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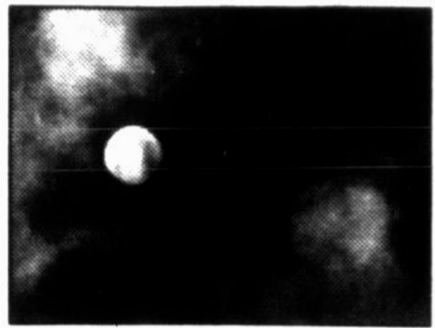
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HUSTLIN' HEREFORD HOME OF Murray Hazlett

Today's weather OUTLOOK



Partly cloudy skies

Tonight, partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms, low in the mid-60s, south wind around 10 mph.

Thursday, mostly sunny with a high around 90, south wind around 15 mph. Thursday night, mostly clear, low in the mid-60s.

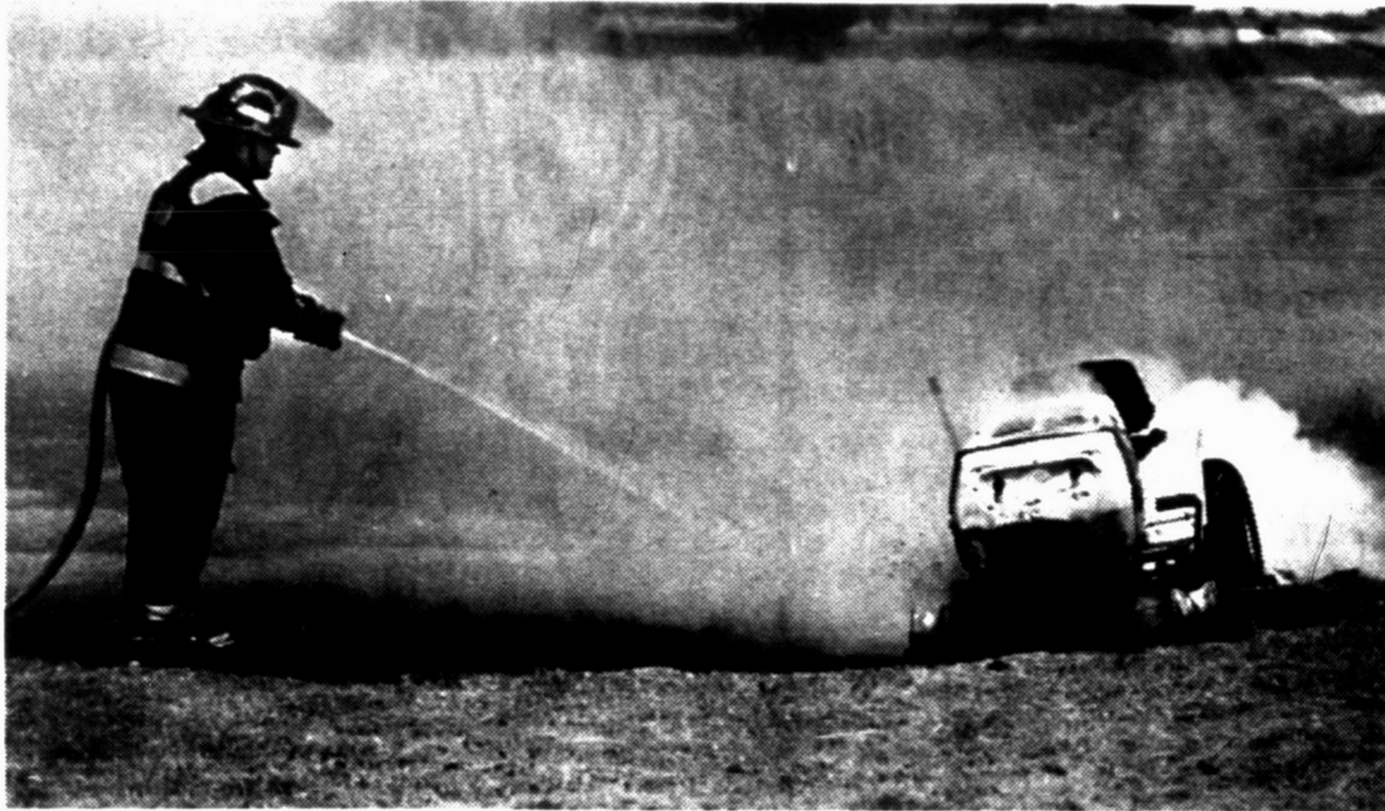
Extended forecast

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

Hereford weather

Tuesday's high, 90; low, 67; no precipitation.

When other excuses fail



BRAND/Maun Montgomery

Can't mow any more — David Wertenberger of Dawn, after being heckled about the rarity of lawn mower fires, adamantly denied he was trying to get out of mowing Tuesday. The lawn mower he was riding, as he cut his property's highway frontage about 10 miles east of Hereford, was gutted when the mower's exhaust (located at front) apparently ignited large clumps of grass under the mower. Hereford volunteer fire fighter Jerry Van, above, extinguished the blaze.

Hospital district tax rate: More is less

By Donald M. Cooper

Hereford Brand Managing Editor

More is less. It sounds almost Orwellian, but that is the situation for the Deaf Smith Hospital District, which last night approved an 8 percent increase in the district's tax rate.

However, the 8-percent increase, which is the rollback rate and was recommended by the Hereford Regional Medical Center administration, will generate about \$17,000 less revenue than the current rate.

Also, district taxpayers are looking at a tax rate of 21.12 cents per \$100 assessed valuation, a 0.03-cent decline from this year's rate of about 21.4 cents.

The board's action Tuesday night sets in motion the annual procedure for setting the tax rate.

Under the required schedule, the board must publish a notice of public hearing on the tax increase at least seven days before conducting the hearing. At the public hearing, the board will set the time for its formal adoption of the rate, an action that must be completed on or

