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Hereford vs. Caprock



• Hereford brings a 2-0 district record into the game. Caprock is 1-1 in league competition.

Kickoff is 7:30 tonight at White-face Stadium.

Today's weather

OUTLOOK

• Chance of showers •

Tonight: A 40 percent chance of thunderstorms becoming partly cloudy with lows in the upper 40s, south winds 10 to 15 mph becoming southwest.

Saturday: Mostly sunny with highs in the upper 60s, northwest winds 10 to 20 mph becoming north.

Saturday night: Mostly clear with lows 40 to 45.

• Extended forecast •

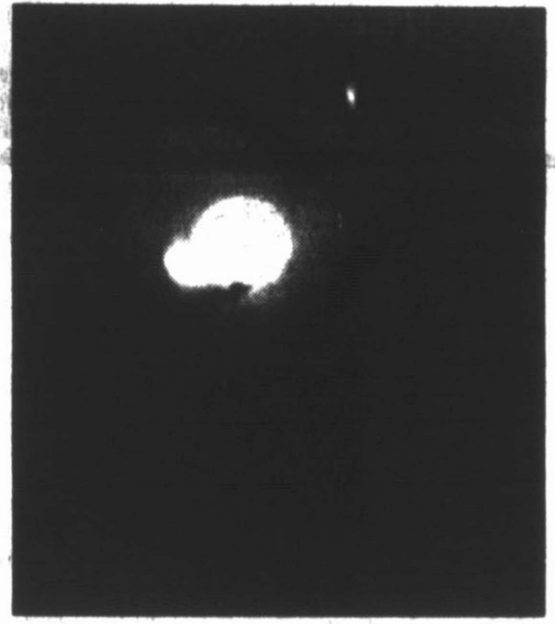
Sunday: Partly cloudy, highs 65 to 70.

Monday: Mostly clear, lows 40 to 45, highs near 70.

Tuesday: Increasing clouds, lows 40 to 45, highs in the mid-60s.

• Hereford weather •

Thursday's high, 76; low, 59; no precipitation, according to KPAN Radio.



• Chance of rain •

Temperatures were mostly mild and skies cloudy across Texas on Thursday.

North Texas should be cloudy again on Friday with a chance of thunderstorms, according to forecasts. Low temperatures should range from the mid-50s to the mid-60s, and high temperatures should range from the mid-70s to mid-80s.

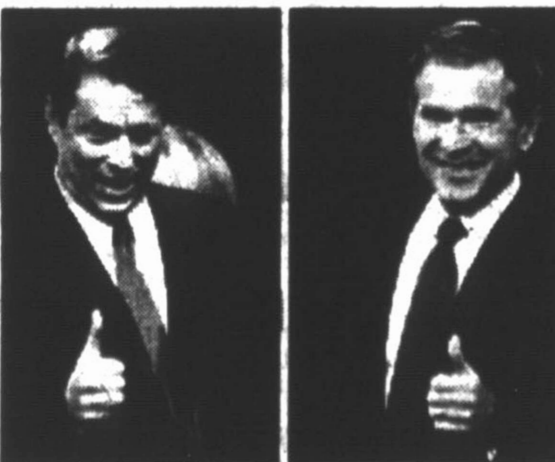
Thursday brought gusty southeasterly winds blowing between 5 and 15 mph across the region.

Much of South Texas is forecast to be cloudy on Friday, with a slight chance of showers in the Hill Country and Central Texas. A morning fog was expected to settle along the Coastal Bend and Southeast Texas, but skies should be sunny later in the day. High temperatures should be in the 70s and 80s.

Temperatures on Thursday included 81 in Austin, 79 in Port Arthur, 79 in Corpus Christi and 81 in McAllen.

Temperatures on Thursday included 76 in Amarillo, 72 in Midland, 76 in Lubbock and 81 in El Paso.

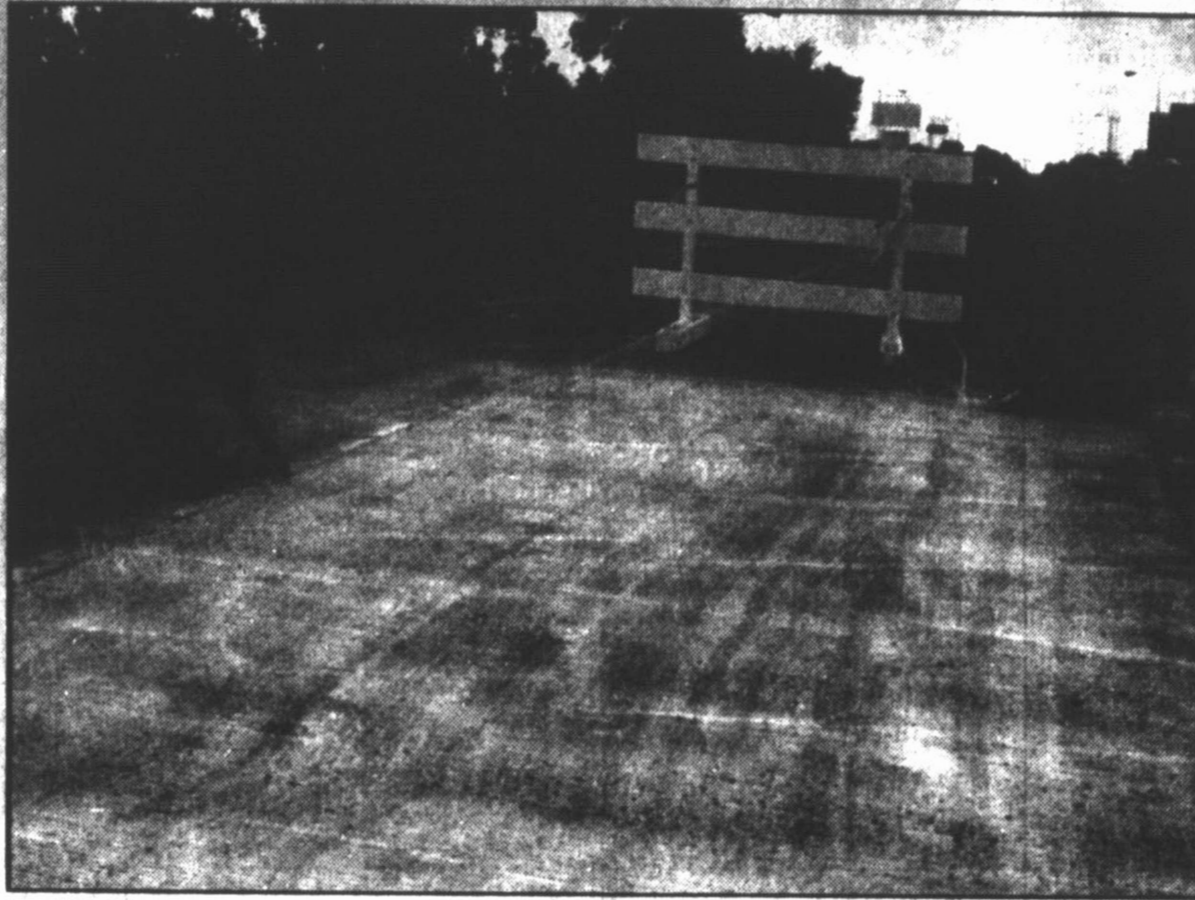
INSIDE



■ Foreign policy eruptions threaten to overshadow political campaigns as Al Gore (left) and George W. Bush make swings through key battleground states.

