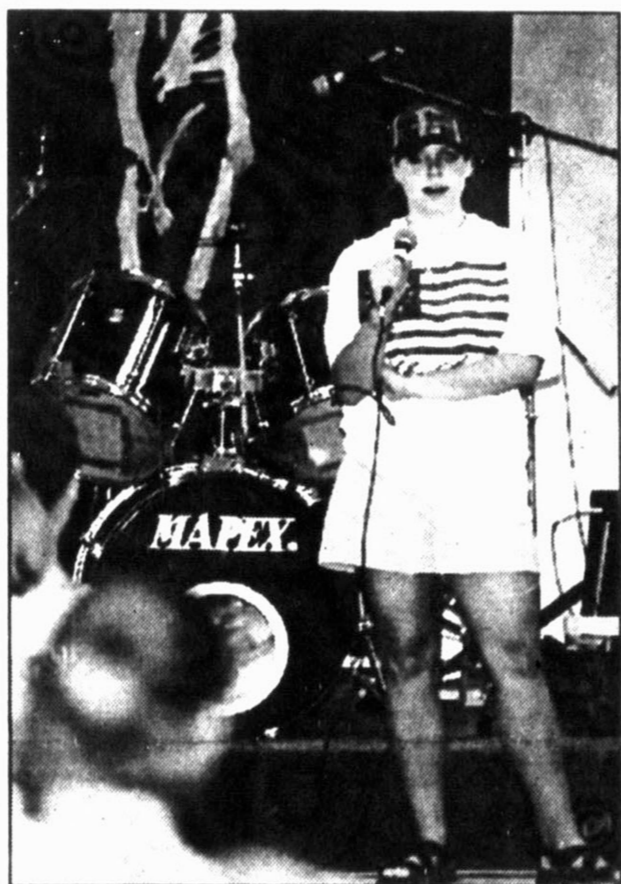


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'Saw you at the pole'

A large crowd of local students enjoyed some Christian fellowship during the Hereford Ministerial Alliance's 'Saw You At The Pole' youth prayer rally Wednesday night at the H.I.S.D. administration building. The evening rally capped a three-day stretch of activities which included a parent, and another student prayer event. Kendra Wright, at right, was one of several students who spoke at the gathering Wednesday. Students also saw audio-visual presentations and listened to music provided by a live band.



New Jersey is tops in nation in per-student school funding

WASHINGTON (AP) - Public schools in New Jersey, New York, Alaska and Connecticut spent more money per student than schools anywhere else in the country, the Census Bureau said today.

New Jersey spent an average of \$8,902 on each kindergarten through 12th-grade student in 1994, according to the survey. New York shelled out \$8,162 per student, Alaska paid \$7,890, and Connecticut spent \$7,629.

Utah sat at the bottom of the list, spending an average of \$3,280 per student. Mississippi spent slightly more - \$3,423 - just behind Idaho, \$3,602, and Alabama, \$3,777.

The national average spent per student in 1994 was \$5,363, according to the survey, which was compiled by the Commerce Department using Census Bureau data from the most recent year available.

(Texas spent \$4,520 annually per student, while New Mexico spent \$4,097.)

Public schools are financed primarily with local

money, usually property taxes.

The figures listed in the survey take into account everything from teacher salaries to wages for cafeteria workers and costs to run after-school and special education programs. They do not include capital outlays, or money used to build classrooms or make repairs.

Some education officials cautioned parents against using a school's per-pupil expenditure as the sole barometer of a child's educational success.

"You can't draw a direct correlation of expenditures to achievement," said Chris Popho, who tracks education trends and legislation for the Denver-based group, The Education Commission of the States.

Popho said other factors include the level of education completed by a student's parents, a family's income level and whether the student comes from a household with one or two parents.

"Those variables probably will impact achievement nearly as much as what a school would do," he said.

New vehicles top city list for capital expenditures

By DONALD M. COOPER
Brand Editor

Hereford Mayor Bob Josserand said the capital items included in the 1997-98 city budget are "minimal" as the City Commission decided this year to hold down the capital expenditures.

The capital items in the budget, which will be adopted during a special commission scheduled for noon Sept. 22, total \$207,796, with the bulk of the requests - \$158,246 - included in the general fund. The water and sewer fund capital expenditures total \$49,550. Vehicle purchases are the most expensive items on department heads' wish lists.

The Hereford Police Department has indicated it wants to spend \$52,370 to purchase two new patrol units.

The Hereford Volunteer Fire Department has asked for \$31,000 to purchase a 1-ton 4x4 chassis for Booster No. 1, while the city Parks Department is expected to spend \$17,500 for a half-ton pickup truck.

The water and sewer department wants to spend \$23,000 for a 4x4 extended cab pickup truck for its maintenance unit, and the wastewater treatment division is looking for \$18,000 for a 4x4 long wheelbase pickup.

Here's a look at the proposed capital expenditures:

- GENERAL FUND**
- AIRPORT**
- Replace of carpet and/or furniture, \$7,500;
- BUILDING & ZONING**
- Payment on new city map, \$5,000;
- Replacement of typewriter, \$500;
- FIRE DEPARTMENT**
- 1-ton 4x4 chassis, \$31,000;
- 6 air packs, \$7,500;

- HEALTH DEPARTMENT**
- Wheel dolly, \$650;
- 20-ton airover hydraulic jack, \$500;
- PARKS DEPARTMENT**
- 1/2-ton pickup, \$17,500;
- 6-foot by 8-foot storage building, \$750;
- Mower, \$2,500;
- Electric range for Hereford Community Center, \$650;
- Floor scrubber and top extractor for HCC, \$2,600;
- GOLF COURSE**
- Chemical spray rig, \$5,000;
- POLICE DEPARTMENT**
- 2 patrol cars and equipment, \$52,370;
- Carpet for secretary and dispatch areas, \$926;
- 9 swivel and tilt chairs, \$1,800;
- 3 video patrol cameras, \$15,000;
- STREET DEPARTMENT**
- 6-foot bush hog mower, \$3,500;
- Miscellaneous equipment, \$3,000.
- WATER & SEWER FUND**
- FINANCE OFFICE**
- Color DeskJet printer, \$500;
- MAINTENANCE**
- 4x4 extended cab pickup, \$23,000;
- Replacement of work site road signs, \$1,500;
- Two-way radios for backhoe and dump truck, \$1,100;
- Susite line locator, \$2,950;
- WASTE WATER TREATMENT**
- 4x4 long wheelbase pickup, \$18,000;
- Toxic gas tester, \$2,500.

