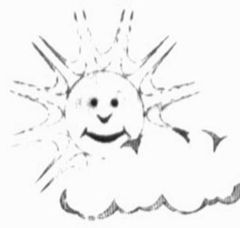


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REOPENING SOON - Construction crews are working hard at Northwest Elementary School to make repairs caused by a heavy rain last month, as well as complete the installation of a new roof and heating-air conditioning system at the school. Students have been attending classes in the Hereford Independent School District Administration Building while the work is under way.

PUBLIC: Sentiment opposing impeachment

WASHINGTON (AP) - The American public hasn't caught the impeachment fever that's been sweeping the nation's capital, choosing instead to give President Clinton healthy job approval ratings.

Since the president admitted in August that he had a sexual relationship with Monica Lewinsky, some newspapers, TV pundits and members of Congress have called for his resignation or impeachment.

But two-thirds of Americans in polls taken after Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr's report was released don't want impeachment. Almost that many don't want him to resign.

"To my knowledge it's unprecedented," said Todd Gitlin, who teaches culture and communication at New York University. "I can't remember when there's been this deep a gulf between the Washington press corps on one hand and the public on the other."

He recalled one student who said it was surreal, given the world's problems, to turn on the television and hear everyone talking about oral sex.

The media's sense of outrage is higher than the public's, said Bill Kovach, curator of the Nieman Foundation.

"In spite of everything that people in Washington, D.C., may believe, the sun does not rise and set on Washington," Kovach said. "For most people, Washington and the work of the federal government are a much smaller part of their lives than people tend to believe."

Some argue that the generally



His survival in the presidency and his high popularity are directly attributable to the overreaching of the Republicans in the Congress.'

- Alan Brinkley, history professor, Columbia University

healthy economy is key to Clinton's continued job approval ratings of 60 percent or higher.

"We could talk all day and night about factors that might change his job approval 2 or 3 percent," said Larry Sabato, a University of Virginia political scientist. "The economy is the single most important ingredient to his Teflon."

"The country has prospered under him," said Clinton political adviser James Carville, field general from the 1992 election. "In democracies, historically, people have blamed their leaders when things go bad and rewarded their leaders when things have gone well."

The stock market has struggled lately amid international financial problems, but unemployment and inflation rates are the best they've been in a generation, and falling interest rates have spurred a boom in

housing sales.

On Monday, Clinton addressed growing international financial troubles and urged the world's wealthy nations to work together on economic issues.

Republican pollster Frank Luntz said job approval is merely "a measure of the country's sense of well-being." He contended the president's personal poll numbers are a far more important measure.

Almost six out of 10 people in a CNN/USA Today/Gallup poll taken Sunday viewed Clinton negatively as a person.

The president struggled in the polls during his first two years. During the government shutdown in late 1995 - the first year Republicans controlled Congress - Clinton boosted his job approval numbers by blaming the

Experts see more trouble for Clinton

WASHINGTON (AP) - Kenneth Starr's report leaves Americans with three stubbornly enduring portraits of President Clinton: detailed evidence that he lied to them and the grand jury, used federal employees to facilitate his sexual escapades and then used the unique powers of the presidency to hide it all.

Legal experts say the president's biggest problem in mounting a defense may be his difficulty countering Monica Lewinsky's testimony about when their affair began and the nature of the intimate contact.

"There's lots of corroboration for her allegations," John Barrett, a former prosecutor now at the St. Johns University law school, said Monday.

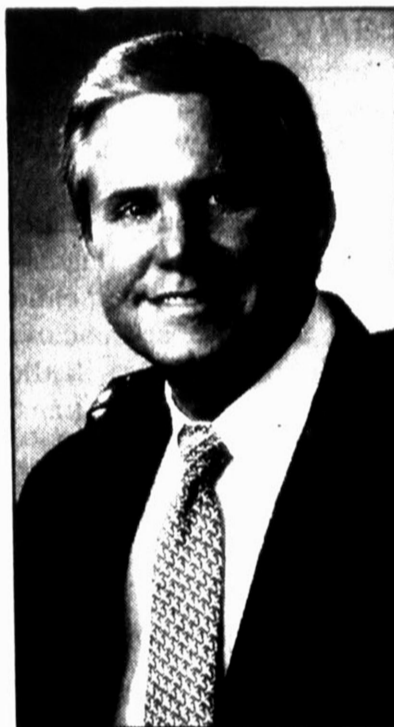
Prosecutors spent six months assembling evidence of Ms. Lewinsky's intimate relationship with Clinton and alleged cover-up even before they got the former intern's cooperation. And the mountain of evidence that backs up her story stands in stark contrast to the many vagaries of Clinton's testimony.