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FILLING CRACKS



Construction workers Wayne Crosby and Louis Oviedo fill cracks on in the 500 block of North 25 Mile Avenue. The two men are filling cracks between sections of the new concrete roadway that replaces the older asphalt pavement. The work is part of the U.S. Highway 365 rehabilitation project.

Gasoline, heating oil fuel wholesale price increase

WASHINGTON (AP) — Wholesale prices shot up 0.9 percent in September, the sharpest increase in seven months, led by big jumps in the cost of gasoline and heating oil. Car prices posted their biggest increase in five years and food costs rose for the first time in five months.

The seasonally adjusted advance in the Producer Price Index came after wholesale prices fell in August, the first decline in four months, the Labor Department reported today.

Retail sales rose a stronger-than-expected 0.9 percent in September mostly reflecting strong car sales, which went up by 1.4 percent. Still, excluding automobiles, retail sales rose a brisk 0.7 percent.

In the first 90 minutes of trading on Wall Street, stocks were reclaiming some of Thursday's big losses. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 97 points and the Nasdaq index had gained 71 points.

September's report on wholesale prices was a worse showing on inflation than the 0.5 percent rise many analysts were anticipating.

The 0.9 percent increase marked the biggest one-month gain since a 1.1 percent spike in wholesale prices in February.

Much of September's jolt came from a 9.3 percent increase in gasoline prices, the largest increase since June, and a 13.4 percent increase in heating oil, the biggest rise since

February.

Outside the volatile energy and food categories, the "core" rate of inflation at the wholesale level rose 0.3 percent in September, slightly faster than the 0.2 percent rise many analysts were expecting and largely reflecting the sizable gain in car prices. In August, the core rate rose a tiny 0.1 percent.

The Federal Reserve has boosted interest rates six times since June 1999 to slow the economy and keep inflation under control. Although Fed policy-makers left interest rates unchanged at their Oct. 3 meeting, they signaled that further rate increases were possible because of rising energy prices.

So far this year, wholesale prices have been rising at an annual rate of 4.1 percent, compared with a 3 percent gain for all of 1999. The pickup in this year's wholesale prices largely reflects rising energy costs.

In September, energy prices soared by 3.7 percent, the largest gain in three months, after falling by 0.2 percent in August.

Crude-oil prices have risen sharply this year as the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries limited production and U.S. supplies shrank. In September, prices hit a 10-year high of \$37.80 a barrel.

Prices had moderated in recent weeks after President Clinton ordered the release of oil from the government's emergency reserves.

Officials get peek at plans

■ Engineers, architects discuss ideas for county's secure juvenile center

By Dianna F. Dandridge

Hereford Brand Staff Writer

The work moves on.

Engineers, architects, school district and city officials discussed preliminary plans for a Deaf Smith County secure juvenile detention center Thursday at the Hereford Independent School District Administration Building.

Architects and designers presented plans for an 88-bed facility, which would be housed in a 56,000-square-foot building.

Robert Jennings, senior vice president of the Public Facilities Investment Corp., said the planned facility would require about 7 acres, which would allow for future growth, parking and the peripheral grounds.

The facility, should the community decide to build it, will provide individual cells rather than dormitory-style housing, classrooms, detention cells, minor medical care facilities and areas for visitors and court hearings.

When questioned about individual locking cells as compared to dormitory-style housing, Jennings explained dorms are much cheaper to build, but dorms would not meet Texas Youth Commission guidelines and would eliminate a number of possible high-paying contracts.

The big question centered around the cost of building and operating the facility, as well as the probability of attracting contracts from other counties.

"This facility cannot be built for \$100 a square foot," said Curtiss J. Parde, the architect who has designed the plans. "Mainly because this is an I3 facility with many security features which will drive up the costs."

I3 facilities fall under the guidelines for secure juvenile facilities, which protect inmates from other inmates and add to the rehabilitation of those incarcerated.

"We will release a report next week with all the numbers," Jennings said. "First, we wanted to get your opinion on the plans and see where we would need to go from here."

"At this time, we didn't even want to put out figures until we knew which size facility the county would be looking at," Jennings said.

In the final report, Jennings will present the cost of building a 44-bed unit, a 72-bed unit or the 88-bed unit which would go with the plans presented.

At full capacity, the facility would have between 30 and 35 full-time employees, with the probability of a few more part-timers.

As far as keeping the facility full or nearly so, Deaf Smith County Juvenile Probation Officer Lou Serrano said he is sure that would not create a problem because so many juvenile facilities throughout the state are at capacity and counties are always looking for another place for their juvenile offenders.

TERRORISM

■ Death toll in bombing of U.S. ship at 17; explosion jolts British Embassy



AP Photo

A white tent covers the hole on the side of the USS Cole. A powerful explosion Thursday ripped a hole in the Navy destroyer in the Yemeni port of Aden, killing at least 17 sailors and injuring more than 30 others.

ADEN, Yemen (AP) — The presumed death toll in the bombing of the U.S. Navy warship in Yemen rose to 17 on Friday, while an explosion rocked the British Embassy 200 miles away in the Yemeni capital.

Windows shattered but nobody was hurt at the embassy in San'a. Britain's foreign secretary said a bomb may have been flung into embassy grounds. Authorities were investigating.

The new attack came as American military planes evacuated 22 of the 35 sailors injured in Thursday's blast to Germany for medical treatment.

Navy officials in the United States said explosives experts who examined the USS Cole's damaged hull have concluded that the blast

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Cheney: Attack means military needs more money

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The apparent terrorist bombing of a U.S. warship near Yemen has provided Dick Cheney with a potent anecdote in calling for a stronger national defense and highlighted his experience in dealing with military threats.

While careful not to assign blame in Thursday's attack on a Navy ship, which killed six sailors and injured 35, Cheney, former defense secretary in the Bush administration, said the incident is a reminder that "it's still a hostile and dangerous world out

there." "It's relatively easy to sit back and say look, the Cold War is over with, nothing to worry about, why should we spend any time concerned about the U.S. military today," Cheney said at an American Legion hall in Ohio. "And then something happens such as happened this morning and we lose sailors."

With less than four weeks to go before the election, voters must decide, Cheney said, "which team offers the best prospects in doing what needs to be done to make sure we have

the pre-eminent military in the world" — the GOP ticket of Texas Gov. George W. Bush and Cheney, who helped plan the successful 1991 Persian Gulf War, or the Democratic pairing of Vice President Al Gore and Joseph Lieberman.

News of the ship bombing came as Cheney embarked on a rambling bus tour through west central Ohio, where he stopped at a

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Local roundup

•HMA Golf Tournament •

The Hereford Ministerial Alliance is sponsoring its second annual golf tournament at the John Pitman Municipal Golf Course.

The tournament which will be a two-man scramble, is open to members of area churches. Entry fee is \$30 and includes green fee, cart and lunch. Tee-off will be at 8:30 a.m. following a short meeting at 8 a.m.

Individuals may sign up at the golf course or by calling 353-7139.

•Fire department open house •

The Hereford Volunteer Fire Department will have an open house 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. The open house will include station tours, ride on fire trucks for children, and refreshments. Everyone is welcome.