Pay raise

Leadership of U.S. House manages to whisk through plan to boost salaries of lawmakers

WASHINGTON (AP) - Momentum is building for a pay raise for members of Congress, but opponents vow the struggle is far from over.

"This is an outrageous maneuver by House leadership to allow Congress to give itself a pay increase without letting the public know how they would vote on the issue," Rep. Linda Smith, R-Wash., complained after the House had signaled its determination to win a cost-of-living increase of slightly over \$3,000.

An aide said Smith and others would attempt to derail the raise during work on future legislation, possibly beginning with a measure due on the floor this week.

Even so, supporters of the increase clearly outmaneuvered foes Wednesday on the House floor.

With virtually no notice to the rank-and-file, they whisked through a routine spending bill in less than an hour that omitted the type of provision that has blocked cost-of-living increases in recent years in the lawmakers' \$133,600 salary. As an extra precaution, the measure was considered under procedures designed to prevent a direct vote on the proposed increase.

The vote was 231-192 in favor of the measure, a regular spending bill for the Treasury Department and other agencies. It won the support of 129 Democrats and 102 Republicans. Opposed were 119 Republicans, 72 Democrats and Rep. Bernard Sanders, of Vermont, the House's lone independent.

The Senate version of the legislation contains an explicit prohibition against a cost-of-living increase, meaning the issue will be thrashed out later this fall in negotiations between the two houses.

"No one was trying to pull a fast one on anybody," Rep. Jim Kolbe, R-Ariz., told reporters after he successfully steered the multibillion-dollar bill to passage in scarcely an hour.

Rep. Steny Hoyer, D-Md., principal Democratic

supporter for the measure, added, "Some people did say and will say this was a vote on the pay raise. It was not."

Mrs. Smith, a second-term seeking a Senate seat next year, was one of them. "The American people deserve better," she said in a statement issued after the vote.

Still, any member of the House could have blocked consideration of the legislation - and none did.

And any member could have sought recognition during the brief debate to propose an amendment to deny the pay raise - and none did.

And any member could have spoken during debate about the issue - and none did.

Mrs. Smith, for example, was on the floor for part of the time the bill was under debate. But to the evident relief of supporters of the measure, she left for a previously scheduled meeting in the Senate with Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., while the legislation was pending. An aide said the two had discussed campaign finance reform.

In fact, the spending bill makes no mention of an increase in pay for lawmakers.

By custom, though, it has been used in recent years to block such increases.

Under a law passed in 1989, lawmakers are entitled to an annual cost-of-living salary increase linked to what the president recommends for federal workers. Officials said that for the year beginning Jan. 1, 1998, that would amount to a raise of 2.3 percent for lawmakers, or \$3,072 annually. The last cost-of-living increase took effect on Jan. 1, 1993.

The same 2.3 percent increase would go to federal judges. Congressional sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Chief Justice William Rehnquist recently contacted Speaker Newt Gingrich on the subject.

United Way using rainbow to symbolize its campaign

By DIANNA F. DANDRIDGE
Staff Writer

A world of rainbows, where dreams really do come true, is the hope of the companies and employees participating in the annual United Way campaign kickoff luncheon.

Guest speaker Larry Barnes, development director of Golden Spread-Boy Scouts of America, offered personal, first-hand knowledge of the assistance provided by United Way Agencies.

Along with guest speaker, the United Way presented a short video, which is completely local, to show local support for the drive and emphasize that 99 percent of the funds stay within the community.

"The United Way neutralizes the biases in our lives," said Barnes. "The community sacrifices make a safety net which affects us all."

Through the United Way agencies, the helpless and the hopeless find a way for a better life, he said.

"United Way helps with basic needs, just because people are human and need the help," said Barnes.

Barnes depicted this year's symbol, the rainbow, with colored projector sheets, each with a different

meaning.

Blue symbolizes hope and comfort. Red stands for sacrifice and dates back to middle ages when knights were willing to die for one another. Green is a neutralizer and yellow stands for values.

Each of the colors describes a characteristic of the agencies and the people helped by the United Way, Barnes said.

The agencies provide hope and comfort in times of trouble. Participants, businesses and volunteers willing sacrifice time, energy and money. The agencies help the community without seeing race, religion and, finally, the organizations pass on necessary values and ideas to the young people who make use of their service.

The United Way collects funds only through workplace contributions, without any door-to-door solicitations.

Employers wishing to give their employees an opportunity to participate in this year's contributions should call the United Way at 364-5220 to schedule a video presentation and help a dream come true.



Larry Barnes, Development Director of the Golden Spread Council Boy Scouts of America, knows first hand the help that is available through the United Way Agencies. Barnes spoke at the annual kickoff luncheon Wednesday, and spoke on values, hope, and sacrifice.

Lifestyles



Surprise presentation

Margaret Formby, holding bouquet, was surprised yesterday at her home by Girl Scouts Amelia Bottarini, Sarah Freethy, Kasi Gallagher, Miranda Gonzales, Kathryn Spain, Jamie Lyons and Angela Tickle with a floral bouquet and the news that she has been named by the Texas Plains Girl Scout Council as a 1997 Women of Distinction award recipient.

Formby is award recipient

Margaret Formby of Hereford was surprised yesterday by Girl Scouts at her home with the news that she has been named by the Texas Plains Girl Scout Council as a 1997 Women of Distinction recipient for the World of Well Being.

Winners were selected based on their individual contributions to the five Worlds of Girl Scouting: the World of the Arts, World of the Out-of-Doors, World of People, World of Today and Tomorrow, and World of Well Being.

The Council will honor Formby with four other area "Women of Distinction" at its third annual "Women of Distinction" awards dinner Nov. 13 at the Ambassador Hotel in Amarillo.