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I cannot stand in judgment of a person's peace with God, nor with how contrite he is with his apologies. But, if he breaks the law, he cannot apologize without facing the consequences of his actions.'

- U.S. Rep. Larry Combest

**Combest offers full confidence in House panel**

By SPEEDY NIEMAN
Brand Publisher

Despite the "spin" being used by both sides on the actions of the president, U.S. Rep. Larry Combest says he has "complete confidence the House Judiciary Committee will rise above politics in deciding if there is enough probable cause to trigger the impeachment process."

Combest, the Lubbock Republican whose 19th Congressional District includes Deaf Smith County, said an impeachment inquiry "is not a situation we look forward to in the House... it is one of the most serious considerations we will face in the House."

Speaking Monday on a conference call with newsmen from West Texas - from Andrews to Perryton - Combest said he believes President Clinton's ability to govern has been damaged.

Pointing to the various forms of punishment being discussed, Combest was asked if censure of the president would be a possibility.

"That is possible, but the first step will be the decision on whether to have hearings on the proposed articles of impeachment. If the House votes not to initiate the impeachment process, then censure would be a potential decision. The polls make interesting reading, but we are not governed by the polls," he added.

Combest said he thinks there are too many unanswered questions for the judiciary committee not to move ahead with the hearing.

"There are very strong grounds that the president has committed perjury," he said.

Explaining the process, Combest said if the judiciary committee rules there is sufficient evidence, the House then conducts its own hearing and decides whether to continue the process. If a majority of House members approve articles of impeachment, then it is referred to the Senate, which conducts its trial. If there were to be a trial, Chief Justice William Rehnquist would preside.

A two-thirds vote of the Senate is required to officially impeach the president.

The congressman said this is not something that can be cleared in two weeks, but "no one should drag their feet on this matter... we should move with all deliberate speed."

With Congress scheduled to adjourn in October, Combest said it seems likely that the impeachment process will be under way. Congress would probably recess and the judiciary committee, which is chaired by Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill., would continue its work.

"I would hope that the initial vote on the process will come before the end of the year," Combest said.

Combest said he is amazed by polls showing many Americans are not too concerned about the president's problems.

"I don't think they called many folks in my district. Have any of you been polled?" he asked.

Recalling a town hall meeting in his district just after the scandal broke, Combest said he asked members of the audience how they felt about the matter. One man, whose daughter was working as an intern in Combest's office, replied:

"If that had happened between you and my daughter, you wouldn't have to worry about hearings because I'd shoot you dead!"

That was the answer he expected, Combest said.

"I cannot stand in judgment of a person's peace with God, nor with how contrite he is with his apologies. But, if he breaks the law, he cannot apologize without facing the consequences of his actions," he said.

Only one U.S. president, Andrew Johnson, has ever been impeached, and he prevailed -- by one vote -- in the 1868 Senate trial.

Three articles of impeachment against Richard Nixon were approved by the House Judiciary Committee in 1974 following its investigation growing out of the Watergate burglary, but Nixon resigned before the full House could vote on impeachment.

Also, Congress censured President Andrew Jackson in 1834; however, the censure resolution was rescinded in 1835 by the new Congress.

Starr report draws gripes

HONG KONG (AP) - The Clinton sex scandal is simply too graphic for some readers in Hong Kong.

The Television and Licensing Authority, which polices the media, has received 27 complaints against local newspaper reports published Sunday and Monday on President Clinton's relationship with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky.

Most complaints said "the headlines and graphics were too obscene," government spokeswoman Mandy Au-yeung reported.

Hong Kong newspapers on Sunday

published excerpts of Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr's report on Clinton's extramarital affair.

