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Today's weather OUTLOOK



Partly cloudy skies

Tonight, partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms, lows in the mid-60s.

Wednesday, partly cloudy with a high around 90.

Extended forecast

Thursday through Saturday, partly cloudy with a slight chance of afternoon and nighttime thunderstorms, lows 65 to 70, highs 90 to 95.

Hereford weather

Monday's high, 88; low, 65; no precipitation, according to KPAN-Radio.



Courtesy Photo

John F. Kennedy Jr. and his wife, Carolyn Bessette Kennedy, are shown outside a New York restaurant.

FAA notified early plane was missing

QUINNAH, Mass. (AP) — The Federal Aviation Administration acknowledged today it was asked to locate John F. Kennedy Jr.'s plane less than a half-hour after it crashed.

The caller, an airport employee on Martha's Vineyard, was merely requesting information and had no sense of urgency during his phone call, the agency said.

Any delay in the rescue effort would be moot if Kennedy, his wife and sister-in-law died on impact. New radar data showed the plane was diving at a rate up to 10 times normal just before it disappeared from radar.

Also today:

• Divers made preparations to search three new underwater sites in the attempt to find the wreckage.

• A newspaper reported that the airplane's registration papers had washed ashore Saturday at beachfront property owned by Kennedy and his sister, Caroline Kennedy.

On board the plane were Kennedy, 38; wife Carolyn Bessette Kennedy, 33; and her sister Lauren Bessette, 34. Kennedy, the pilot, planned to drop off his sister-in-law on Martha's Vineyard en route to a cousin's wedding in Hyannis Port.

Relatives of the three acknowledged their deaths with words of anguish as investigators revealed the plane had plunged toward the sea at a much faster speed than first believed.

An employee of the Martha's Vineyard airport telephoned an FAA station in Bridgeport, Conn., at 10:05 p.m. Friday — 25 minutes after the plane went off radar screens. Adam Budd made the call at the request of an unidentified couple who had come to the airport to meet Lauren Bessette.

Budd said: "Kennedy Jr.'s on board. He's, uh, they wanna know, uh, where he is," according to a transcript of the call published today in *The Boston Globe*.

Budd asked if the FAA could track the airplane. The person at the FAA station questioned Budd repeatedly about who he was and finally told him: "We don't give this information out to people over the phone."

SMALL BUSINESS COUNCIL

Perry taps local businessman

By Don Cooper

Hereford Brand Managing Editor

A Hereford businessman was among 26 individuals tapped Monday by Lt. Gov. Rick Perry for new small business advisory councils.

Perry announced the membership of the Texas Small Business Advisory Council, which will provide the lieutenant governor and other state leaders with policy recommendations on improving the economic climate for more than 1 million small businesses in Texas.

Sam Metcalf, co-owner of Custom Integrated Computer Systems (CICS), was one of three Panhandle businessmen named to the lieutenant governor's Regional Council.



LT. GOV. PERRY
Sets up panel

Also named to the regional council were Don Taylor, Data Star Communications of Amarillo, and Wilford Taylor, Taylor & Sons of Canyon.

Twenty-three entrepreneurs were named to the state-wide council. They represent a variety of businesses, from agriculture to oil and gas to the high-tech industry.

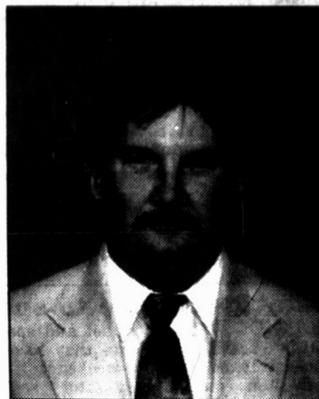
"Healthy, vibrant and growing small businesses are vital to the future of Texas as we head into the 21st century," Perry said in a press

release. "The Texas Small Business Advisory Council reflects the heart and soul of Texas small business and will be a loud voice representing the 'mom and pop' businesses on Main Street, Texas."

The advisory council will be supported by regional small business councils in various areas of the state.

"This council will be a direct voice to state leaders on important issues like improving public schools, cutting taxes, eliminating unneeded regulation and reducing frivolous lawsuits," Perry stated. "Its work will be critical leading up to, and during, the next legislative session."

Texas Workforce Commission statistics indicate about 94 percent of



SAM METCALF
Named to regional council

all Texas businesses employ less than 50 workers.



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Sunflowers blooming — A field off U.S. Highway 385, just north of Milo Center, is a sea of yellow as sunflowers have begun blooming. Although some farmers have devoted acreage to raising sunflowers, the production of the crop has declined in recent years.

Jubilee has variety of events

If things go as planned, Hereford won't be a place for peace and quiet during the first week of August.

The annual Town and Country Jubilee is set for Aug. 2-8.

The jubilee will kick off Monday, Aug. 2, in a community-wide celebration designed to bring together the city and rural residents.

According to Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce executive vice president Sid Shaw, there will be "all kinds of activities and events. Something will be going on almost every day of that week."

There will be a full slate of activities on Saturday, Aug. 7, beginning at 8 a.m. with the Greg Black Memorial 10K Run at Hereford YMCA.

The annual parade that follows will kick off in front of Hereford High School before winding its way downtown.

The Jubilee Junction should con-

sume the rest of the day with activities, food booths and live entertainment in Dameron Park. Already scheduled to perform are Hereford's Merry Mixers and a local group of swing dancers.

The Hereford Farmer's Market will be opened for an unprecedented entire week during the Jubilee, and the Spicer Gripp Memorial Roping competition will run on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 7-8.

The drop in U.S. exports included a decline of \$221 million in sales of commercial aircraft, a drop of \$283 million in sales of consumer goods and a fall of \$129 million in sales of U.S. autos.

Farm sales fell by \$29 million with exports of meat, rice and corn all down.

America's deficit with China jumped by 9.7 percent in May to \$5.3 billion and this year is running 16 percent above the same period in 1998. The United States has been pushing China to agree to a broad market-opening trade deal that would boost sales of U.S. exports in China. However, the Chinese are refusing to return to the bargaining table because of their anger over NATO's mistaken bombing of the Chinese Embassy in Belgrade.

The U.S. deficit with Japan shrank by 6.7 percent in May to \$5.3 billion but for the first five months of this year is still running 6.5 percent above the 1998 levels.

U.S. trade deficit surges in May

WASHINGTON (AP) — America's trade deficit surged in May to another record as foreign oil prices jumped to their highest level since late 1997 and U.S. exporters were battered by the global economic crisis.

The Commerce Department reported today that the trade deficit ballooned to \$21.3 billion — a 14.8 percent increase from the \$18.6 billion deficit in April.

Imports of goods and services climbed 2.2 percent to a record high of \$98.9 billion in May, reflecting higher oil prices and a big jump in auto shipments.

U.S. exports fell 0.8 percent to \$77.6 billion as demand dropped sharply for commercial aircraft, farm products and American-made autos.

So far this year, the U.S. trade deficit is running at an annual rate of \$225 billion, more than one-third higher than last year's \$164.3 billion, which had been a record high.

The swelling deficit presents a

major political headache for the Clinton administration, which is having to fight off growing cries for protection from a number of U.S. industries, ranging from steel producers to sheep and apple growers.

"To reverse this troubling trend in our trade deficit, we should continue to promote stronger growth abroad and ensure that foreign markets are open to American products," said Commerce Secretary William Daley.

American manufacturers and farmers have been battered by the global economic turmoil, which has pushed a number of Asian countries into steep recessions and forced American companies to compete with a flood of cheaper imports.

Since March 1998, manufacturers have cut 488,000 jobs and U.S. farmers are suffering their worst economic crisis in a decade.

The overall U.S. economy, however, has continued to post robust growth as consumer spending has

remained strong, powered by the lowest unemployment rate in nearly three decades.

The trade deficit in goods and service has set a record in four of the last five months, reflecting the fact that a strong U.S. economy has propelled demand for imports while American companies and farmers have seen their overseas sales shrink.

Prices of imported crude oil, which for most of last year were falling sharply as global demand shrank, have rebounded in recent months, sending America's oil bill sharply higher.

In May, the price of crude oil jumped to \$14.54 a barrel, up from \$12.71 in April and the highest price since December 1997. Rising crude prices offset a smaller volume of imported oil to boost the bill for foreign oil by 12.8 percent, to \$5.3 billion.

Imported autos and auto parts were up 6 percent in May to \$14.5 billion.

Library request trimmed

Commissioners suggest savings could be realized by dropping magazines

By Don Cooper

Hereford Brand Managing Editor

Members of the Deaf Smith County Commissioners court are closer but still not ready to approve a final budget package for the first year of the new millennium.

