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## BSISD may hike budget, decrease rate

By JOHN H. WALKER Managing Edior
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 The propose of increase of 995,826 overentian increase of master, 826 over estiThe news of the increase in
tax values was passed on to tax values was passed on to
trustees Monday night as they began work on the 1996-97 school budget in the first of
three workshops, The planning three workshops, The planning
sessions continue today and sessions continue today and
Wednesday at $5: 15$ p.m. each day.
Following the completion of the workshops, trustees will budget is officially adopted. possible cuts and the board directed us io find an additional get closer in line in regards to expected revenues, explained BSISD Superintendent Bill McQueary. He said trustees had
also requested staff to review
Senate eyes lottery tax
for bingo?
AUSTIN (AP) - Texas senatery winners to pay for an ad campalgm aimed at boosting the
struggling charitable bingo Industry.
The new levy also could be used to offset the loss of state revenue from a proposal that
would eliminate a tax on bingo winnings, said Joe Garcia, staff aide to a special Senate committee reviewing bingo.
Garcla said Monday no rate has been discussed for the lottery levy, which he said might apply only to 10 ttery winnings "The lottery has a big advantage because they have a huge advertising budget," Garcia said. "Charitable bingo is at a
disadvantage no matter how you look at it. We are trying to come up with a method to make the charitable bingo people feel they are on
the lottery."
The Texas Lottery Commission runs the state's games of chance and regulates about table organizations, including about 260 with religious affiliations.
Garcla
Lottery Commission came after an Harriet Miters expressed concerns about the loss of revenue that could result if the Senate
committee's preiminary recommendations were adopted. The proposals - to be reviewed next month for pre - include the partial or total elimination of the 5 percent levy on bingo prizes and the use of ingo ad campaign by the Tor a Lottery Commission.
Total elimination of the bingo winners' tax would cost the state $\$ 24$ million a year, accordIng to Mare Garcia, the

Good problems?

'I think that's probably some of the biggest news. That (increase) helps you put together your budget a little better. This is a good problem for us.'

Bill McQueary Superintendent
the athletic budget to see if deficit "somewhere in the there were any possible reduc-
tions that could be taken there McQueary said the reductions would allow the board to exit
the planning workshops with a the planning workshops with a
budget that reflected a total the year will end with a positive
alance of approximately "Looking at our history and "Looking at our history and
the way we budget our revenue, I think this (proposed budget with cuts) will allow us to come in in the black," McQueary said Oday
Overshadowing the news of the tax ieduction at the work tions increase.
"I think that's probably some of the biggest news," McQueary
said. "That (increase) helps you put together your budget a little better. This is a good problem for us.
McQueary said the increase
allows the district to adopt the allows the district to adopt the
teacher's pay schedule as proposed as to keep the local incre ment in place.
The 1996-97
erty value of $\$ 676,435,760$ repre sents third year in a row that values hav.
"We've been on the other end of that and it's no fun," McQueary admitted. In recent
years, trustees have had to deal with a valuation reduction of approximately $\$ 70$ million from
$1966-87$ to $1987-88$ and of $\$ 80$ milapproxima to $1987-88$ and of $\$ 80 \mathrm{mil}$
lion from 1991-92 to 1992-93.

Two-phased project should be complete during fall semester By JOHN H. WALKE Managing Editor
Despite coming in about
$\$ 22,000$ higher than anticipated $\$ 22,000$ higher than anticipated,
trustees of the Big Spring Inde pendent School District
(BSISD) Monday night gave their unanimous approval to
begin work on the tennis courts begin work on the tennis courts
at the Figure 7 Tennis Center in Comanche Trail Park. Merritt Tennis Court and Track Systems of Oklahoma
City, the same company that City, the same company that
resurfaced the high school track less than two years ago,
bid $\$ 150,786.52$ for the first two bid $\$ 150,786.52$ for the first two
phases of the project.
ut much money, but I think we're getting our money's worth," ager Ron Logback told trustees.
In late May trustees set aside \$45,000 for Phase I and \$84,000 for Phase II. Both phases are expected
mid-fall.
In Phase I, Merritt would place approximately three inches of sand on top of the court, topping that with three-to-four
inches of concrete. "We'll then pour the playing
surface on top of that," Logback surface on top of that," Logback
explained. The playing surface, explained. The playing surface,
a latex-based product, will be approximately $3 / 16 \mathrm{ths}$ of an inch in thickness.
Because the court level will
be raised, strip concrete slabs be raised, strip concrete slabs
will be poured and grandstands will be reuret and the new elevation. Additionally, the light poles around the court will be
removed and re-installed at the removed and re-installed at the
new height new height addresses courts seven, eight and nine - con-
sidered to be the worst of the Please see COURTs, page 2

