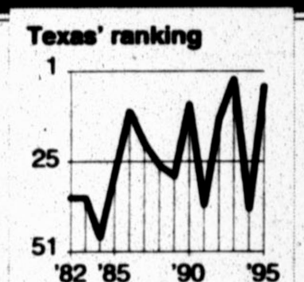
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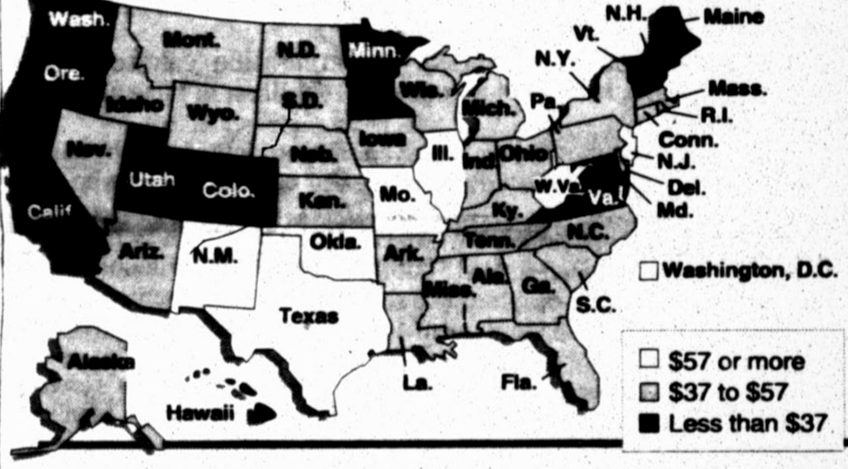
Keeping an eye on Texas

Texas' student books

In 1995, Texas ranked fourth in the U.S. in the purchase of textbooks for grade school and high school students, spending \$68.09 per child compared with a U.S. average of \$47.15. Texas' ranking jumped in 1993 and 1995 with the purchase of books for the Basal Reading Program.



Textbook sales per student, 1995
 (U.S. avg. \$47.15)

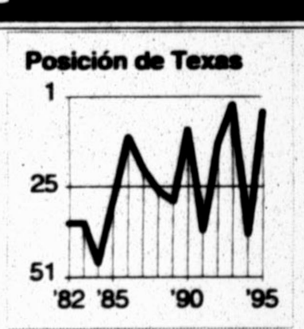


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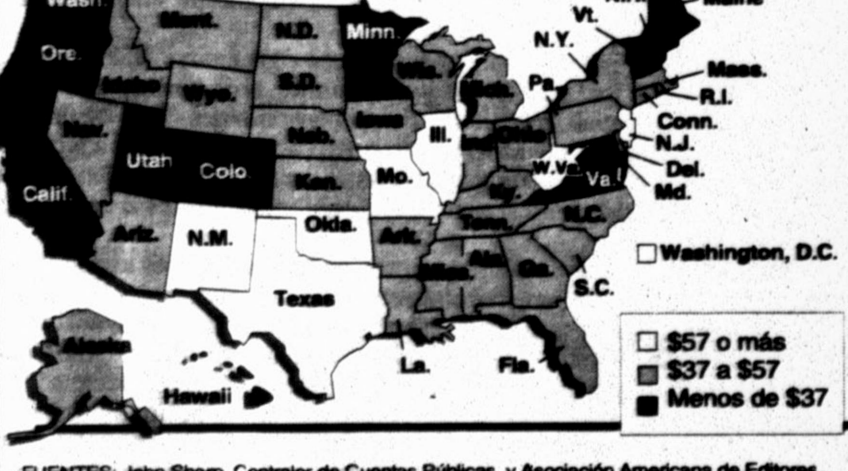
Echándole el ojo a Texas

Los textos de escuela

En 1995, Texas ocupó el cuarto lugar entre los 50 estados en la compra de libros de texto para estudiantes en las escuelas primarias y secundarias. Se gastaron \$68.09 por alumno, a comparación con el promedio nacional de \$47.15. La posición que ocupa Texas mejoró de 1993 a 1995 con la compra de libros para el programa de Basal Reading.



Venta de textos por estudiante, 1995
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CALIFORNIA NAVAL ORANGES 39¢ LB. Large	GREEN CABBAGE 1.00 4 lbs./
5 LB. BAG WASHINGTON EXTRA FANCY APPLES \$2.49	