The commissioners have spent considerable time already on the proposed package for Fiscal 2000, but still more work will be required before they approve the final spending plan that will go into effect Oct. 1.

During Monday's session, the commissioners examined the budget request for the Deaf Smith County Extension Service and the Deaf Smith County Public Library.

There were minor adjustments to the extension service budget request. Librarian Rebecca Walls' request of \$58,965 for books and periodicals was trimmed to \$56,157 — the same amount budgeted for the current fiscal year.

Commissioner Wayne Betzen also questioned the amount for books and periodicals, suggesting the library administration should consider eliminating some periodicals.

The commissioners also trimmed a \$2,500 request for computer tables, which have built-in power sources, to \$500. The commissioners indicate less-expensive tables can be purchased and still meet the library's needs.

The proposed budget estimates the cash balance at the start of the fiscal year will be \$726,000, up slightly over initial projections be-

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Local roundup

HISD registers students

Registration for students new to the Hereford Independent School District in grades one through six and for all pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday at the central administration building, 601 N. 25 Mile Ave.

Only parents are needed at the registration. Children will not be able to meet the teachers at this time.

Children who have had no changes in address or other information between May 21 and July 26 do not need to be re-registered.

Parents should bring proof of immunization. The department of health will not be open July 26, so parents need to have children's immunizations updated before registration.

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News in brief

Accidents due to speed, alcohol

HOUSTON (AP) — Alcohol and speed are blamed for two nighttime boating accidents that have claimed five lives in Southeast Texas over the weekend.

Galveston county investigators say they found a nearly empty bottle of Scotch whisky and a 12-pack with only three beers remaining in a wrecked boat where the bodies of a Houston man and woman were recovered.

Charges are pending in Montgomery County in a Saturday night collision that killed three people on Lake Conroe, including a child whose first birthday was being celebrated aboard his family's boat when the accident occurred.

Galveston County investigators awaited autopsy results to determine if alcohol played a role in the Houston couple's deaths in the Intracoastal Waterway near Port Bolivar.

John Russell Miller, 39, and Debra Hibbert, 49, were found dead Monday morning in a wrecked 23-foot pleasure boat that had struck a navigation buoy late Sunday or early Monday, according to Lt. Chuck Walsh, commander of the Galveston County sheriff's marine division.

Killer mom becomes pregnant

HOUSTON (AP) — A woman accused of strangling her infant son with rosary beads because she thought he was possessed by demons has become pregnant in the mental hospital where she was sent, a prosecutor says.

"You'd think they'd keep better watch over someone who did what she did," Harris County Assistant District Attorney Luci Davidson said Monday.

Ms. Davidson said Evonne Rodriguez, 22, had gotten pregnant while being treated at the Rusk State Hospital in Cherokee County.

A jury acquitted Ms. Rodriguez of murder charges in the January 1997 killing of 4-month-old Ramiro Valdez III, whose body was found in Buffalo Bayou.

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Obituaries



FELIX FETSCH
July 17, 1999

Funeral services for Felix Fetsch, 79, of Hereford will be 11 a.m. Tuesday in St. Anthony's Catholic Church with Msgr. Orville Blum officiating. Burial will be in Rest Lawn Memorial Park under the direction of Parkside Chapel Funeral Home.

Rosary was recited Monday at Parkside Chapel Funeral Home.

Mr. Fetsch died Saturday at Lake Kemp.

Mr. Fetsch was born in Rhineland and served in the Army Air Corps during World War II. He moved to Hereford in 1955, where he farmed until his retirement in 1982. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, Hereford's Veterans of Foreign Wars, and St. Anthony's Catholic Church.

He married Wilhemine Albus in 1946 at Pep.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, Lewis, David, and Ronald Fetsch all of Hereford, five daughters, Mildred Birkenfeld and Judy Lang both

of Nazareth, Pauline George of Dimmitt, Regina Weeg of Canyon, and Dorothy Schwertner of Dumas; three brothers, Leo Fetsch of Rhineland, Paul Fetsch of Muenster and Fidelis Fetsch of Lake Kemp; three sisters, Angie Albus and Mary Albus, both of Pep, and Ann Krahula of Duncan, Okla.

He was preceded in death by three sons and a grandson.

The family suggests memorials be made to St. Anthony's School Endowment Fund.

GLORIA ANGELA CASIAS
July 18, 1999

Funeral services for Gloria Angela Casias, 33, of Hereford, will be 2 p.m. Wednesday in the San Jose Catholic Church with Fr. Domingo Castillo, officiating. Rosary will be recited 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Rose Chapel of Gililand-Watson Funeral Home. Burial will be in St. Anthony's Catholic Cemetery under the direction of Gililand-Watson Funeral Home.

Miss Casias died Sunday at the Huntsville Medical Center. She was born Feb. 7, 1966, in Hereford and was a homemaker and a member of the San Jose Catholic Church.

Survivors include her parents, Pete and Angela Casias of Hereford; two sisters, Evelyn Rodriguez and Janie Zepeda, both of Hereford; seven brothers, Pete M. Casias of Amarillo, David Casias of Cibola, and Richard, Gabriel, Henry, Nasario, and Alex Casias, all of Hereford.

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Center benefits future generations
Multi-million dollar facility stresses geologic preservation

AUSTIN (AP) — A \$10 million educational and interpretative center to be built above Texas' second largest spring would focus on preserving the geologically important resource for future generations.

The joint project of Southwest Texas State University and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department would involve bulldozing some outdated parts of Aquarena Springs, a 1950s-vintage amusement park that for years featured

a swimming pig and underwater mermaid show.

The new Texas Rivers Center, planned for construction beginning next summer, would aim to preserve the fragile springs, which produce 150 million gallons of water daily.

"We know more about how to interpret that phenomenon than we did in the 1950s," Ron Coley, director of the current Aquarena Center, told the Austin American-Statesman in today's editions. "But

the people are coming for the same reasons — to make that connection that the water plays in their lives."

Planners say they hope to attract as many as 250,000 visitors yearly to the new center.

"This is one of the most important ecological areas in the world," said Larry McKinney, TPWD senior director for aquatic resources. "What we're trying to protect is an emotional connection to

water." Within the center's four wood-and-glass buildings, the springs' origins would be traced by following the path of rainwater as it falls on the Edwards Plateau, trickling through limestone into an aquifer or underground reservoir and eventually bubbling up through 1,000 vents.

Glass-bottom boats and an underwater theater — one of a kind when it was built in 1951 — would remain from the Aquarena development. But a parking lot would be raised and a filter installed for runoff, according to plans recently completed by an architects' team, environmental consultants and an aquarium designer.

The center would also showcase the archeological significance of the area, widely believed to have been continuously inhabited for 12,000 years.

The Texas State University System Board of Regents and parks and wildlife commissioners have supported the concept and could vote on the plans at their next meetings in August. The new facility would then open in the summer of 2002.

The project also would require repairs to Spring Lake Dam, at the source of the San Marcos River, which was weakened by floods in October.

San Marcos Springs and the state's largest, Comal Springs in New Braunfels, harbor salamanders, rare wild rice, salamanders and fish. They provide much of the flow in the Guadalupe River, which in turn supplies agricultural and industrial needs.

San Marcos is about 30 miles southwest of Austin.

Teen charged in toddler's death

GREENVILLE, Texas (AP) — A New Mexico teen-ager is charged with beating his 2-year-old cousin, Darron Daniels, to death while watching the toddler.

But family members, including the baby's grandparents, believe someone else is to blame.

At a detention hearing Monday, Hunt County Court-at-Law Judge Steve Shipp ordered the 13-year-old from Clovis, N.M., to remain in the county's juvenile detention facility until a July 29 court date.

"The juvenile is alleged to have committed the murder of a 2-year-old," County Attorney Peter Morgan said Monday. The suspect's name is not being released because he is a juvenile.



Painting on the wall — Hereford residents will soon be treated to a new sight at the corner of Main and Second Streets when Jose Cruz completes a mural of the Holy Virgin and the Indian children she supposedly visited. This is a first time thing for Cruz, who said he is doing the painting because his friend, who owns the Villarreal & Sons Bakery thought the unpainted wall was extremely boring.

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Emergency services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for July 16-19, 1999, include the following:

POLICE DEPARTMENT Arrests

— A 31-year-old woman was arrested in the 700 block of North Miles Avenue and charged with domestic assault.

— A 37-year-old man was arrested in the 700 block of North Miles and charged with domestic assault.

— A 25-year-old man was arrested and charged with aggravated assault, domestic violence.

— A 29-year-old man was arrested and charged with driving without insurance, no inspection sticker, and no current registration.

