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Fire prevention

Families get word on safety

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Fall is in the air and with it comes the annual National Fire Prevention Week.

The Hereford Volunteer Fire Department has been conducting tours of the facilities this week and providing information on fire prevention and safety.

This year's theme for fire prevention week is "Exit Drills In The Home" (EDITH) and designed to help children and parents to be aware of escape routes in the home.

Fire Chief Jay Spain said families should practice fire drills, know different escape routes and the place to meet once everyone is out of the house.

Spain says it is a good idea to get everyone in the family involved with fire safety and prevention.

Among the precautions the firefighters explain to visiting children are simple things: never blocking an exit, keeping articles away from heat sources, and using care with matches or candles. These



CROWDS OF students visited the Hereford Volunteer Fire Department this week as part of the observance of National Fire Prevention and Safety Week. Training Lt. Leroy Lucero directed the students and explained the different vehicles and their use.

are common-sense tips, which are often taken for granted.

Spain says that with the change of seasons comes a good time to check heaters, vents, and filters and clean or replace as necessary.

He said that many families will soon be preparing to do holiday

decorations and he encourages everyone to check the lights and the wiring before setting up any displays.

Above all else, Spain says that one of the most important safety precautions is to change the batteries in all the smoke and fire alarms in the house at the same time they change their clocks.

Smoke detectors should be placed outside each sleeping area and at least one on each level of the building and all batteries should be changed at least twice a year.

"We can't measure fire prevention," said Spain. "But the easiest fire to fight is the one that is prevented."

HEDC reports local economy indicators drop

By DONALD M. COOPER
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Economic indicators for Hereford fell last month, according to monthly figures compiled by the Hereford Economic Development Corp.

The sales tax collections for the county, city and HEDC all fell from September, although they remain above last year's level.

While crop prices are above the September level, they remain significantly lower than in October 1997.

The county sales tax collections for October are \$29,357, down from \$35,498 in September and \$31,956 a year ago.

The city's sales tax collections fell from \$68,872 in September to the current \$59,328. The sales tax collections also are below the \$67,840 reported in October 1997.

The HEDC reported \$29,664 in sales tax collections, down from \$34,366 in September and slightly below the \$30,420 a year ago.

The civilian labor force also showed a dropoff in October, falling to 211 to 8,056. A year ago, the labor force was 8,222.

The unemployment rate held steady in October at 8 percent. However, it is well above the 6.7 percent reported a year ago.

The total employment is 7,409, which is nearly 200 below the 7,602 reported in September and well below the 7,671 reported in October 1997.

A bright spot is the mortgage rate, which fell to 6.63 percent for a 30-year, fixed-rate loan. In September, the rate was 7.13 percent. A year ago, the rate stood at 7.625 percent.

The city had 5,320 water connections, down eight from September but up 16 from last October.

On the agricultural front, area producers have been battered by both a drought and falling grain prices. Wheat is at \$2.43 per bushel, up from \$2.25 in September but still well below last year's figure of \$3.04. Corn is pegged at \$3.62 per hundredweight, up two cents from September but still significantly lower than the \$4.66 in October 1997. Grain sorghum is going for \$3.25 per hundredweight, up 15 cents from last month but well below the \$3.98 for October 1997.

Fat cattle is going for \$59.07 per hundredweight, up from \$57.30 last month but nearly \$7 lower than last October's figure of \$65.99.

Farm aid package nets Clinton veto

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Clinton vetoed an agriculture spending bill containing a \$4.2 billion GOP-backed emergency farm aid plan on grounds it was inadequate, the White House said today.

Clinton wants House and Senate negotiators to go back to work to try to fashion a new package even though Congress plans to adjourn this weekend, presidential spokesman Joe Lockhart said.

The emergency aid provision was part of a \$60 billion overall agriculture spending bill that Clinton vetoed late Wednesday. He and Democrats have been pushing a more expensive \$7.3 billion plan that relies mostly on giving farmers an extra \$5 billion through a program that subsidizes growers when commodity prices fall below set levels.

GOP leaders made a last-minute attempt to sway Clinton Wednesday and even accused him of holding the entire agriculture spending bill hostage.

"We shouldn't play political games with the fortunes of farmers and ranchers," House Republican Conference Chairman John Boehner, R-Ohio, said. "While he (Clinton) moves the goal posts, farmers and ranchers across America wait."

"The president is playing politics and holding this bill hostage," said Rep. Tom Latham, R-Iowa. "He's got to sign it and do it now."

Clinton said he has "no choice but to veto" the bill after the Senate passed it Tuesday. The House approved it last week.

Senate Democrats have urged GOP leaders to negotiate a compromise, noting that the 55-43 passage of the bill didn't give Republicans enough votes to override a veto.

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Rep. Robert Smith, R-Ore., accused the White House of having last-minute objections to a small

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provision and jeopardizing the overall agriculture bill, which includes spending for school lunch, food stamp and food safety programs as well as agencies like the Food and Drug Administration.

"We've had this bill around for two months," Smith said. "We have not heard from the White House."

The GOP package offers a mix of disaster relief and about \$1.7 billion in direct payments to farmers. Farmers in the upper Midwest would get about \$675 million to help them after a series of crop failures over the past five years.

Impeachment

House nearing vote on ordering inquiry

WASHINGTON (AP) - Driving forward just one month prior to congressional elections, the House is moving to launch an impeachment inquiry that would make William Jefferson Clinton the third president to face the prospect of removal from office.

Democratic leaders were nervous before today's vote, knowing that conservatives in their party and those with tough election races were defecting to support the open-ended inquiry demanded by Republicans.

In 11th-hour maneuvering, the White House refused the requests of some moderate Democrats to stop opposing a broad inquiry not limited by time or subject matter. The president advised lawmakers to cast "a vote of principle and conscience."

First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, a House Judiciary Committee staffer during the Watergate hearings, assured a group of Democratic freshmen who asked to meet with her that the president would support their re-election campaigns no matter how they voted.

"You should each one understand ... the president wants you to vote the

way your constituents want you to vote," Rep. Marion Berry, from Clinton's home state of Arkansas, recalled her saying.

Clinton told an intimate dinner of Democratic party contributors Wednesday night that Democrats should generally seize the opportunity to rise above "Washington-centered destructive politics" and reap the voters' reward in November.

"Maybe it is the irony of this terribly painful moment, which I regret very much putting you all through, that we are being given yet one more chance to affirm our better selves," Clinton said.

The last presidential impeachment inquiry was authorized in 1974, when Democrats ran the House and Republican Richard Nixon was in the White House.

The only other president to face the possibility of removal was Andrew Johnson, the unpopular successor to Abraham Lincoln. The Senate came within one vote of removing him in 1868.

The Nixon case was triggered by a politically inspired burglary. Clinton's troubles began over his

sexual relationship with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky, and gathered steam with the president's efforts to conceal the affair.

Clinton has apologized for his sexual affair and asked the nation for forgiveness in hopes of ending this grave threat to his presidency. Opinion polls show about one-third of the public believes he should either resign or be impeached.

A USA Today/CNN/Gallup Poll published today found 53 percent of those surveyed oppose impeachment hearings while 44 percent favor them. But assuming hearings will be held, 50 percent said any evidence should be considered while only 30 percent said the inquiry should be limited to the Lewinsky matter. A CBS News poll showed a similar number, 55 percent, opposing impeachment hearings with 40 percent in favor of them. And two-thirds in the CBS poll said they don't believe that an impeachment inquiry can be wrapped up by the end of the year.

The Gallup survey of 861 adults conducted Tuesday and Wednesday had a margin of error of plus or minus 4 percentage points.

'We're No. 1!'

Comptroller reports Texas' rankings in almost anything

AUSTIN (AP) - When it comes to cattle and crude oil, Texas is still No. 1, the comptroller's office said Wednesday.

The state also ranks from No. 2 to No. 50 in other things.

Releasing the annual "Texas, Where We Stand" report, Comptroller John Sharp said the state ranks highest in a number of categories.

"Texas is still No. 1 in cattle, crude oil and natural gas production, and farms and farmland," Sharp said. "We're No. 2 in population, No. 3 in gross state product, and No. 4 in Fortune 500 companies."

Other categories in which Texas leads included the number of public school teachers, public school districts, percent of U.S. exports to Mexico, prisoners executed since 1977 and state prisoners per capita.

Texas also ranks second in fatalities from alcohol-related crashes

and prisoners under death sentence. The state is third in adults on state probation per capita, full-time equivalent enrollment in institutions of higher education, U.S. military installations and veterans.

Texas ranks seventh in annual salary of the governor (\$115,345), 13th in divorce rate, 14th in marriage rate, 19th in percent of adults who smoke, 26th in annual vehicle miles of travel per capita, 33rd in median household income (\$33,029), 41st in annual salary of state legislators (\$7,200) and 50th in state government revenue from a personal income tax (0 percent), a ranking shared with six other states.

The information was compiled from data supplied by a variety of state and federal government agencies, private groups and nonprofit organizations, Sharp said.

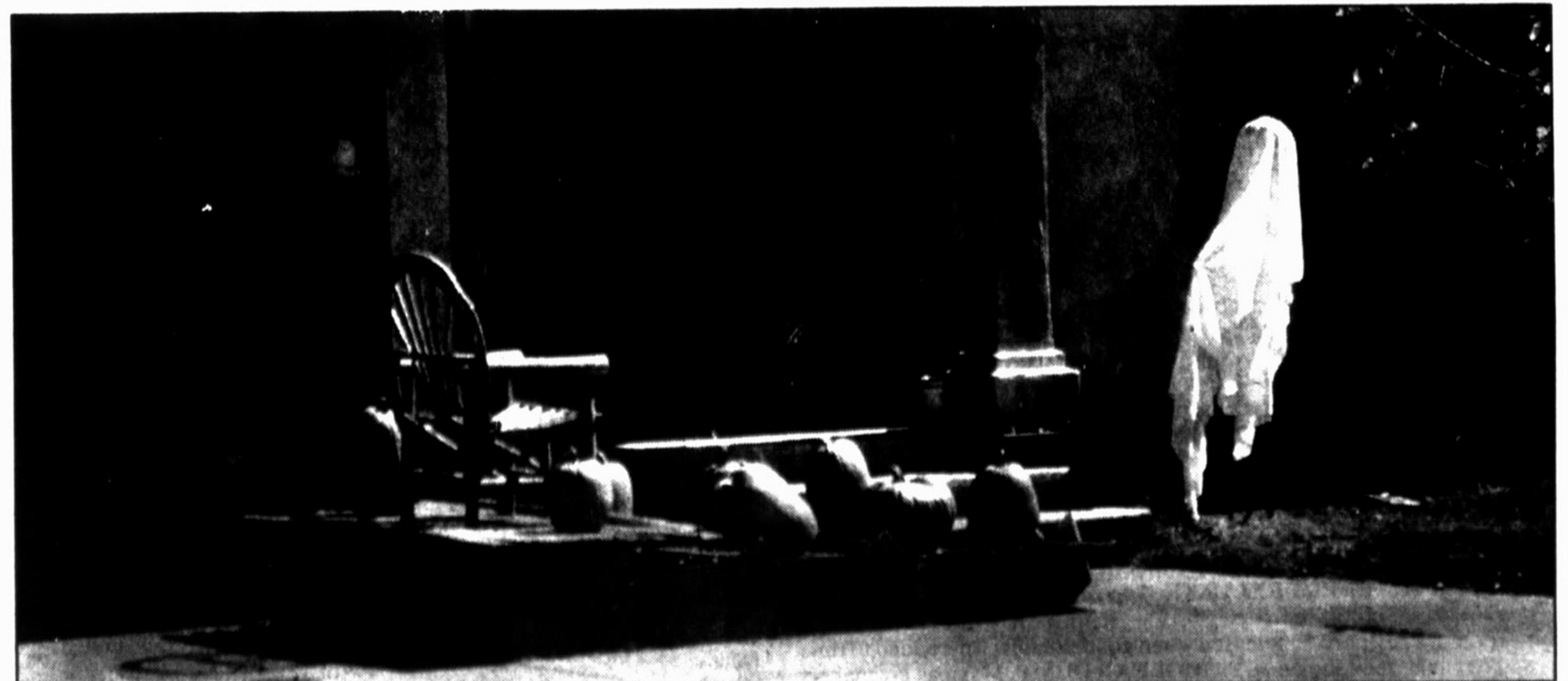


Photo by Don Cooper

GOBLINS BACK -- It's getting close to one of the time of the year when the ghosts and goblins will be taking to the highways and byways, tricking and treating. These pumpkins and ghosts already are decorating a residence in the 300 block of North Avenue K, even though Halloween is still more than three weeks away.