before Aug. 31.

If the 21.12-cent rate is adopted, 19.86 cents would go into the district's operating fund, while 1.263 cents would be for the debt service fund.

The 19.86 cents for operations would generate about \$1.1 million, up from \$1.02 million in the current year.

The 1.263 cents for debt service would generate nearly \$70,000, down from \$163,454 in the year ending Sept. 30.

The total revenue generated by the 21.12-cent tax rate would amount to \$1.17 million, down from the \$1.187 million in the current year.

HRMC finance director Rodney Bailey said the hospital district had used excess monies in its debt service account to pay down on its long-term debt, which would reduce the debt service obligations.

Bailey said the district's tax base also saw an increase during the Deaf Smith County Appraisal District's recent property assessments.

The district saw its tax base set at \$556,241,838, up from \$554,079,701 this year.

With the increased tax base, the effective tax rate — the rate required to generate the same amount of revenue as the current year — would be 19.65 cents per \$100 assessed valuation. The tax rate recommended by the hospital administration represents an 8-percent increase over the effective tax rate.

The administration also had considered rate increases of 3 percent and 7 percent; however, interim administrator J.O. Lewis said the 8-percent level was recommended because the hospital district needs to maximize its revenue at a time when the hospital has been experiencing

Clinic's losses affecting the HRMC bottom line

Losses incurred by the Hereford Health Clinic are being seen on the Hereford Regional Medical Center's bottom line, members of the Deaf Smith County Hospital District board were told Tuesday night.

Although the clinic's total income in June was \$48,898, up 118.7 percent from the \$22,360 reported in June 1998, it still reported a net loss of \$38,600 for the month. For the year, the clinic has reported a net loss of \$250,831, up 164.2 percent from the \$94,957 in red ink reported for the same period in 1998.

The clinic's loss in June contributed to the overall operating loss of \$82,241 reported by HRMC.