— A 31-year-old man was arrested and charged with class A domestic assault.

Incidents

— Domestic disturbance was reported in the 600 block of Star.

— Theft was reported in the 100 block of Pecan.

— Fictitious tags were reported in the 100 block of East Second.

— A criminal trespass was reported in the 400 block of East 15th.

— A two car accident was reported in the 800 block of South 25 Mile Avenue.

— A window of a car parked

in the 100 block of Avenue J was broken.

— A dog attacked a 23-year-old man in the 700 block of Baltimore.

— Three 2-month-old pit bull puppies were reported stolen from a residence in the 800 block of Irving. The dogs were valued at \$225.

— An 8-year-old boy was found trying to hitchhike to Littlefield. He was returned to his parents.

— A sexual assault was reported.

— A domestic disturbance was reported in the 900 block of South Julian.

— Disorderly conduct was reported in the 200 block of Avenue H.

— Theft of gasoline was reported in the 100 block of Avenue G.

— The back windshield of a parked car was broken in the 300 block of Avenue J. No suspects have been named.

— Burglary of a residence was reported in 400 block of Brevard.

— A 32-year-old woman was assaulted in the 700 block of Thunderbird. Charges are expected to be filed.

— Theft of beer was reported at a convenience store in the 500 block of South 25 Mile Avenue.

— Gasoline theft was reported at a convenience store

in the 100 block of south 25 Mile Avenue.

— Disorderly conduct was reported in the 300 block of Avenue J.

— A prowler was reported in the 100 block of Avenue H.

— Criminal trespass was reported at a residence in the 300 block of North McKinley.

— Burglary of a residence was reported in the 700 block of North Miles.

— An attempted theft of a lawn mower was reported in the 500 block of West Fourth.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE Arrests

— An 18-year-old man was arrested and charged with violation of probation on a false report to a police officer conviction.

— A 23-year-old man was arrested and charged with violation of probation on a burglary of a habitation conviction.

Incidents

— A criminal trespass was reported.

— Criminal non-support was reported.

— Possession of marijuana was reported.

CRIME STOPPERS

CRIME OF THE WEEK

The Hereford Police are investigating a burglary of a building which occurred in the 100 block of South Lee on or about July 7, 1999.

Suspects entered the building and took a lawnmower, welder, and numerous tools valued at \$10,000

Individuals having information on this or any other criminal activity could earn a reward of up to \$1,000.

Informants are asked to call the Clue Line at 344-2583. All callers remain anonymous.

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Texas lottery

Cash Five

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

7-14-16-18-35

Pick 3

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

2-4-8

Lotto Texas

One ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket, worth an estimated \$37 million, was sold in Harlingen.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were:

21-22-27-28-31-35.

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$4 million.

Pick 3

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

8-3-0

LIFESTYLES

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Shower held—Kendra Wright, center right, was the honoree at a bridal shower held Saturday in the home of Cindy Cassels. Joining her in greeting guests were, from left, Shatam Thiel of Plainview, friend of the bride-elect; Christy Wright of Levelland, mother of the bride-elect; and Maureen Davis of Lubbock, grandmother of the bride-elect.

Cassels home site of shower

Kendra Wright, bride-elect of Timothy Pearson, was feted with a bridal shower Saturday in the home of Cindy Cassels. The couple plans to be married August 14. Greeting guests with the honoree were the prospective groom; Christy Wright of Levelland, mother of the bride-elect; Maureen Davis of Lubbock grandmother of the bride-

elect; and Shatam Thiel of Plainview, friend of the bride-elect. Refreshments of assorted sweet breads, breakfast casseroles, fresh fruit, punch and coffee were served from a table centered with a bouquet of fresh cut flowers. Appointments were in silver and crystal. An entertainment center was the gift from hostesses Kathy

Allison, Mary Bartlett, Cindy Cassels, Linda Fitzgerald, Carolan Garza, Linda Sue Gilbert, Mary Kay Hagar, Briar Head, Poppy Head, Debbie Holmes, Brenda Johnson, Glenda Keenan, Carol Sue LeGate, Donna Manion, Donnie O'Rand, Sheree Rampley, Donna Rives, Abby Watts, Ginger Watts, Kay Williams and Renee Zinser.

Shoot results announced

Deaf Smith County shooters turned in good performances at the District I Trap Shoot held Saturday at Hereford Gun Club. Local youth claimed the first place senior two-man team title and finished in the top three spots in senior individual. The team of Drew Denison and Jerry Baird shot a 188 to win the senior division for two-man teams. Both of them were the only shooters to score a perfect round during the day. The third place senior team was Harry Hoffman and Tyler Martin of Deaf Smith County with a score of 171. Denison was first place senior individual with a score of 96. Hoffman won second place in a shoot-off with Baird after both finished the day with a score of 93.

The junior two-man team of Steven Reinart and Brian Turpen placed second with Turpen being the second place junior individual.

Sub-junior teams were Randall Berryman and Aaron Franks, Daniel McElmurry and Johnathan Paschel, and Michael San Miguel and Cody Matsler, finishing second, third and fourth, respectively.

Franks was third high individual and Berryman was fourth high individual.

There were 52 shooters representing seven counties who participated in the district event. Counties represented were Deaf Smith, Randall, Lynn, Lubbock, Cochran, Parmer and Lamb.

Added incentives for the

shooters in the form of white birds were supplied by local businesses. Any shooter who scored a hit on a white bird had their name included in a drawing for prizes furnished by Hollow Point Gun Shop, Gebo's, Gold Nugget Pawn Shop, Hereford Gun Club and Terry Hall's Gun Works of Canyon.

A concession stand operated by parents of Deaf Smith County 4-H shooters served hamburgers which had been donated by Leander and Rita Reinart and cooked by Ken Branum of the Ranch House Restaurant.

Results for the District I shoot follow. Scores are based on 200 for senior teams, 100 for senior individuals, 150 for junior teams, 75 for junior individuals, 100 for sub-junior teams and 50 for sub-junior individuals.

Senior Two-man Teams

1. Drew Denison and Jerry Baird, Deaf Smith, 188.
2. Josh Jordan and Kendall Barnett, Lynn, 172.
3. Harry Hoffman and Tyler Martin, Deaf Smith, 171.
4. Jason Hymer and Kelly Kennedy, Randall, 158.

Senior Individuals

1. Drew Denison, Deaf Smith, 96.
2. Harry Hoffman, Deaf Smith, 93.
3. Jerry Baird, Deaf Smith, 93.
4. Corey McEntire, Lubbock, 88.

Junior Two-man Teams

1. Jay Seaton and Kolby Wilkerson, Parmer, 127.
2. Steven Reinart and Brian Turpen, Deaf Smith, 120.
3. Michael Nance and Chris Ashbrook, Lynn, 113.
4. Riley Barnett and Colton McNealy, Lynn, 112.

Junior Individuals

1. Jay Seaton, Lubbock, 65.
2. Brian Turpen, Deaf Smith, 65.
3. Colby Wilkerson, Parmer, 62.
4. Chris Ashbrook, Lynn, 61.

Sub-Junior Two-man Teams

1. Lance Langford and Daniel Kidwell, Lynn, 63.
2. Randall Berryman and Aaron Franks, Deaf Smith, 62.
3. Daniel McElmurry and Johnathan Paschel, Deaf Smith, 53.
4. Michael San Miguel and Cody Matsler, Deaf Smith, 38.

Sub-Junior Individuals

1. Kade Bessent, Lubbock, 44.
2. Lance Langford, Lynn 36.
3. Aaron Franks, Deaf Smith, 33.
4. Randall Berryman, Deaf Smith, 29.

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Ann Landers



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Dear Ann Landers: I just read the letter from the new grandmother in Connecticut whose "beautiful, intelligent daughter,"

"Genevieve," got pregnant by her "idiot boyfriend," "Bruno." When the baby was born, Bruno came back into Genevieve's life. Grandma is worried sick that the two kids will end up married.

Bruno may be clumsy and have money problems, but at least he is trying to be a father. Many teenage boys would have abandoned the girl. Bruno should not be expected to become a man overnight. He needs education and support. Teen fathers are often scared by their newborn babies. They are afraid to touch them, hold them, feed them and change their diapers. Bruno needs to ask questions so he can find out the right way to do things. He should look into local support groups for teenage fathers. And there are plenty of books on the subject. Babies need their fathers.

Statistics say that 40 percent of American children will go to sleep tonight without a father in the home. Absence of a father is linked to increased drug use, earlier sexual activity, lower grades and increased criminal activity. Dads do make a difference.