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Local roundup

Band boosters

Band parents are being urged to decorate the Hereford High School Band Hall on Oct. 13 to show support for the Mighty Maroon Band in its quest for its 38th consecutive Division I rating in University Interscholastic League (UIL) marching competition.

The band will compete Oct. 17 in the UIL contest at Dick Bivins Stadium in Amarillo.

The band hall will be open at 5 p.m. and throughout the evening Oct. 13 so parents can help with the decorations. Parents are asked to bring scissors, staplers and masking tape. Also, anyone who has volunteered to make section posters are asked to bring those to the decorating night.

Parents also will be needed at 1:30 p.m. Oct. 17 when band buses will be decorated at the bus barn.

For more information, call 364-1855.

Mostly clear

Tonight, mostly clear with a low 45 to 50, south wind 10-20 mph and occasionally gusty.

Friday, mostly sunny with a high in the mid-80s, southwest wind 15-25 mph and gusty.

Extended forecast

Saturday, breezy and warm, lows around 50, highs in the lower 80s.

Sunday, cooler, low in the 40s, high in the upper 70s.

Monday, continued cool, low near 40, high around 70.

Wednesday recap

High, 76; low, 44; no precipitation.

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News in brief

Report: A&M officials used phone for non-business reasons COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) - Thousands of dollars in phone calls between two top Texas A&M University System officials appear to have been for purposes unrelated to business, an audit has found.

The Bryan-College Station Eagle reported today that the report focuses on Richard Lindsay, the deputy chancellor for finance and operations in College Station, and Melissa Ricard, counsel and administrative director in Corpus Christi.

The A&M system incurred \$7,182 in costs for calls between phones accessible to the two officials from January 1996 to May 1998, according to a copy of the Sept. 24 audit report.

The audit indicated more than 2,400 calls, many of them after hours.

Memorial services planned for McDuff victim

WACO (AP) - Colleen Reed stopped at an Austin car wash on a cold Sunday evening in 1991. Soon after, serial killer Kenneth McDuff confronted her at a stall.

Ms. Reed was grabbed by the throat and forced into the back seat of a car. McDuff and an accomplice then took turns raping her as they drove north up Interstate 35. She was tied up and tortured before McDuff, in his words, "used her up."

For years, family members of Ms. Reed have had to cope with the terror of those details without the benefit of knowing where the 28-year-old woman was buried. Or if she was buried at all.

"It breaks my heart," Lori Bible of Round Rock said Wednesday after law officers identified her sister's body, exhumed this week from a shallow grave along the Brazos River.

Authorities set sights on prison gangs

AUSTIN (AP) - Prison officials grappling with a gang problem Chairman Allan Polunsky calls "ominous" are developing new programs to entice inmates to renounce gang membership and reduce violence.

Elements of the new anti-gang program could parallel those in a successful approach adopted by Connecticut prisons four years ago, officials told the Austin American-Statesman on Wednesday.

"This is a very real and very ominous problem and we are looking at whatever measures are appropriate to deal with it," Polunsky said.

Prison authorities began studying the idea several weeks ago and hope to have the new program in operation within the next year, said Wayne Scott, executive director of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Texas inmate executed for double slaying in Austin

HUNTSVILLE (AP) - With a survivor of his stabbing frenzy watching through a window a few feet away, condemned killer Jonathan Nobles was executed for the murders of two Austin women 12 years ago.

"I carried a lot of anger into that room," Ron Ross, who was stabbed 19 times and lost an eye during the carnage at an Austin house, said after watching Jonathan Nobles receive lethal injection. "I really don't feel it now."

Nobles, 37, was put to death Wednesday night after expressing love and seeking forgiveness from survivors of the victims of his drug-induced attack on Sept. 13, 1986.

He addressed virtually every witness by name. Then he quoted a biblical passage from Corinthians about love and said he was dedicating his death to the Virgin Mary.

"I'm so sorry I've been the source of pain - truly, truly sorry," he said.

Man gets 3 years for sexual pact with wife, stepdaughter

DALLAS (AP) - The 16-year-old girl sat in the back of the courtroom coddling her month-old daughter. On the witness stand was her stepfather, who fathered the child.

Chris Ahamefulu Ibeduru, 47, was convicted Wednesday of having sex with the girl, and a Dallas County jury took two hours to sentence him to three years in prison.

Prosecutors said the sex was part of a contract Ibeduru had with the girl and her mother. The pact called for the girl to have sex with Ibeduru so they could have a son. If the child turned out to be a girl, the stepdaughter would keep the baby.

The Nigerian immigrant faced up to 20 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine for his part in concocting the plan. His stepdaughter, who gave birth to a daughter last month, had hoped for the maximum.

"I wanted him to get 20 years," she said after the sentencing.

Elsewhere:

VICTIM IDENTIFIED: Nearly seven years after her disappearance, police have confirmed that a body found along the Brazos River was that of accountant Colleen Reed. Serial killer Kenneth McDuff is on death row for the crime. EARLY RELEASE: Almost three times as many inmates were released early from Texas prisons in the past year compared four years ago. They must be released when good-conduct time added to time served equals their sentence. NUCLEAR DUMP: Mexican lawmakers continue their campaign against a nuclear waste dump proposed near Sierra Blanca, only 18 miles from the Rio Grande. They were unhappy that Gov. George W. Bush didn't meet with them Wednesday in Austin. DRUG RING: A man who ranks among the upper echelon of Mexican drug lords has been indicted in El Paso. Vicente Carrillo Fuentes faces up to life in prison if convicted on 26 drug trafficking, possession and money-laundering counts.

Napalm destroys hazardous chemicals

PORT ARTHUR, Texas (AP) - The Navy has changed the way it plans to get rid of more than 3 million gallons of napalm stored north of San Diego, Calif., since the Vietnam War. For months, the Navy said it would recycle the jellied gasoline in cement kilns, which burn chemical waste and use the heat to produce cement. Now, plans call for the napalm to be mixed with other hazardous chemicals and burned in an incinerator. The first batch of diluted napalm was to be trucked about 100 miles from a plant in Deer Park, near Houston, to the Gulf Coast. It was scheduled to be burned today in a trial run in a hazardous-waste incinerator in Port Arthur. "We are running a test run this

week," said Jim Gary, manager of the plant operated by Waste Management Inc., also known as Chem Waste Inc. Robin Yocum, a spokesman for the Navy's napalm-disposal contractor, defended the decision to burn the napalm. "This is the next best alternative," said Yocum, of the Ohio-based

Battelle Memorial Institute. "It is still being used as a positive. Only now it is being used to destroy hazardous waste, instead of being used to make cement." But U.S. Rep. Ken Bentsen, D-Houston, complained in a letter to the Navy that contractors had assured the public that the napalm would not be burned in Texas. And U.S. Rep. Gene Green, D-Houston, said the military told him that recycling out of state was the plan. "I strongly urge you and the Department of the Navy to stand by the original information given to me," the Houston Democrat wrote in his Aug. 18 letter.

A coalition of more than 100 environmental and community groups in 13 states have criticized the Navy's plan to ship the napalm from Fallbrook, Calif., to Texas for disposal. The Navy began searching for a way to dispose of the napalm when storage canisters at the Fallbrook Naval Weapons Facility - where the compound has been stored since 1973 - started to leak, posing a threat to the environment.

The Navy thought it had found a company to accept the napalm in April. But after community protests, an East Chicago, Ind., company refused to accept a shipment and a train was forced to turn around.

In July, when a \$10 million contract with GNI Group Inc. was announced, officials said the Texas company would recycle the napalm into fuel for cement manufacturing. A short time later, the first 22,000 gallons arrived at the Deer Park plant.

The rest is to be shipped from California to Texas over two years.



Office involvement

Office staff at Hereford High School have gotten into the swing of Homecoming events by participating in twin day. Pictured are Patricia Meyer, Darlene McManigal, Poppy Head, Dolly Parker and Blanca Mariscal.

Immigrants allowed to file abuse suits

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) - Immigrants detained by the Immigration and Naturalization Service can sue the agency over alleged human rights abuses at one of its detention centers, a federal judge has ruled. The decision represented the first time that a 205-year-old U.S. law, normally deployed against foreign tyrants, was applied to domestic defendants, a lawyer for the 19 immigrants said Wednesday.

The decision by U.S. District Judge Dickinson R. Debevoise allows the lawsuit to proceed to trial. No date has been set. The ruling was issued Oct. 1 and made public Wednesday.

The 1997 lawsuit stems from conditions at the INS detention center in Elizabeth. It was operated by Esmor Correctional Services Inc. of Melville, N.Y., until 1995, when about 100 immigrants broke windows, destroyed furniture and overpowered guards in a 4-hour riot, claiming they suffered physical abuse and other inhumane conditions.

The INS closed the center and fired Esmor after its investigation found that poorly trained guards abused the detainees physically and mentally, gave them spoiled food and deprived them of sleep. It reopened in January 1997 after renovations were completed by its new operator, Corrections Corp. of America. A hunger strike last week at the 300-bed center was the first protest since CCA of Nashville, Tenn., took over.

The INS has not determined whether to appeal the ruling, spokesman Russell Bergeron said from Washington. The immigrants sued under the Alien Tort Claims Act of 1795, which until Debevoise's decision had only been used against suspected human rights violators in other countries such as Ferdinand Marcos of the Philippines and Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic, according to their lawyer, Penny M. Venetis of the Rutgers University Constitutional Law Clinic.

The immigrants are seeking unspecified money damages from the INS, Esmor and officials at the agency and company. Several immigrants were granted

asylum, but others have lost their cases and been deported, while others await a decision, Venetis said. Messages left for CCA officials in Elizabeth and Tennessee were not returned.

THE HEREFORD BRAND Business briefs Several area employees of New Century Energies were among 223 active and former workers receiving service awards Tuesday at a dinner at the Amarillo Civic Center Grand Plaza.

The honorees, all employees of NCE subsidiaries Southwestern Public Service Co., Utility Engineering, Amarillo Railcar Services and Quixx Corp. NCE hires employees for each five years of service. The employees honored Tuesday have served a total of 3,880 years. They work or have worked in SPS's Harrington and Nichols power generating stations near Amarillo, in the Panhandle Operations group, and in engineering, investment, utility and other services.

NCE was formed in August 1997 by the merger of SPS and Public Service Co. of Colorado. The area honorees and their years of service to NCE customers include Lewis McDaniel of Hereford, 40 years; Danny Fiel of Friona, 15 years; and Jon Hendrickson of Friona and Joe Hernandez of Hereford, five years.

THE HEREFORD BRAND Correction

The caption with a photograph on Page 1 of the Wednesday edition of The Hereford Brand incorrectly reported the amount of a donation to the Whiteface Booster Club. Hereford State Bank donated \$5,000 to the booster club for its commercial bus fund-raising drive. The newspaper regrets the error.