"The evening will honor Margaret for being such an outstanding woman of the Texas Panhandle, a woman who has not only accomplished a great deal but who has given of herself, her talents, her energy and her time to help others and to make

our communities better places to live. Her leadership, dedication and accomplishments provide a powerful model for girls and for all of us," said Lou Ann Seabourn, event chair.

Each woman will be honored for her contributions in one of the Five Worlds of Girl Scouting, although her achievements cannot necessarily be limited to just one area.

Mrs. Formby was born on a ranch near Van Horn. Early on she committed herself to volunteering her time and talents to many worthwhile endeavors. She graduated from Van Horn High School, was president of her senior class and was selected as Salutatorian.

She then went on to attend Texas Tech University where she served as Student Body secretary, was named "Miss Texas Tech," and was affiliated with the Delta Delta Sorority. Formby was also a charter member of the Tech rodeo association.

She received her bachelor of arts degree with a major in speech and a

double minor in English and animal husbandry. After graduation she taught school.

As a member of First Baptist (See FORMBY, Page 7A)

FCE club makes plans for bazaar

Members of the Westway Family Community Education Club held a covered dish luncheon Monday at the Hereford Community Center.

An informative and educational program titled "Where Are My Keys?" was presented by Beverly Harder, County Extension Agent.

Bonnie Duke gave the opening exercise reading "Grandma's Receipt for Doing the Family Wash."

President Carolyn Evers presided over the business meeting. Following the treasurer's report by Rosie Valdez and the Council report by Grace Covington, Evers reported on the progress of plans for the Westway Country Christmas Bazaar that is to be held Nov. 8 at the Community Center.

Roll call, "The Last Thing I Forgot and What I Did to Remedy It," was answered by Helen Brown, Gayle Carter, Wanda Jesko, Covington, Duke, Evers and Valdez.

Guests present were Brice Fuentes and Steven Alejandro.

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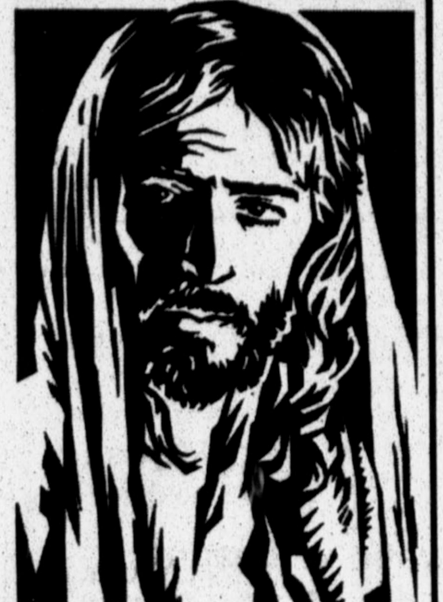
Ricky and Danielle Bartels of Hereford are the proud parents of a son, Brenden John, born Aug. 28 at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

The infant weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces and measured 20 inches long.

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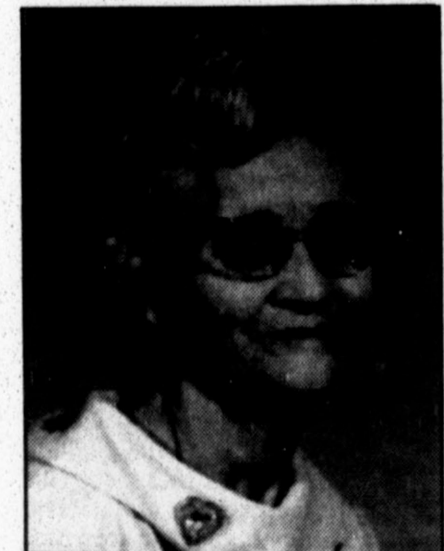
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Mrs. Russell was born Sept. 22, 1907, in Emory. She was employed at the Deaf Smith County Hospital for a number of years and was a babysitter at Avenue Baptist Church for 28 years.

She was married to Roy Russell who passed away in 1960.

The surprise celebration, including a birthday card shower, is being hosted by friends and family, including her daughter, Carol Odom of Hereford, her son, Jim Russell of Bovina, numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

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Cowboys

things ironed out." Dallas has converted only 32 per cent of its third down chances. Running back Emmitt Smith, who is averaging 4.1 yards per game, said he's puzzled.

"You look at our Philadelphia game and say this can't possibly be the same team that went to Pittsburgh in week one and did what they did," Smith said. "That's what everybody is saying: from Pittsburgh to Arizona, what happened? Everybody is asking the question what happened? We're trying to figure it out, too."

Bjornson said he has to step it up a notch. He played with two sprained ankles last year but is healthy this season.

Coach Barry Switzer said the Cowboys haven't done a good job of protecting Aikman except in the opener against the Steelers in which he had a "rocking chair" no sack game.

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Golf

Bixler expects Henderson to be up there on the boys' side with Sargent. "He's been real close (to Sargent) in practice and in Pampa," Bixler said.

The Whitefaces have only four seniors, and Bixler said the fact they are inexperienced on the boys' side is a concern, as well as numbers on the girls side. But he feels the Whitefaces can't be counted out to compete for a district title in the spring.

"Our district is probably as tough

as any in the state," he said. "One of the teams usually goes on to state. It's still too early to know. Hopefully, we're not playing our best golf yet."

To that end, the Whitefaces practice. But fall is not just endless hours on the driving range and the putting green.

Hereford will be one of 30 teams competing Friday and Saturday at the Lubbock Invitational Tournament. Bixler said the Whitefaces will be playing Meadowbrook Golf Course along with teams from Amarillo,

Lubbock, Midland, Odessa and El Paso, among others.

"The more we can play different courses, it'll help us," Bixler said. "It'll have more sand around the greens than we have here, and quite a bit of water. Those are things we don't get much around here."

As part of the preparation for the upcoming tournament, the Whitefaces will be in Friona today to practice.

"(The tournament) will be an early measuring stick," he said. "You'll get to see where you are region-wide."

'Stros

The two teams play again Thursday, then close the season with three games Sept. 26-28 in the Astrodome.