## School board OKs tennis court project



## Council

 starting budget process By CARLTON JOHNSON Staff WriterWhat will the budget process
reveal for the 1996-97 fiscal year?
city
administrators and the Big Spring City council are
about to begin that process with about to begin that process with
hopes that the $1996-97$ budget will be as painless to formulate as was its predecessor. to drop the city's cax rate able 65.5 cents per $\$ 300$ valuation to 65 cents per 8100 valuation, part-
1 because new ly because new businesses like
Family Medical Center. JumFamily Medical Center, Jum-
burrito, the Wal-Mart Supercenter, Lititle Caesar's Pizza and Taco Bell were on the citt's sax
rolls for the first time which relped expand the city's tax
hen helped expand the citys
base to $\$ 39.7$ militon in 1995 , up from $\$ 327.5$ million in 1994 .
The $1955-96$ tax decrease was The $1995-96$ tax decrease was
also attributed to new conalso attributed to new con-
struction in the area and an
increase in the appraised value struction in the appraised value
in several residential properties.
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The effective tax rate for last
 able to go three percent above the effective tax rate and gener-
ate more than 8120,000 in addil tomal property tax revenue

than in 1994 and still drop the | tax rate |
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The $1996-97$ budget process is
still in its barly tages still in its early stages, but
Mayor Tim Blackshear said the city probably won't see a tax
decrease this year decrease this year
Please see CITY, page 2


## PCG officials say ruling won't halt diapause program

By CARLTON JOHNSON - ruled the state boll weevil law $\begin{gathered}\text { Program. } \\ \text { unconstitutional," PCG official } \\ \text { The TBWEF will continue to }\end{gathered}$ Stalf Writer
A ruling from the Hale Couny's 212nd District Court will not stop the 1996 Enhanced Diapause Control Program from
moving forward, according to
Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers Inc.
PCG omclats say the ruling ts
limited to the 10 plaintiff in the
case and does not prohibit the case and does not prohibit the
operation of the program in ${ }^{1096}$ "The Hale County court has
unconstitutional." PCG omcicial Geates aumbertys for the high Plains program and other pro-
ducer-led effurts across the state."
He adds that the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation is in the process of appealing
the Hale County decision to the exas Supreme Court. So far there has not been an effort to
stop the statewid operation of stop te boll weev11 programs,
including the High Pains
Enhanced Diapause Control
already made." Huffaker, in the
According to past three growing seasons cot-
ton producers have invested ton producers have invested
almost $\$ 19$ million in diapause control on the High Plains. "We have made an impact and are in position to begin the final
push to ridd ourselves of the boll pusen to rido ourselves of Many producers who have treated both early and in-season
boll weevils in 1996 have been able to scale back their effor Please see RULING, page 2

## Obituaries

Juanita Ramirez A prayer service for Juanita
Ramirez, 79, Big Spring, will be 7 p.m. Tuesday July 23, 1996, at Rosewood Chapel. Funeral ser



Ramirez died Saturday She was born on June 16,
1917, in Shafter, and married Pablo Ramirez, Jr. on June 15, 1934, in Big Spring. She was a entral and was a homemaker. Survivors include her hus-
band: Pablo Ramirez, Jr. Big band: Pablo Ramirez, Jr., Big
Spring; five sons: Albert Ramirez, Elias Ramirez, Johnny Ramirez and Pablo five daughters: Romana Rivera Denver, Colo., Dominga
Hoerauf, Galway, N.Y. Eva Hernandez, Odessa, Lydia Ramirez, San Antonio, and
Eunice Lara, Edroy; one sister: Maria Padron, Big Spring; two
brothers: Mike and Edward Ramirez, both of Big Spring; 25 grandchildren.
direction of Nalley-Pickle \& Welch Funeral Home.
Paid obituary

## Mary Lou

 HendersonHenderson, 71, Coahoma, formerly of Westbrook, is pending
with Kiker-Seale Funeral Home She died Mond
Soloren
Josha Wheeler
Wheeler, 78, will be 2 p.m. Trinity Memorial Park. July 22, at Scenic Mountain
Medical Center following a sud-

## den illness.

He was born on March
1918, in Cross Plains. He moved to Big Spring two years ago
from Odessa where he had been

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24th \& Johnsion 267-8288
Josha Wheeler, 78, died
Monday, Graveside services are $2: 00$ PM Wednesday at
Frinity Memorial Park. .