THE HEREFORD BRAND Obituaries

CLARA RODRIGUEZ Oct. 7, 1998

ANDREWS - Funeral services for Clara Rodriguez, 17, of Andrews will be 10 a.m. Saturday in McKinney Acres Baptist Church with Rev. John McQueen pastor officiating. Burial will be in Andrews North Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of McNett Funeral Home.

Ms. Rodriguez died Wednesday in Lubbock's Methodist Hospital. She was born June 13, 1981, in Andrews. She attended Andrews High school.

Survivors include her parents, Mary Alvarez and Rodolfo Rodriguez of Andrews; four brothers, Daniel, Steven and Reuben all of Andrews, and Shannon Pena of Hereford; two sisters, Ruby and Susan Rodriguez, both of Andrews; grandparents, Ruben and Bisenta Rodriguez of Ozona and Jose Rodriguez of Mexico.

Envelopes get judges' attention

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - A juvenile court judge in San Antonio says he doesn't know "if it's a threat or a sick joke," but it got his attention when he received two letters with glass shards inside. Mysterious envelopes addressed to Andy Mirels and to Carmen Kelsey, also a juvenile court judge, were intercepted Wednesday in the security office of the Bexar County Juvenile Justice Center.

The letters contained glass shards, tobacco and battery packs, officials said. A detective said the contents of the package may be part of a Santeria ritual intended to gain influence over the judges. Santeria is a religion that fuses Catholicism with ancient African beliefs brought over by slaves.

"I don't know if it's a threat or a sick joke, but it gets your attention," Mirels said. Neither judge opened the letters, which apparently had been hand-delivered. Bexar County sheriff's detective J. Huron said other judges in the state have received similar packages. "It's not necessarily designed to hurt someone," Huron said, "but rather to get power or influence over someone."

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Emergency services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for Oct. 7, 1998, include the following:

POLICE DEPARTMENT Incidents

-- A child abuse case was reported in the 600 block of Irving. Police determined the parent was only disciplining a child. -- Reckless drivers were reported in the 600 block of Austin. -- Pumpkins were as stolen from a residence in the 500 block of North Schley.

-- A loud party was reported in the area of the Aquatic Park. -- A woman left Homeland in a red 4-door Subaru. Upon reaching her destination she realized she drove a 2-door, not a 4-door. She drove back to Homeland to find the owner waiting beside her vehicle. Police determined it was an honest mistake.

-- A 15-year-old girl was reported as a runaway in the 600 block of Irving. -- A window of a car parked in the 500 block of Irving.

-- Two women were assaulted in the 500 block of West Fourth Street. -- A 14-year-old girl was reported as abandoned in the 700 block of La Plata Drive.

-- A lawnmower was stolen from the 400 block of Avenue C. -- Two students were taken into custody for fighting on school grounds at Hereford High. -- A criminal mischief was reported in the 800 block of South Texas. -- An accident was reported in the 400 block of Ranger. -- An accident was reported in the 800 block of 13th. -- An accident was reported in the 600 block of East First.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT Arrests

-- A 30-year-old man was arrested and charged with violation of probation. -- A 28-year-old man was arrested and charged with violation of probation on an engaging in organized criminal activity charge. -- A 35-year-old woman was arrested and charged with driving with a suspended license. -- A 37-year-old man was arrested and charged with driving with a suspended license.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

-- 7:05 a.m. Firefighters responded to U.S. 60 and Kingwood for a reported wreck. Nothing was located.

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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Texas lottery

AUSTIN (AP) - No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The ticket was worth an estimated \$23 million. The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were: 4-6-20-22-40-48. Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$29 million.

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 7-6-1

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Lifestyles

Ann Landers

Harder presents program for Westway FCE Club



Anniversary celebrated

Bernard and Opal Roberson were honored on their 70th wedding anniversary. They were married on Oct. 4, 1928, and have lived in Hereford since 1950.

Dear Ann Landers: I am in my late 70s, and my wife is a few years younger. She is neat about herself, keeps the house clean, keeps my shirts washed and ironed, and is a great cook. So, what's the problem? Why, at my age, am I writing to Ann Landers? Here is my dilemma:

Whenever I try to tell a story, my wife interrupts me and proceeds to give her version, leaving me dangling in mid-sentence. When I try to continue, I do so at the risk of starting an argument, which embarrasses everybody. This happens whether we are dining with friends or at home, just the two of us.

Our children rarely visit anymore and have privately told me it is because they cannot bear to hear their mother belittle me. I'm sure it doesn't help that she also tells them what they should eat and how much.

We have been married for over 50 years. My wife normally has a few martinis before dinner and then wine with her meal. I have no illusions about her changing her ways, but I hope you might have a suggestion or two to help me cope with the situation. No name or city, please, just -- Diminished in California

Dear California: You have been married to this woman for more than 50 years, so by now, you should know she is strong-willed and domineering, and as you said, she is not going to change.

You can, however, refuse to let her horn in when you are talking. Simply say, "Please let me tell it my way, and if you want to give your version later, fine," and keep on talking. Do not, I repeat, DO NOT relinquish the floor. Keep on talking. (P.S. The martinis and wine don't help the situation. How about shortening the "cocktail" time? I suspect part of her excessive gabbliness is due to the fact that she is half shnockered.)

Dear Ann Landers: I just read the second letter from "Norman in Sunrise, Fla." You had printed his "how-we-met" story, which told how he first met his wife, Rose, at a party. When he asked for her phone number, she told him only that her

name was Cohen and she lived in Brooklyn. He discovered there were three pages of Cohens in the Brooklyn phone book and made 40 calls a night until he found her.

Norman and Rose had just celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary, and he wanted to surprise her by having their story printed in your column. When I read that story, I thought it was so romantic, I sent copies to all my friends along with their anniversary cards.

Norman wrote to you again a few months ago. He told you how, just before his letter appeared in your column, Rose broke her hip and was living in a nursing home. When she saw the newspaper with their how-we-met story, she was so thrilled, she showed it to all her visitors. When she passed away, she was holding that column in her hands.

I want Norman to know how touched I was by this letter. I now plan to send copies of both letters to my friends who have been married a long time. His story was an inspiration to me, and I am sure it will be to others. -- Susan in Tarzana, Calif.

Dear Susan: How good of you to let me know that you took Norman in Sunrise, Fla., into your heart, as I'm sure many others did. He will be thrilled when he sees your letter. Thank you, dear Susan, from both of us.

Gem of the Day (Credit race car driver Steve Frieson): I feel safer when I am racing at 200 miles an hour than I do on the highway these days. Nobody is making a phone call, putting on make-up, eating lunch or reading a newspaper.

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A program titled "A Woman's Responsibility" was given by Beverly Harder, County Extension Agent, during the Monday evening meeting of Westway Family Community Education Club held at the County Extension Office.

In her program, Harder stressed the importance of women being aware of and taking charge of their own health needs.

President Carolyn Evers presided over the business meeting. Following the Council report by Grace Covington and the treasurer's report by Rosie Valdez, plans were discussed and reports made for the Westway Country Christmas Bazaar to be held Nov. 14 in Hereford Community Center.

Volunteer hours were reported. The FCE Fall Cooking Festival

will be held at 6:30 p.m. Friday in the community center.

On Oct. 29 there will be a program on Christmas decorations and activities given by the District Extension Agents. Reservations may be made through the local Extension Office.

Members present were Helen Brown, Bonnie Duke, Wanda Jesko, Covington, Evers and Valdez.

Halloween refreshments were served by hostess Evers.

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Backyard deck makes extra 'room' outdoors

Doing own work makes addition special

WACO, Texas - The deck is just another "room" of the house at the Linthicum residence.

Gary and Janet Linthicum of Woodway and their four children spend hours outside "living" on their deck. At 700 square feet it is larger than many small apartments.

"It's a good place to be," Janet said. "When it is cooler, we spend from the time we get home from work until it's time to go to bed out here."

Made of redwood lumber, the deck features an upper section with zigzag edges and several steps leading to a lower oval-shaped section with built-in benches and handrails.

One of the main reasons the deck is special to the family is because Gary and Janet built it themselves.

"It was a whole lot cheaper," explained Gary, who had built several decks in the past.

The Linthicums' brick home, which was finished early last year, was designed to have a deck in the back. They began working on the deck about four months after they moved in.

Before building the deck, the couple planned what they wanted and got a friend to sketch a picture. They built the deck in stages.

"We had to dig some of the dirt off the lot - about 10 feet of dirt - to get down to the original dirt," Gary said. He wanted the yard to slope in the back.

The couple built the 400-square-foot upper deck first. Working on the deck in their spare time, the project took about five weeks to complete.

Gary decided on built-in benches on the lower deck and decided against stationary planters.

"With a stationary planter, you'll be watering all the time and getting dirt and stuff on the deck," he said.

The large deck is ideal for entertaining. The family had its first get-together on the deck about three weeks ago. There was no shortage of space, even though about 35 people attended the party, they said.

When homeowners build their own decks, Linthicum said they should try a little creativity.

"If you just build a big old flat deck, 20-by-20, it's going to be a big, old flat deck, 20-by-20," he said. "Give it some character and bust it up and make different arrangements."

Charles Evans, owner of Redwood Inc., said ideas on shapes and sizes can be found in books and magazines on building decks.

"A deck is something that is relatively easy to construct," Evans said. "Lots of people do them themselves."

He can show someone how to build a deck in about 15 minutes, provided they know a few things about building, including how to use a tape measure, post hole digger, hand or skill saw and a hammer.

One important thing to keep in mind is foundation design.

"Well over half of the people will under-design or over-design a deck," he said. "They'll either build it where it feels like a trampoline when you walk across it or build it strong enough to raise a herd of elephants on."

Neither way is the right way to build it.

"Building it past its optimum strength is not going to extend its life one day, but building it well below the optimum strength will shorten its life," Evans said.

In the construction process, one of the most important things is the use of proper fasteners, Evans said.

"We constantly run across people who have built decks themselves and they went out and bought \$2,000 worth of materials, then tried to save \$15 or \$20 on the nails they use," he said. "By doing this, you've dropped the life of the deck from 20 years down to three to five years."

Galvanized or coated nails are the best. Steel nails will rust and stain the wood.

And since nails represent only 2 to 3 percent of the cost of the deck, it's foolish to skimp, Evans said.

As far as the deck's overall design, it's limited only by the imagination. Linthicum even made a mistake when putting in an outer post, but managed to work it into the whole scheme of things.

"I put that post an inch inside from (where it should be), which is very wrong," he said. He boxed it off and put in an extra board and now it's practically unnoticeable.

"No one will ever see it," he said. "You can't do anything actually wrong."

See CARE TIPS, Page 4

Hints from Heloise

Dear Heloise: I am always rooting through my jewelry box looking for one of my smaller pierced earrings. It dawned on me to cut a piece of plastic canvas that would fit into the jewelry box. Now I have all the smaller earrings attached to the canvas and I can find them even when I'm in a hurry.

Thanks for all your hints and help. — Jackie Shaffer, New Cumberland, Pa.

CRAFT TABLE HELPER

Dear Heloise: I do a lot of crafts and work on a card table. I find that putting white shelf paper on the table not only protects it but I can also write notes on it, tape instructions on it and put measurements on it. Works for me! — Adele R., Plano, Texas

White freezer paper could also be used. Thanks for sharing your crafty hint! — Heloise

HANDY CLOTHESPIN

Dear Heloise: When going to the grocery store, take a clothespin and clip your grocery list to the basket. Don't forget your clothespin when you're done shopping! — Janet Baxter, Shreveport, La.