"I'm not saying it's a must game Thursday, but we wanted to go 2-0," Pirates manager Gene Lamont said. "We knew we'd be in deep trouble if we lost both of them. We've definitely backed ourselves into a corner."

Luis Gonzalez, rookie Richard Hidalgo and Bagwell led off innings with homers for Houston, which was working on its third shutout in five games in Pittsburgh this season until Al Martin hit a two-run homer in the eighth.

Reynolds (8-10) pitched 8 1-3 innings before being chased by pinch-hitter Dale Sveum's two-run homer in the ninth. He allowed four runs, walked one and struck out five. Billy Wagner got the final two outs.

The Astros won the first two games of a four-game series July 10-13 by a combined 17-0, including wins of 7-0 and 10-0, before the Pirates' Francisco Cordova and Ricardo Rincon no-hit Houston the

following night. Cordova, who has allowed the Astros only two hits in 18 scoreless innings this season, opposed Houston ace Darryl Kile (18-6) on Thursday.

"We knew it would be tough (Thursday) because Cordova's had our number, and that's why we needed to win today," Derek Bell said.

The Pirates had waited five years to play a significant pennant race game in September, but they were all but out of it after three innings. Pirates starter Jason Schmidt was chased after a four-run third that made it 5-0, and the Astros led 8-0 by the eighth.

Reynolds had lost four of five decisions since Aug. 3, but remained dominant against the Pirates, improving to 6-1 lifetime against them.

"I don't know why," Reynolds said. "There are teams I'm 0-and-something against. I don't know. We'd like to win every one and clinch it so we don't have to worry about them at home."

Ryder

over Bill Glasson.

Also entered are former U.S. Open champions Steve Jones, Corey Pavin and Scott Simpson, as well as former PGA champions Mark Brooks, John Daly, Bob Tway and John Mahaffey.

Because of its place near the end of the PGA calendar, the Texas Open has become known as one of the last chances for players to win enough money to climb into the top 125 on the money list and keep their tour cards for another year.

It's also a chance to earn enough to get into the top 30 on the money list and qualify for the Tour Championship at Champions Golf Club in Houston Oct. 30-Nov. 2.

Texas Open officials say they are pleased with the field considering its proximity to the Ryder Cup and the fact that many players are simply tired and looking for a break at the end of the schedule.

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Ann Landers

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Ann, I have seen talk shows, read articles and heard reports of some of the antics of the Class of 2000, and instead of feeling proud, I feel ashamed. Thanks to the few teenage exhibitionists who go on trashy TV talk shows that shamelessly exploit ignorant people, we are being remembered not as the future of the millennium, but as the screw-ups who will some day govern our world. Please, adults, don't lose faith in us. -- M.R., Albany, N.Y.

Dear Albany: I receive a lot of mail from teenagers, and in my opinion, they are more intelligent, more committed and a lot more principled than we were when we were their age. I am confident that they will do at least as well as we did, if not a whole lot better.

Dear Ann Landers: This is for "No Name, No State," who complained about how broke she is because of what it cost her to be a bridesmaid in several weddings. You have said in your column, "No one can take advantage of you without your permission." People need to stop complaining about how out-of-control weddings have become and just start saying "no."

If you can't afford to be a bridesmaid, be up-front and admit it. There is nothing wrong with saying, "Congratulations. I am happy for you and wish you all the best. I'm sure your wedding will be beautiful, but I will have to limit my involvement to being just a guest. I can't take on any more." Real friends will understand. And when you're invited to a wedding or a shower for people you barely know or the children of

casual acquaintances, simply RSVP your regrets.

Weddings have become a crowning example of consumerism, greed and the sense of entitlement that has become like a plague in this country. I cringe every time I hear a TV commercial for a national department store chain advertising its bridal registry. It encourages couples to participate with the outrageously shameless closing line, "Dare to get the things you want."

Couples in love and committed to a life together don't need to shake down friends, relatives and casual acquaintances to celebrate their love. They should not put their parents or themselves in debt for horse-drawn carriages, an outrageously expensive dinner, fancy dresses, a photographer and two videographers, flowers, fountains and all the other trappings.

I'm not anti-wedding, Ann, but I do believe weddings should be small, intimate affairs for close friends and family. They should not be events at which you repay your social obligations or a chance to get everyone you've ever met to furnish your new apartment and help you set up housekeeping. -- Practical in Minnesota

Dear Minnesota: You have written a letter that expresses some lofty views. I agree wholeheartedly with what you have said, and I hope some brides-to-be will pay attention, but I'm not optimistic. Old traditions die hard. People are going to continue to go into hock to carry them out, come hell, high water and the bill collectors.

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Hospital Notes

Report from Hereford Regional Medical Center on Sept. 18:

Admitted: Janie Ortiz.
Discharged: None.



Award presentation

Todd Gray, left, is presented the Ambucus past president award by Nancy Buchanan. Gray is the immediate past-president of the American Business Club while Buchanan is the current president.

FORMBY

Church, Formby served two years as president of the Women's Missionary Union. She also served on the pulpit committee, taught a Sunday school class for senior citizens, served as church youth director and taught a women's Bible study class.

Mrs. Formby served as the first president of the Friends of the Library and Southwest Collection at Texas Tech in 1986-87. She has been active in the development of the annual Cowboy Symposium in Lubbock sponsored by the Ranching Heritage Center. She now served on the Texas Tech and Health Sciences Foundation Board.

In 1983, Formby was named Woman of the Year for Deaf Smith County and in 1984 she received the Bull Chip Award for Outstanding

Leadership.

In 1977, she was chosen by Speaker of the House, Bill Clayton, to serve on the Select Committee on Child Pornography, its abuses and studies. In 1982, she was chosen to serve on the State Select Committee on Teenage Pregnancy.

Additionally, Formby has served as president of the Women's Division of the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce, president and vice-president of La Plata Study Club, coordinator of the Hereford School Volunteer program, Red Cross youth director, King's Manor volunteer, American Heart Association volunteer, organizer of the Women's Panhellenic Chapter of Hereford, and organizer of Hereford's Animal Action committee.