• Crime Stoppers meeting •

The regular scheduled meeting of the Deaf Smith County Crime Stoppers board has been rescheduled for 6 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 17, at the Hereford Police Department.

• Special school board meeting •

The Hereford Independent School District board of trustees will meet for a special meeting at 6 p.m. Monday in the HISD computer training center.

The meeting is to fulfill the state required team of eight training hours for the school superintendent and board members.

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School news

• Administration •

Hereford Independent School District's special education department will present a video explaining the ARD Committee Decision-making Process for the Texas Assessment Program (Grades 3-8) at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 16 on Hereford Cablevision.

• Hereford High School •

Sophomore students have the opportunity to take part in ACT's PLAN Program on Wednesday, Oct. 18. This is the only time PLAN will be offered this year.

PLAN, which is taken by most students in preparation for the ACT Assessment, includes academic tests and a survey of career interests. PLAN also provides an estimated ACT Assessment score so students can determine if they are on track for the college or career of their choice.

PLAN will only be offered on Oct. 18. The cost is \$8.25. More information can be obtained by contacting Gayle Binder in the High School office.

• Junior class supper •

The junior class supper will be 6-7:30 tonight prior to the Caprock game in the junior high cafeteria. Menu includes chili, cornbread, beans and cobbler. Cost is \$4 or \$4.50 for take out.



Laci Black, Jannae Castanon, and Michelle Bernhardt have actively sold tickets to the Junior class supper.

• HHS offers PSAT/NMSQT •

Hereford High School will offer the PSAT/NMSQT exam to sophomore and junior students on Oct. 17. The cost is \$9.50 and must be paid to the counselors by Oct. 16. The PSAT/NMSQT is the preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship qualifying test. It is sponsored by the College Board and the National Merit Scholarship Corp. and is the route of entry to NMSC scholarship competitions. Juniors are eligible to enter the contest and sophomores are encouraged to take the test as a practice exam. More information can be obtained at www.collegeboard.com or by calling Mrs. Winget at Hereford High School.

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Elsewhere:

HUNTSMAN-EMISSIONS: The state's environmental agency, the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission, is drafting a new report that outlines additional allegations of environmental violations and recommends heftier fines against a plant owned by Huntsman Polymers Corp.

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Will it?... Won't it?



Rain, rain come this way - For days weathermen have been predicting rain. For weeks the Hereford Aquatic Center Pond has been begging for all the moisture it could

get. It is now nearly eight feet below the normal level. As this photo was taken, fish could be seen swimming in the shallow depths.

Millions not receiving support

Census reports child support not being paid

WASHINGTON (AP) - Nearly 2 million mothers raising children without a father in the home in 1997 failed to get any child support payments owed them by the absentee parent, the Census Bureau reported.

Advocacy groups contend that number alone highlights glaring weaknesses of a child support system in transition, in spite of other census figures that show more custodial parents were getting full-time jobs and leaving public assistance programs.

Of the 6.3 million U.S. mothers owed child support from absentee fathers in 1997, roughly 30 percent or 1.99 million women, did not receive any payments, according to the Census data released Friday. In 1993, 1.72 million women owed support, or 29 percent, did not receive payments.

About 42 percent, or 289,000

of the 674,000 fathers owed child support in 1997 from absentee mothers did not receive any payments. That was down from 353,000 deadbeat mothers, or 45 percent, in 1993, in the same category.

The Census survey, taken every two years, is the nation's only estimate of all child support paid and owed across the country, including private agreements between parents. The Department of Health and Human Services has more recent figures, but only tracks cases that go through government collections systems.

"There have been some improvements in child support enforcement but it hasn't done enough," said Debbi Weinstein of the Children's Defense Fund.

"When you look at the figures of how much families with child support get, that can mean the difference between safe neighborhood or dangerous neighborhood, when it's collected," she said.

Child support enforcement was overhauled in 1996 as part of welfare reform. Since then there have been other new outreach initiatives — such as helping fathers who

cannot afford to pay child support find jobs — that improved the situation, HHS spokesman Michael Kharfen said.

The full effects of reform won't be seen until results from the 1999 survey come out next year since many states took years to make necessary changes, Kharfen said.

"It shows early efforts to improving the child support system," he said. "But this is still very encouraging news which is consistent with what we're seeing."

"How much time are we supposed to give it, though?" countered Borden Brilling of Phoenix, who has been divorced since 1992 and has custody of two teen-age daughters. "It's been a constant battle through the years" getting child support from her husband in Georgia. He is now battling cancer.

"We don't know how it all works, and that's part of our frustration," said Philene O'Keefe, of Indian Hills, Nev. Since divorcing in 1998 and gaining custody of her 3-year-old daughter, O'Keefe says she received a child support check this week, the first one since January.

The report also said:

—45 percent of mothers living in poverty who were owed child support in 1997 received no payments, compared with 35 percent of impoverished mothers owed support in 1993.

—51.3 percent of all custodial parents had year-round, full-time jobs in 1997, up from 45.6 percent in 1993.

—the percentage of all custodial parents participating in at least one public assistance program such as food stamps or Medicaid fell to 34 percent in 1997, from 40.6 percent in 1993.

—the proportion of all custodial parents receiving all the payments they were due increased from 34.1 percent in 1993 to 40.8 percent in 1997.

Sherry Steisel, human services director for the National Conference of State Legislatures, attributed the positive numbers to the good economy, and efforts to improve child support on the state level that began even before the 1996 reforms.

"We see the participation in public programs declining, and an increase in the number of agreements which is the first step in getting child support acknowledged," she said.

Texas college enrollment lags

DALLAS (AP) - Texas universities, despite record enrollments, still lag behind almost every other state in college-participation rates, according to a new report.

Postsecondary Education Opportunity, the nonpartisan group that tracks college entrance rates, says Texas ranks 45th out of 50 states in the percentage of 19-year-olds attending a postsecondary institution, with 31.3 percent. The national average is 39 percent, with North Dakota's 59.4 percent participation rate leading the states.

"The numbers we've looked at, by virtue of any measure, 19-year-olds, 15- to 34-year-olds, we still have fewer students participating in higher education when we compare ourselves to the most populous states," David Gardner, assistant commissioner for

planning and information resources for the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, told The Dallas Morning News.

The college tracking group said California ranked 39th with 34.5 percent of 19-year-olds going to postsecondary institutions.

Total enrollment at Texas' public, four-year universities this fall has reached 415,417 students in a 2.1-percent increase over the year-ago period and a new record, beating the old total of 410,706 in 1992, the Coordinating Board said Thursday.

At all higher education institutions in the state, enrollment is up 3.1 percent this year at 990,403 students — an increase of 29,622 students compared to last fall.

The preliminary numbers were collected by the Higher Education Coordinating Board

for enrollments on the 12th day of classes.

"Texas must enroll more of its people in higher education and then make sure that they succeed if we are to generate, attract and retain the best jobs and ensure the highest quality of life possible for our state," said Don Brown, state commissioner of higher education.

"These new enrollment figures are a welcome sign that we are making progress," he said.

The board will consider next month a plan to increase enrollment by an additional 500,000 students by 2015.

The University of Texas at Austin, the state's largest campus, reported enrollment of 50,010, an increase of 1,001 from fall 1999.

At Texas A&M University, enrollment was 44,081.