Oriental Daily News, which received the most complaints, carried a special six-page section replete with explicit, satirical computer graphics, and highlighted the graphic details of Clinton's sexual encounters.

Au-yeung said officials would investigate the complaints and may refer them to a media tribunal.

The maximum penalty for publishing obscene material in Hong Kong is a fine of \$102,500 and one year in jail.

U.S. retail sales show increase

WASHINGTON (AP) - Retail sales rose a mild 0.2 percent in August as consumers snapped up back-to-school clothes and home furnishings but showed other signs of more cautious spending.

August sales increased to a seasonally adjusted \$224.8 billion, the Commerce Department said today. That followed a 0.6 percent drop in July caused mainly by a General Motors strike that had sharply reduced auto sales.

Outside the volatile automobile category, sales of all other retail goods rose by a relatively modest 0.3 percent in August. That was on the heels of a 0.6 percent jump in July that was more typical of previous months' shopping sprees this year.

"The pace of consumer spending has slowed," said Stan Shipley, senior economist for Merrill Lynch & Co.

Plentiful jobs and rising incomes have fueled consumer spending in 1998. Also, unusually good mortgage rates have encouraged Americans to buy houses, spurring sales of furniture and home improvement supplies.

Analysts say consumers may be starting to spend more warily.

Unemployment remains near a 28-year low. However, several recent surveys on consumer confidence say Americans are feeling less secure as economic hard times abroad have slowed U.S. production and taken the stock market on a scary roller-coaster ride this summer.

Today, the Dow Jones industrial average of blue-chip stocks was up about 25 points at midmorning.

In August, sales of durable goods were unchanged after plummeting 2.1 percent in July, largely because of the GM strikes. Before July, durable goods sales had grown strongly in every month this year except March.

Furniture stores again reported a strong, 1.0 percent sales increase in August, after similar jumps in the previous three months.

Sales at hardware and building supply stores dropped 0.5 percent. Auto dealers saw business drop another 0.2 percent on top of the sharp slide they experienced during the GM strike.

Sales of nondurable goods were up a cooler 0.3 percent in August following a 0.6 percent increase in July. Sales at clothing and accessory shops were up 1.2 percent and department store sales rose 0.3 percent as back-to-school shopping got under way.

And food store sales were up 0.4 percent. But Americans went out to eat and drink less often. Business at bars and restaurants fell 0.2 percent in August.

Drug store sales rose 1.1 percent, but continuing low fuel prices dropped gas station sales another 0.9 percent.

Hammett to be resource person for Alzheimer's support group

In affiliation with the Alzheimer's Association, Panhandle Chapter, the Hereford support group for family caregivers of persons with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, will meet from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Thursday at Fellowship of Believers Church, 245 North Kingwood (at Moreman).

A support group is a gathering of people with common problems, needs and interests to share their feelings, thoughts, questions, experiences and concerns in a combined effort to better cope with and survive the challenge presented by persons with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

The resource person for this month's support group meeting is Susan Hammett. Hammett is with Adult Protective Services -- Texas Department of Protection and Regulatory Services. She will explain her role in the community and the ways she connects with persons with Dementia and Alzheimer's Disease and their families.

After a brief presentation, Hammett will join in dialogue with the caregiver support group.

Friends, relatives and neighbors of these brave caregivers are encouraged to offer to say with the person with Alzheimer's to allow the

caregiver a rest. Respite care is vital for these caregivers whose days are typically 36-hours long.

The "bible" for caregivers of persons with Alzheimers is titled **The 36-Hour Day: A Family Guide to Caring for Persons with Alzheimer's Disease, Related Dementing Illnesses, and Memory Loss in Later Life** by Mace and Rabins. Thanks to a local donor-group this excellent resource is available at no cost by calling 364-0359.

Group facilitator is Nathan L. Stone, Ph.D., pastoral counselor and former senior chaplain with Family Hospice of Temple.



Housekeepers recognized

The housekeeping staff of King's Manor/Westgate is being recognized with special activities this week in observance of National Housekeeping Week, Sept. 14-18. The staff includes, front row from left, Alma Salinas, who has joined the Navy; Stella Delgado, supervisor; Ruby Munoz; back row from left, Maria Mariscal; Lupe Rangel; Maria Lopez; Ruth Perez; Tonya Musser; and Catalina Ruiz, not pictured.