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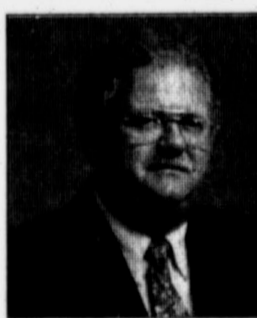
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Textile volunteer, Wynn Walker, and assistant curator of history, Susan Denney, catalog a quilt in the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum's collection in preparation for the Quilt Identification Workshop to be presented by Barbara Brackman on Oct. 17.

Today in History

By The Associated Press
Today is Thursday, Oct. 8, the 281st day of 1998. There are 84 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Oct. 8, 1871, the Great Chicago Fire erupted while another deadly blaze broke out in Peshtigo, Wis.

On this date:
In 1869, the 14th president of the United States, Franklin Pierce, died in Concord, N.H.

In 1918, Sgt. Alvin C. York almost single-handedly killed 25 German soldiers and captured 132 in the Argonne Forest in France.

In 1934, Bruno Hauptmann was indicted for murder in the death of the infant son of Charles A. Lindbergh.

In 1944, "The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet" made its debut on CBS Radio on Ozzie and Harriet Nelson's ninth wedding anniversary. In 1945, President Truman announced that the secret of the atomic bomb would be shared only with Britain and Canada.

In 1956, Don Larsen pitched the only perfect game in a World Series to date as the New York Yankees beat the Brooklyn Dodgers, 2-0.

In 1982, all labor organizations in Poland, including Solidarity, were banned.

In 1985, the hijackers of the Italian cruise ship Achille Lauro killed American passenger Leon Klinghoffer, dumping his body and wheelchair overboard.

Ten years ago: Pope John Paul II journeyed to eastern France, where he addressed the Council of Europe and the European Court of Human Rights.

Five years ago: The government issued a report absolving the FBI of wrongdoing in its final assault in Texas on the Branch Davidian

compound, which went up in flames, killing as many as 85 people.

One year ago: Scientists reported the Mars Pathfinder had yielded what could be the strongest evidence yet that Mars might once have been hospitable to life. The House of Representatives opened its own set of hearings on campaign fund-raising abuses. Gueorgui Makharadze, a diplomat from the Republic of Georgia, pleaded guilty in Washington to charges stemming from a car crash that killed Maryland teen-ager Jovianne Waltrick.

Today's Birthdays: Entertainment reporter Rona Barrett is 62. Actor Paul Hogan is 59. Rhythm-and-blues singer Fred Cash (The Impressions) is 58. Rev. Jesse Jackson is 57. Comedian Chevy Chase is 55. Author R.L. Stine ("Goosebumps") is 55. Country singer Susan Raye is 54. TV personality Sarah Purcell is 50. Actress Sigourney Weaver is 49. Rhythm-and-blues singer Robert "Kool" Bell (Kool & the Gang) is 48. Country singer-musician Ricky Lee Phelps is 45. Actor Michael Dudikoff is 44. Actress Stephanie Zimbalist is 42. Rock musician Mitch Marine (Tripping Daisy) is 37. Rock singer Steve Perry (Cherry Poppin' Daddies) is 35. Rock musician C.J. Ramone (The Ramones) is 33. Singer-producer Teddy Riley is 32. Actor-screenwriter Matt Damon is 28. Rhythm-and-blues singer Byron Reeder (Mista) is 19.

Thought for Today: "If a thing is old, it is a sign that it was fit to live. ... The guarantee of continuity is quality." - Eddie Rickenbacker (1890-1973).

Comprehensive coverage of local news and happenings in Deaf Smith County can be found only in The Hereford Brand!

Tips on caring for a deck

Keep leaves off. If leaves accumulate, the deck will stay wet, and that's not good, says Charles Evans, owner of Redwood Inc.

He said to also take care that the deck isn't being doused regularly with water from a sprinkler system or with chemical fertilizers from fertilizer spreaders. All of those things will shorten the deck's life span, Evans said.

Keep a regular maintenance schedule. This includes a thorough cleaning every spring and fall, then thoroughly hosing down the entire deck once or twice a month, Evans said.

A likely place the deck will begin to deteriorate is between the boards. So hose between them well to rinse away dirt and residue.

Place planters on risers or wheels to prevent discoloration and prevent mildew and algae from forming on the wood, advises Country Sampler's "Decorating Ideas." If mildew and algae do appear on the wood, remove the stains with a solution of one-part bleach with four parts water.

Use rubber protectors on the bottoms of metal furniture to prevent rust and gouges.

Place mats under grills to protect a deck from spills or grease. If grease has been spilled on the wood, use an automotive degreaser or carburetor cleaner to clean it. Do not use these products in direct sunlight.

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Area Events

CANYON

Quilt historian Barbara Brackman of Lawrence, Kansas, will present a Quilt Identification Workshop at the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum from 9 a.m.-noon on Oct. 17.

Participants are invited to bring one or two quilts to the workshop for Brackman to examine and identify. The workshop is free to the public, but advance reservations are required. For more information or to reserve a seat at the workshop, call 806-651-2244.

In addition to the workshop, Brackman will present a program on Civil War era quilts at 7 p.m. Oct. 16 at the Texas A&M Extension Service, 6500 Amarillo Blvd. West.

Entitled "War and Piece and a Little Bit of Applique," Brackman will relate rarely-told tales about the Civil War and discuss this period of American history through the women who made quilts.

A nationally-recognized quilt authority, Brackman has developed a system for dating quilts by studying and analyzing specific factors such as fiber, fabric, color, technique, style and pattern.

The Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum will open a new quilt exhibit in February 1999.

As part of its year-long series of programs celebrating the centennial of the founding of the Taos Art Colony, the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum will present a lecture on Taos artists Ernest, Mary and Helen Blumenschein at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in the museum's Hazlewood Lecture Hall.

Featured speakers will be Skip Keith Miller, co-director of the Kit Carson Historic Museums (which include the Blumenschein Home and Museum) and independent scholar, Elizabeth J. Cunningham.

Accomplished painter and illustrator Ernest L. Blumenschein carried the famous broken wagon wheel into Taos in 1898, and thus, helped found the Taos Art Colony. His wife, Mary Shepard Green Blumenschein, won awards for her paintings in Paris, before marrying Ernest in 1905. Their daughter, Helen, was an accomplished Taos artist and well-known for her work in preserving the history and archeology of Taos Valley.

Cunningham and Miller lecture frequently on the Blumenscheins and the Taos Art Colony and have numerous publications between them.

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PAMPA

The Top O' Texas Fall Craft Festival, hosted by the Celebration of Lights, will be held this weekend at the M.K. Brown Auditorium, Pampa.

Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. There is no admission fee.

This is the 33rd annual craft festival featuring hand-crafted wood items, clothing, jewelry, paintings, sculptures and more.

AMARILLO

The High Plains Book Festival will be held at the Amarillo Civic Center on Oct. 17-18. Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday.

Throughout both days there will be prose and poetry readings and book signings.

The kick-off event, The Friends of the Amarillo Public Library's 30th annual Book and Author Dinner, will be held Friday in Amarillo Civic Center's Grand Plaza. There will be a reception at 6 p.m. followed by the dinner at 7 p.m.

Call 806-378-4245 by Oct. 13 to reserve a space for the dinner.

PORTALES

Eastern New Mexico University in Portales has set Sunday from 2 p.m.-5 p.m. as "Experience Eastern Day." Participants should report to the Campus Union Building.

The experience is designed for sophomore, junior and senior high school students, as well as college transfers. Activities will include a campus tour, learning about college life, meeting students and faculty, exploring academic programs, and information about admissions and scholarships.

For more information, call 1-800-FOR-ENMU.

Hospital Notes

Patients in Hereford Regional Medical Center on Oct. 8:

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Sports

Rockies introduce Leyland as new high-priced skipper

By JOHN MOSSMAN
AP Sports Writer
DENVER -- Jim Leyland became the new manager of the Colorado Rockies because he knew he wouldn't be the only free agent the team would sign.

Armed with the promise that fan-rich Colorado will pursue premium free agents such as Mike Piazza and Kevin Brown, Leyland was introduced Wednesday as the second manager in Rockies history. Leyland praised fired manager Don Baylor and said he will always be remembered as the first manager of the Rockies.

"I bring no special tonic with me," he said after putting on a Rockies shirt. "I can be ornery at times. I can be cold at times. I can be rough at times. Don't take that too seriously. I'm dedicated to getting this organization into postseason play."

Given a \$6 million, three-year contract, a record for a manager, Leyland plans on staying longer than the two roller-coaster years he spent in Florida.

Leyland expects his players to stay longer, too. He's the first Rockies free agent under contract for 1999, but probably not the last.

"It's a great place to play, and I think we'll get it going there," Leyland said Tuesday before leaving his Pittsburgh home for Denver. "I don't have a timetable, but we've got a shot."

Most of all, the Rockies have money -- something Leyland rarely had to work with during 11 seasons in Pittsburgh or this season in Florida, after the Marlins quickly disassembled their World Series championship team. They pared their payroll from about \$50 million in September 1997 to about \$5 million last month.

It is this newfound stability in payroll, ownership, attendance and player loyalty that persuaded Leyland, a former NL manager of the year, to replace Baylor.

"This franchise is one of the most successful not just in baseball, but in

all of sports; they put 45,000-50,000 people in there (Coors Field) every night," Leyland said. "They have a chance to win, and now we'll find out if we can. I feel like we've got a chance."

They'll have a better chance if they can sign a catcher, another starting pitcher and a center fielder. Owner Jerry McMorris is talking of bumping the payroll from about \$50 million to \$60 million, enough to sign at least one top free agent and maybe two.

No doubt Brown, who played for Leyland last season, and Piazza, who spent a week with the Marlins this season, are on the Rockies' wish list.

"That (the payroll) is a huge factor," Leyland said. "I loved both places I've been. But, from a career standpoint, it is the most stable situation I've had, without a doubt. The only question is if we can get good enough. They need more chemistry there. But it's not a situation where everybody is up in the air every year."

The offense is already there, with 1997 NL MVP Larry Walker, the power-hitting Vinny Castilla, Dante Bichette and Todd Helton and the fast-improving Neifi Perez.

It's the opposition's offense in hitter-friendly Coors Field that worries Leyland.

"I've always said it's the toughest place in the majors to manage," he said. "We've got to do a psych job on some of those promising arms. They've got there."

Leyland is expected to bring along four coaches from Florida and Pittsburgh: hitting coach Milt May, third base coach Rich Donnelly, first base coach Tommy Sandt and bullpen coach Bruce Kimm. He also will hire his own pitching coach.

The 53-year-old Leyland is 996-1,039 in 13 major league seasons, winning three division championships (1990-1992 in Pittsburgh), one NL pennant and one World Series.