For much of the past 21 years, Formby has spent her time developing the National Cowgirl Hall of Fame and Western Heritage Center which she founded. Along with directing the National Cowgirl Hall of Fame for the past 18 years, she has been an active supporter of Women in rodeo as a member of the Hall of Fame Rodeo Association. In 1993, she was inducted into the Texas Tech Rodeo Hall of Fame.

Mrs. Formby is a Golden Nail recipient and she was named as one of a thousand fearless women in a June 1994 issue of the nationally recognized "Mirabella" magazine.

Her exemplary service to civic, religious and volunteer endeavors exhibit her caring and concern for all age groups in her community and the state.

Formby has contributed greatly to the Hereford community. She is married to Clint Formby and has four children and three grandchildren.

Everyone is invited to attend the Nov. 13 dinner to help honor her for her achievements. The cost for the banquet is \$20 per person, and anyone interested in attending the Women of Distinction Banquet may call the Texas Plains Girl Scout Council and make a reservation at 1-806-356-0996 or 1-800-687-4475.

Fall luncheon set for Monday

The Family Community Education Council and clubs will hold their annual Fall Luncheon at noon Monday in the Heritage Room of the Deaf Smith County Library.

Recent State Convention delegates, Jo Lee who serves as County FCE chairman, Mariellen Homfeld, County FCE chairman-elect and Maudette Smith, county FCE Council chairman, will present the delegate report beginning at 12:30 p.m.

The Deaf Smith County FCE Council will convene at 1:30 p.m. for its regular September meeting. Each person attending the luncheon is asked to bring a covered dish. Prospective members are invited to attend the Fall Luncheon.

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The public hearing will be held on SEPT. 25, 1997 at WALCOTT SCH. BD. RM.

FOR the proposal: Albert Meyer, Kent Jack & Ted Eicke
AGAINST the proposal:
PRESENT and not voting:
ABSENT:

The statement above shows the percentage increase the proposed rate represents over the .9062 tax rate that the unit published on Sept. 7, 1997. The following table compares taxes on an average home in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average home this year. Again, your individual taxes may be higher or lower, depending on the taxable value of your property.

	Last Year	This Year
Average home value	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
General exemptions available (amount available on the average home, not including senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 5,000	\$ 15,000
Average taxable value	\$ 45,000	\$ 35,000
Tax rate	.9757 /\$100	.9757 /\$100 (proposed)
Tax	\$ 439.07	\$ 341.50 (proposed)

Under this proposal taxes on the average home would decrease by \$ 97.57 or 22.2% percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would 0- by \$ 0- per \$100 of taxable value or 0- percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that Deaf Smith County Hospital District, d.b.a. Hereford Regional Medical Center of Hereford, Deaf Smith County, Texas, will receive bids for the following: Telephone PBX system. Sealed bids will be received until 11 AM Thursday, October 2, 1997 in the Administration Office of Hereford Regional Medical Center, 801 East 3rd Street, Hereford, Texas. All bids will be opened at 11:15 AM the same day at Hereford Regional Medical Center Board of Directors room. If you have any questions or for more information, please contact Rodney Bailey, CFO at 806-364-2141, ext. 209. The hospital reserves the right to reject any and all bids and waive all formalities for the best interest of the Hospital District.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION State of Texas

TO: JOSE ANGEL BARRIENTOS

You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the Clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 A.M. on the Monday next following the expiration of 20 days after you were served this citation and amended petition, a default judgment may be taken against you. The amended petition of TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PROTECTIVE & REGULATORY SERVICES Petitioner, was filed in the District Court of Deaf Smith County, Texas on the 5th day of September, 1997, against JOSE ANGEL BARRIENTOS, respondent, numbered DR-951-179 and entitled IN THE INTEREST OF JOE LUIS TREADWAY, ROCKY JOSE TREADWAY, AND AMBERLIE J. TREADWAY, children. The suit requests termination of the Parent-Child relationship and Petitioner be appointed permanent managing conservator. The date of birth of the children who are the subject of the suit: JOE LUIS TREADWAY-March 14, 1988, ROCKY JOSE TREADWAY-February 9, 1989, AMBERLIE J. TREADWAY-June 29, 1990.

The court has the authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the Children's interest which will be binding upon you, including the termination of the Parent-Child relationship. The determination of paternity and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the children's adoption.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court, at Hereford, Texas, this 16th day of September, 1997.

Lola Faye Veazey, District Clerk, Deaf Smith County, Texas By: Sonya G. Varela, Deputy