 906 Gregg St. Juanita Ramirez, 79, died Saturday. A prayer service
will at 7:00 PM Tuesday at Nalley-Pickle \& Welch
Rosewood Chapel services will be 10:00 AM
Wednesday Bautista Central. Interment
will follow at Trinity will follow
Memorial Park Anita Shoults, 79, died
Monday. Services will be 4:00 PM Wednesday at 4:01l-Mickle \& $\quad$ Welch
Nalley-Po Chapel. Interment
Rosewood Chaper will follow
Memorial Park
Memorial Park.
Altie Lee Moore, 87, died Sunday. Graveside services
will be at $10: 00$ will be at
Thursday ${ }^{\text {at }}$ a:00 AM
Memorial Park.


He was a veteran of the $\mathrm{U} . \mathrm{S}$
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survivors
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Oklahoma, valta Brock, Bie


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| direction of Myers $\&$ mith | Anita Shoults

Nalley-Pickle \& Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev.
C.G. Grigg, Diboll, and Rev. Jack Clinkscales, pastor of
Forsan Baptist Church, officiat ing. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.
Mrs. Shoults died Mrs. Shoults died Monday,
July 22, at her residence. She was born on Dec. 11,
1916, in Gatesville, and married 1916, in Gatesville, and married Tillman Shoults on Aug. 10,
1932, in Carlsbad, N.M. She
came to Forsan in 1928 and was came to Forsan in 1928 and was
a member of Forsan Baptist
Church where she Church where she had taught
Sunday School for over 40 years. She was also a member of tle Forsan Study Club and Somemaker. include her hus-
Survivors Till
band: Tillman Shoults, Forsan: wo sons: Jimmie Shoults, Snyder; three daughters: Patsy Griner, Giboll, and Joyce
Grigg,
Alexander, Houston; one brother: B.C. Huff, Tucson, Ariz.;
one sister: Pearl Standridge, one sister: Pearl Standriage,
Bartlesville, Okla.; 10 grand-
children; and six great-grandchildren; and six great-grand-
children. The family suggests memori-
als to: The American Cancer als to. The American Cancer
Society; c/o Lucy Bonner; PO.
Box 2121; Big Spring; 79721-

## Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle \&

 CourtsContinued from page 1.
courts at the facility.
Phase III will be addressed next year and Phase IV in
September 1998. Total cost of september proct is expected to be
about $\$ 300,000$. about $\$ 300,000$.
Since being
Since being deeded the courts
by the city in 1987, the district has been forced to spend $\$ 30,000$
to $\$ 40,000$ every two to three to $\$ 40,000$ every two to three
years to fill cracks and resuryears to fill cr
face the courts.
Logback said that once the
renovation is complete, mainte nance should be minimal.
In other action Monday,
trustees:

- Approved, by a $4-2$ vote, to
increase the cost of full-price
breakfasts to $\$$ for students
and $\$ 1.25$ for adults.
- Unanimously approved hir-
ing Shanon Tissue, Dana

McNeil and Kelli Schwertner for teaching positions at Col
lege Heights, Runnels Junior lege Heights, Runnels Junior
High and Washington Elemen-