Hints from Heloise

Dear Friends: Each year around this time I have a little heart-to-heart talk with you, my readers, about an important, helpful and free mental-health program. This year will be no different.

If you or someone you know has been feeling a little blue lately, the National Depression Screening Day program may be helpful. To find a site nearest your home, you can call 1-800-573-4433 or visit their online site locator at www.nmisp.org.

This year's National Depression Screening Day (NDS) is Thursday, Oct. 8.

There are over 3,000 sites nationwide, and each is set up to give you a 10-question screening test, a meeting with a mental-health professional and a referral, if you wish, for future treatment.

Also, this year for the first time, primary-care clinicians will screen their regularly scheduled patients as well!

This anonymous and free screening is painless and easy. The people associated with the NDS really care about educating the public on depression and letting people know that help is available.

Tear this out right now, or mark your calendar. This could just be the help you've been waiting for. — Heloise

Dear Readers: Have you every had trouble trying to fax an odd-shaped or small document through your fax machine? If so, there's a real quick and inexpensive solution! All you need is a page-sized (8-1/2-by-11) clear, thin plastic sleeve, which can be found at any office-supply store. These sleeves are wonderful for holding newspaper clippings or other small pieces of paper (and also those on the more slippery paper) that your fax machine would rather "eat" than transmit. — Heloise

Westway Bazaar booths available

The annual Westway Country Christmas Bazaar is scheduled for Nov. 14 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 and leave a message.

Doctor's discovery may end obesity

HILTON HEAD, S.C. — A doctor believes that a natural formula containing the extract of a small Asian fruit can help cause significant weight loss.

Anthony A. Conte, M.D. reported in an American Medical Journal that the formula, now called Bio-Rex 3000, caused patients to lose more than twice as much weight as those in a control group on the same fat reduced diet. Neither group was instructed to decrease the amount of food they ate or to increase their exercise levels. An article published in the *American Journal of Clinical Nutrition* says that you don't have to reduce the amount of food you eat to lose weight, provided that you limit the fat.

Dr. Conte says that animal studies suggest the mechanism behind the weight reduction is due to interruption of the "Krebs Cycle", an important step in the body's fat storage process. He says it may work the same way in humans. According to Dr. Conte, "The best part of this unique discovery is that it is not a drug, but a dietary food supplement. The Asian fruit, called garcinia, is similar to citrus fruit found in the United States with one big exception-- it may help some people fight obesity! While Dr. Conte's study may be preliminary, the exclusive North American distributor, Phillips Gulf Corp., is calling the Bio-Rex 3000 supplement "Nature's Ideal Diet Aid."

According to a spokesperson for the company, Bio-Rex 3000 is now available through pharmacies and nutrition stores or call 1-800-729-8446 or visit www.phillipsgulf.com.

Bio-Rex 3000 is available locally at: EDWARD'S PHARMACY 204 W. 4th St. • 364-3211

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TPALA is hosting forum regarding legal assistants

Texas Panhandle Association of Legal Assistants is co-hosting a public forum with the Legal Assistants Division of the State Bar of Texas. The forum is scheduled for 10 a.m.-noon on Sept. 25 in Amarillo National's Bank Plaza Two's meeting room on the second floor.

The goal of this forum is to allow the long-range planning task force of the Legal Assistants Division of the State Bar of Texas to obtain information regarding the public opinions on registration, certification and licensure of Texas legal assistants.

Forums such as this one are being

used to encourage debate and free exchange of ideas and information on these issues. The long-range planning task force has extensively researched and continues to research these points and is now in the opinion gathering stage of that research.

Anyone who would like to give a statement at the forum should send a typed statement to Rhonda Brashears, P.O. Box 9158, Amarillo, Texas 79105. Those submitting statements in advance will be given priority. Those attending the forum may sign up to give a statement on a first come-first served basis.

Breast cancer screening set

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 at South Plains Health Care Providers, Inc., 603 East Park, on Oct. 9.