HEREFORD BRAND
Emergency services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for Oct. 12, 2000, include the following:

POLICE DEPARTMENT Incidents

- A suspicious person was reported in the 500 block of North Main.

- A 23-year-old woman reported a broken window in the 600 block of Irving.

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Texas lottery

Cash Five Texas

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery:

3-21-24-29-34

Pick 3

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

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LIFESTYLES

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King's Manor Auxiliary president Kee Ruland (standing at left) and King's Manor residents (standing from left) Quintra Waits, Lois Moore, Sylvia Douglas, (seated from left) Lois Gilliland and Oleta Davidson are discussing plans for the Founder's Day Dinner celebrating the 38th anniversary of the founding of King's Manor and Westgate Nursing Home. The dinner will be held at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 9 in the Lamar Room of King's Manor.

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH

School Menus

HEREFORD I.S.D.

Breakfast
MONDAY-Waffle sticks with syrup; or cereal, buttered toast, orange pineapple juice, milk choice.

TUESDAY-Breakfast pizza; or cereal, buttered toast, orange quarters, milk choice.

WEDNESDAY-Scrambled eggs with Canadian bacon, apple churro; or cereal, buttered toast, fruit punch juice, milk choice.

THURSDAY-Little smoky, biscuit and jelly; or cereal, buttered toast, diced peaches, milk choice.

FRIDAY-Peanut butter and jelly sandwich; or cereal, buttered toast, apple juice, milk choice.

Lunch

MONDAY-Tuna with noodles, quick baked potato, green peas, cornbread, hot peach cobbler, milk choice.

TUESDAY-Chicken fried steak with gravy, whipped potatoes, black-eyed peas, angel biscuits, strawberry apple dessert, milk choice.

WEDNESDAY-Submarine sandwich with assorted meats and cheese, lettuce with tomato slices, french fries with catsup, orange cream bar, milk choice.

THURSDAY-Chicken fajitas with picante sauce, lettuce and tomatoes, Spanish rice, refried beans, pear delite, cowboy bread, milk choice.

FRIDAY-Chili dog with mustard, border beans, tater tots with catsup, fresh fruit choice, royal brownie, milk choice.

ST. ANTHONY'S SCHOOL
MONDAY-Pigs in a blanket, potato wedges, pork and beans, pears, milk.

TUESDAY-Stuffed baked potato, green beans, peaches, peanut butter cookies, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Frito pie, pinto beans, lettuce and tomato, cherry cobbler, milk.

THURSDAY-Oven-fried chicken, mashed potatoes, coleslaw, bread, peach cobbler, milk.

FRIDAY-Cheese pizza, lettuce and tomato, sweet peas, breadsticks, applesauce, milk.

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Ann Landers



Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: Last night, I stopped at a gas station located near an extremely busy expressway. I saw a young girl and boy walk into a wooded area behind the station. The girl was carrying a kitten. I asked them what they were doing. The girl replied rather sadly, "Our dad told us to take this kitten back to where we found it." The father then got out of his car and told me they already had six cats and didn't want any more.

The kitten was shivering and frightened. I told the father the kitten would die if it was abandoned. I said, "He will be hit by a car or starve to death." The man remained stone-faced and did not reply. He simply drove off. I took the kitten home, bathed him, cleaned his fur and nails, and fed him. This morning, I found him a good home with an employee at a pet food store.

My story has a happy ending, but I shudder to think what might have happened to this darling kitten had I not come along. Please, Ann, tell your readers not to abandon unwanted animals. They should bring them to an animal shelter or a veterinary hospital. Many people mistakenly believe house pets can survive on their own. This is not true. It is inhumane, cruel and heartless to dump a pet on the side of the road or in the woods. And remind your readers to have their pets neutered so there aren't more homeless cats and dogs wandering the streets and starving to death. — Michele in Ronkonkoma, N.Y.

Dear Michele: You reminded them, and I thank you. Taking that abandoned cat home, cleaning it up, and finding a home for him told me a lot about the kind of person you are. Bless you for your kind heart.

Dear Ann Landers: This is in response to the letter about college graduates and how some degrees will help your careers more than others. While it was amusing when the liberal arts graduate asked, "Do you want fries with that?" I would like to say a few words in support of a degree in liberal arts. I work in the computer in-

dustry. My liberal arts education provided me with the analytical skills that have helped me as a systems analyst. It has also given me the ability to write clearly and use correct grammar. Many people with whom I work have technical degrees, but they cannot write worth a damn. Please let students know that a degree in liberal arts can be extremely valuable and is well worth the effort. — Sarah in Alexandria, Va.

Dear Sarah: Yours is the Voice of Experience, and I thank you for sharing your wisdom with my readers. I would like to add that nothing in the way of education is a waste. Although algebra was Greek to me, I learned in algebra class that some teachers can be extremely compassionate. Miss Jones gave me a B so I could make the Honor Roll. I didn't deserve it. I had a mental block on algebra, but she knew I tried hard, and that was good enough for her. I've never forgotten it.

Dear Ann Landers: Advise your readers who take prescription drugs to count the number of capsules when they get home. In fact, a better idea is to count them before you leave the pharmacy window.

Recently, I was surprised to find 22 capsules instead of the 30 which were prescribed and for which I had paid. I phoned the pharmacy and was told to come right back. I was given the eight missing capsules and an apology. That experience made a strong impression on me. — A Van Nuys, Calif. Reader

Dear Van Nuys: Most pharmacists are totally honorable, but I wonder how many times the customer has been given more capsules than he or she paid for.

Lonesome? Take charge of your life and turn it around. Write for Ann Landers' new booklet, "How to Make Friends and Stop Being Lonely." Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$4.25 (this includes postage and handling) to: Friends, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562. (In Canada, send \$5.15.)

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Annual bazaar will benefit 4-H, projects

The annual Westway Country Christmas Bazaar is scheduled for Nov. 11 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. in the Hereford Community Center.

Booth space is now available.

Proceeds from the bazaar benefit 4-H and other community projects.

For more information or booth rental, call Carolyn Evers at 364-4739.

Free kids' carnival downtown Sunday

Special to the Brand

JAM 2000, a free kids' carnival sponsored by the Jesus and Me children's ministry of First United Methodist Church of Hereford, is scheduled for Sunday, October 15 in downtown Hereford.

Carnival events, open to all youngsters from K-5 through sixth grade, will be held on the church grounds at 501 North Main. Activities will get underway at 3 p.m. and continue until 5:30.

Headlining carnival attractions are three big inflatable games that will be in place on the west side of the church building. Additional games featuring prizes will be offered on the church grounds and cotton candy, popcorn, and soft drinks will be served, all at no charge.

Inflatable games at JAM 2000 will include a big laser tag maze, a bouncing-on-air room, and an obstacle course.

Frank the JAM dog, a lively participant in the FUMC children's program, will be on hand at the carnival to greet those in attendance.

A puppet show will be presented in the church's fellowship hall from 4-4:30 p.m. Youngsters must register and obtain a hand stamp to be admitted to carnival events.