## -Springboard


city
chationivis decrease this year like last year.
I'm hoping at best we can hold
the line and maintain the line and maintain our pre
sent thatus," Blackshear said. The council will meet in regu-
lar session tonight and one of lar session tonight and one of the issues discussed, according be pay raises for city employees.
We going to be looking at raises this time around. This
will be a big deal during this
time around We'vel wime around. We've put it off for so long that we're just going to
have to bite the bullet this have to bite the bullet this
time," he added. City Manager Gary Fuqua and
his staff are in the process of his staff are in the process of
reviewing all department budreviewing all department bud-
get requests for the new fiscal
year which begins Ot year which begins Oct. . .
Fuqua said the process is a
long one and long one and many decisions to be made won't be easy, but this
year will be pretty much the
same as last year seame as last year.
"Everything boils down to dollars. Department directors are turning in some very good pro-
gram ideas, but what we have to do is a cost/benefit analysis on
the programs to see which ones are feasible and will fit into the budget," Fuqua said.
He added, "There's always not enough money to do everything
that people want to do." That people want to do."
The city will have extra rev-
enue because of the restructurenue because of the restructur-
ing of the city interest in the
Big Spring Correction Big Spring Correctional Cen-
ters, but an extra cost will prob ably be incurred in the area of
health insurance, as the city health insurance, as the city
divests itself of 250 employees currently carried on the city's
health insurance policy. Fuqua recently suggested to
the Big Spring City Council that as the city prepares to evaluate
its health insurance package its health insurance package,
the council consider forming an the council consider forming an
ad-hoc committee to assist in
the process.
the process.
The $\$ 3.7$ million in cash the city received in the prison
transaction a few weeks ago has transaction a few weeks ago has
been placed in a 90 -day interest-
bearing treasury bill bearing treasury bill account.
The 5.299 percent interest rate The 5.299 percent interest rate
translates into about $\$ 537$ a day in earnings for the city.
What the city will do with the
$\$ 3.7$ million it now has is unknown, but Blackshear indi-
cated he's in no rush to spend it.
"He "Hopefully, the money can sit
there (in the bank) and help prevent future tax increases," he
said.
Fuqua added he hopes to have
a preliminary budget ready for a preliminary budget ready for
council review by the last week of this month or the first part of
August.
"I hope we can have a final budget to the council by mid
August so that if August so that if we need to
make any adjustments we can
do so before September and have enough time to have two readings by the council before
the new fiscal year begins,"
Fuqua said. Ruling
Continued from page 1
treatments and colder winter
temperatures temperatures.
PCG officials
PCG offcials say the cost of
the diapause program appears the diapause program appears
to be the cheapest route for pro-
ducers in ducers in the next three to four
years. Texas Agricultural years. Texas Agricultural
Extension Service entomologist Extension Service entomologist
Dr. James Leser predicts that
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program, treatment costs and program, treatment costs and
cotton yield losses could total cotton yield losses could total
more than $\$ 250$ million each

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| The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents during a $24-\mathrm{hoy}$ <br> - LEE ARTHUR JUAREZ, <br> 49, of 1502 Sycamore, was lations. |  | iny aprotectrve order. 23, of 1402 Stadium, was trans ferred to the county jail after being arrested by the BII assault/family violence. He was |
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|  |  | later $\mathbf{r}$, eased on a $\$ 3,000$ bond. - RICHARD JAY NUNEZ, no |
| arrested on outstanding |  | address given, pleaded gulity in |
|  |  | distret court to theft over $\$ 5000$ |
| - JOHN PHILLIPS YORK, <br> 21 , of 204 W. 10th, was arrested on an outstanding local war- |  |  |
|  |  | sentenced to five years proba- |
| ${ }_{\cdot}^{\text {rant. RUBEN CAStillo, }}$ 34, of |  | - MARKETS |
|  | 34, of 1300 Mesquite, was |  |
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|  |  | pound, down 85 points; Sept. crude oll 20.82 , up 3 points; Cash |
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"Bad officials are elected by good cilizens who do not vote."

The opinion exprossed is that of the Edinorial Board of the Big Spring Her
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Our Views
Property valuations allow tax reduction he budget process is under way. County com-
missioners and Big Spring Independent School District trustees began their efforts Monday and the Big Spring City Council is not far behind. Some of the best news to be heard anywhere around comes from Howard County Chief Appraiser Keith Toomire, who has passed around the word that property valuations are up-- $\$ 58$ million for the
Independent School District, for example.
And while an increase in property valuations is no new news in that this is the third year in a row for
increases, perhaps it is the realization that we are now in a three-year trend of increased valuations that is
Monday night, in the first of three budget work shops, BSISD trustees started work on a budget of nore than $\$ 22$ million
Because of the valuation increase, trustees will be ble to fund a budget of that size with a tax reduction
of approximately 4 cents per $\$ 100$ valuation. And in this day and age, when everything And in this day and age, when everything seems to be going up, it staod news indeed when the ward
be passed along that school taxes won't increase.