I applaud Genevieve's efforts to include Bruno in her child's life. The baby has two parents. He deserves and needs to know who both of them are. — Jon Morris, coordinator, Reaching Out to Adolescent Dads (ROAD), Roanoke, Va.

Dear Roanoke: You have written a letter that is sensible, sympathetic and helpful. I thank you for it. Instead of blasting Bruno, you supported him and offered guidance. Your signature tells me you have made the right career choice. Thanks for all the good you do. The letter that follows takes a different approach, but I'm sure you will agree that the writer makes some valid points.

Dear Ann Landers: When my stepson, "Eric," was a teenager, I talked to him about the huge price of unprotected sex. He was 18 and sexually active at the time. I

pointed out that his cousin, "Joe," had gotten his girlfriend pregnant when they were 16 and 15. He decided not to marry her.

Joe will be paying child support for 18 years at the rate of \$350 per month. The cost of that sexual romp amounts to \$75,600. Eric was shocked when he heard the figure. I pointed out that for \$75,600 he could have bought a new car, a nifty boat and a stereo, and could still have a \$1,000 party every year.

Eric just got married after going with his girlfriend for five years. She wasn't pregnant. I think he got the message. — P.M., Mesa, Ariz.

Dear Mesa: So do I. I'm printing your letter with the hope that other teenagers will get it, too. It could be the most important letter they've ever read.

Dear Ann Landers: I am a telephone operator in Connecticut. At least 10 times a day, someone will dial the wrong number and get our company. Instead of saying they have reached the wrong number, they just slam the phone down. This morning, a man called my number four times, and each time I answered, he yelled, "Oh, YOU

again," and slammed down the phone. He was the one who misdialed, but he behaved as if it were my fault.

I understand that people make mistakes and misdial. I've done it myself, but it doesn't take more than a few seconds to say, "Sorry, wrong number." — Hamden, Conn.

Dear Hamden: I hope your letter will generate some understanding for telephone operators everywhere who are defenseless against the verbal abuse they must take from crude, ill-tempered callers. You operators deserve a break.

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Looking Back

Today in History

By The Associated Press
Today is Tuesday, July 20, the 201st day of 1999. There are 164 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 20, 1969, Apollo 11 astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin became the first men to walk on the moon.

On this date:

In 1810, Colombia declared independence from Spain.

In 1861, the Congress of the Confederate States began holding sessions in Richmond, Va.

In 1871, British Columbia entered Confederation as a Canadian province.

In 1881, Sioux Indian leader Sitting Bull, a fugitive since the Battle of the Little Big Horn, surrendered to federal troops.

In 1942, the first detachment of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps — later known as WACs — began basic training at Fort Des Moines, Iowa.

In 1944, German officials

tried to assassinate Adolf Hitler with a bomb at his Rastenburg headquarters. The explosion only wounded the Nazi leader.

In 1944, President Roosevelt was nominated for an unprecedented fourth term at the Democratic convention in Chicago.

In 1951, Jordan's King Abdullah was assassinated in Jerusalem.

In 1976, America's Viking 1 robot spacecraft made a successful first-ever landing on Mars.

In 1977, a flash flood hit Johnstown, Penn., killing 80 people and causing \$350 million in damage.

Ten years ago: President Bush called for a long-range space program to build an orbiting space station, establish a base on the moon and send a manned mission to the planet Mars.

Five years ago: Bosnian Serbs rejected an international peace plan sponsored by the United States, Russia, France, Britain and Germany.

One year ago: Russia won an \$11.2 billion loan from the

International Monetary Fund to help avert the devaluation of its currency. A smoky fire aboard the cruise ship Ecstasy just two miles from the Florida shore forcing its return to port.

Today's Birthdays: Actress-singer Sally Ann Howes is 69. Video artist Nam June Paik is 67. Rockabilly singer Sleepy LaBeef is 64. Senator Barbara A. Mikulski (D-Md.) is 63. Actress Diana Rigg is 61. Rock musician John Lodge (The Moody Blues) is 56. Country singer T.G. Shepherd is 55. Singer Kim Carnes is 53. Rock musician Carlos Santana is 52. Rock musician Paul Cook (The Sex Pistols) is 43. Actress Donna Dixon is 42. Actor Frank Whaley is 36. Rock musician Chris Cornell is 35. Rock musician Stone Gossard (Pearl Jam) is 33. Actor Reed Diamond is 32. Actor Charlie Korsmo is 21.

Thought for Today: "We may well go to the moon, but that's not very far. The greatest distance we have to cover still lies within us." — Charles de Gaulle, French statesman (1890-1970).

Texas Plains Girl Scouts seek Woman of Distinction nominees

The Texas Plains Girl Scout Council is seeking nominations for its fifth annual "Woman of Distinction" Awards.

The awards are to be presented in recognition of outstanding women who are or have been Girl Scouts. The deadline for nominations is August 1.

Past Hereford recipients of the award are Margaret Formby and Nancy Josseland.

Any women from throughout the 17 counties served by the Texas Plains Girl Scout Council, who have been or are

Girl Scouts, may be nominated.

Other criteria are that nominees uphold the intent of the Girl Scout Promise and Law in their daily lives, are positive role models for girls and have demonstrated outstanding leadership, influence and achievement through service to their community or society.

Women selected as 1999 honorees will be notified by local Girl Scouts and honored at a special gala celebration

event.

Nomination forms and guidelines may be obtained from the Texas Plains Girl Scout Council Program Center, 6011 W. 45th, Amarillo, Texas 79109-5132 or phone 356-0096 or 1-800-687-4475.

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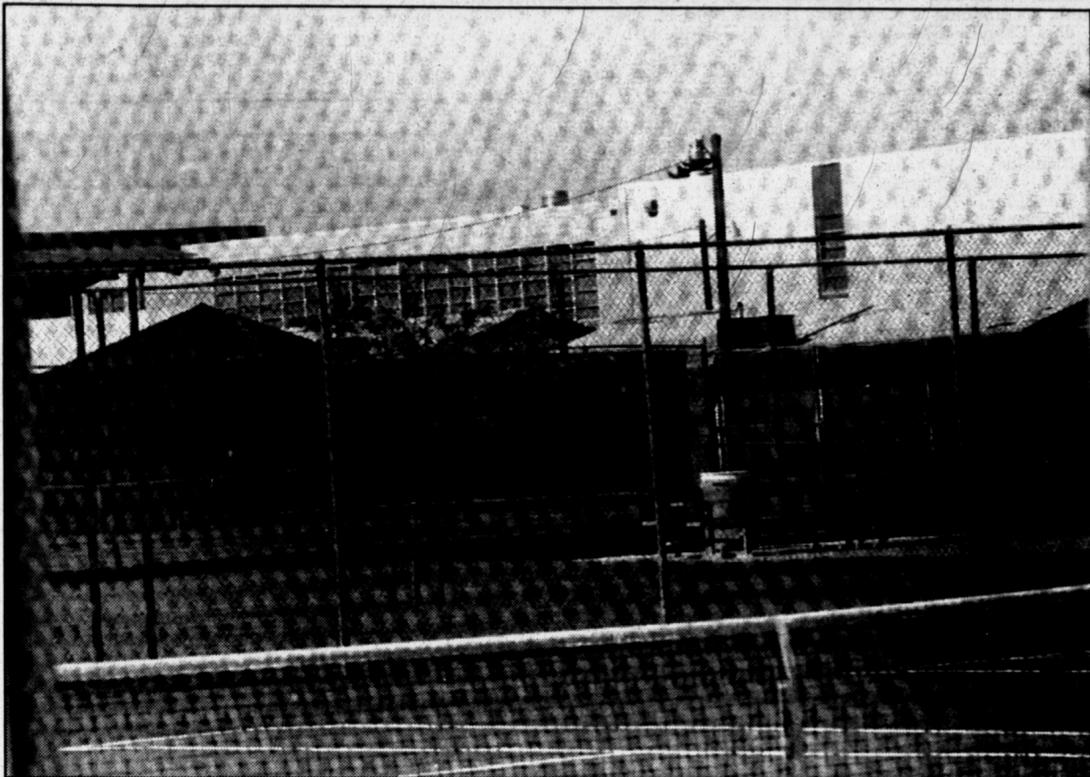
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Tennis, Coming Soon



The Big Show — It may look empty now, but the tennis courts at Herford High School will be in full swing in the Spring of 2000 when new Herford tennis coach Amanda Nimetz takes over.

Booster Club to hold Golf Scramble

The Whiteface Booster Club will hold a 9-hole Golf Scramble on Thursday, July 22, starting at 5:30 p.m. Entry fee is \$17.50 per player and includes hamburgers and refreshments during the event, with proceeds going to the Whiteface Booster Club. Play is limited to the first 60

entrants.