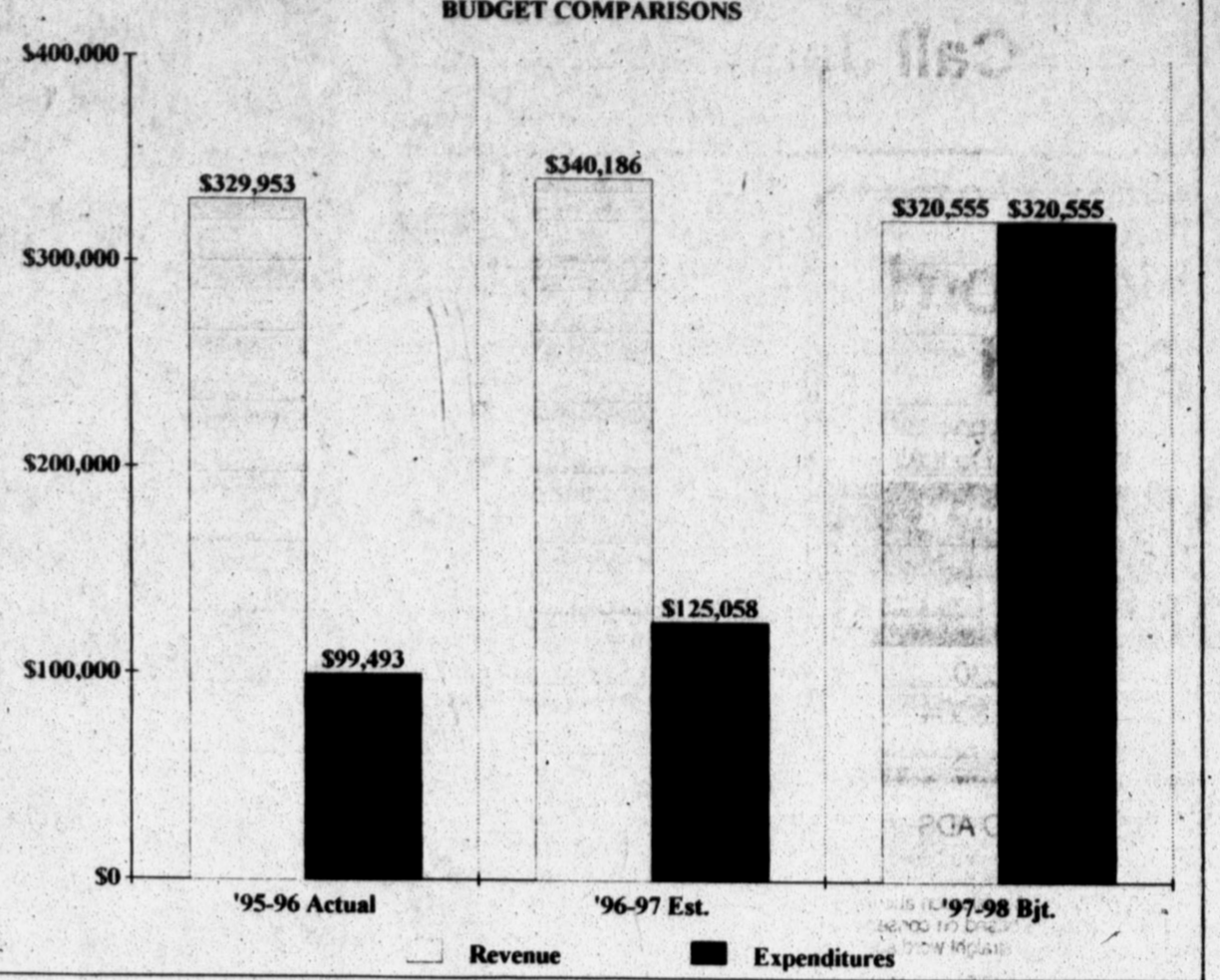
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HEREFORD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORP. BUDGET COMPARISONS



HEDC's budget approved

Hereford City Commissioners gave unanimous approval Monday night to the Hereford Economic Development Corp.'s 1997-98 budget, which projects little change in revenue and spending.
The HEDC operates on a one-third share of the city's 1.5-cent sales tax.
According to its budget, the HEDC anticipates sales tax revenue in the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1 of \$311,555 and \$9,000 in interest income for a total of \$320,555.19. This year's budget projects the HEDC revenue will fall about 5.8 percent below the estimated revenue of \$340,186.14 for the year ending Sept. 30.
In expenditures, the largest item is for salaries, \$47,045, up \$2,045 from this year.
HEDC Executive Director Mike Hatley anticipates spending \$76,848 for business recruitment next year, nearly double the \$38,000 projected for this year.
In his report to the City Commission, which preceded the panel's action on his budget, Hatley reviewed some

of the corporation's efforts this year.
Unfortunately, Hatley noted, the effort to bring a \$100 million recycled paper mill, which would mean 100 local jobs, to Hereford failed. The HEDC was notified last week by the Fluor Daniel consultants that Hereford was not selected for the mill's site, although the enthusiasm of the community was praised.
Hatley said the city is being considered by a food processing firm, but he described the project as "still in the works." He said there is no time line on the \$45 million project, which he said would mean about 500 jobs.
He also reported HEDC is launching a direct-mail operation to the dairy industry and he hopes to attract some interest in Hereford as a potential site.
Also, Hatley said renovation of the facility in Sugarland Mall for a bowling alley is progressing, with an opening expected sometime in October.
The HEDC's current fund balance, Hatley said, is about \$350,000, with liquid assets of about \$540,000.

AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

9-18 CRYPTOQUOTE
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Oct	81.00	85.00
Nov	80.50	84.50
Dec	80.00	84.00
Jan	79.50	83.50
Feb	79.00	83.00
Mar	78.50	82.50
Apr	78.00	82.00
May	77.50	81.50
Jun	77.00	81.00
Jul	76.50	80.50
Aug	76.00	80.00

GRAIN FUTURES

CORN (CBT) 5,000 bu., catts per bu.		
Sept	204.50	206.50
Oct	204.00	206.00
Nov	203.50	205.50
Dec	203.00	205.00
Jan	202.50	204.50
Feb	202.00	204.00
Mar	201.50	203.50
Apr	201.00	203.00
May	200.50	202.50
Jun	200.00	202.00
Jul	199.50	201.50
Aug	199.00	201.00

METAL FUTURES

GOLD (COMEX) 100 oz., \$ per oz.		
Sept	371.00	373.00
Oct	371.00	373.00
Nov	371.00	373.00
Dec	371.00	373.00
Jan	371.00	373.00
Feb	371.00	373.00
Mar	371.00	373.00
Apr	371.00	373.00
May	371.00	373.00
Jun	371.00	373.00
Jul	371.00	373.00
Aug	371.00	373.00

SILVER (COMEX) 5,000 oz., \$ per oz.

Sept	10.80	11.20
Oct	10.80	11.20
Nov	10.80	11.20
Dec	10.80	11.20
Jan	10.80	11.20
Feb	10.80	11.20
Mar	10.80	11.20
Apr	10.80	11.20
May	10.80	11.20
Jun	10.80	11.20
Jul	10.80	11.20
Aug	10.80	11.20

FUTURES OPTIONS

CATTLE-FEEDER (CME) 50,000 lbs., catts per lb.			
Sept	81.75	85.75	3.00
Oct	81.00	85.00	3.00
Nov	80.50	84.50	3.00
Dec	80.00	84.00	3.00
Jan	79.50	83.50	3.00
Feb	79.00	83.00	3.00
Mar	78.50	82.50	3.00
Apr	78.00	82.00	3.00
May	77.50	81.50	3.00
Jun	77.00	81.00	3.00
Jul	76.50	80.50	3.00
Aug	76.00	80.00	3.00