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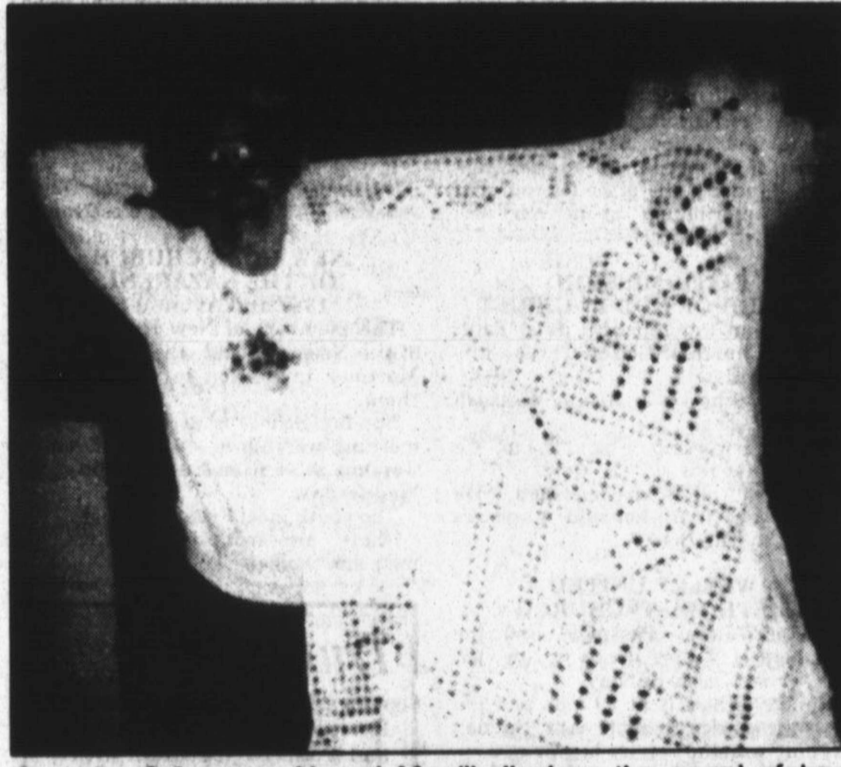
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BAND STUDENTS of the Week!

We proudly introduce for the week of 10-6 (back) Herbert Carrillo, Vincent Urbanczyk, (front) Katherine Fry, and Aundrea Baca.
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Angel afghan — Naomi Merrill displays the angel afghan she made and donated for a drawing to be held in conjunction with the Millennium Madness Bazaar which will be Nov. 10-11 in the Fellowship Hall of First United Methodist Church. Bazaar hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday and 8 a.m.-noon Saturday. Tickets for the afghan are \$1 each and are available at the FUMC office.

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GOOD HANDS

Hereford receivers Slade Hodges and Geoffrey Marquez top the Panhandle in receiving yards.

Hodges, a senior at Hereford High, is first in the region with 29 receptions totaling 339 yards. Hodges averages 11.7 yards per catch while scoring six touchdowns for the fourth ranked Herd.

Marquez, a junior receiver for the Whitefaces, is right behind Hodges with 27 catches amounting to 284 yards. Marquez averages 10.5 yards per catch and has two touchdowns to his credit so far this season.

The tandem will try to remain on top this evening when the Herd hosts district foe Caprock.



SLADE HODGES



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Tech faces top program

Red Raiders face Nebraska and Kansas State consecutively

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Through six games, Texas Tech has allowed a total of 59 points. Now the Red Raiders are preparing for consecutive games against teams that could score that many.

No. 1 Nebraska visits Lubbock on Saturday for the first

big test against the Big 12's stingiest defense. Tech (5-1, 1-1 Big 12) then plays a road game against No. 2 Kansas State.

"We're definitely going to have to pick (the intensity) up. I don't know how many notches," said linebacker Lawrence Flugence, the conference's leading tackler.

The Cornhuskers (5-0, 2-0) will be playing their first game since returning to the nation's top spot. They lost

their favorite status for the first time last week following

three unimpressive victories.

Nebraska continued to struggle — in relative terms — against Iowa State last Saturday, but moved up

because Florida State lost to Miami. The Cornhuskers' vulnerability has been

on defense, especially in the passing game. That fits right into Tech's hands because new coach Mike Leach's offense is

10th best in the nation at throwing the ball and Kliff Kingsbury leads the Big 12 in completions, attempts, yards and touchdowns.

The Red Raiders have such great numbers on offense and defense because they've been beaten up on teams that are a combined 10-23. They lost to Texas A&M in their toughest test.

Playing Nebraska, then Kansas State, will be a

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"If we keep improving, we have a shot."

—KLIFF KINGSBURY
Texas Tech Quarterback

BOOSTER SUPPORT

Helping out—Jerry Stevens (left) of Stevens Five Star presents a check to Whiteface Booster Club President Jeff Carlile (center) of \$250 for the Herd's accomplishments during last Friday's homecoming game. Stevens pledged \$50 for each Hereford score and \$50 if the Whitefaces won the game. Also present for the picture was local manager of Southwestern Public Service Wallace Hill (right).

'Horns beat JV

Ninth graders top Tascosa Rebels

The Hereford JV team was in action Thursday but lost to Caprock 42-32.

Quarterback Tyson Yosten tossed for three touchdowns and Jorge Gonzales ran for another to lead the Whiteface JV.

On defense, Eloy Viallovas had an interception against Caprock, and Edward

Villarreal intercepted the Longhorns twice during the game.

The ninth grade team was also in action against Tascosa and beat the Rebels 28-6.

Ryan Artho had two rushing TD's for the ninth grade Herd. Quarterback Seth Hoelscher also threw for one touchdown, and James Lucero added another on a 12-yard run.

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YMCA opens co-ed volleyball registration

The Hereford YMCA is now accepting applications for their co-ed volleyball league.

The sign up deadline is Thursday, Oct. 19, while games begin on Nov. 2.

The league is eight games long plus a double elimination tournament.

The games will also be in a best of three games format.

The cost to enter the league is \$102 per team. For more information on the league contact the Hereford YMCA.

Stern scores Sixers' Iverson

Philadelphia star to eliminate offensive lyrics from rap album

NEW YORK (AP) — Allen Iverson will take steps to eliminate offensive lyrics from the final version of his rap album, NBA commissioner David Stern said Thursday after meeting with Iverson at league headquarters.

Stern declined to fine or suspend Iverson but issued a strongly worded statement critical of the Philadelphia guard, whose controversial rap recording contains violent references and derogatory terms about gays, women and blacks.

"It was a good meeting. I'm glad we had it. I'm glad he called me in," Iverson said prior to the 76ers' exhibition game against the Knicks. "It's important for me to be a professional about the whole thing. I've got to play a season. My rap album is over. At this point, the only thing you can do is handle it like a man."

If Iverson did indeed agree to eliminate any of the lyrics, it would be a departure from his earlier stance. After a meeting with civil rights groups earlier this week, Iverson

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Lady Eagles unbeaten in district play

NCA closes out volleyball season next week

The Nazarene Christian Academy volleyball team remained undefeated this week in district play taking out Bible Heritage of Amarillo 15-9, 15-11.

The Lady Eagles (7-3, 6-0) were lead in the game by Lacy Torbert who had nine successful serves. Leanna King also had seven service points for NCA followed by Kimmy Artho who had six service points.

The Lady Eagles look to stay undefeated as their season comes to an end next week with games on Tuesday and Friday.