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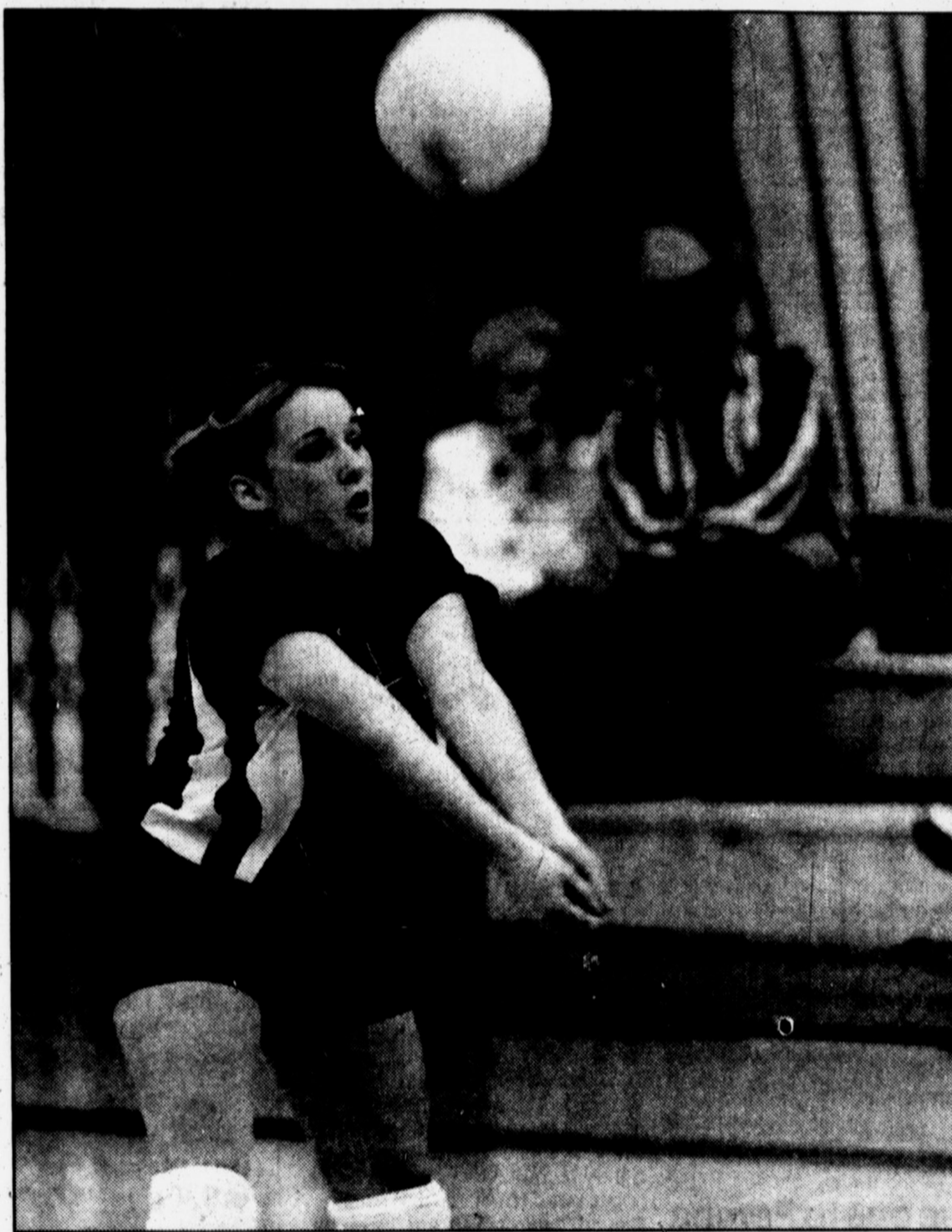


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SARAH MATTHEWS of Hereford digs a shot during Tuesday's District 3-4A volleyball match with Amarillo Caprock. The Lady Whitefaces won in two sets to improve to 22-5 overall and 4-1 in district. Hereford will play at Dumas Saturday. The junior varsity match will be at 2 p.m. with the varsity match to follow.

Tribe evens ALCS

NEW YORK (AP) -- The umpires botched the call, Chuck Knoblauch blew his cool and the Cleveland Indians escaped Yankee Stadium with a split.

Baseball doesn't get much more bizarre than this. Then again, there's nothing like Yankee Stadium in October to magnify every mishap.

"We just caught a break," Paul Shuey said Wednesday after Cleveland's wild 4-1, 12-inning win over New York evened the AL championship series at one game apiece.

Umpires failed to call Travis Fryman out for interfering with Tino Martinez's throw as he ran inside the line on his bunt attempt, and Enrique Wilson broke a 1-all tie by scoring all the way from first base as Knoblauch stood at the bag pointing and arguing, instead of picking up the ball.

Did umpires make the right call? Crew chief Jim Evans said it's all a matter of interpretation.

"The fact that he was literally on the base or half a step from the base, he has the right to be in that position," said Evans, who watched the play from right field. "Is it a throw that would have retired him, and how close is he to the base? He has the right to be in fair territory that close to the base."

That's different than section 7.09 (k) of the Official Playing Rules, which states: "A runner is required to have both feet within the 3-foot lane or on the lines marking the lane."

Fryman clearly was in fair territory, not the lane on the foul side, during his entire route from the plate to first.

"I think the call could have gone either way," Evans said.

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MLB LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

American League
Tuesday, Oct. 6
New York 7, Cleveland 2
Wednesday, Oct. 7
Cleveland 4, New York 1, 12
innings, series tied 1-1
Friday, Oct. 9
New York (Pettitte 16-11) at
Cleveland (Colon 14-9), 7:08 p.m.
(NBC)
Saturday, Oct. 10
New York (Hernandez 12-4) at
Cleveland (Gooden 8-6), 6:38 p.m.
(NBC)
Sunday, Oct. 11
New York at Cleveland, 3:08 p.m.
(NBC)

National League
Wednesday, Oct. 7
San Diego 3, Atlanta 2, 10 innings,
San Diego leads series 1-0
Thursday, Oct. 8
San Diego (Brown 18-7) at Atlanta
(Glavine 20-6), 7:15 p.m. (FOX)
Saturday, Oct. 10
Atlanta (Maddux 18-9) at San Diego
(Hitchcock 9-7) 3:15 p.m. (FOX)
Sunday, Oct. 11
Atlanta at San Diego, 6:45 p.m.
(FOX)



HEREFORD COACH Craig Yencer walks the sideline as he talks to his assistant coaches up in the booth during last Friday night's 21-14 nondistrict win over Canyon. The Whitefaces (4-1) will host Dumas (1-4) Friday for homecoming. Kickoff will be at 7:30 p.m.

Photo by Mauri Montgomery

Striking out sent Brown to Nebraska as kicker

By TIM KORTE
AP Sports Writer
LINCOLN, Neb. -- If not for a strikeout in the Texas high school baseball playoffs, kicker Kris Brown probably wouldn't have become Nebraska's career scoring leader in football.

"There was a man on third and I was at the plate," Brown said. "I struck out to end the game. That same weekend, I went to Nebraska's summer football camp."

Brown was free to travel because there wouldn't be another round of baseball playoffs.

That was the summer of 1994, the end of Brown's junior year at Carroll High School in the Fort Worth suburb of Southlake where as a sophomore and junior his team won the state 3A football championship.

Brown played quarterback in high school, but his kicking skills caught the attention of the Nebraska staff that summer. A few months later, he accepted a scholarship offer from the Cornhuskers.

"I understood my abilities,"

Brown said. "I loved playing quarterback in high school, but I figured I was going to have a future as a kicker and not as a quarterback."

For Nebraska fans, it was a great choice. Brown has kicked for four years, playing as a freshman in 1995. Earlier this season, he surpassed 1983 Heisman Trophy winner Mike Rozier as the school scoring leader.

Entering Saturday's game at No. 18 Texas A&M (4-1, 1-0 Big 12), Brown has 334 career points. Rozier, a running back, scored 312 points from 1981-83.

"I didn't come here for the record, so it really doesn't mean anything to me right now," Brown said. "I'm more focused on helping the team. Remember, there were 10 other guys out there every time I scored."

Brown has a string of 105 successful PAT kicks dating to 1996. Until missing a field goal attempt at California on Sept. 12, Brown had connected on 17 straight field goals dating to last season.

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NASCAR starting to notice emergence of Jeff Burton

By DICK BRINSTER
AP Sports Writer

Despite the great rivalry dominating the NASCAR season, Jeff Burton is beginning to be noticed.

Even the weekly showdowns between Jeff Gordon and Mark Martin can't obscure his rise. He's now expected to run in the top five in virtually every race, and that makes anonymity difficult.

At 39, Martin figures to battle the 27-year-old Gordon for a few more seasons -- perhaps even finishing 1-2 as they have done often in dominating NASCAR's Winston Cup circuit. But the 31-year-old Burton should be around long after teammate Martin has retired.

"Everyone wants to say that we are the next big rivalry," Burton

said of Gordon. "But it's too soon to tell."

Is it? Doesn't Burton drive for Roush Racing, whose owner is an avowed adversary of Gordon's brilliant crew chief? Didn't Burton and Gordon battle to the last rpm the last two years in the great Southern 500?

Wasn't that Burton who beat Gordon by a hood-length last month in Richmond, Va. -- in one of the great finishes in NASCAR history? Isn't Gordon expected to be chasing Burton any time they're on a flat oval?

"We've already had some memorable moments, and I look forward to many more," Burton said. "But they've won a lot of races, and we're only starting."



"You can run first all day long and finish 20th, and guess what? You finished 20th. No matter how you run, that finish is the only thing that matters."

-- Jeff Burton

Starting the season is something Burton isn't very good at. A poor beginning has relegated him to fifth in the series standings.

He finished 40th in the season-opening Daytona 500 in a field of 43, the first of four placements of 25th or worse in the first nine

races. By late April, Burton was 16th in points, and a serious title bid was already out of the question.

"If you look at our record, you don't see anything but top-10s and 38s," he explained. "That's a hard way to earn points."

Then, there is the problem of position on the starting grid. Its importance can't be minimized -- even in a 500-mile race -- because cars coming through traffic are used up and abused by contact far more than those running at the front.

"We're not real good at qualifying," said Burton, who failed to start better than 10th in a 13-race stretch while Gordon had the pole five times.

Numbers like those make

Burton wonder why everybody wants to talk about a rivalry.

"It's a great compliment, sure, but for there to be a rivalry, we've got to keep working hard and get to their level," he said. "But there are a lot of very talented young drivers already in Winston Cup."

Gordon also realizes that, but expects Burton to be the biggest obstacle as he continues his quest for so many records in a career that could span two more decades.

"First of all, he's a great driver, one who always races you hard and clean," Gordon said. "If that was all, it would be tough enough."

"But then you have to consider that he's Mark's teammate, so, you

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Burton

know they're exchanging information. Together, they are an awesome combination, and they're very difficult to beat." Gordon has done that 10 times this season as he seeks his third series title in four years. Martin has seven wins, and Burton two of five for his career. Burton doesn't consider himself

at the level of Gordon or Martin because he isn't winning enough. "You can run first all day long and finish 20th, and guess what? You finished 20th," he said. "No matter how you run, that finish is the only thing that matters. And we didn't do a very good job of finishing off races that we were running well in."

Until that changes, Burton will not consider himself legitimate competition on a weekly basis. And he does not believe a serious battle can be waged for the championship without a driver being strong at every track. "We're not that far from contention," Burton said.

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AREA HAPPENINGS

8th graders split with Harvesters

From staff reports
Four different players each scored a touchdown for Hereford in a 26-15 win over Pampa Tuesday in eighth-grade "A" football at Whiteface Stadium.
Derek Mendoza, Russell Carr and Robert Gil all caught touchdown passes -- and from three different quarterbacks -- as the Whitefaces jumped out to an 18-0 lead at halftime. Tyson Yosten, Jeremy Blakely and Jose Reece each tossed a score.
Reece also scored on an eight-yard run in the third quarter.
Jesse Rangel and Tim Schlabs recovered fumbles to help lead the Hereford defense, and Wade McNutt

blocked a Pampa punt that was recovered by Schlabs. Gil intercepted a Harvester pass to end the game.
In the "B" game, Pampa scored a touchdown in each quarter in a 28-12 win over Hereford Tuesday.
Brent Brethour scored on a five-yard run in the second quarter and Luis Perez scored on a 13-yard run in the third quarter for the Whitefaces' only points.
Jacob Armendariz recovered a fumble to lead the Whiteface defense.
Hereford's eighth-grade teams will travel to Borger Tuesday. The "A" game will be at 6:30 p.m. Kickoff for the "B" game will be at 5 p.m.