CORN (CBT) 5,000 bu., catts per bu.			
Sept	204.50	206.50	1.00
Oct	204.00	206.00	1.00
Nov	203.50	205.50	1.00
Dec	203.00	205.00	1.00
Jan	202.50	204.50	1.00
Feb	202.00	204.00	1.00
Mar	201.50	203.50	1.00
Apr	201.00	203.00	1.00
May	200.50	202.50	1.00
Jun	200.00	202.00	1.00
Jul	199.50	201.50	1.00
Aug	199.00	201.00	1.00

Hereford YMCA GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Our YMCA Volleyball League will offer girls the chance to get ahead by learning the fundamentals of volleyball, sportsmanship and team play. Volleyball will be fun and exciting. It can also provide enjoyment throughout a lifetime.
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THE LEAGUE: There will be three divisions 6-8years and 9-13 years and Jr. High. All girls are eligible to play regardless of athletic ability. Every game is supervised and referees are provided. The teams will be drawn at the YMCA office.
DATES: FINAL DAY TO REGISTER IS SEPTEMBER 19TH! Teams play and practice once a week. Games will be played on Saturday mornings. (Coaches will be notified of the game location and time)

LEAGUE FEE: Fee will be \$18.00. All participants must be YMCA members. YMCA memberships for youths is \$29.00 per year and includes use of the YMCA facility throughout the year. Expired memberships must be renewed. *ENTRY MEMBERSHIP FEES MUST ACCOMPANY ENTRY FORM!

EQUIPMENT: Girls will have to supply their own shoes and knee pads (optional). Only tennis shoes will be permitted for play and practice.

Volunteers are needed to help coach and referee. (Parents are welcome.)
If you are interested please fill out a form that can be picked up at the YMCA office.

For more information please come by the YMCA office and pick up a registration form. Scholarships are available for those who need assistance. Parents are welcome to all games, you can make this a family event. HELP US TEACH YOUR CHILD THE BENEFITS OF GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP!

News Digest

NRA SNIPING AT U.N. PROPOSAL
UNITED NATIONS (AP) - In a cautious first foray into gun control, a U.N. experts' panel recommends that the world organization help destroy leftover guns once conflicts have ended, and convene a global conference to fight small-arms trafficking worldwide.

The report, not yet published but obtained by The Associated Press, also calls for high-tech "marking" to make guns more traceable. "This report recommends a set of practical measures to reduce the weapons already in circulation and to prevent future accumulations," U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan says in a foreword urging endorsement by the General Assembly, which opened its 1997-98 session Tuesday.

The National Rifle Association, on the other hand, believes the world organization has gone too far.

The report "starts the U.N. on a path I'm not sure it really wants to go down," said Tom Mason, a representative of the U.S. anti-gun control lobby. "The U.N. shouldn't get involved in what we consider local issues properly left in the purview of sovereign states."

LAND MINE TALKS ENTER FINAL STAGE
OSLO, Norway (AP) - An international conference on land mines adopted a treaty text today that calls for an immediate and total ban on anti-personnel mines, a day after the United States refused to sign such a document.

Adoption of the text by the 89 other countries at the talks had been expected after the United States dropped its efforts to force changes in the treaty Wednesday.

Land mines are estimated to kill or maim some 26,000 people a year, about 80 percent of them civilians.

The treaty, expected to be signed in December, calls for a total ban on production, export and use of anti-personnel mines. The United States had sought a nine-year delay in implementing the treaty, an exception for mines placed to protect anti-tank mines and a provision allowing countries to withdraw from the treaty if they came under attack.

Ban proponents said such provisions would weaken the treaty beyond usefulness.

7 KILLED IN CAIRO ATTACK
CAIRO, Egypt (AP) - Gunmen opened fire on a tourist bus outside Cairo's Egyptian Museum today, killing nine tourists, including seven Germans, and wounding 19 others, police said.

Witnesses said the attackers threw fire bombs, badly burning the bus, and that police shot three attackers.

The Interior Ministry statement said police had detained three "terrorists," the word usually used for Muslim militants who have waged a five-year campaign of violence in hopes of overthrowing the government of Hosni Mubarak and installing strict Islamic rule.

Museum director Mohammed Salah told The Associated Press that "three persons came and began to throw some Molotov cocktails" at the buses parked outside the museum.

SETTLEMENT COMPROMISE REJECTED
JERUSALEM (AP) - Jewish settlers backed by a U.S. millionaire today reached a tentative agreement with the government to leave an Arab neighborhood of east Jerusalem as long as the government ultimately recognizes their right to live there.

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat immediately rejected the compromise, signaling that the latest Mideast crisis was far from being defused.

New clashes erupted today outside the settler compound in the Ras al-Amud neighborhood of 11,000 Palestinians in east Jerusalem, which Palestinians want to be the capital of an independent state.

Several Israeli peace activists and Palestinian residents climbed onto a rooftop and chanted, "No compromise on Ras al-Amud" before being dragged away by police. A young Palestinian boy was carried off, screaming, by an Israeli border policeman.

VIRGINIA EXECUTES MEXICAN HITMAN
JARRATT, Va. (AP) - Laughing even as lethal drugs began flowing into his veins, a Mexican hitman who clubbed a sleeping man to death was executed after the governor rejected a clemency plea from Mexico's government.

"Today is a good day to die," Mario Benjamin Murphy said Wednesday night and then laughed as the deadly fluids began flowing into his body.

Murphy, 25, grinned and chortled as he told guards: "I forgive all of you. I hope God does, too." Moments later, he closed his eyes and stopped breathing.

The State Department, the Mexican government and even Southern Baptist missionaries had pressured Gov. George Allen to spare Murphy. But late Wednesday, the governor refused to intervene.

Murphy was part of a hit squad hired to kill James Radcliff, a Virginia Beach man beaten to death with a steel pipe in July 1991. Murphy was hired by the victim's wife and boyfriend.

PROM BIRTH MOTHER INDICTED
FREEHOLD, N.J. (AP) - A 19-year-old woman who hid her pregnancy, then secretly gave birth in a bathroom during her senior prom was charged with murder and released on bond.