## Your VIEWS

Reader offers altemative to Idaho's teen pregnancy plan To THE EDTTOR: Your column of July 17 on
teen pregnancy seems to endorse a solution that has lit-
tle hope of success. Let me tle hope of success. Let We need parents, not crimiteenage parents-to-be seems so sad. They have already been failed by society. What can we The only real hope fany suc. cess in this problem lies in education. Sex education. Sex education starting with pre thru high school. These classe must be extensive and must require the atten
or both parents. parents are basically itnorant

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in the subject and are therefor in the subject and are therefor child about it. By attending classes with the child, parents will know at least as much as he child. No more embarrassThis would, I believe, preven many unwanted pregnancies, It would also reduce crime welfare, and sexually transmitted diseases.
Parents are not going to want
to attend these classes. with their child present. Figur out why and you will realize why it is necessary. Editor's note The column
referred to did not endorse any
plan, but rather addressed the plan, but rather addressed the
efforts of one Idaho county whil
citing first-hand citing first-hand knowled
problems in West Texas.

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The press pack's attack and the campaign of '96

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WASHINGTON - It's agreed WASHINGTON - It's agreed
on wisdom of the pack media that Bob Dole's campaign is fal tering and maybe finished off and the candi
blame. The s
The same pack pretty much
agrees President Clinton is sail ing serenely - if surprisingly - through squalls that would date to the bottom.
And if you've got money to
bet, lay it on a sure thing: that in the next few weeksthe pack paign is reviving, given newlife by events uncovered by the dom is likely to be discovery that President Clinton's bid for reelection has been thrown in
doubt caught by doubt, caught by the drip-dripdrip of bad publicity that's
eroding his standing in the
polls.
If's fairly predictable the
Washington-headquartered media pack might soon find a
Dole revival and a Clinton skid And, after that, maybe another campaign will get the Clinton

Economy should be main issue in the campaign

By ANN McFEATTERS
WASHINGTON - There has been such a steady stream of
good economic news, some peo gode think there's no point in holding an election this year.
But the race will tighten, an But the race will tighten, and
one weapon that Bob Dole will one weapon that Bob Dole will
try to use against President Clinton will be the economy. Behind the 5.3 percent unem-
ployment rate, the low inflation ployment rate, the low inflation
rate, the 10 million new jobs during the Clinton administra-
tion and the excellent news tion and the excellent news
that the deficit is expected that the def1ctillion this year down to $\$ 116$ billion this year
are two emotions - fear and anger.
That fear is legitimate - the number of permanent layoffs is People laid off are not mini-mum-wage people or the lasthired; instead they are middle that has ripple effects through out entire communities. The anger also is legitimate - huge corporate salaries, golden parachutes stagger the imagination. It is not uncom-
mon for top corporate bosses to mon for top corporate bosses to earn 24 times or more what