7th graders win one, lose one to Pampa

From staff reports
PAMPA -- Ryan Artho and Jeffrey Gomez each scored a pair of touchdowns as Hereford trounced Pampa 32-14 in seventh-grade "A" football Tuesday.
Gomez scored on runs of 20 and 45 yards and Artho scored on a pair of 50-yard runs. Anthony Mendoza scored on a five-yard run in the first quarter to get the Whitefaces on the scoreboard.
Hereford held a 14-6 lead after the first quarter and extended their margin to 20-6 at the end of the first half. The Whitefaces scored twice in the third quarter and Pampa also

scored a touchdown.
In the "B" game Tuesday, the Harvesters got out to a 14-0 lead in the first quarter and never were headed as Pampa cruised to a 38-20 win in seventh-grade "B" football.
Hereford scored all of its points in the second half -- a touchdown in the third and two touchdowns in the fourth quarter.
Alex Blanco, Lorenzo Ramirez and Landry Lloyd all scored on touchdown runs for the Whitefaces.
Hereford will host Borger Tuesday. The "B" game will be at 5 p.m. and the "A" game will be at 6:30 p.m.

Brown

Brown's deep kickoffs also serve the No. 2 Huskers (5-0, 1-0). This season, he has 17 touchbacks and only seven of his 32 kickoffs have been brought back past the 25 -- two by penalty.
"What makes Kris good is his athleticism," said kicking coach Dan Young. "Plus, he's very focused on what he's got to get done."
"Every Wednesday in practice, we have a little contest where he kicks field goals with the other kickers. Some guys go through the motions, but for Kris, it's a very serious competition," Young said.
Barring a post-season bid that sends the Cornhuskers to the Alamo Bowl, the Cotton Bowl or the Sun Bowl, this weekend marks Brown's last trip to Texas as a college player.
Few Texas schools offer scholarships to kickers, and Brown was lightly recruited by programs in his home state. If not for that summer football camp in Lincoln, he might have tried out for one of the Texas teams.
But that's not how it went, and Brown said he has no regrets.
After all, he met his fiancée, Amy Boe, through a community outreach program involving Nebraska players and he's on track to receive an education degree next spring.
"Sometimes I sit back and think it's amazing how things have worked out," Brown said. "It's been a great experience for me to come here. Some things you can't explain."

Tribe

The play will surely be debated, just like the Jeffrey Maier home run in 1996. That's when the Yankees snatched a win from Baltimore when the 12-year-old Maier caught a Derek Jeter fly before right fielder Tony Tarasco could get it, creating a home run.
This time, it went against the Yankees.
"It was so blatant. I don't know what to say. It was a terrible call," Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "There was no line ever touched."
Knoblauch stood at first base with the ball on the ground behind him. Pointing at the bag while Wilson rounded second. Pointing and arguing

while Wilson went to third. Still pointing and arguing as he started to head home.
"I don't feel like I didn't play the ball out. I didn't know where it was," Knoblauch said. "I'm pretty shocked. ... I was kind of dumbfounded. The guy's running right at me, and it seemed to me he was running out of the baseline."
Forget about domination, and put revenge on hold -- plays like this can turn a series around.
"We were able to get out of here 1-1 and go back for three games at home," said Shuey, one of the five Cleveland pitchers who combined for 5 1-3 innings of shutout relief.

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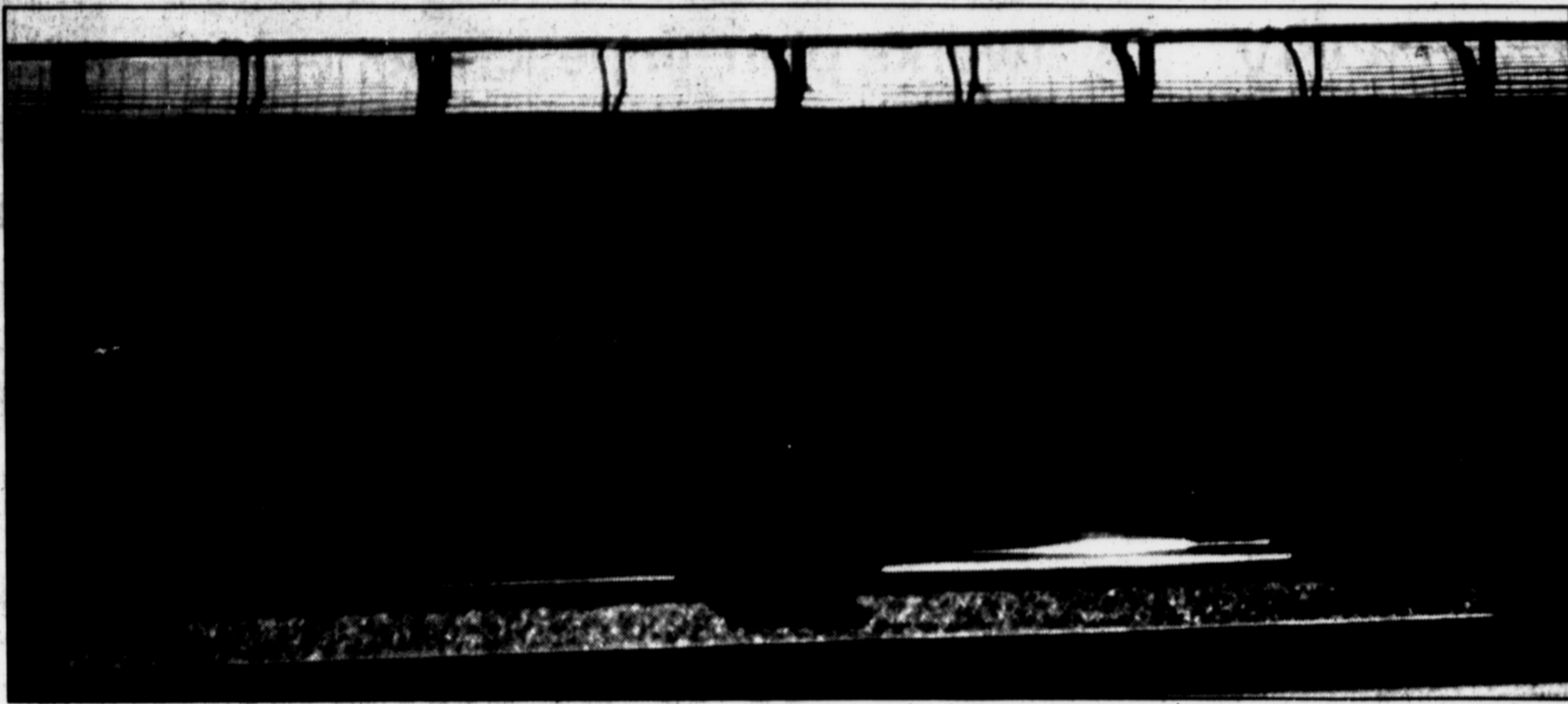


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ONE PERSON'S graffiti is another person's art. An unknown "tagger" left his mark on the side of a Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad. This railcar wasn't the only one visited by graffiti artists, however. Many other railcars on the siding were similarly tagged.

Giant parks bill defeated in House

WASHINGTON (AP) - The House decisively rejected a giant national parks bill that would have affected public lands in 36 states, but which also contained provisions strongly opposed by environmentalists and the Clinton administration.

The bill was defeated 302-123 Wednesday, with 107 Republicans joining almost all Democrats in opposing the package put together by the GOP-led House Resources Committee. The end-of-session package contained about 100 separate measures, many for local projects avidly sought by lawmakers.

(Rep. Larry Combest, R-Lubbock, whose 19th District includes Deaf Smith County, voted for the measure.)

Opponents accused Republican leaders of trying to win approval of controversial measures by combining them with projects members wanted for their districts.

The committee, said environmental leader Rep. Sherwood Boehlert, R-N.Y., chose "to hold perfectly

good projects hostage in an attempt to jam through the Congress bad policies that don't have a prayer of passing independently." He said the bill was "90 percent penicillin laced with 10 percent arsenic."

Had it passed, the measure faced dim prospects in the Senate and a certain veto from President Clinton. The administration said in a statement that it supported some aspects of the bill but felt that others "would cause grave harm to the nation's natural resources."

The Senate still could pass individual noncontroversial provisions in the bill and send them to the House for approval, but Wednesday's action effectively ended chances for a big package this year.

Among items in the bill were reauthorization of the National Historic Preservation Fund, establishment of the 6,000-mile cross-country American Discovery Trail, creating a historic lighthouse preservation act and making national historic sites for Tuskegee Airmen in Alabama and the

birthplaces of Abraham Lincoln and George Washington.

Rep. Jim Hansen, R-Utah, chairman of the House Resources subcommittee on national parks, said it was a "landmark piece of legislation" that "accomplishes many goals and addresses a multitude of public land concerns."

Opponents said it limited new wilderness areas, accelerated timber harvesting on federal lands, denied future access to lakefront lands and restricted the president's authority to move quickly to protect public resources from development.

Hansen's moves to modify some more controversial issues swayed some members. Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich., said an "auto national heritage area" set aside for Michigan and Indiana was very important to his state, and lawmakers should "recognize that while there may be imperfections in this bill, it is a good bill."

But most others said the compro-

mises fell short. "It's unacceptable, it's bad policy. Not only the administration but all major environmental groups oppose this legislation," said Rep. George Miller of California, ranking Democrat on the Resources Committee.

Melanie Griffin, director of land protection programs at the Sierra Club, said the GOP leadership could have dropped some of the troublesome provisions if it really wanted a parks bill. "A lot of people were in a very difficult position. It's not a very good way to do business."

But Resources Committee Chairman Don Young, R-Alaska, defended the legislation, saying it was pro-environment and pro-park. "I've listened day-after-day to this president threatening veto. I'm saying we ought to be ashamed of ourselves if we listen just to the president."

The bill is H.R. 4570.

Christian Coalition hitting up donors for \$2.7 million

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Christian Coalition is asking donors to contribute to a \$2.7 million campaign aimed at getting religious conservatives to the polls next month, even as the government argues that some of its past efforts violate election law.

The group projected spending that much toward the Nov. 3 election in a proposed budget mailed to potential contributors earlier this year and obtained by The Associated Press.

The actual amount, which could be even higher, depends on how much money the coalition is able to raise. Coalition officials said they could not

provide a comparison with spending in previous election years.

According to the budget, more than \$1 million would be spent on printing and distributing voter guides and congressional scorecards. The coalition hopes to distribute 45 million voter guides, mostly through churches on the Sunday before Election Day.

An additional \$1 million would go for get-out-the-vote efforts, including phone calls, mailings and advertisements.

Spokesman Arne Owens called it a "blueprint to our supporters on how we envisioned allocating funds."

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Portuguese novelist receives Nobel Prize

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) - Portuguese novelist Jose Saramago, an outspoken nonconformist who has a soft spot for the common man, was named the winner today of the 1998 Nobel Literature Prize.

Saramago's exuberant imagination and playfulness have made him one of Portugal's most popular contemporary novelists, and his works have been translated into more than 20 languages.

The Swedish Academy said it gave the award to Saramago for work that "with parables sustained by imagination, compassion and irony continually enables us to apprehend an elusive reality."

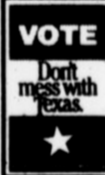
"He invokes tradition in a way that in the current state of things can be described as radical," the

Academy said in the citation for the \$978,000 prize.

Saramago, 75, wrote his breakthrough novel in 1982, "Baltasar and Blimunda." Perhaps his best-known work is "The Stone Raft," in which the Iberian Peninsula breaks off from Europe for supernatural reasons and floats off into the Atlantic.

That device allows him to comment ironically "about the authorities and politicians, perhaps especially about the major players in power politics."

Saramago is the fourth consecutive European to win the prestigious prize. Anxiety about the skewing of priorities in modern society is evident in all his works and also gives a clue to his resolute sympathy toward communists.