First place will receive \$20 per player, second place will receive \$17.50 per player and third place will receive \$12.50 per player.

To enter the scramble call the Pitman Golf Course Shop at 363-7139.

Griffin contributing to AAU Basketball

Herford's Sarah Griffin is contributing in more ways than one as she helped the Panhandle Metro Stars to a 3-0 record at the AAU girls 14-and-under national basketball tournament at Virginia Beach, Virginia.

On Friday, Griffin's nine points helped the Metro Stars to a 72-54 victory against Houston's Galleria Magic. Griffin's scoring came from three shots beyond three-point land.

Griffin helped the Metro

Stars with 14 points, two from three-point range, and four steals in their 83-51 victory Saturday against the James River (Vir.) Braves.

On Sunday afternoon, the Metro Stars recorded a 71-57 victory against Bloomington, Ind.

Griffin again contributed with 14 points, despite the team's foul troubles.

Griffin and the Metro Stars are scheduled to play today at 6:30 p.m. against an opponent to be determined.

Bullpen gives Rangers a 14-7 win over Giants

Loaiza's 4 2/3 innings of work puts clamps on San Francisco

ARLINGTON (AP) — When rookie starter Ryan Glynn failed to get out of the fifth inning despite a four-run lead, the Texas Rangers bullpen seemed to be in for a long night.

But Esteban Loaiza gave his bullpen buddies a break, going the final 4 2-3 innings to help the Rangers to a 14-7 victory over the San Francisco Giants on Monday night.

"When I came in, the manager (Johnny Oates) said he wanted me to go hitter to hitter and get out fast," said Loaiza, who picked up his first victory of the season. "He said he wanted me to finish, and that's what I wanted to do, to do the best job possible."

The Rangers fell behind when Glynn allowed a three-run homer to Barry Bonds in the first inning. After the Rangers rallied, Glynn took a 7-3 lead into the fifth, but did not qualify for the victory because he was lifted after issuing consecutive walks with one out.

Glynn knew Oates wanted him to throw strikes, and when the rookie didn't, Oates took him out.

"To be the pitcher we want him to be, he's got to throw more strikes," Oates said. "If you throw the ball over the plate, you've got a chance. If you walk 'em, you have no chance."

Loaiza (1-1) gave up four runs and five hits to pick up his first victory since beating Detroit on Aug. 31 last year.

"He threw strikes in the game when we had a lot of runs," Oates said. "I can live with strikes. You can't get outs unless you throw strikes."

Scoring plenty of runs didn't hurt, either. The Rangers' previous three victories were one-run thrillers, so they gave themselves a break with a 17-hit attack.

Rookie Ruben Mateo had a career-high four hits and

Mark McLemore had three hits and three RBIs.

"It was good to see the bats come alive," Oates said. "We got behind early, then we did good things to get back in it."

Ivan Rodriguez also had three hits. Juan Gonzalez, Rusty Greer, Lee Stevens and Mateo drove in two runs apiece to help the Rangers to their fourth victory in five games.

"We have one of the best offensive teams in baseball," Gonzalez said. "Tonight everybody saw it. We need that kind of offense every night."

San Francisco has dropped five of six after winning 10 of 12.

Texas came back against Giants starter Chris Brock (6-8) with a two-run first inning. Greer had an RBI single and Gonzalez added a run-scoring double.

The Rangers knocked Brock out of the game with one out in the second. McLemore tied it 3-3 with an RBI single, then Rodriguez gave the Rangers the lead for good with a run-scoring single.

"I didn't have very good stuff," Brock said. "You have to chalk it up to just one bad game and go on."

Gonzalez, the first batter faced by reliever Felix Rodriguez, hit a sacrifice fly to make it 5-3. Mateo's two-run double in the third extended the lead to 7-3.

In the fifth, McLemore had an RBI single and Greer drove in another run on a groundout to make it 9-3. In the sixth, Todd Zeile scored from third on a wild pitch by Julian Tavarez.

San Francisco closed to 10-5 in the seventh on J.T. Snow's two-run double.

The Rangers scored four in the eighth on Lee Stevens' two-run single, Royce Clayton's RBI single and a sacrifice fly by McLemore.

YMCA to co-sponsor 10K Memorial Run

The Herford YMCA, Plains Insurance and Herford Cablevision will sponsor the Greg Black Memorial 10K Run, Two-Mile Fun Run and Two-Mile Walk which will be held on August 7.

The race is scheduled to start at 8 a.m.

Men and women of all ages are eligible to enter the race.

There will be 10K races for ages 13 and under, 14-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49 and 50 and over. There also will be a wheelchair race.

The two-mile races are open for men and women.

First place finishers will receive a duffel bag and a medal. Second- and third-place finishers will receive medals. Two-Mile Fun Walk finishers will receive ribbons.

The entry fee is \$10 in advance, \$12 the day of the race. Entrants who pay before July 31 will receive a free running cap. All participants will receive a free T-Shirt.

For more information, contact the YMCA at 364-6990.

YMCA to hold co-ed adult softball league

The Herford YMCA is taking applications for the 1999 Summer Co-Ed Softball League, which starts on Monday, July 26.

Game days will be Mondays, Tuesday and Thursdays, with all games being played at Nazarene Field.

Playing times are scheduled for 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

The cost for registration per team will be \$200 (check must be paid with sponsor's check).

Awards will be given to first- and second-place finishers.

For more information, contact the YMCA at 364-6990.

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Thursday, July 29, at HISD Administration Building

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Astros beat Indians in 11th

Tom Candiotti's knuckleballed wild pitch gives Houston 3-2 win, their eighth in a row

HOUSTON (AP) - Tom Candiotti's knuckleball was so good the Houston Astros couldn't even hit it.

Unfortunately for the Cleveland Indians, Candiotti's knuckler danced a little too well. His wild pitch in the bottom of the 11th inning allowed the winning run to score, giving the Houston Astros their eighth straight win, 3-2 Monday night.

"I thought I had an 'A' knuckler going tonight," Candiotti said. "The one that hit (Tim) Bogar just sailed up and in on him. It's just one of those things but my knuck'ler was really good."

The Astros, who had had only four hits, scored the winning run in the 11th without a hit. Candiotti (4-6) walked Bill Spiers and hit Bogar with a pitch to start the inning.

Houston loaded the bases when pinch-hitter Carlos Hernandez laid down a bunt and reached shen Candiotti failed to get Spiers at third. With Craig Biggio at the plate Candiotti then threw a wild pitch on a 1-0 count, allowing Spiers to score.

"On that (bunt) play I have to rely on the catcher," Candiotti said. "It's my job to get the ball and I thought I heard him say 'go to third' but I was going to go that way anyway. It's a do or die play in that situation and it's a gamble you have to take."

The Astros were glad to get the win any way they could.

"I caught a break when he hit me," said Bogar, who had two unsuccessful bunt attempts. "You know things are going your way when you load the bases without a hit and score the winning run without getting a ball out of the infield."

The Astros improved to 12-2 in interleague play after winning the first two games between the Central Division leaders. Cleveland has lost a season-high four straight.

"This is the worst stretch we've had offensively all season," Cleveland manager Mike Hargrove said. "I don't think anything in particular I think it's just baseball."

Jose Cabrera (3-0) struck out the side in the 11th for the win.

The Indians had their streak of scoreless innings snapped at 17 when Roberto Alomar hit a two-run homer off Astros reliever Jay Powell in the eighth inning to tie it at 2.

Houston starter Chris Holt pitched seven shutout innings, allowing four singles and one walk while striking out six. Holt did not allow a baserunner to reach third base but has won only once in 21 starts since Aug. 21, 1997.

Mike Hampton pitched a four-hit shutout in the opener on Sunday and Astros starters have allowed no runs in 16 innings against Cleveland.

"Chris pitched probably his best game of the season even if he didn't get a win to show for it," Astros manager Larry Dierker said.

The Astros took a 2-0 lead in the third when Richard Hidalgo snapped a 1-for-14 streak with a two-run double.

With one out Biggio singled to left and moved to second on Jeff Bagwell's two-out single to left. Hidalgo drove a 2-1 pitch from Cleveland starter Mark Langston to the gap in left center to score Biggio and Bagwell.

Langston allowed two runs, four hits and six walks in six innings.

A's beat Rockies, 10-5

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Ben Grieve hit a two-run homer and Ryan Christenson added a solo shot as the Oakland Athletics withstood homers by Harry Walker and Dante Bichette to beat the Colorado Rockies 10-5 Monday night.

Giambi also had a sacrifice fly and Ramon Hernandez drove in a pair with a single and sacrifice fly, helping Oakland improve to an AL-best 11-6 in interleague play.