## manipulated by an industry

A dynamic of news cove
by the pack operating in Washington is the media ru o get to the same story, even the same angle of the same story. After that's thorough weight pack leader - often Th New York Times or The
Washington Post or anothe Washington Post or another -
big-city newspaper, occasional big-city newspaper, occasionalTV news operation - might
head the pack off to another head the pack off to another story for more togetherness
coverage. An example of the work of
the pack in the presidential the pack in the presidential
campaign is the avalanche o coverage - even by pack standards - of Dole's remark that,
as a 40-year cigarette smoker who quit, he wasn't sure that
smoking was an addiction and smoking was an addiction and
that for some people, like him, it might be just a habit. Not so long ago, the mild observation that smoking
might be either a habit or might be either a habit or an line of print. Now, though, it collides with conventional wisdom unquestioned by the only certainly addictive but
paying out huge sums to politi. clans. of course, did himself no good in this, stumbling around trying to explain what e meant and, in a morning network appearance, accusing It's. him. It's become the Republican o demonize opponents and crit ics as "liberals." But Dole, after 35 years in Washington, ought o'know - he has to know hat it's a pack media that oper-
ates in the nation's capital and that every shade of politics uns with the pack. It's not the "liberal" media or flocks to committee hearings when there's blood in the wate or a movie star is to be a witt, ness. It's the pack, just like some celebrity's house or office when he's about to be indicted or nominated for president or the hand of a foreign princess, And Dole a prince.
And Dole must also know or someone ought to explain it run over by the liberals but by
the media pack these past sev
eral weeks, and that incluces
coverage of every stumble or dumbell thing that's said by him or on his behalf followed by pack-solicited reactions from politicians who're willing to
share the pack's conventional wisdom that the Dole campaign is finished. But pretty soon now - I'd bet
on it - one or two and more of the media pack cov ing the presidential campaign will divulge information that's been spoon-fed them. Maybe younger voters and women will
be seen shifting to Dole. Or Dole's "message" will be getting through to blue-collar
workers and older people. Or it'll be discovered that Dole's TV advertising is having
an effect, maybe turning the
And, likely as And, likely as not, when the
media pack starts writing about the change in Dole's fortunes, they'll also be writing of signs leading the pack to conclude that the Clinton campaign is in
trouble. And next the pack will see the presidential campaign as a "tight race," its outcome depending on the vote for a third-party candidate, probably
Ross Perot.
$\begin{gathered}\text { employees make. } \\ \text { Labor Secretary Robert Reich } \\ \text { says there is no evidence of an }\end{gathered}$ $\begin{gathered}\text { chance of promotion? } \\ \text { Agiain, that's something on } \\ \text { which the candidates need to }\end{gathered}$ says there is no evidence of an
end to the current trend of downsizing - a euphemism for laying off people, which is a uphemism for firing people
All that has happened he says, is that the rhetoric has changed because corporations are no longer "boasting" to ach other about paring their Downsizing is a hard notion to grasp during a polititical year it's a problem that defies easy tions. When candidates talk
tiond sound bite soll earnestly about the problem, (Clinton likes to do this), the
eyes glaze over. But serious eyes glaze over. But serious
pummeling of the subject in pummeling or the subject in
public by many experts is the only way to get a handle on what it means for this society The other part of the econowage stagnation. With the majority of two-parent families already having two earners and millions of one-parent families
strained to the limit there is less and less hope of getting ahead. How can a familly deal ing with aging parents or col mobile get ahead with a 3 p cent annual raise hifke and no
engage in some serious discus Dole is eager to argue that Clinton's 1993 tax hike was the argest in history even though people. The 4.3 -cent-a-gallon gas ax hike Republicans are so ngry about amounted to only family but has raised millions of dollars to pare red-ink spend
Dole's biggest ace in the hole is the likely 15-percent across-he-board income tax cut he wants to announce sometime
before the GOP convention in before the GOP convention in were duped by the promise o widdle-class tax cut in 1992; they'll be more wary this time especially when Dole is saying preparedness, balance the budget AND cut taxes. He certainly s trying to be Reaganesque. Dole argues that the economy
s growing but not as much as is growing but not as much a ruth is big business is not at all unhappy with the Clinton Street pines for Dole remains to street pi.

Dole has opposed the mini-
mum wage increase on grounds Clearly, it's been a long time since he worked for $\$ 4.25$ an hour. He wanted a cut in the Clearly, he never reared a family on the brink of poverty. Dole has opposed as boondoggles many job training and education ideas that have been years. If he weren't starting his
74 th year on earth, if he needed 74th year on earth, if he needed
to compete in the world of cyperspace or auto mechanics. he might feel different. Republicans all over this country are furious with Dole
for not pulling himself togethe for not pulling himself together
and putting up a decent fight and putting up a decent fight,
especially on the economy and the role of government. Dole and Clinton have legitimate, reasonable differences on this
Certainly, Americans need and deserve a serious, rousing artery-cleansing debate on the future of the economy. The race will tighten. But on the bones of his passion to be president, Clinton will clean his clock.
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## Wildcats picked to reign again

By STEVE REAGAN
The Westbrook Wildcats had a Cinderella season in 1995, and at least one publication thinks strike midnight this football

The Wildcats, who claimed
the District 6 Six-Man title in only their second year of UIL again favored to take top hon-
ors in the league, according to "Texas Football," the annual
Highland is picked to repeat

| A First Look | Jeff Hill. But the cupboard is <br> not exactly bare: Six lettermen |
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| Texas Footbal's | Including four offensive and |
| District Rankings |  |
| day: District 6 Six-Man |  |
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| District 7, stating: | Bobby Aver: youth |
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legitimate preseason favorites
but that's all he's conceding. On paper, it looks like
one've got the uperclassmen they've got the upperclassmen, Avery said. "Neither one of "I'm not going to tell you tha we'll be third, Avery said And I don't think Westbrook and Highland are ready to pu hemselves in first and second
either. They're not relaxir.? ye .. and I don't think y
count the Coyotes out." count the Coyotes out."
"Texas Football" agrees with
Avery, saying that the Coyo Avery, saying that the Coyotes
strong defense makes them
playoff contenders. playor contenders. WEDNESDAY: District 7