The hospital reported total operating revenue of \$809,174, a significant increase over the \$585,134 reported in June 1998. However, the operating expenses of slightly more than \$1 million in June resulted in an operating loss of \$190,877, an amount that could not offset by the \$108,636 in non-operating income.

For the year, the hospital has reported total operating revenue of \$7.2 million and expenses of \$8 million, leaving an operating deficit of \$760,310. That has been offset by \$983,458 in non-operating revenue, leaving the hospital with a net surplus of \$223,148 through June. By

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Tax-free days set

■ Back-to-school items get sales tax exemption on first August weekend

Special to The Brand

As Hereford parents begin thinking about their children heading back to the classroom in a few weeks, they also anticipate those annual trips to the store for the purchase the back-to-school clothing. However, this year the drain on the pocketbook will be a bit lighter if those purchases are made on three specific days in August.

Many back-to-school items can be purchased free of tax on these three days because of special legislation enacted by Texas lawmakers in the 1999 legislative session.

Beginning at 12:01 a.m. Aug. 6, 1999, and continuing until midnight Aug. 8, parents will not have to pay state and local taxes on the purchase of many clothing items their children need or want to begin the new school year.

In a letter to Texans, Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander said she expects the tax-free dates to save consumers \$69.2 million in state sales taxes and up to another \$15.5 million in local sales taxes over the biennium.

The tax cuts will allow consumers to save up to \$8 in taxes for every \$100 spent to purchase items which have been declared free of taxes during this three-day buying period. This will be an annual event for Texas consumers with the first Friday, Saturday and Sunday of every August declared tax free by state legislation. The cuts were approved to lighten the financial burden on parents when buying back-to-school clothing for their children.

According to Rylander, most footwear and clothing priced under \$100 will be exempt from sales tax. This tax-free price is for individual items and does not include multiple purchase of items which have single item prices of less than \$100.

Clothing and footwear used primarily for athletic activities or for protective wear, jewelry and other accessories, are not eligible.

Tax free items may include: Baby clothes, bathing suits, belts with attached buckles, boot (cowboy and hiking), bras, bridal apparel (not rental), some caps/hats, choir robes, coats and wraps, costumes, diapers, dresses, formal clothing, gloves, gym suits and uniforms.

Also on Rylander's list are

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Wreckage found; JFK body aboard

WASHINGTON (AP) — The wreckage of John F. Kennedy Jr.'s airplane was located with Kennedy's body still aboard and the Navy today readied a recovery mission off the coast of Martha's Vineyard, Mass., according to government and family sources.

"They've got the fuselage and John Kennedy's in it," a government source with firsthand knowledge of the investigation told The Associated Press. The White House confirmed that Kennedy's plane and a body had been found. There was no immediate information about the bodies of Kennedy's wife and sister-in-law, who also were on board the plane when it crashed Friday night.

Jim Hall, chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board, and Coast Guard Rear Adm. Richard Larrabee, who was

overseeing the search, canceled a round of morning TV appearances and went to the USS Grasp, the ship where the wreckage was to be deposited after being raised from the ocean floor.

The heightened activity took place after ships from the Navy,

Coast Guard and National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration spent Tuesday night scouring a site 7 1/2 miles southwest of the Martha's Vineyard coast, a spot that investigators had speculated was the likely splash point for the plane.

It crashed while carrying Kennedy, 38, his wife, Carolyn Bessette Kennedy, 33, and her sister Lauren Bessette, 34.

The fuselage was first spotted at 11:30 p.m. Tuesday, accord-

ing to a statement issued by the safety board, and subsequent investigation confirmed that it was

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JOHN F. KENNEDY JR.
Body to be recovered



BRAND/Dianna F. Dandridge

When cotton is brought to the gin, it first goes through a three-saw stick machine (right), which separates the fine trash. It will come out clean at the condenser (above), which pulls off fine lint.



Gin getting new look

By Dianna F. Dandridge

Hereford Brand Staff Writer

Hereford Farmers Co-op Gin is gearing up for the 1999 cotton harvest in a big way: Gleaming white walls and efficient new machinery is replacing rusting sheet metal and outdated equipment.