Tim Worrell (2-1) picked up the win with two scoreless innings in relief of starter Mike Oquist, who gave up five runs and six hits in 4 1-3 innings.

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New Mexico basketball legend dies at 80

Former high school coach Tasker, one of the winningest coaches in history, loses battle with cancer

HOBBS, N.M. (AP) — Ralph Tasker, one of the winningest and most revered coaches in high school basketball history, has died following a battle with cancer. He was 80.

Tasker, who had his final birthday just four days before his death at home Monday, was fighting pneumonia at the end, said longtime friend and assistant Don Abbott of Farmington, who drove to the Tasker home Sunday to be with the coach.

When he retired in 1998, Tasker had the third-best high school coaching record in history.

"He basically changed the way the game of basketball was played," said Abbott, who had known Tasker since playing for him at Hobbs High School in the mid-1950s.

"He made better coaches out of all his opponents because of his ability to get the best out of them as well as out of his own teams. He is well respected all over — not only among high school coaches, but college coaches have used some of his innovations," Abbott said.

And Tasker had a personal touch that fostered devotion in his players. Ross Black was a junior in 1949 when Tasker coached Lovington to a state championship.

"He was the ultimate in commitment and dedication, not only to the game, but in particular to the players," Black said by phone from his Lovington home.

"I came from a broken home," Black said. "A lot of people find a way to go bad in those circumstances. I was headed that way until I met Ralph Tasker."

Tasker's teams were best known for their defense, especially the full-court press, which forced countless turnovers and fueled the famous Hobbs fast break.

Russ Gilmore, who became the Hobbs basketball coach in May 1998 when Tasker retired, said he had heard of Tasker's Eagles when he was a child growing up in Kansas.

"It's because of him and what he built here, that's why I'm here," Gilmore said. "The tradition is so long and storied here, most of these kids want to grow up and be a Hobbs Eagle basketball player. It's just kind of expected."

Jim Hulsman, who coaches basketball at Albuquerque High School, says Tasker was the first to push New Mexico basketball into the limelight.

"New Mexico was virtually unknown basketballwise up until Ralph Tasker took that job at Hobbs," Hulsman said.

"He started going into this type of press-type defense and the rest of the state had a hard time handling it. Tasker started putting stats on the board that you couldn't miss nationally."

It wasn't unusual for Tasker's teams to put more than 100 points on the scoreboard.

He also produced many collegiate stars, some of whom went on to play professional basketball. Among them: former Kansas star and NBA player Bill Bridges; current Arizona State coach Rob Evans and Evans' assistant, Tony Benford; Larry Robinson, who played collegiate ball at Texas and was Southwest Conference player of the year; Kansas State star Larry Williams and Texas Tech stars Jeff Taylor, Vince Taylor and Kent Williams.

The West Virginia native accepted a coaching position in Lovington after leaving military service in 1946. Three years later, he won his first state championship. Tasker moved to Hobbs in 1950. By the time he retired, he had piled up 1,122 wins, 291 losses and 11 state championships. But Tasker quickly grew restless and returned last season as a volunteer assistant with the Hobbs girls team.

"I can't sit at home. I don't know how to loaf," he said last fall.

This year, he accepted a teaching chair with the College of the Southwest. The class: "Theories and Practice of Basketball."

He is survived by his three children, Nancy Tasker Johnson of Dallas, Diane Tasker of Las Cruces and Tim Tasker of Lubbock, Texas; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. His wife, Margaret, died in 1991.

A funeral is tentatively planned for Thursday, but details haven't been finalized, said Abbott, who served as a Tasker assistant in 1965-67 and again in the late 1980s.

Elway to buy sports franchises

DENVER (AP) — John Elway has teamed up with a pair of businessmen in a bid to buy the Denver Nuggets, the Colorado Avalanche and their future arena, the Denver Post reported today.

The former Denver Broncos quarterback has joined an effort already launched by businessmen Lars Erik Borgen and George Gillette to buy the basketball and hockey teams and the Pepsi Center from Ascent Entertainment Group Inc., the newspaper reported, citing an unnamed source.

Two other bidders have also reportedly submitted formal bids to Ascent's board of directors. The Post said one of them is Denver businessman Donald Sturm and the other an out-of-state party that was not named.

Borgen is a Denver mutual fund entrepreneur. Gillette owns Vail-based Booth Creek Ski Holdings Inc. and is a former owner of the Vail and Beaver Creek ski resorts. Sturm is a millionaire real estate investor and owns the Bank of Cherry Creek.

Ascent, a publicly held corporation based in Denver, agreed in March to sell the Nuggets, the Avalanche and the Pepsi Center to Bill Laurie and Wal-Mart heiress Nancy Walton Laurie for \$400 million.

However, that deal was

sidelined after Ascent shareholders filed lawsuits asserting that the price was below market value and that former chairman Charlie Lyons sacrificed the interests of shareholders in negotiating a sweetheart deal for himself.

The parties to the lawsuits, including the Lauries, agreed to set aside the sale and establish an "auction" process for the assets. Bids exceeding \$400 million will be accepted up to July 26, and two days later the highest bidders will compete against the Lauries in a two-party auction.

Borgen and Gillette have sued the Lauries, claiming that they had an agreement to buy the Avalanche from the couple once their deal

with Ascent was done and that the Lauries reneged on a promise to sell them the team for \$80 million. The suit is pending in Denver District Court.

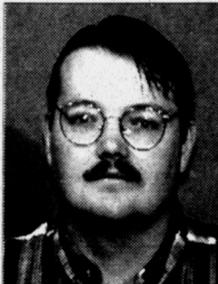
Elway's participation with Borgen and Gillette appeared to make the pair legitimate bidders for all three of the sports assets at stake, not just the Avalanche.

Elway, who retired after leading the Broncos to their second straight Super Bowl victory last season, has also been linked with the bids for the next NFL expansion team in Los Angeles, but he recently said there had been little progress on that front since preliminary talks this spring.

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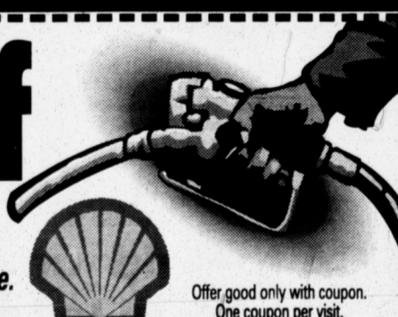
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TELEVISION

TUESDAY JULY 20

6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
News	Life of Birds	Life, Camera	Life, Camera	Movie: When You Remember Me (1990) **	Battle for Titanic	Charlie Rose	News	News	News	News
News	Ent. Tonight	3rd Rock	Mad	Just Shoot	Will & Grace	Dateline	News	News	News	News
Movie: Pooh's Grand Adventure: Search	(-25) Movie: Smart House	Backstreet Boys	Zorro	Zorro	Walt Disney	Major League Baseball Atlanta Braves at Toronto Blue Jays	Movie: Sudden Impact (1983) Clint Eastwood, Sondra Locke. ***½	News	News	News
News	Fortune	Spin City	Its Like	Dharma	Sports Night	NYPD Blue	News	News	News	News
News	Home Imp.	JAG	60 Minutes II	48 Hours	News	News	News	News	News	News
Mad	Simpsons	Guinness World Records	Fox Files	Simpsons	M*A*S*H	Frasier	Cops	Real TV	Baseball Tonight	Sportscenter
Sportsctr.	Dog Show	Rodeo Calgary Stampede Finals	Baseball Tonight	Sportscenter	Baseball	Movie: Odd	Movie: Life With Mikey Michael J. Fox	Movie: King of New York Christopher Walken. ***½ R	Movie: The Land Girls ***½ R	Movie: From the Earth to the Moon
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Waltons	Music City News Country Awards	Dallas	Awards	Wild Discovery	Wolf in Water-Piranha	New Detectives	FBI Files	Wolf in Water-Piranha	Detectives	Law & Order
Law & Order	Biography	Investigative Reports	City Confidential	Law & Order	Biography	Party of Five	Chicago Hope	Movie: When the Bough Breaks (1986) ***½	FOX Sports News	FOX Sports
Sports	FOX Sports	Major League Baseball Cleveland Indians at Houston Astros	FOX Sports News	ER	Movie: Hot Shots! (1991) Charlie Sheen. ***	Basketball: Tournament of the Americas Quarterfinals	Movie: Hot	Doug	Rugrats	Thomberries
Doug	Rugrats	Thomberries	Skeeter	I Love Lucy	I Love Lucy	I Love Lucy	I Love Lucy	I Love Lucy	WKRP	Xena: Warrior Princess
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WEDNESDAY JULY 21