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A&E offering TV biography of famous tenor Caruso

By MARY CAMPBELL
AP Newsfeatures Writer

NEW YORK - To Enrico Caruso, the blueprint for successful opera singing was "a big chest and big mouth, 90 percent memory, 10 percent intelligence, a lot of hard work and something in the heart."

The secret of the Italian tenor's success was quoted in a posthumous biography by his wife, Dorothy, one of several published accounts of his compelling life and career.

Hollywood has done Caruso, too, with the 1951 bio-pic "The Great Caruso." Now comes the TV version, "Biography: Enrico Caruso: The Voice of the Century," airing at 7 p.m. CDT Sunday on A&E.

The film describes Caruso (1873-1921) as the greatest opera singer of them all - a claim not disputed by Luciano Pavarotti and Placido Domingo, the two most celebrated tenors of today. "When we tenors talk, we always say Caruso, and then the others," Pavarotti says in the film. Domingo calls Caruso "unbeatable."

Soprano Beverly Sills notes that Caruso became enormously famous without videos or television. Andrew Farkas, who wrote a biography of Caruso with the singer's second son, Enrico Jr., thinks it's because he was so extraordinarily good at what he did.

He combined the best traditions of bel canto singing with the realistic style that evolved in his lifetime, Farkas said in an interview. Also, "He had a unique ability to get inside an operatic character and project the emotional aspects of the role to the listener."

Talking by telephone from Jacksonville, Fla., where he runs the University of North Florida library, Farkas noted that Caruso exercised his vocal cords every morning. "He never took his voice for granted."

He also was an unassuming man, Farkas said. "He never demanded special attention or threw his weight around. His voice made him unique and his character made him special."

"Caruso was jovial, friendly, kind and extraordinarily generous," he said. "It's a documented fact that when he died he was supporting 120 people with monthly checks."

Farkas said when Caruso's wife asked him if he believed so many people were deserving of his financial help, he replied: "... How can you tell which one is and which one isn't?"

Only Caruso's third child, Gloria, is still alive. She and his other descendants all live in Italy, benefiting from the royalties on sales of the singer's recordings.

Born in Naples, Caruso lived what Farkas calls "a soap opera love life" until he married. He fell in love with soprano Ada Giachetti when they were singing in "La Boheme." Though she was married, they lived

'Caruso was jovial, friendly, kind and extraordinarily generous ... when he died, he was supporting 120 people with monthly checks.'

together and had two children, Rodolfo in 1898 and Enrico Jr. in 1904.

He also fell for her younger sister, Rina. After Ada left him for the family chauffeur, Caruso installed his two sons with Rina in Italy. While he was in America in 1918, and to Rina's great shock, he married Dorothy Benjamin, an American whom he met at a party.

In 1906, while in New York to perform at the Metropolitan Opera, he was fined \$10 for pinching a woman in the monkey house at the Central Park Zoo. Farkas is adamant that Caruso was innocent. "It's unthinkable it would not be a put-up job," Farkas says. "A woman says she assaulted her, and one policeman immediately says he saw it."

One theory aired in the film is that the manager of a rival opera house set up the incident.

"There is no indication Caruso ever pinched women or picked up women in a public place. Enrico told me his father never made a physical demonstration with a woman in public. He had a sense of propriety. He wasn't born a gentleman, but he evolved into one."

Another well-known story about Caruso is that he survived the 1906 San Francisco earthquake. He was touring with the Met and had just sung in "Carmen." President Theodore Roosevelt attended and gave Caruso an autographed picture. When the quake struck at 5 a.m., Caruso fled from his hotel room clutching the picture. Unable to make his English understood, he pointed to the picture's inscription and that got him passage to safety, Farkas says.

Caruso died of pleurisy in 1921 in Naples, at age 48.

When Domingo celebrated his 30th anniversary at the Met in September, the opera house gave him a framed caricature drawn by Caruso.

"He was very accomplished," Farkas says. "A good Caruso drawing costs \$800 to \$6,000, if you can find one."

"Even in his lifetime they were expensive. He and his wife were strolling and saw one in a bookstore window for \$75. He said to Dorothy, 'I can make a living that way, too.'"

Networks plan impeachment coverage

NEW YORK (AP) - If the House eventually votes to hold open impeachment hearings on President Clinton, cable TV viewers will have no shortage of channels on which to watch the proceedings.

CNN, C-SPAN, Court TV, Fox News Channel and MSNBC all said they would carry gavel-to-gavel coverage, or something very close to it. The House is scheduled to vote today on whether to go ahead with a full inquiry, which probably would include hearings.

"An impeachment hearing is such a rare occurrence that I can't imagine we would not take it live," said Sid Bedingfield, executive vice president of CNN/USA.

The broadcast networks, through which viewers watched the Watergate scandal unfold 25 years ago, anticipate following any Clinton hearings closely but aren't sure how much they would show. About one-quarter of the nation's TV homes don't have cable or satellite.

Networks like ABC, NBC and CBS must consider advertisers and viewers of daytime TV before deciding to cover hearings. Soap opera fans complained when Clinton's grand jury video pre-empted their favorites, and the networks reportedly lost millions because of commercials that didn't run.

The broadcast networks are likely to make daily decisions based on who is testifying and what the competition is doing, said Lane Venardos, executive producer for special events at CBS.

"If we weren't on the air, we'd be ready to go on the air," Venardos said. During Watergate and the Iran-Contra hearings, the three top broadcasters agreed to rotate gavel-to-gavel coverage. Each network had the option of showing the hearing even on days its turn wasn't up. Bob Murphy, ABC senior vice president for hard news, said that idea may be broached again.

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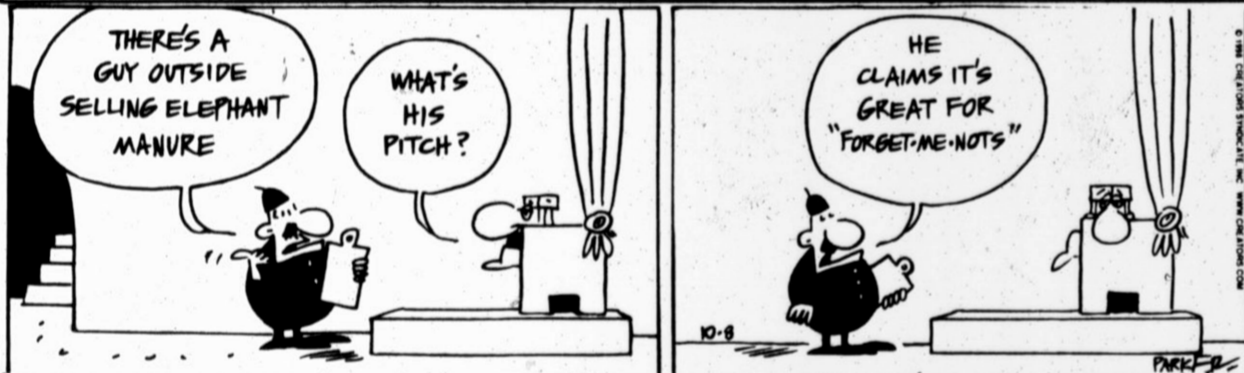
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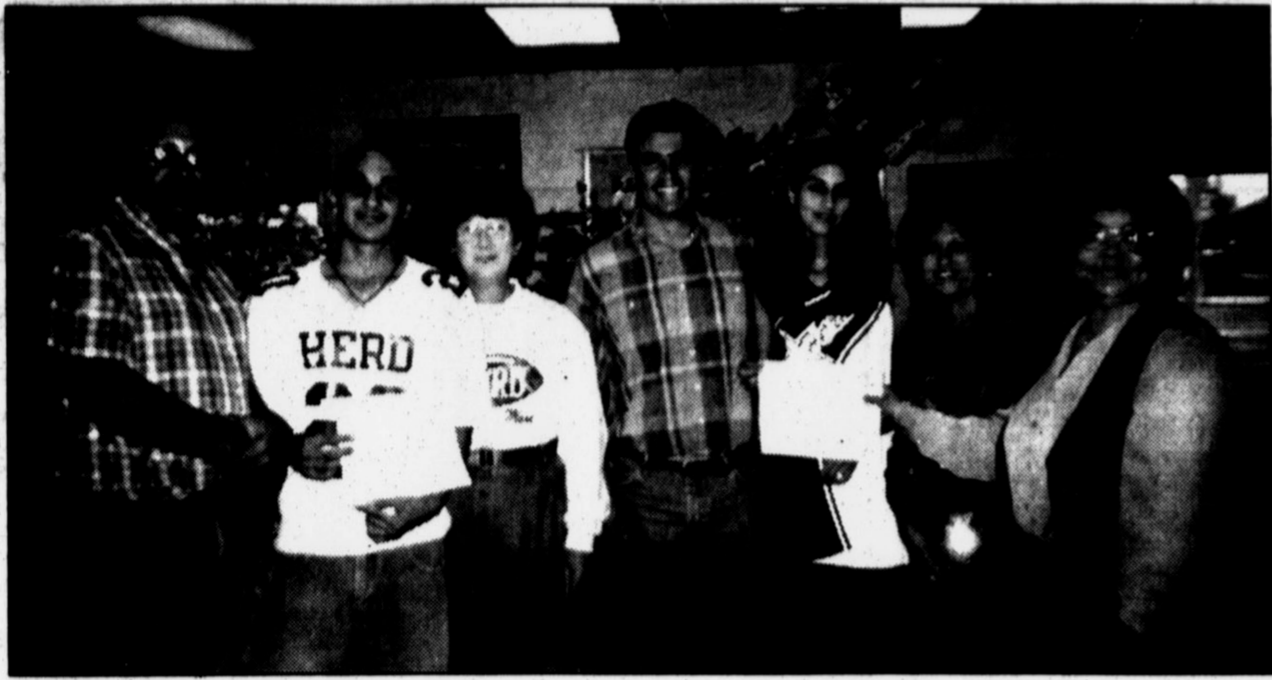
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STUDENTS OF THE MONTH — The Hereford Kiwanis Club recently announced its selections for outstanding students for the month of September. Hereford High School senior Mark Rodriguez, 2nd from left, was recognized for his achievements in the H.H.S. football and track programs. He was joined by his parents Fred and Emma Rodriguez in the presentation. Senior Christine Chavez was accompanied by her parents Robert and Lucy Chavez, and was recognized for her participation as a variety cheerleader, Key Club, FCA, PALS, student council and track. Kiwanis Club chairman, Grace Gamez, far right, made the presentation.

U.S. ground troops ruled out

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) - The Clinton administration says U.S. ground troops will not be used if NATO decides to attack the Serbs over Kosovo.

The attack would be carried out solely with air power, U.S. officials said as Secretary of State Madeleine Albright flew here from the Middle East to try to rally a united front against Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic.

Earlier in the week, Albright raised the possibility that U.S. troops would be sent to Yugoslavia's Kosovo province as part of an international force to help keep any peace settlement resulting from NATO attack or negotiations.

"We think there has to be some kind of international presence," Albright said.

Currently, there are 7,500 U.S. troops serving in a peacekeeping force of 33,000 in neighboring Bosnia. Sending U.S. troops to Kosovo, as well, could be a controversial move.

Clarifying the U.S. position, the officials said Wednesday night that if Milosevic agrees to negotiations with ethnic Albanians in Kosovo and they reach a settlement, the Clinton administration would consult Congress and the allies on whether U.S. troops should be part of an international peacekeeping force.

If Milosevic refuses U.N. Security Council demands to negotiate, to withdraw his troops from the province and to permit humanitarian assistance to reach refugees, "we will use only air power," a senior official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Congress drafting new laws to limit Internet pornography

WASHINGTON (AP) - Congress is pressing forward with new laws that would limit online pornography and impose landmark privacy protections for children surfing the Internet, despite assertions by high-tech companies and the White House that the government generally isn't needed in cyberspace.