Within the next 10 days, David Varner, co-op manager, expects to have the larger pieces of equipment installed, with the remaining new walls going up a few days later.

"After that, all we'll have to do is the wiring, piping and smaller stuff,"

Varner said.

The replacement and renovation of the facility, which for years has been a local landmark towering above the surrounding fields as a hulking gray mass, comes with a hefty \$1.5 million price tag.

The new equipment will be a single-stage saw lint cleaning process that replaces the old double process.

According to Varner, the new system will nearly double the capacity of the gin, provide a faster turnaround of cotton, improve cleaning

and reduce loss.

He went on to say the modern air jet cleaner is able to remove more of the big trash, such as pieces of seed, with less loss than the old system.

"This system removes two to three more pounds of lint per bale than the old machines," Varner said. "We're basically getting the same cleaning with less loss."

This renovation increases gin production from 17 bales an hour to 35 per hour with the capability of add-

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THE HEREFORD BRAND 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 not had 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.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS News in brief

Family reels from Kosovo tragedy

DeSOTO, Texas (AP) — He was the wild-eyed kid zooming through Dallas streets on his bicycle. He was the grinning groom carefully spooning cake into his bride's mouth.

But after the disastrous rollover of an armored personnel carrier near U.S. bases in Kosovo, Spc. Sherwood Brim, 30, will be remembered quite differently.

Spc. Brim and Sgt. William Wright, a 27-year-old Californian, were the first U.S. soldiers to die since NATO troops pushed into Yugoslavia to enforce a peace accord. About 5,000 U.S. troops are stationed in Kosovo.

"He was never afraid of anything," Valreasia Brim said of her only son.

Still numb from the weekend's tragedy, Ms. Brim sat in her son's apartment in the Dallas suburb of DeSoto, sorting through photographs, certificates and other tokens of a life cut short.

"See, this is when he graduated from high school," she murmured. "Yes. And see, here he's already in the Army. See his uniform?"

A visit to the snug apartment evokes another image of the young soldier.

His mother told tales of his high school escapades, the pranks he'd lure his younger sisters into performing with him. Those were the days when the clan played baseball behind a modest brick house and attended Baptist services every Sunday.

And it was in this apartment that Ms. Brim first learned of her son's death.

Enron divests oil and gas subsidiary

HOUSTON (AP) — Enron Oil and Gas Co. will achieve its long-rumored independence next month, when parent Enron Corp. relinquishes control in exchange for EOG's China and India operations and \$600 million.

In the deal set to close Aug. 31, Enron Corp. will reduce its stake in EOG from about 82.27 million shares, or 54 percent, to 20 million shares, or about 13 percent.

All Enron officers currently on the EOG board of directors will resign their positions as EOG Resources Inc., as it will be called, becomes a major stand-alone independent producer.

Enron has been expected to sell EOG, but talks last spring with an unidentified suitor never materialized.

"The transaction also will remove the uncertainty of our ownership status and will provide EOG with greater access to both debt and equity capital with which to grow its businesses," EOG chairman Forrest E. Hoglund said.

Regulators check insurance rates

AUSTIN (AP) — For a second consecutive year, the Texas Department of Insurance is questioning whether some auto insurance companies are overcharging their customers.

"We're working with the companies to get their rates more in line with where they ought to be," department spokesman Lee Jones told the Austin American-Statesman for a story in Tuesday's editions.

The Insurance Department scrutinizes rates by insurance companies to determine whether they are justified and enough to keep the insurer in business.

Last year, the department reached agreements with more than a dozen auto insurers for lower rates, many of which had already been lowered the year before.

The department argued that even the lowered rates were too high when compared with the number and cost of claims.

Jones said current negotiations could result in lower rates being announced later this year. He declined to identify the companies whose rates are being questioned until the department determined whether the rates need to be lowered.

Industry officials say they aren't overcharging.