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Barney	Teletubbies	Sesame Street	Arthur	Zoboo	Barney	Teletubbies	Reading	Mr Rogers	Cooking	Donkey
Donkey	Bad Dog	Station	CBN Special	700 Club	Dino Babies	Wiggles	Pee-wee	Bobby	Menace	Today
Timon	Pooh	PB & J Otter	Out of Bx	Bear	Mermad	Pooh	PB & J Otter	Out of Bx	Bear	Madeline
Hillbillies	Hillbillies	Little House on the Prairie	Live - Regis & Kathie Lee	The View	Howie Mandel	News	Price Is Right	Young and the Restless	News	Magic Bus
Good Morning America	Price Is Right	Griffith	Griffith	Benny Hinn	Life in Word	Kenneth C. Robison	Angel	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Movie: The Joker is Wild Frank Sinatra. ***
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Movie: The Old Maid (1939) Bette Davis. ***	Movie: Lady With Red Hair (1940) ***½	Movie: Old Acquaintance (1943) Bette Davis. ***	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Am. Country	Woman's	Alice	McCoys	Dallas	
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Designing	Designing	Next Door	Attitudes	Party of Five	Chicago Hope	Movie: Her Hidden Truth (1995) Kellie Martin.	FOX Sports	Major League Baseball Arizona Diamondbacks at Houston Astros	FOX Sports News	
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ER	Movie: Rescuer-Stories	Movie: The Game (1997) Michael Douglas, Sean Penn. (-15) Movie: Naked Lies Shannon Tweed.	Beggars and Choosers	From the Earth to the Moon	Tracey	Sopranos	Oz	Spawn	Fatal Twisters: A Season	
Movie: Robin Hood	Movie: City of Angels (1998) Nicolas Cage, Meg Ryan.	Movie: Trail of a Serial Killer R	Emmanuelle	Movie: Junk	Movie: Bad	Shorts	Movie: Paths of Glory (1957) ****	Movie: Killer's Kiss (1955) **	Movie: The Killing (1956) ***½	
Waltons	Century of Country	Prime Time Country	Crook & Chase Tonight	Dallas	Dukes	Wild Discovery	Claws - Crabs	Discover Magazine	Claws - Crabs	
Law & Order	Biography	American Justice	Law & Order	Biography	Party of Five	Chicago Hope	Movie: Her Hidden Truth (1995) Kellie Martin.	FOX Sports	FOX Sports	
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Xena: Warrior Princess	Walker, Texas Ranger	Movie: In the Name of the Father (1993) Daniel Day-Lewis. ***	New York Undercover	Preciosa	Camila	Angela	El Super Blablazo	P. Impacto	Noticiero	
20th Century	History Undercover	Tales of the FBI	Stars	Weapons at War	Undercover	Star Trek	Sliders	Sliders	Fam. Mat.	
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Body Elec.	Paint!	Artists	Grow	Grow	Sociological	Sociological	Zoom	Science Guy	Wishbone	Arthur
Heathcliff	SpaceGoof	Life-Louie	Pee-wee	Oggy	8 Friends	Belleve It	Addams	Mr. Bean	Hals & Pasa	News
Days-Lives	Passions	Donny & Marie	Masry	Opah Winfrey	News	Katie-Orbie	Amazing	Goof Troop	Timon	Aladdin
Hunter	Movie: Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan (1982) William Shatner. ***	Mama	Full House	Full House	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.
Jeopardy!	One Life to Live	General Hospital	Rosie O'Donnell	Brown	Judge Judy	News	ABC News	News	ABC News	News
Bold & B.	As the World Turns	Guiding Light	Sally	Hollywood	Texas	News	CBS News	News	CBS News	News
Angel	Forgive or Forget	People's Court	Rangers	Magician	Spider-Man	Addams	Hanny	Grace Under	Drag Racing	NFL Great
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Law & Order	Northern Exposure	Quincy	Equalizer	(12:00) Movie: Criminal Behavior (1992)	Intimate Portrait	Ellen	Ellen	Designing	Designing	Golden Girls
Ultimate	Rugby Australia vs. South Africa	Sports	Baseball	Baseball	720 Degrees	Xtreme	In the Zone	Kipper	Thomberries	Thomberries
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Movie: Road House (1989) Patrick Swayze, Kelly Lynch. **	Baywatch	Saved-Bell	USA High	Hercules-Jmys.	Pais	Una Luz en el Camino	Gordo	El Blablazo	Cristina	Primer Impacto
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 Rent based on income. Accepting applications for 1, 2, 3, 4 bdrms. CALL Debra or Janis TODAY for information & directions. 12-5pm (806) 364-6661. Equal Opportunity.

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Crash cause theory

Pilots say JFK Jr. probably lost control

WASHINGTON (AP) — While the government's investigation of John F. Kennedy's airplane crash has just begun, pilots have several theories about why a seemingly normal flight ended in a rapid plunge toward the ocean. One possibility is engine failure, another structural breakdown. A third is simply running out of gas. But the most likely explanation is pilot error caused by two things: disorientation in the night sky and lack of experience in a swift new plane. Within a span of 14 seconds on Friday night, Kennedy's plane plunged 1,100 feet in altitude — described by one pilot as a "precipitous" drop — and slipped below radar coverage. The Coast Guard believes it crashed off the coast of Martha's Vineyard, Mass. "This wouldn't be the first time a pilot has lost control of a plane because of spatial disorientation or vertigo," said Larry Gross, an aviation professor at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind. He also is a certified flight instructor with over 12,000 flight hours. Pilots can become disoriented because their inner ear tricks them into thinking they are level when in fact they are turning. At night or in cloudy skies, there are few visual landmarks to reorient the brain. If a pilot is not trained to use flight instruments, as Kennedy wasn't, he can begin a dive — even a steep one — without realizing it. "Literally, you lose control of the plane and you can't determine if you're climbing or descending, turning or flying level," Gross said.

Tax cuts? It's the same old song

House — the Senate was Republican then as now — that went far deeper than the reductions now on the GOP agenda. The Reagan tax cut was projected at \$750 billion over five years, on a smaller budget base, in a time of deficits, not surpluses. The Republican aim now is a cut of \$792 billion over 10 years. That's not as much as House GOP leaders wanted, but it may be as much as they can get in the Senate. The House is taking up taxes this week. Clinton has his own tax cut proposal, about \$250 billion over 10 years. Not enough, and not broad enough, Republicans argue. "He says we want tax cuts but only a little bit," said Sen. Trent Lott, the Senate majority leader. "Oh, and by the way, he proposes about \$100 billion in tax increases." The administration doesn't call them that. They are adjustments and steps to close loopholes. Not that Clinton invented semantic sidesteps about taxes. The Reagan White House devised the description "revenue enhancement" to avoid calling an in-

crease an increase, the president having said he would veto any bill to raise taxes. Enhancing them was OK. Now Clinton is saying he will veto tax cuts in the range of those Republicans are pushing, saying they would cost money that should go into Social Security, Medicare and spending on such programs as defense and education. "Tax cuts of that size are quite simply bad economic policy," Clinton said in his radio talk on Saturday. He said the Republican tax cuts would balloon after 2010, just as the baby boom generation begins retiring. He said that would "blow a \$3 trillion hole in the federal budget, threatening our ability to secure Social Security and Medicare for the next generation." The Republicans say their plan locks away Social Security revenues, then puts one-third of the projected surplus into tax cuts. Clinton said his would go further, to strengthen Social Security and Medicare financing, and to pay down the national debt. "I think what he wants is typical of Democrats," Lott said on Fox TV Sunday. "They want to keep it in Washington and spend it. ... That's the way they always are." And that's the way the argument always goes, like a

broken record. That may be why the tax cut issue doesn't seem to be stirring the people both sides are trying to convince. The polls indicate that most Americans think they are overtaxed, but that few put tax cuts near the top of their Washington wish list. Eventually, Clinton and the Republicans are going to have to settle on a budget, and that means dealing with taxes. The deadline is Oct. 1, although stopgap measures can delay that. So there's ample time to argue. The word from the White House is that Clinton isn't interested in a deal to split the difference between his tax cut and the Republicans' plan. Nor is Lott. "Nope," he said to that idea. "Now if he wants to get serious, join with us, great," Lott said. "But I think maybe some of the demagoguery needs to be toned down." But neither the Clinton administration nor the Republican Congress can get what it wants without the other. They'll have to pass a version he will sign. So eventually, it will take a compromise to do anything. Walter R. Mears, vice president and special correspondent for The Associated Press, has reported on Washington and national politics for more than 30 years.