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District Soccer Kick



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District winners—The Hereford Elks Lodge District Soccer Kick took place this past week. Winners include (back row left) Joshua Schroeter, Sandy Granadoz, Van Haney, Mika Gonzales, (front row left) Calen Lacey, Christina Gonzales, Erin Haire and Andrew Flores. Also pictured is Elks District Soccer Kick Director Ray Lindsey (back row right). The eight kids will compete against other district winners Saturday in Grapevine at the Elks State Soccer Kick. Winners will advance to the regional contest held in Mesquite in November.

Mets control NLCS

Ankiel struggles again for slumping Cardinals

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The New York Mets are headed home, maybe for the rest of the year. The St. Louis Cardinals, meanwhile, must wonder what the future holds for Rick Ankiel.

Nearly four hours after Ankiel threw the opening pitch to the backstop, Jay Payton hit an RBI single in the ninth inning Thursday night, giving the Mets a 6-5 win over St. Louis and a 2-0 lead in the NL Championship Series.

The Mets won their team-record fifth in a row in the postseason, with three of the victories coming in their final at-bat.

"It's amazing, but we keep coming back," Mets pitcher Al Leiter said. "That's kind of been the way we're playing, very resilient."

The victory sent the Mets back to Shea Stadium for Game 3 on Saturday. It also kept them on track for a Subway Series — the Yankees and Seattle are 1-1 in the ALCS. Payton delivered his second winning hit in the playoffs, having singled home the go-ahead run in the 10th inning of Game 2 of the division series at San Francisco.

Robin Ventura led off the ninth with a grounder that first baseman Will Clark misplayed — shades of Bill

Buckner? — and pinch-runner Joe McEwing moved up on Benny Agbayani's first sacrifice bunt of the year.

Payton followed with a single that skipped past center fielder Jim Edmonds for a two-base error.

"I don't care if I go 0-for-10. As long as we win the game, it's no big deal to me," Payton said.

While the Mets could afford to savor this game for a day, Cardinals manager Tony La Russa had more pressing concerns — and not just about how to get Mark McGwire a meaningful at-bat or how to become the first team ever to win a championship series after losing the first two games at home.

After watching Ankiel throw a modern-record five wild pitches in an inning last week in Game 1 against Atlanta, La Russa saw another meltdown by the 21-year-old rookie. Ankiel's first pitch was a 91 mph fastball that nearly nailed Timo Perez in the head and drew gasps from the sell-out crowd. In all, five of the

rookie's first 20 pitches hit the backstop.

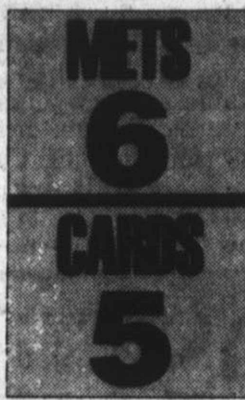
"It was scary," said Edgardo Alfonzo, who walked after two balls sailed past him.

Ankiel was officially charged with only two wild pitches, both coming with Mike Piazza at the plate.

"I played with a guy in the minor leagues that had a great arm and struggled with his control a little bit," Piazza said.

This, though, was more than a little problem.

All of Ankiel's crazy tosses went the same way, to the spot that would be high and away to a right-handed hitter. Ankiel was mercifully pulled after getting only two outs in the first inning. He seemed to be biting his lip as he walked off to sympathetic applause, with fans no doubt wondering whether he had caught the same wildness disease that derailed Mark Wohlers and Steve Blass.



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State, should be the ultimate measuring stick.

"Any time you play the No. 1 team in the country, you pretty much have to play a perfect game," Kingsbury said. "If we keep improving, we have a shot. They're college students just like us, and it seems like people have played with them this year."

Craig Bohl, the Cornhuskers' defensive coordinator, said he's been impressed by Kingsbury's ability to take big hits. The fact Tech's line is letting people get to the quarterback is what Bohl likes the most.

"It's going to be important for us to continue to press him," Bohl said. "I think you're going to see us come up with packages that make sure we have people coming at him from different angles, for us to be very unpredictable and for us to not let him get into a comfort zone."

Nebraska quarterback Eric Crouch isn't too comfortable himself after being pounded in the victory over Iowa State last week. He was given

Wednesday off from practice to preserve his body.

"That's just the nature of being a quarterback," Huskers coach Frank Solich said. "Whether you're taking those hits in the running game or mainly from the passing game, they're still hits."

"One thing about the running game is you generally see a guy coming at you. A lot of times in the passing game you'll get blindsided."

Tech should provide Nebraska a good indication of what to expect in two weeks against Oklahoma. The teams did not meet last season, when Leach was calling plays for the Sooners.

Football

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On defense, Edward Silva and Vincent Urbanczyk each had one interception. Alex Bravo also had two sacks and caused a fumble to help the Whitefaces.

Whitefaces vs. Caprock
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Rap

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said he would not change any lyrics.

Stern released a four-paragraph statement.

"The lyrics that have been attributed to Allen Iverson's soon to be released rap CD are coarse, offensive and anti-social. However, I have come to understand, unfortunately, that certain rap artists regularly spew such lyrics to a wide audience at great profit to some of America's most successful entertainment companies.

"Notwithstanding the music's wide popularity, Allen, by even recording his lyrics, has done a disservice to himself, the Philadelphia 76ers, his teammates and perhaps all NBA players. However I do not believe that the NBA should be in the business of regulating artistic expression, no matter how repugnant," Stern said.

Iverson did not confirm whether he agreed to elimi-

nate any lyrics. A union official who accompanied Iverson to the meeting was not immediately available for comment. Stern's statement said Iverson had made a commitment to eliminate the offensive lyrics.

"If he doesn't follow through on that commitment, then he, along with the 76ers and the NBA, will merit whatever criticism may be leveled at us."

"The commissioner covered it all," 76ers general manager Billy King said.

The album is due out in February; an edited version of one rap, "40 Bars," was released to radio stations this week. The song is peppered with references to women, blacks and gays and contains the following lyric: "Man enough to pull a gun, be man enough to squeeze it." The song ends with the lyrics played over the sounds of a gun being cocked and fired.

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INSIDE

Gore, Bush hit the battleground states



Foreign policy eruptions threaten to draw attention away from the campaigns of Al Gore (left) and George W. Bush.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa (AP) — George W. Bush and Al Gore, after a vice presidential detour to the White House, sprinted to battleground states Friday as foreign policy eruptions threatened to draw attention away from the campaign.

Both men talked tough about the apparent terrorist bombing Thursday of a Navy warship in Yemen, vowing retribution as they offered sympathy to victims' families.

The crisis served as a

reminder of Gore's institutional advantage as vice president. He canceled a round of TV interviews in the Midwest on Thursday afternoon and rushed to the White House for a briefing by Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and National Security Adviser Sandy Berger.

Gore then met for 30 minutes with President Clinton in the Oval Office, the first time Gore had been at the White House since June.

The Democratic presidential candidate resumed campaigning today in Iowa and Michi-

gan. While Gore and Bush focused on high-minded policy disputes, strategists continued to hammer away at misstatements from their second debate Wednesday night.

"The governor did make, in our opinion, serious errors," said Gore campaign chairman William Daley. "His record in Texas is squarely on the table for the public."

Bush's camp pointed to overnight surveys showing most thought Bush performed better in the debate as evidence that the Gore camp was grow-

ing desperate.

Gore aides jumped on Bush's comment about three Texans convicted in the dragging death of James Byrd. Bush said all three got the death penalty. In fact, only two were sentenced to death; the other, life imprisonment.