Melissa Drexler was to be arraigned Oct. 27 on the indictment handed up Wednesday.

Monmouth County Prosecutor John Kaye reiterated at a hearing that he will not seek the death penalty, in consideration of Drexler's age, emotional distress and lack of a prior criminal record.

She was freed on \$50,000 bond. If convicted of murder, she would be sentenced to a mandatory minimum of 30 years in prison without parole.

Drexler, of Forked River, was charged with murder June 24 and pleaded innocent.

Authorities say Drexler gave birth to a boy June 6 in a bathroom stall at a catering hall in Aberdeen Township during the Lacey Township High School prom, then went back to the party, leaving the bathroom stall and floor spattered with blood.

A janitor found the baby's body in a trash bag. An autopsy determined the baby breathed on his own before he was strangled and suffocated.

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PROPOSITION NO. 1 ON THE BALLOT
 Senate Joint Resolution 36 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow a person to hold the position of municipal judge in more than one municipality.
 The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:
 "The constitutional amendment to allow a person who holds the office of municipal court judge to hold at the same time more than one civil office for which the person receives compensation."

PROPOSITION NO. 2 ON THE BALLOT
 Senate Joint Resolution 43 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to limit the maximum annual increase in homestead appraisals for each year since the most recent tax appraisal. The amendment would also permit the legislature to allow the governing body of a school district to elect to apply the law providing for the transfer of the age-65-and-older school property tax freeze to the person's new homestead, if the move to the new residence homestead occurred before the law took effect.
 The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:
 "The constitutional amendment to authorize the Legislature to limit increases in the appraised value of residence homesteads for ad valorem taxation and to permit a school district to calculate the school property tax freeze applicable to the residence homestead of an elderly person or the surviving spouse of an elderly person in accordance with the law authorizing the transfer of the school property tax freeze to a different homestead regardless of whether that law was in effect at the time the person established the person's homestead."

PROPOSITION NO. 3 ON THE BALLOT
 Senate Joint Resolution 45 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to authorize counties, cities, towns, and other local taxing entities to grant exemptions or other forms of ad valorem tax relief on property on which approved water conservation initiatives have been implemented.
 The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:
 "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to permit a taxing unit to grant an exemption or other relief from ad valorem taxes on property on which a water conservation initiative has been implemented."

PROPOSITION NO. 4 ON THE BALLOT
 House Joint Resolution 104 proposes an

supply, water quality, flood control, or state participation from one category of use to another category to maximize the use of existing funds and relating to more efficient operation of the bond programs."

PROPOSITION NO. 8 ON THE BALLOT
 House Joint Resolution 31 proposes a constitutional amendment which would authorize home equity lending, in which a loan could be secured by a lien against the borrower's homestead. The amendment would also establish several provisions providing for consumer protection in the home equity lending process.
 The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:
 "The amendment to the Texas Constitution expanding the types of liens for home equity loans that a lender, with the homeowner's consent, may place against a homestead."

PROPOSITION NO. 9 ON THE BALLOT
 House Joint Resolution 96 proposes a constitutional amendment that would authorize the legislature to authorize a property tax of five cents for each \$100 valuation in rural fire prevention districts which are located in Harris County. The constitution currently authorizes a property tax of three cents for each \$100 valuation in rural fire prevention districts regardless of what county they are in.
 The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:
 "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to authorize an ad valorem tax rate in rural fire prevention districts located in Harris County of five cents on each \$100 of taxable value of property."

PROPOSITION NO. 10 ON THE BALLOT
 Senate Joint Resolution 33 proposes a constitutional amendment to permanently dedicate monies from the Texas Crime Victims' Compensation Fund (and its auxiliary fund) so that they are used only for assisting victims of crime and not for any other purpose. If an episode of mass violence occurred, however, monies from the fund could be used to assist victims of the mass violence if all other sources of authorized emergency assistance were depleted first.
 The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:
 "The constitutional amendment designating the purposes for which money in the compensation to victims of crime fund and the compensation to victims of crime auxiliary fund may be used."

PROPOSITION NO. 11 ON THE BALLOT
 House Joint Resolution 59 proposes a constitutional amendment to prohibit the Legislature from authorizing additional state debt payable from the general revenue fund if the resulting annual debt service (the amount needed each year to make payments) would exceed five percent of the annual general revenue available over the last three fiscal years, excluding revenues constitutionally dedicated for purposes other than payment of state debt.
 The term "additional state debt" does not include bonds that, although backed by the full faith and credit of the state, are reasonably expected to be paid from revenue sources other than the general revenue fund.
 The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:
 "The constitutional amendment limiting the amount of state debt payable from the general revenue fund."

PROPOSITION NO. 12 ON THE BALLOT
 House Joint Resolution 55 proposes a constitutional amendment to provide that if the Texas Supreme Court does not act on a motion for a rehearing within 180 days of the motion's filing, the motion is denied.
 The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:
 "The constitutional amendment to establish a deadline for supreme court action on a motion for rehearing."

PROPOSITION NO. 13 ON THE BALLOT
 House Joint Resolution 8 proposes a constitutional amendment to establish the Texas Tomorrow trust fund dedicated exclusively to the prepayment of tuition and fees for higher education. The amendment would guarantee that if there is not enough money during any fiscal year to pay the appropriate tuition and required fees, the needed money will be appropriated out of the first available money coming into the state treasury each fiscal year.
 The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:
 "The constitutional amendment to encourage persons to plan and save for young Texans' college education, to extend the full faith and credit of the state to protect the Texas tomorrow fund of the prepaid higher education tuition program, and to establish the Texas tomorrow fund as a constitutionally protected trust fund."

PROPOSITION NO. 14 ON THE BALLOT
 House Joint Resolution 83 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to set the official qualifications for constables.
 The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:
 "The constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to prescribe the qualifications of constables."
 Estos son los informes explanatorios sobre las enmiendas propuestas a la constitución que aparecerán en la boleta el 4 de noviembre de 1997. Si usted no ha recibido una copia de los informes en español, podrá obtener una gratis por llama al 1/800/252/8683 o por escribir al Secretario de Estado, P.O. Box 12060, Austin, Texas 78711.

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