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Sexual thriller makes debut in the top spot

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The dark sexual thriller "Eyes Wide Shut" was the top movie at North American theaters over the weekend, knocking the teen sex comedy "American Pie" out of the No. 1 spot. Stanley Kubrick's final film before his death took in \$21.7 million in its debut. "American Pie" made \$13.6 million in its second weekend. Three other new films opened in the top 10: "Lake Placid" was third with just under \$11 million, "The Wood" was sixth with \$8.5 million and "Muppets from Space" was 10th with \$4.8 million.

Shuttle launch stopped County

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS News digest

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — A hydrogen leak scare halted the launch countdown for Columbia today, delaying Eileen Collins' debut as the first female space shuttle commander by at least two days.

The countdown stopped with just seven seconds remaining — less than a half-second before the shuttle engines were to ignite.

A launch controller detected what appeared to be a dangerous buildup of hydrogen gas in Columbia's engine compartment and ordered the cutoff. The reading from the gas detector turned out to be wrong and it would have been safe to fly, launch director Ralph Roe said.

"We are convinced this is not a real leak," Roe said, "and we have no serious concern with launch."

Roe said the launch team would try again Thursday.

Clinton offers Israel more aid, weapons

WASHINGTON — President Clinton is establishing a new strategic partnership with Israel and promising boosts in U.S. military aid and up to 50 jet fighters as inducements for territorial concessions by Prime Minister Ehud Barak to the Palestinians and Syria.

U.S. military aid to Israel will be boosted by nearly one-third, from \$1.9 billion a year currently to \$2.4 billion annually over the next decade — if Congress approves. And the administration is urging Congress to approve a spe-

cial \$1.2 billion appropriation to carry out a pullback on the West Bank.

Barak is responding with enthusiasm to the overtures, promising to test the perilous waters of Mideast peacemaking for the next 15 months. "By then we should know," the new prime minister said Monday after a fourth day of talks with Clinton.

He registered a willingness to take risks for peace, but also assured the Israeli people that he would be ever mindful of their security concerns.

At the same time, Barak carefully avoided saying how much land he would relinquish — on the West Bank to the Palestinians and on the Golan Heights to Syria.

Report: Hospital oversight flawed

WASHINGTON — The nation's system for ensuring the safety of hospital patients and the quality of their care is fundamentally flawed, relying too much on trust and cooperation and not enough on tough enforcement of rules, a government oversight office reported today.

Regulators increasingly collegial approach helps some hospitals improve, but it may fail to detect problems that lead to poor patient care, said the report from the Department of Health and Human Services' inspector general.

The current system is "unlikely to detect substandard patterns of care or individual practitioners with questionable skills," the report said.

"If there were something seriously wrong, (regulators)

wouldn't be capable of finding it," said George F. Grob, a deputy inspector general who oversaw the four-volume report.

A collegial approach emphasizes cooperation, flexibility, trust, confidentiality and improving systems. A regulatory approach involves more rigid enforcement of minimum standards, skepticism, public accountability and prevention of harm.

Researchers link pain to gene

WASHINGTON — The reason that a mild discomfort to some can be intense agony to others may be in the genes, new research indicates.

Scientists at Johns Hopkins University have found that a single gene can regulate sensitivity to pain, a finding that may enable doctors someday to more precisely prescribe drugs to control the pain of injury, arthritis and cancer.

"Now people can think of pain as a genetically regulated problem," said Dr. George R. Uhl of Johns Hopkins University, lead researcher of a study in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. "This will help us learn how to treat long-term pain."

In his study, Uhl and his colleagues show the difference in pain perception is due to a variation on the surface of nerve cells of a molecule called the mu opiate receptor.

Studies of humans and mice show that the number of these receptors directly affects sensitivity to pain, and the receptors, in turn, are linked to a single gene called the mu opiate receptor gene.

The mu receptor works by bonding with natural chemicals, called peptides, that help to diminish the sensation of pain, Uhl said.

When there are many of these receptors, he said, the perception of pain is diminished. But when the receptors are reduced in number or missing altogether, the nerve cell takes up fewer peptides, and even a small stimulus is perceived as painful.

Political turmoil grips Yugoslavia

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia — Hatred and violence in Kosovo are claiming new victims even as old ones are just being documented by international investigators gathering evidence of atrocities during the brutal Serb clampdown on the province.

Four ethnic Albanians killed over the weekend near Klinja, in western Kosovo, provide stark evidence that the ethnic hatreds that led to the brutal Serb-Albanian conflict are continuing despite attempts by NATO-led peace forces to cap tensions.

Evidence of earlier brutality was unearthed Monday in the northern town of Podujevo, where local authorities exhumed the bodies of 19 victims of a Serb massacre — including 80-year-old Fariz Fazliu, who went missing on March 28, the Muslim holy day Bajram.

The old man's embroidered black and white belt, part of a traditional costume from the region, was still cinched around the body.

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cause of anticipated ad valorem tax collections during the last quarter.

The ad valorem taxes are expected to generate about \$2,497,590 in the next year. According to the Deaf Smith County Appraisal District, the county's base is \$557,706,185, a \$2.2 million gain from the current year.

Based on a tax rate of 52.86 cents per \$100 assessed valuation and with a collection rate of 97.5 percent, the county could expect to generate a total of \$2,874,334. About \$376,744 would be put in the road and bridge funds, leaving \$2,497,590 available for the county's general fund.

The county also anticipates receiving \$360,000 in sales tax revenue; \$82,500 in investment revenue; \$31,000 from the state; \$361,700 in county fees; \$35,000 in state and jury fees; \$247,000 in fines; \$88,000 in miscellaneous revenues.

The total revenue is expected to be \$4,428,790.

On the expenditure side, the county is still working its way through the package, so the figures are not firm.

The estimated expenditures are:

- County Judge, \$83,141;
- County Clerk, \$170,826;
- District Clerk, \$95,021;
- General Maintenance,

- \$158,250;
- Justice of the Peace, \$116,295;
- District Attorney, \$243,184;
- County Auditor, \$43,597;
- County Treasurer, \$77,496;
- Tax Collector, \$113,567;
- County Jail, \$696,890;
- County Sheriff, \$710,605;
- District Judge, \$38,185;
- Adult Probation, \$9,180;
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Forbes is big spender

WASHINGTON (AP) — Six months before the first presidential votes are cast, free-spending publisher Steve Forbes spent nearly \$3 million on advertising and is paying five advisers six-figure salaries.

Texas Gov. George W. Bush spent just \$38,000 on media in the first six months this year, but he did shell out \$712,177 to charter airplanes to travel around the country. Vice President Al Gore spent \$187,634 to reimburse the federal government for travel aboard Air Force Two, the vice-presidential jet, and almost \$600,000 on salaries for a campaign staff heavy on Washington consultants.

With the 2000 presidential campaign well under way, the financial disclosure reports filed with the Federal Election Commission last week offer a glimpse of how the various contenders are spending the money they've raised.

Forbes' \$2.7 million ad blitz in Iowa, New Hampshire, Arizona and California accounted for about a third of the \$8.2

million he has spent in the first six months of 1999, more than any other presidential candidate.

The ads emphasized such issues as tax reform and Social Security in an attempt to appeal to the conservatives who tend to dominate Republican primaries, which

begin in February with the Iowa caucuses and New Hampshire primary.

"We have a real conservative agenda with solid issues," Forbes' campaign manager, Bill Dal Col, said. "We believe we will set the issue agenda for the 2000 race. That's what we intended to do with the ad campaign."

Forbes also has hired several powerhouse campaign aides. One deputy campaign manager, Ruth Kistler, formerly was deputy political director for the Republican National Committee and chief of staff for the National Republican Congressional Committee. Another deputy campaign manager, Frederick

Ahearn, worked for four Republican presidents and used to run 1996 GOP vice presidential nominee Jack Kemp's political action committee.

Another top aide, Tony Hammond, is a former RNC political director. All three are being paid more than \$100,000 a year, as is political director James Tobin, former northeast political director for the RNC, and campaign manager Dal Col. In Iowa, Forbes is paying \$73,380 a year to Stephen Scheffler, former executive director of the state Christian Coalition.

"We are in a battle and we intend to be well-armed," Dal Col said.

On the other hand, Bush's campaign has attempted to hold down its spending. The campaign spent just \$1.2 million to raise \$37 million, taking in \$31 for every \$1 spent on fund-raising. That has helped Bush build a campaign bank account balance of \$30 million while four of his Republican opponents, including Forbes, are in the red.

"We realize it's not just how much you raise, it's how much you have in the bank," Bush campaign spokeswoman Mindy Tucker said.



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