A minimum of 15 women needs to register in order for the mobile mammography clinic to come to area

towns. All exams are done by appointment only.

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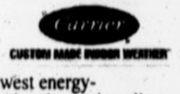
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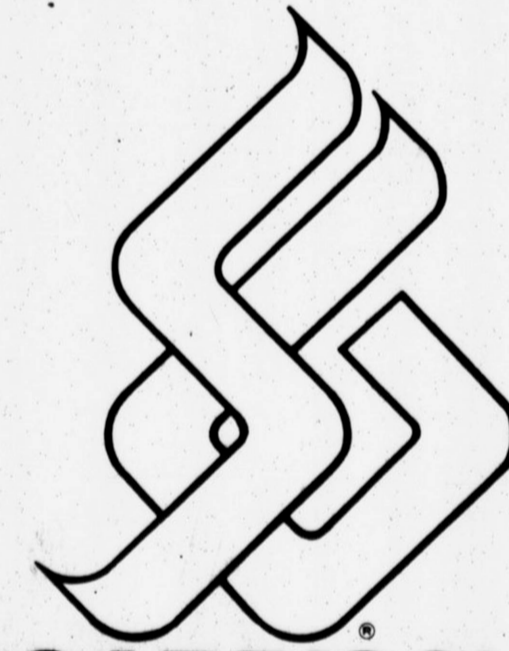
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in brief

Clinton's denial said to cost taxpayers about \$4.4 million

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Clinton's denial in January of a sexual relationship with Monica Lewinsky cost more than the personal embarrassment of Kenneth Starr's report. Taxpayers will foot a bill of at least \$4.4 million, The Associated Press has learned.

Starr has provided that figure as the preliminary estimate of what his independent counsel's office spent over the past eight months investigating the Lewinsky affair and alleged cover-up.

The figure - which doesn't include the costs the administration bore fighting legal battles that delayed Starr, the future costs of witness reimbursements or the other aspects of Starr's investigation - may become a political weapon against the president.

Some already are discussing the possibility that Congress could demand the president pay restitution to cover some of the costs of the investigation as one form of punishment that might also include a vote of censure.

"It's the duty of the Senate to discuss the costs that have been borne by the American people as result of a calculated deception by the president," said Sen. Frank Murkowski, R-Alaska, who requested and received the spending estimate from the independent counsel.

The figures do not include the costs its Washington office or its Arkansas office incurred investigating other matters during the same period. The other aspects of the Whitewater investigation already have cost about \$40 million over 4 1/2 years - a figure Democrats have frequently used to attack Starr.

Russia may be skirting weapons commitment

WASHINGTON (AP) - U.S. intelligence warned lawmakers that Russia may be skirting its commitment to eliminate its chemical and biological weapons arsenal and doing little to prevent the export of weapons technology.

The CIA and the Defense Intelligence Agency told lawmakers in newly released written responses to questions that the basic building blocks of the former Soviet Union's chemical and biological weapons capability are being maintained by Moscow.

In addition, the intelligence agencies said certain elements of the Russian government may be seeking to circumvent arms control agreements that limit development of new chemical and biological weapons.

The CIA cited evidence from Russian "whistleblowers" who have alleged that Moscow is hiding a program designed to ensure a continuing offensive chemical weapons capability despite arms control commitments, including the Chemical Weapons Convention, which took effect in 1995. Some of these allegations have long been publicly aired, but the CIA cited other unspecified evidence corroborating the charges.

Russia dragging feet in Y2K computer glitch

MOSCOW (AP) - Russia has the world's second largest arsenal of nuclear weapons and perhaps a dozen decaying nuclear reactors. No one appears to know what will happen when the clocks on aging Soviet-era computers that control them click over from 1999 to 2000.

Despite the possible dangers, Russia has been dragging its feet in confronting the so-called millennium bug.

"Compared with other countries, I must say we are behind," said Alexander Krupnov, chairman of Russia's Central Telecommunications Commission, which has just been assigned to work on the computer problem that many countries began tackling several years ago.

Even Krupnov isn't quite sure how much of a danger Russia faces, or where it's going to get the hundreds of millions of dollars needed to fix critical systems.