Sharon Cooper, spokeswoman for Allstate Insurance, said insurers consider more than profits when setting rates. "You've got to file your rates based on the numbers," she said.

Allstate lowered the overall auto insurance rates offered by its three companies by an average of .8 percent, including a 5.1 percent cut for Allstate Insurance Co. and a 1.1 percent cut for Allstate Indemnity. Ms. Cooper didn't say whether the insurance department is scrutinizing their rates.

The cost of setting rates too high, including losing customers, is enormous, Ms. Cooper said. Allstate doesn't play such games with rates or customers, she said.

Consumer advocates complain that under the current system insurers have an incentive to overcharge customers.

The companies can apply higher rates for several months to new and renewed policies and then agree to lower the rates after the department questions them without being forced to refund overcharges to customers, they say.

Rob Schneider of Consumers Union said policyholders should get refunds when companies file rates that are lowered after being challenged by state regulators.

Jones said the department has no evidence that insurers are abusing the system.

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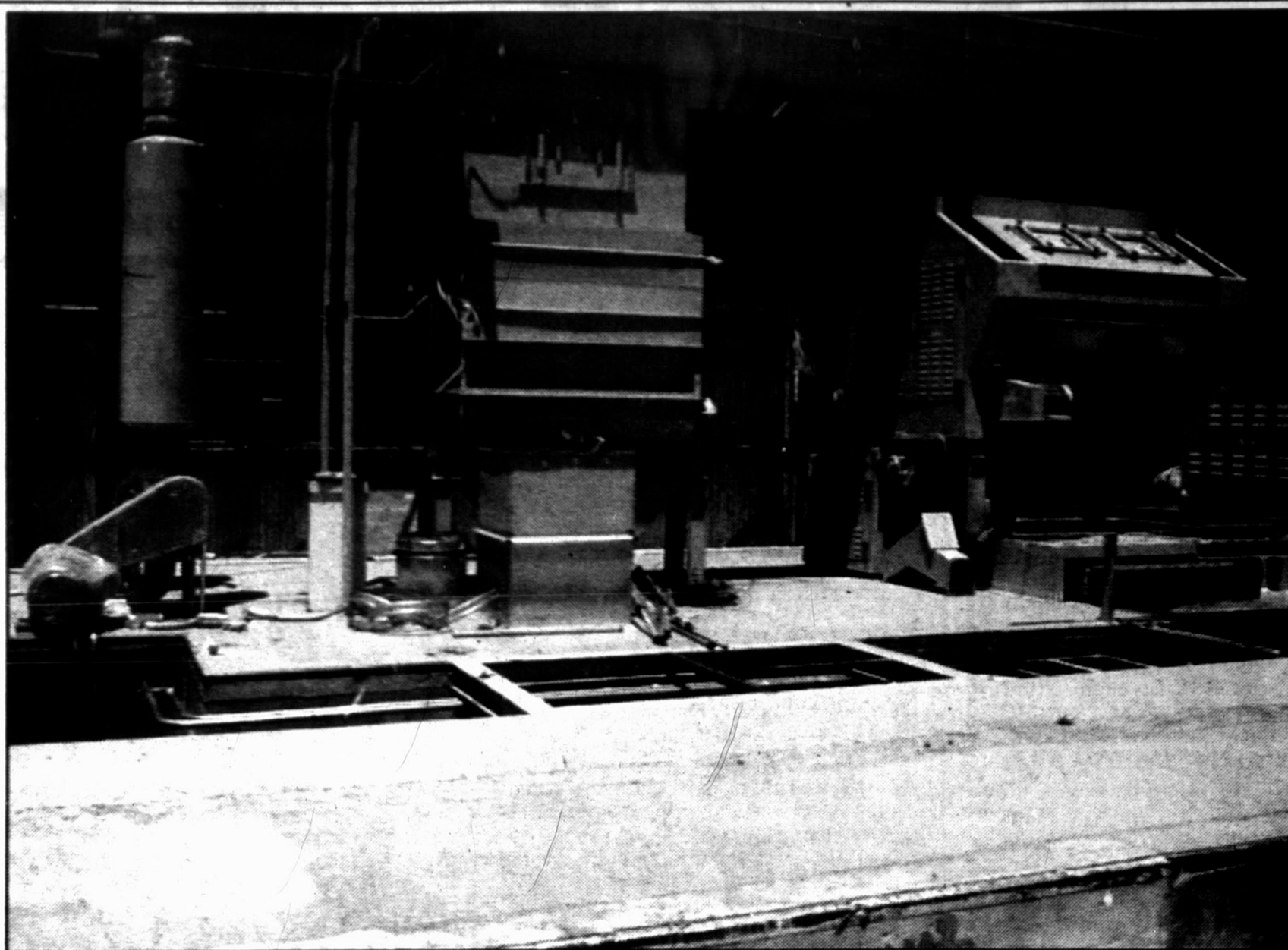
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Expanding the gin — The main part of the Hereford Farmer's Gin is responsible for separating seed and trash from the lint. This piece of equipment is installed on the original foundation of the facility. The concrete joint attaching the old and new foundations can be seen in the foreground. Gin officials expect the rest of the large equipment to be installed within the next two weeks.