The Gore campaign also distributed a statement from Harvard law professor Laurence Tribe, who suggested the convictions could be "vulnerable to state and federal challenge" as a result.

Gore campaign spokesman Chris Lehane said the issue

would be driven home.

"It takes awhile for some of the issues to settle in," he said.

Gore aides say Bush should be held to the same standard as Gore, who suffered through days of criticism for his own misstatements in the first campaign debate.

For his part, Gore told 3,000 cheering backers at a rally Thursday in downtown Milwaukee that they should focus on the very real differences between the two candidates. He also continued a theme of hammering on Bush's record.

Lieberman takes potshots at Bush record on trip to Texas

McALLEN (AP) — A tour of the colonias that many of Texas' poorest citizens call



Lieberman

home — some without running water, sewers or electricity — caps Democrat Joseph Lieberman's tour of opponent George W.

Bush's home state on Friday. Lieberman says the dehumanizing conditions that about 400,000 people live in along the Mexican border is another area where the Republican presidential candidate has failed as a leader.

Lieberman said Bush cares so little he's never even visited a colonia, as the communities are called.

Bush spokesman Dan Bartlett said Thursday that

the governor has campaigned across south Texas and has provided \$5.6 million in low-interest loans to colonia residents besides helping them with water and sewer connections through legislation passed in 1999.

"We think the most important thing is not where you've been, but what you've done," he said.

Lieberman, the Democratic vice presidential nominee, was starting today with a "Today" show appearance and was returning to Washington after touring the colonias. He takes off again Sunday night for a Detroit fund-raiser before campaigning in Florida on Monday.

Visiting Bush's former home town Thursday, Lieberman criticized the governor's environmental record and met with Odessa residents who have complained about health prob-

lems they attribute to pollution from a nearby industrial complex.

He said Texas has ranked worst in the country for releases of air pollutants during Bush's 5 1/2 years in office.

"That's the question people around the country should ask," said Lieberman. "George Bush has a record that shows a failure to lead."

Not everyone agreed. Supporters of the city's industrial complex gathered to protest Lieberman's criticism. Angry callers to radio talk shows urged residents to tie purple ribbons on their vehicle antennas in support of Huntsman Polymers Corp., which employs 700 people in the mostly blue-collar town.

Texas had the most total pollution emissions of all states in 1995-97, and metropolitan ozone violations have gone up since Bush became governor.

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U.S. markets rising

NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. markets moved higher today, shaking off worries about escalating tensions in the Middle East, high oil prices and a new economic report indicating that wholesale prices are rising faster than expected.

European markets were mixed, while Asian markets closed mostly lower.

After 45 minutes of trading, the Dow Jones industrial average rose 94.06 points to 10,128.66. The day before, the Dow fell nearly 380 points, its

fifth-biggest point loss ever, though the 3.6 percent decline did not even approach the top 25 percentage losses.

Broader indicators were also higher. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 19 points to 1,348.78. The Nasdaq composite index was up 90.92 points at 3,147.05, after closing at its lowest level of the year Thursday.

The move higher came even as the Labor Department reported that the producer price index shot up 0.9 percent in

September led by big jumps in the costs of gasoline and heating oil. While U.S. markets initially moved lower on the news, they quickly headed into positive territory as investors began bargain-hunting.

Markets overseas for the most part opened lower following Thursday's developments, which included an apparent terrorist attack on a U.S. warship in Yemen and Israeli combat helicopters rocketing Palestinian positions in response to the killing of Israeli soldiers.

Budget bargainers narrow differences

WASHINGTON (AP) — Budget bargainers have whittled their differences to three overdue spending bills, but fights over federal school aid, immigration and other hot political issues will keep Congress working at least into next week.

Four more spending bills for the new fiscal year worth more than \$160 billion won Senate approval Thursday, as lawmakers provided extra money for everything from the Internal Revenue Service to public housing. Easing passage were hundreds of millions of dollars in projects for legislators' home districts, a highly sought prize less than a month from Election Day.

With President Clinton having signed three of the 13 spending measures and three more all but complete, three other bills remained that were still causing headaches. Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., predicted that they could

be finished by next Thursday so Congress could adjourn and lawmakers could focus on re-election campaigns.

"At some point, everybody's got to get ambitious to complete the work and leave," Lott told reporters.

Democrats, however, chose to focus on education, a big issue in this year's presidential campaign. Clinton wants nearly \$3 billion to help communities hire teachers and rebuild schools, but Republicans want to give local officials freedom to use the money for whichever educational needs they have.

"This is something that is needed and desired by voters all across this country," said House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo. "Let's do the one thing that most helps."

Twelve days after the start of fiscal 2001, the Senate gave final legislative approval to a package combining \$30.3 bil-

lion for the Treasury Department, \$2.5 billion for Congress' own operations, and a phaseout of the 3 percent federal tax on telephones. Senate passage was by 58-37, and Clinton's signature was expected.

The measure would also let members of Congress get a \$3,800 pay raise in January to \$145,100.

By 87-8, the Senate also approved two other bills that were combined: a \$107 billion measure financing veterans, housing, environment and science programs and a \$23.6 billion bill for energy and water projects. House passage was expected next week, and Clinton will sign the measure.

The three remaining bills cover six Cabinet departments, dozens of other agencies and foreign aid. Besides schools, they also carry disputes over Central American immigration, expanding hate crimes laws, coastal conservation and other

hot-button issues.

Yet amid the parties' finger-pointing, their bargainers worked hand-in-hand to deliver projects for lawmakers from all over the country.

The veterans-housing bill bore roughly \$900 million in home-district projects, including water and sewage grants, economic development aid and NASA research projects for universities.

These included \$35 million for drinking water/wastewater projects for rural Alaska, home of Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Ted Stevens. Sen. Slade Gorton, R-Wash., who faces a tough re-election fight, took credit for \$8 million in projects. And North Dakota's congressional delegation won more than \$60 million for water and community development projects, including \$1.5 million to build a visitors' center in Williston, with exhibits on the Lewis and Clark expedition.

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Nov	88.50	88.50	88.50	88.50	88.50	88.50	88.50	88.50	88.50	88.50	88.50

GRAIN FUTURES

Cont'd	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept
Oct	2.15	2.15	2.15	2.15	2.15	2.15	2.15	2.15	2.15	2.15	2.15
Nov	2.15	2.15	2.15	2.15	2.15	2.15	2.15	2.15	2.15	2.15	2.15

METAL FUTURES

Cont'd	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept
Oct	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25
Nov	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25