## FISHING REPORT

## Special to the Herald

Ray and Olene Cunningham 16.4 pound blue catfish, which the new blue catfish record set Although the location and
Alt lie Reservir. bait used in catching Cunningham's blue catfish wasn't given, channels and blues
were biting fairly well around were biting fairly well around
the main lake, mid-way, and oncho river areas on all sorts of baits during the past week. Yellow catflish were caught on
trotlines mostly in the main
lake, but they were slow
Anglers after crappie had a
much better time. Night fishing
for crappie at the mid way,
creeks, coves, and ridges of the
main lake in water 20 to 30 feet
deep, with minnows for bait,
produced excellent results.
Bass fishing had an overall
rating of "good". Black bass are
still schooling on deeper flats
and points, and going for crank
and spinner baits. The larger
black bass hung around the
deeper points, and plastic
worms brought results.
Smallmouth bass also went for
plastic worms; however, they
were reeled in mostly along
rocky points and ridges. The rocky points and ridges. The
white bass got excited over spoons, small spinners, and labs. White bass are also
chooling, and appeared in the hallower water along the At an elevation of 1542.32 , ake Ivie is approximately temperature recorded for July 14, was 80.3 degrees. and the degrees. Water clarity was
clear at the main body, while
the upper-end looked murky.

## Murray shines in return to 0's; Rangers win

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| Eddie M Baltimore. <br> He got to wear his old No. 33 jersey. His fans gave him a standing ovation. He even hit a home run. <br> Only one thing went wrong the Orioles lost the game Monday night, 9.5 to the Minnesota Twins. <br> It's good to have Eddie back," manager Davey Johnson run made my night - almost." <br> Murray, acquired Sunday in Mercker to Cleveland, connected for his 492nd career homer, a two-run shot in the fifth inning. The crowd at Camden Murray came out of the dugout for a curtain call, waving his cap. <br> It was nice of the fans to do that," he said. "I just wish we could have won the baingame. York Yankees and Tom Gordon of the Boston Red Sox felt the same way. Facing their forme both wound up as losers Texas beat Rogers 6-1 and Kansas City defeated Gordon 5 In other games, Cleveland beat Toronto 4-2, Oakland defeated Chicago 6-5, California downed Detroit 10 and Seattle |
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 Vaughn's 30 th home run, but
little else as Kansas Ciy won at
Fenway Park. Belcher allowed ix hits in his first complete game since last July 27 .
Gordon ( 7.5 ) spent hirst eight years in the majors with
the Royals before signing with Boston in the offseason. He
gave up 10 hits in $81-3$ innings. and Mike Nacfarlane homered Indians 4, Blue Jays 2
Jim Thome, Albert Belle and eat Toronto Inning, umpire Mike Everitt
lost track of the count and
allowed Thome to walk on only allowed Thome to walk on only
three balls. That loaded the
bases, and Belle followed with a bases, and Belle followed with a
drive that left fielder Joe Carter Center fielder Otis Nixon however, bumped into his at the wall, and fore for a three-run
Couble. Belle later tripled and hit a run-scoring single for his
90th RBI. Orel Hershiser (10-6) won for
the seventh time in nine starts. Jose Mesa, who had blown four
of his previous eight save
chances, earned his first save chances, earn
since June 30 .

With Indians home games
old out for the season, 19 bus-
loads of Cleveland fans made he trip to SkyDome. Athletics 6, White Sox 5 Steinbach hit two home runs
for the second straight day, the was a grounder up the middle. Mashore streaked home from second base on Geronimo
Berroa's infield hit with two
 atch Mashore at third. But
Mashore never hesitated throw home from surprised Steinbach's homers extended
Oakland's streak to 18 straight games with a home run suaven record shared by the 1994
Tigers and 1941 Yankees. Angels 1, Tigers 0 first time in more than a
month, making Jim Edmonds'
home run stand up at

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Braves 8, Cardinals 6
Atlanta manager Bobby Cox
made all the right moves.
Three times, Cox sent up pinch-
hitters for his pitchers. Three
times, his pinch-hitters drove
in runs.
"That's a once-in-a-lifetime
thing," Cox said. "Sometimes
they come through and some.
times they don't."
Javier Lopez and Mark
Whiten each hit two-run, pinch.
hit homers as the visiting
Braves rallied from a five-ruin
deficit.
In the eighth, Atlanta took
the lead when Ed Giovanola
singled and Loper hit his 15th
home run, off T.J. Mathews (1-
3).
Dwight Smith hit an RBI
pinch-single in the fourth. RBM
Greg McMichael (5-2) pitched
two innings of scoreless relief,
and Mark Wohlers got three
outs for his 22nd save.
Astros 1, Padres 0
Houston's Shane Reynolds
and San Diego's Joey Hamilton
allowed only seven hits com-
bined.
John Cangelosi of the Astros