Consumed by pressing day-to-day problems and grappling with economic crisis, Russia's government has paid scant attention to potential failures in computers and embedded circuits that could now be fewer than 500 days away.

The millennium bug threatens all computer software and chips that, to save programming space, use just the last two digits to designate a year. When 2000 arrives, many computers won't know if it's 2000 or 1900, which could cause them to go haywire.

Navy divers seeing horror of plane crash

HALIFAX, Nova Scotia (AP) - More than 180 feet under the ocean surface, the jagged edges of a mangled airplane and the broken bodies of its victims greet the navy divers who are combing

the seabed off Peggy's Cove.

Mixed among the electrical cables, landing gear and fuselage of Swissair Flight 111 are reminders of the 229 people who died so violently there on Sept. 2 - suitcases, wallets, a child's "Lion King" puppet.

"It was like you were standing in the middle of a landfill. There was just stuff everywhere," said Marcel Maynard, a Canadian navy diver who helped retrieve the jet's flight data recorder. "It was just busted up so much it didn't look like an airplane."

The murky waters envelop the wreckage like the fog that hovers over the Nova Scotia coast, giving divers views of 40 or 50 feet at best. At such depths, things appear in black-and-white. Fish don't seem much interested.

The largest sections of the MD-11 are about 50 feet long, Maynard said. From what he's seen, all the plane's windows were smashed.

Also hidden in the gloom - a treasure trove worth millions. The valuables, including diamonds, jewels, millions of dollars in cash and a Picasso painting worth an estimated \$1.5 million were on their way to Geneva when the jet crashed into the Atlantic, Swissair said Monday.

Whales injured when hit by whale watching boats

BOSTON (AP) - Whale watching is as much a New England activity as eating creamy clam chowder, cracking open lobster or taking in the fall colors.

That simple, innocent image has been hurt, however, by two recent accidents in which whales were rammed by high-speed whale-watching boats.

The collisions, which killed a minke whale and injured a humpback whale, have prompted soul searching in a \$24 million-a-year industry dedicated to celebrating Earth's largest mammal.

Some marine conservationists argue that the business must be better regulated and that boat captains should be forced to slow down in areas where whales feed.

"I still feel horrible," said Capt. Bill Sanchez of the Millennium catamaran, which hit the humpback whale last month. "I can still feel that bump when it hit the ship. I never wanted to hurt any of these animals."

"Something should be done about the speed limits because right now, there are none," Sanchez said.

On Aug. 2, the 120-foot Millennium - one of the newest high-speed catamarans - struck and injured a 2-year-old humpback whale off Stellwagen Bank, at the northern tip of Cape Cod. Sanchez said he sped up to about 21 mph because he thought there were no whales in the area.

Court overturns conviction in talk show slaying case

DETROIT (AP) - An appeals court overturned the murder conviction of a man who killed a gay admirer whose crush was revealed on "The Jenny Jones Show."

The state Court of Appeals said lawyers for Jonathan Schmitz were wrongly barred from removing a juror before his trial began. They said Schmitz should be retried on second-degree murder and firearm charges.

However, the three judges said in a footnote that if they had been the jury, they might have convicted Schmitz of first-degree murder. The panel's ruling was made Friday and released Monday.

10 accused of spying, infiltrating exile groups

MIAMI (AP) - The Cold War is over, but the spy games go on.

Ten people - including a couple of husband-wife teams - were charged Monday with spying for Cuba's communist government, allegedly by targeting U.S. military bases in southern Florida.

The targets included the U.S. Southern Command, which oversees military operations in Latin America and the Caribbean, authorities said. The 10 also are accused of trying to infiltrate anti-Castro groups and manipulate U.S. media and political organizations.

"In scope and in depth, this case, it is really unparalleled in recent years," U.S. Attorney Thomas E. Scott said Monday. "This spy ring was cast by the Cuban government to strike at the very heart of our national security system and our very democratic process."



The minimum age required for a ball girl or ball boy at the U.S. Open tennis matches is 14 years old.

Boost in price supports rejected

WASHINGTON (AP) - In election-season jockeying over how to address a severe downturn in the farm economy, Senate Republicans killed a \$7 billion aid package backed by the Clinton administration.