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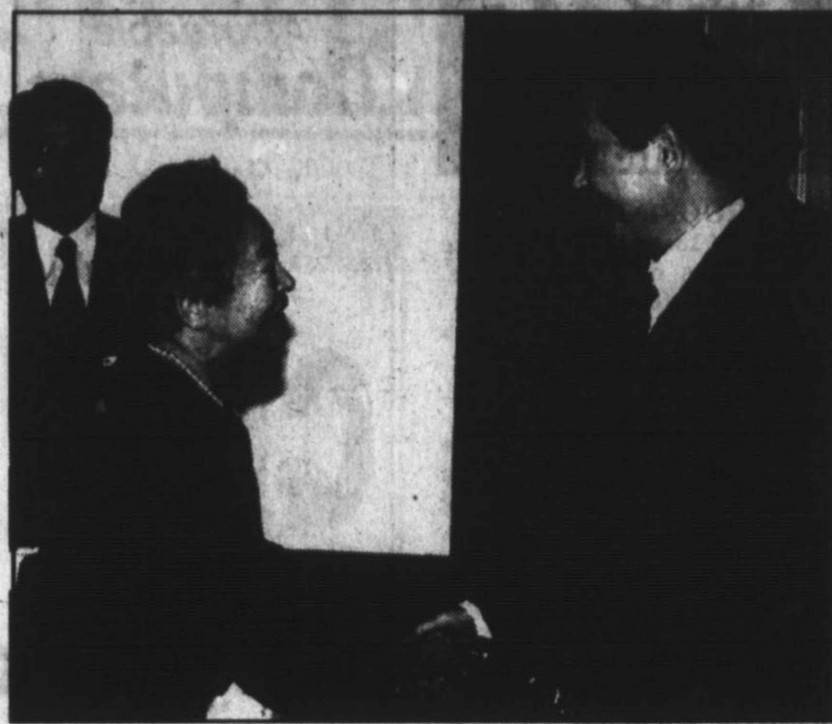
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Mideast leaders try to arrange summit

JERUSALEM (AP) — Club-wielding Israeli police beat back young Palestinians today outside the Jerusalem mosque that has been a flashpoint for recent clashes, while Israeli and Palestinian leaders were trying to arrange a weekend summit in Egypt. Mediators are seeking to calm two weeks of fighting that escalated Thursday when two Israeli soldiers were mutilated by a mob of enraged Palestinians. Israel responded with combat helicopters that fired rockets at Palestinian targets — including the residential compound of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat. Israel and the Palestinians were close to arranging a summit for Saturday or Sunday

that would include the United States, Egypt, Jordan and the United Nations, senior Palestinian officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity. As a condition for attending, the Palestinians demanded that Israel withdraw its troops from the outskirts of Palestinian cities and lift its siege of Palestinian communities in the West Bank. Prime Minister Ehud Barak's spokesman, Gadi Baltiansky, confirmed that negotiations on a summit were underway but said nothing had been decided. Asked about the possibility of such a gathering, Arafat said, "The most important thing before a summit is to stop the aggression against

our people." The Palestinian leader was asked if his security forces would attempt to arrest those responsible for killing the Israeli soldiers. "You know that we are making very serious investigation," he said. Israeli helicopters returned to the Gaza Strip on Friday, hovering briefly over the port in Gaza City, though they did not fire. From the shore, Israeli gunboats were visible in the Mediterranean Sea. Palestinians declared Friday a "day of rage," and scuffles broke out between police and young Palestinian men in Jerusalem's Old City as Muslims arrived for midday prayers at the Noble Sanctuary compound.



Nobel Peace Prize — South Korean President Kim Dae-jung (right) shakes hands with United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Sadako Ogata at the presidential palace in Seoul, South Korea. Kim, 76, won the prize for his efforts to reconcile with North Korea, which registered dramatic success in June when he held a summit with the North's communist leader, Kim Jong Il.

HHS band schedules performances

The Hereford High School "Mighty Maroon Band" will perform "An Olympic Montage" at 7:12 p.m. Oct. 21 in Dick Bivins Stadium in Amarillo. The performance will be part of the annual University Interscholastic League competition. The band will give a preview of its UIL performance this weekend at the Pioneer Marching Festival. The HHS band will perform at 8:30 p.m. Saturday in Bulldog Stadium in Plainview. Admission for the festival is \$2 per person.

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Cheney

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senior center and two veterans gatherings to talk about Bush's plan to fix Social Security, Medicare and the military. The GOP vice presidential candidate has been highly critical of Clinton-Gore era military cutbacks and troop deployments, which he contends have severely damaged the nation's military readiness and drained the forces of morale, equipment and soldiers.



GOP vice presidential candidate Dick Cheney has been highly critical of Clinton-Gore era military cutbacks and troop deployments.

Former Sen. Alan Simpson of Wyoming, campaigning with Cheney in recent days, lashed out at Gore this week for saying he supported sending troops to the Persian gulf when he was a senator in 1990.

Simpson said Gore actually threatened to vote against the measure unless Senate leaders allowed him a 20 minute speech on the floor during prime time hours. Gore stood ready "to support the side that gave him the most time at prime time," Simpson said.

The Gore camp disputed Simpson's account.

"Al Gore voted to support the use of force in the Persian Gulf because it was the right thing to do. Alan Simpson's ludicrous charge has been thoroughly debunked. It's absolutely not true," Gore campaign spokesman Doug Hattaway said.

Bush and Cheney have promised to repair U.S. forces but have not specified what type of buildup is needed, saying a top-to-bottom evaluation of our defenses would have to come first. Bush has called for \$20 billion for weapons research over five years and \$1 billion more a year for military pay raises.

Gore has proposed to boost defense spending by \$100 billion over 10 years.

Cheney oversaw defense downsizing during his own tenure at the Pentagon, but has said those cuts were justified by the end of the Cold War while the Clinton administration has cut far beyond what is prudent for the nation's security.

Attacks

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came from an external source, bolstering the contention that it was a terrorist attack. The ship was refueling in Yemen at the time.

Western diplomats in Yemen said the explosion seemed to be the work of a well-organized group with good connections in the port of Aden who might have provided the bombers with some logistical support.

The diplomats, insisting on anonymity, said the boat used by the suicide bombers was similar to boats used by port authorities to guide vessels into port or facilitate ships with refueling.

Seven soldiers have been confirmed dead and the families of 10 who remain missing are being notified that they are presumed to have died, U.S. Navy spokeswoman Lt. Cmdr. Cate Mueller said in Washington. Efforts to recover their remains were continuing, she said.

Thursday's blast tore a hole 20 feet to 40 feet in diameter. U.S. officials say suicide bombers blew up a small boat next to the 9,100-ton destroyer.

The French Defense Ministry said Friday its army planes had taken 11 of the injured overnight to Bouffard military hospital in Djibouti, where six underwent surgery. Lt. Terrence Dudley, a U.S. Navy spokesman, said 22 others were evacuated Friday to Germany. Two, apparently less seriously hurt, remained in Aden.

In Germany, officials at the Ramstein Air Base said they were expecting bodies of the dead sailors to begin arriving later today and the injured late Friday or early Saturday. The injured were to be taken to the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, a U.S. military facility.

Dudley said some of the injured USS Cole sailors were in serious condition and others were stable. He did not elaborate.

American investigators as well as U.S. Marines and soldiers filled Aden, bringing in equipment to search for clues beneath the water near the USS Cole. Sniffer dogs also were seen being brought to the area.

Dudley said investigators may keep working at the site another two days. The USS Cole, one of the world's most advanced warships, was left slightly tilted in Aden harbor.

"The ship took (in) some water and we are trying to dewater it. But, generally, it is seaworthy and we will tow it to the United States," said Dudley, of the Bahrain-based U.S. 5th Fleet.

The Cole is a \$1 billion guided missile destroyer homeported at Norfolk, Virginia. It was heading with a crew of about 350 to the Gulf for maritime intercept operations in support of the U.N. embargo against Iraq.

U.S. embassies in the Middle East said Friday they had been ordered by the State Department to close public operations until Monday in light of developments in Yemen and escalating violence in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

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