Rebuffed by the courts in an earlier effort to restrict Internet pornography, the House voted Wednesday to require companies to verify that a customer is older than 16 before showing online material "harmful to minors."

"Unfortunately," said Rep. Michael Oxley, R-Ohio, "the Web is awash in degrading smut."

Included within the bill, passed on a voice vote, was a far less controversial proposal to require companies to obtain parental consent before collecting personal information online from children under age 13. It does not affect information collected from adults.

But both measures - one vigorously opposed and the other generally supported by much of the online community - stalled late Wednesday in the Senate, where they were attached to a bill imposing a moratorium on new Internet taxes.

Congress plans to adjourn Friday for the rest of the year.

The anti-porn legislation requires companies to verify a customer's age by asking for a credit card number, adult access code or "any other reasonable measures" before showing harmful material. Violators would face fines up to \$50,000 and up to six months in prison.

AIDS drops to No. 14 in cause of U.S. deaths

WASHINGTON (AP) - His memorial service would open to music from the musical "Blood Brothers" and close with disco. "I love the nightlife," mourners would hear, maybe even sing along. "I got to boogie ..."

John West lived with AIDS for

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News in brief

more than a decade, saw some 300 friends die and felt sure the end was near. He put his will in order, retired from his job. He took a final trip to beloved Paris to say goodbye to friends.

"I made my plans to die," he said. Then something completely unexpected happened. He lived.

Like thousands of other AIDS patients, West bought a reprieve with revolutionary new wonder drugs.

Thanks in large part to these drugs, the number of AIDS death fell for the first time in 1996, and then in 1997, the number plummeted by a dramatic 47 percent, the government said Wednesday.

For the first time since 1990, AIDS is no longer among the top 10 causes of death in this country. The annual tabulation lists the top 15 causes: AIDS is No. 14.

Baseball antitrust bill goes to White House

WASHINGTON (AP) - A bill to overturn part of baseball's seven-decade-old antitrust exemption is heading to the White House, with supporters saying it finally will end

the player-owner labor strife that has been so harmful to the game's popularity in past years.

"This legislation represents a win for the fans," said Rep. Jim Bunning, R-Ky., a Hall of Fame pitcher for the Detroit Tigers and the Philadelphia Phillies.

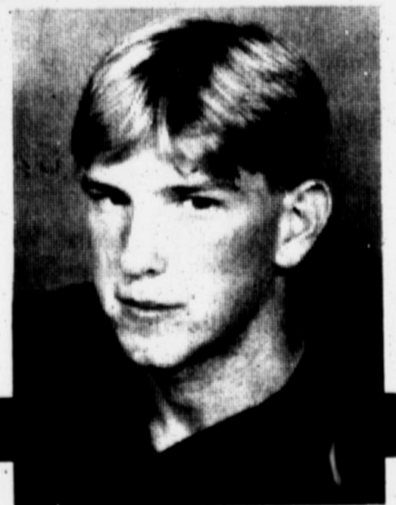
"Baseball is back, fans are returning to baseball and passing this bill today will help ensure that the game does not spiral backwards down into the abyss of labor strife," he said.



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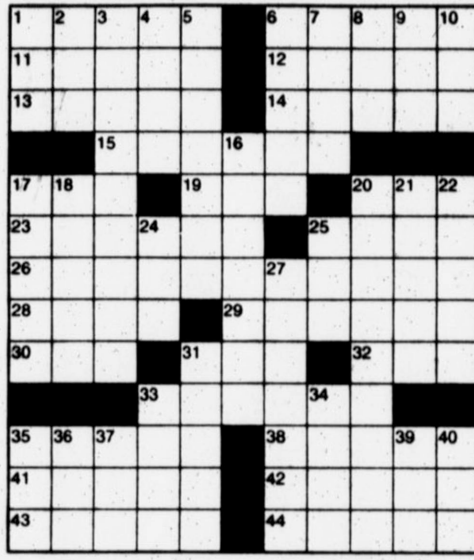
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People

SYLVESTER STALLONE

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) - Sylvester Stallone checks his tough-guy image at the front door of his home, which is full of - of all things - art.

The star of "Rambo" and "Rocky" movies is a connoisseur who favors the old masters.

Stallone is refining his collection and offering the William Adolphe Bouguereau painting "Alma Parens" for sale. Sotheby's auction house spokeswoman Laura Mason said Wednesday.

Sotheby's described the painting "Alma Parens" as "a young idealized woman in a noble pose, offering her nurturing breast to the children around her."

The painting, valued at an estimated \$2 million, will be shown at Sotheby's in Beverly Hills on Oct. 16 and 17 and auctioned Nov. 10 at Sotheby's New York.

STEVE EARLE

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) - Singer-songwriter Steve Earle, a longtime death penalty opponent, witnessed the execution of a man condemned for stabbing two women to death.

Jonathan Nobles, 37, was high on drugs when he killed the two women in a stabbing frenzy in 1986. In the death chamber Wednesday night, he greeted the country singer-songwriter with a smile.

Earle later watched Nobles die after being given an injection.

"I'm not here for any other reason except Jonathan asked me to be here today," said Earle, who once spent time in prison on a drug conviction. He and Nobles met through a friend.

"I still believe that what I just witnessed was murder, although nobody in this prison is any more responsible than anybody else in the state of Texas or the country for that matter," Earle said.

Earle contributed the song "Ellis Unit One" to the soundtrack for the 1995 movie "Dead Man Walking," inspired by the book by anti-death penalty activist Sister Helen Prejean.

MARY ALBERT

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP) - Mary Albert's case goes back to court Friday, when a judge is expected to dismiss the sportscaster's conviction in connection with a sexual encounter.

Albert admitted in September 1997 that he hit his former lover on the back in an Arlington hotel room but denied her claims that he forced her to perform oral sex.

In return for his pleading guilty the conviction would be dismissed if Albert received counseling and stayed out of trouble for a year.

Albert, who made his return to broadcasting last month anchoring a sports highlight show for the MSG network, has met the conditions, said his lawyer, Peter Greenspun.

Prosecutor Barbara Walker said she expects Kendrick to issue an order dismissing the conviction.

DAVID CASSIDY

LAS VEGAS (AP) - David Cassidy will end his two-year run as star of "EFX" in December.

"It's been a wild ride - and a genuine pleasure," Cassidy said

Wednesday of the flashy musical at the MGM Grand hotel-casino. He took over the lead role from Michael Crawford in 1996.

"From day one, MGM Grand believed in me and my vision for this show," said Cassidy. "Together we created the biggest and best production show on the planet."

Cassidy, who is landing new fans with old "Partridge Family" hits, said he will spend time promoting his new CD, "Old Trick, New Dog" and pursue concerts and TV projects.

MGM Grand has not announced a replacement for Cassidy.

COURTENEY COX

NEW YORK (AP) - Unlike her TV character on "Friends," Courteney Cox has gotten lucky in love.

Cox is engaged to marry actor David Arquette. They met while filming the 1996 movie "Scream" and have been an item since.

"There's no date," a Cox representative told TV Guide. "The only information I can give you is they're engaged. So don't ask me any more questions because I can't talk about it."

Arquette, 27, and Cox, 34, recently moved in together and starred in last year's "Scream 2."

"SEINFELD"

LOS ANGELES (AP) - A car museum is the new owner of the yellow taxi hailed over and over and over again by the "Seinfeld" gang.

The 1994 Chevrolet Caprice was featured in more than 30 episodes. It was first put up for auction, but owner Budget Rent A Car of Beverly Hills decided to donate it to the Petersen Automotive Museum instead.

"After the auction was under way we realized that it would make much more sense to have the car on display at a museum rather than in someone's car collection or in a garage," said Ken Kerzner, the rental company's president.

The taxi was a working cab in New York City before Kerzner's company bought it. It was presented to the museum Tuesday.

ALISTAIR COOKE

LONDON (AP) - When it comes to the English language, who has the perfect pitch?

Alistair Cooke, according to listeners polled by BBC Radio's "Word of Mouth" program. They named him Best Living Speaker of the English Language.

Cooke is the longtime host of British radio's "Letter from America," a weekly window on life in the United States. He is the former host of "Masterpiece Theater" on public television.

"I love broadcasting and try to write a form of English which can be, as the Bible says, 'understood of the people,' meaning truck drivers, professors, bishops, nurses, people everywhere," Cooke said.

Cooke, 89, lives in New York.

"My wife always says that I don't speak British English," he said. "I don't speak American English - I speak like a child sent at an early age to school in Switzerland."

Echándole el ojo a Texas

En Texas, ir a la universidad es un sueño alcanzable

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DAILY CRYPTOQUOTES

Here's how to work it:

A XYDLBAAXR
is **LONGFELLOW**

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10-8 CRYPTOQUOTE

E C I R A S E Y O S L E W I X
M B C S K B A X , J S Z L S T S Z E Q Y S
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A B U S L W S M I Z S K X B Q R
C I F Q . - Z I W S Z A W S Q Y O K S X

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CORN (CBT) \$4.00/bu., cents per bu.	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct
Oct 3.95	3.95	3.95	3.95	3.95	3.95	3.95	3.95	3.95	3.95	3.95	3.95	3.95	3.95

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Oct 10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00

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IMF 'wary,' holds off on loan to Russians

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

MOSCOW (AP) - The International Monetary Fund doesn't plan to give Russia a new loan installment until the government implements an economic reform program, Russia's finance minister said today.

The cash-strapped Russian government badly needs foreign loans to help pay its many debts, including overdue wages owed to many state workers. But Prime Minister Yevgeny Primakov's government has yet to finalize an economic plan to address the economic crisis that hit in August.

"They expect practical steps first," Finance Minister Mikhail Zadornov said after returning from Washington, where he sought the release of loans from the IMF and other international lenders.

Iranian forces clash with Afghan Taliban

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) - Iranian forces clashed with Afghanistan's Taliban militia today on Iran's northeastern border, Iranian television reported. The Taliban denied any fighting occurred.

Taliban forces attacked Iranian border posts in northeastern Khorasan province with machine guns, and Iranian border guards returned fire, forcing Taliban fighters to retreat, the Iranian broadcast said.

Iran gave no immediate reports of casualties from the clash, which it said occurred at 6:30 a.m. local time in Torbat-e Jam in the Saleh Abad region. The area is about 110 miles southeast of the Iranian city of Mashhad.

Poet laureate awarded Britain's top poetry prize

LONDON (AP) - Poet Laureate Ted Hughes' critically acclaimed "Birthday Letters," a volume of poems chronicling his courtship and marriage to American poet Sylvia Plath, has won Britain's largest poetry prize.

The anthology, a publishing sensation when it was launched earlier this year, has earned the \$16,900 Forward poetry prize.

"My book 'Birthday Letters' is a gathering of the occasions - written with no plan over about 25 years - in which I tried to open a direct, private, inner contact with my first wife, not thinking to make a poem, thinking mainly to evoke her presence to myself and to feel her there listening," the poet said in a statement.

Clinton drops Yale reunion for Mideast peace talks

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Clinton won't attend his 25th Yale Law School reunion because he'll be busy trying to forge a Mideast peace agreement, a White House source says.

Cancellation of Clinton's plans to

travel to New Haven, Conn., Oct. 17-

two days after Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat are to launch new negotiations in the Washington area - was announced late Wednesday by a White House spokesman on condition that he not be identified.

Asked if an editorial in the school's newspaper calling for Clinton's resignation was a factor, the official said, "Absolutely not. That did not factor into it. It did not even occur to him."

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Not pictured: Brenda Kitten-Head Coach, Kristi Lytal & Pam Dean-Asst. Coaches.