Evans falters, but other Olympians rake in medals

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| ATLANTA (AP) - Talk |  |
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| Janet Evans, the United States seemed to be excelling all over |  |
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| Atlanta - and beyond. |  |
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| The swimmers added to their medal haul Monday. The box- |  |
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| the Dream Team. Ditto for the baseball and women's volley. |  |
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| ball teams. Down in Columbus, Ga., the softball team kept |  |
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| rolling. The men's soccer team |  |
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| think there will be much more," said Beth Botsford, who |  |
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| led a 1-2 American finish in th | Evans still could |
| $100-\mathrm{meter}$night when the swim team captured two more gold medals and three silvers. |  |
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| A crowd of 30,831 , the largest |  |
| in Olympic basketball history, turned out Monday at Georgia |  |
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| Dome to watch Dream Team coast to an 87.54 victory over |  |
|  | Angola, though the Americans were held under 100 points for |  |
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| the second game in a row. <br> "Teams don't want to run |  |
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| with us anymore, and we can't let it discourage us," said Karl |  |
| Malone, who led the team with 12 points. | ond |
|  | Hedgepeth followed Botsford |
| The expectations aren't as high for the baseball team, but |  |
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| it improved to 2.0 with a 7. | Martino, Am |
| win over South Korea. Warren | crine Fox |
|  | Thompson set an Olympic |
| World Series for LSU with a homer, came through with a |  |
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Difficult.
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An have much 21-April 19) ould easily scatter in different
irections. Stay targeted directions. Stay targeted on
what is important. A partner puts in his two cents, even hough you are exhausted by
his constant chatter. Stay cool.
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support, despite a family situa tion that pushes you hard. or co-worker. Tonight: Acce
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
ou are out of sorts and hard You are out of sitt a solution.
pressed to find arefily think through a
Carange you need to regroup when you
hear a certain piece of informa-
tion. Your best bet is to concen-
trate on work. Tonight: Head trate on work. Tonight: Head
of to the gym. ***
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
Unusual news follows you Unusual news follows you.
Though you are pressured to
come up with a solution, pause and evaluate. Avoid speculasn't well planned. A loved one helps ypu, Absorb and imple-
ment the good dieas of others. Tonight: Let loose 23-Aug. 22)
LEOS (July 2 and is high on the home ront tension-laden domestic situation. You might need to act and
stop postponing a change. You have a tendency to confuse
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Then, "Doctor, the mitttle boy in the wheelchair is allergic to latex "Mom, why do they keep refer" ring to me as 'the little boy in name." name.
Bing too shy to say some to the nurse, he kept thing to the nurse, he kept
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know it makes him easily iden' tifiable to refer to him this
way, but he is so much more way, but he is so much more
than "a little boy in a wheel
chair." He's a person with feet ings. instead of the nurse saying "Doctor, Mrs. Smith is in Roorf,
4," she said. "Doctor, the fat 4," she said, "Doctor, the fat
lady with the mole on her face is in Room 4"?
Abby, please try to enlighten
your readers that those with disabilities are people too prefer to remain ... ANONY. DEAR ANONYMOUS: How
unfortunate that your unfortunate that your son expe-
rienced such insensitivity, particularly from someone in the
medical profession who should medical profession who should
have known better. Thank you for an important reminder. off because this morning I attempted to go for my usua
jog, but I was intimidated by car of strange men passing by, Even though they continued on
their way, I was frightened apd their way, I was frightened and
returned home because I was
alone. Do men think this kind of
uninvited, crude attention is appreciated by women, or are
they just getting their jollies by scaring us? I asked many
female acquaintances who have female acquaintances who have
experienced this kind of rude
behavior often enough to indicate that a large number of men think it's
OK, and not a serious problem. FYI, guys: Women find this
kind of behavior frightening. degrading and low-class. People
should be able to walk down public street without be init
harassed, regardless of gender. Since men don't have to worry
about being knocked down and raped, they have a hard time
empathizing with us My son knows if I ever catch him acting this way, I will put,
ish him, no matter how old he is! Mothers, please teach your
sons that sexual harassment of any kind is wrong.
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Today's Highlight in History: On July 23, 1886, New York saloonkeeper Steve Brodie claimed to have made a dare
devil plunge from the Brookly Bridge into the East River On this date: In 1829, William Austin Burt of Mount Vertion, Mich. received a patent for his typog
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