Republicans said the measure, which would boost government price supports, was too costly and could eventually backfire by pushing commodity prices still lower. They said they're working on a much cheaper plan that would give farmers direct payments, possibly about \$2 billion.

"I don't think there will be a soul in this place that doesn't want to help agriculture," said Sen. Craig Thomas, R-Wyo. "What we're really talking about is how can we best help agriculture."

The centerpiece of the Democratic plan, which was rejected Monday along party lines 53-41, was a one-year boost in rates on government commodity loans that would trigger an estimated \$5 billion in farm

subsidies.

Several GOP governors have endorsed the idea, but Senate Republicans argued that the rate increase would eventually become permanent and stimulate excess production. The Senate turned back a similar proposal in July.

Farmers can either take a payment for the difference between the loan rate and local market prices or they can borrow money at the loan rate and repay it at the crop's value.

Democrats worry that the direct aid favored by Republicans would wind up in the hands of landowners, not farmers.

Raising loans rates "will provide some price stability. ... A direct payment will not," said Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa.

Despite bumper crops throughout the Midwest, a worldwide grain glut that sent commodity prices plunging this year is expected to cut farm income by 15 percent. Wheat prices are 30 percent below the average for

the last five years, and corn prices are down 28 percent. Farmers in the South also have been hit hard by drought.

"Something must be done and it must be done quickly or we are going to see an exodus from agriculture unlike any we've seen in our history," said Sen. Kent Conrad, D-N.D., adding that when adjusted for inflation, wheat prices are at their lowest level since the 1940s.

Along with the boost in loan rates, Democrats also wanted to add \$1 billion to the Senate-passed measure and give farmers another \$500 million to cover their costs of storing grain while they wait for prices to rise.

In July the Senate approved \$500 million in assistance to farmers who have been hit with repeated crop failures, but the Agriculture Department said that will not go nearly far enough. Farmers are "faced with problems unequalled in years," Agriculture Secretary Dan

Glickman said in a letter to senators.

The Democratic plan was similar to a compromise proposed by the North Dakota Farm Bureau and the North Dakota Farmers Union, two groups that differ sharply in their economic philosophies.

But Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, questioned the fairness of giving farmers \$5 billion when high crop yields were compensating to some extent for low commodity prices. "Senators have other people in their states in addition to farmers," he said.

Any Ideas or suggestions?

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Study to check on aspirin effect on colon cancer

WASHINGTON (AP) - Aspirin may significantly suppress genetic mutations that lead to some types of colon cancer, concludes new test-tube research deemed promising enough that scientists are about to test the pills in hundreds of at-risk people.

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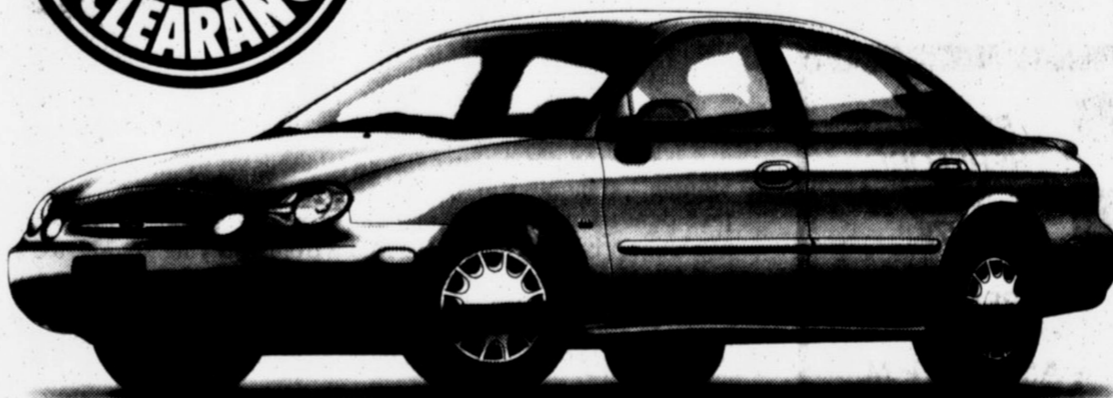
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