School without lockers reports changes Officials report fewer tardies, improved security

AUSTIN (AP) — It's quieter at Granger High School these days — fewer students gathering in the hallways and slamming their lockers.

There aren't any.

Educators at the Central Texas district ripped the lockers from the 75-year-old building's second floor last summer. Since then, they contend the move has decreased tardiness, improved security and cleaned up the school.

"When I first walked in the door, I thought it was nuts," Tod Nix, who became principal last May, told the Austin American-Statesman. "But I'm going to promote it wherever I am from now on."

Standardized test scores are up, tardies are down by two-thirds, theft has almost

been eliminated and the amount of belongings at the 400-student rural district that end up in lost and found has dwindled.

"We couldn't believe some of the changes we saw," said Superintendent James Bartosh, who learned about the concept at a principals' conference in June 1998. "We think it's the best thing since sliced bread — it's awesome in our school environment."

He said Granger is the only district in Central Texas to remove its lockers, which are still used at Austin schools.

Some students say they miss having a place to store their belongings. "It was so much more convenient," said Jillian Pauley, 16, who will be

a junior. "Now everyone's pretty much forced to carry a backpack, and you still have to remember to bring your stuff to school — you just have to carry it around all day instead of putting it up."

But Bartosh likes the change because he says homework is turned in on time instead of disappearing into an untidy locker. And the superintendent maintains that the halls are quieter and neater.

"When they had lockers, important stuff got jumbled up with the play stuff. A locker was like a black hole," he said.

Even without the school bell to remind her, secretary Mildred Michalik could always tell when classes were chang-

ing at Granger High — a slamming locker door invariably knocked her clock off the wall outside the principal's office.

"When our students leave home they have to be prepared," said Bartosh, who is convinced that students in the District 1A school more responsible. "They have to be organized in order to travel light."

That has paid off in Texas Assessment of Academic Skills test scores, which he says have improved on every level.

A lockerless district must purchase an extra set of textbooks to keep in the classroom in addition to those issued to students to keep at home. Bartosh plans to ask the State Board of Education to provide waivers for schools that remove lockers to cover that expense.

TEA begins new ranking, requires more dropout data

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — The Texas Education Agency will slap some Texas schools with the state's lowest accountability rating next month for failing to accurately report data on dropouts.

Education Commissioner Mike Moses cited serious errors in the way districts report the data, the El Paso Times reported today.

In an attempt to get a better handle on how many Texas students drop out of school, the state this year began requiring school districts to account for all stu-

dents who had left their districts since the previous school year.

"The Legislature's concerns about the accuracy of the dropout information, in combination with us doing an analysis of the ... data prompted a decision to add a new rating category," said Criss Cloutd, the TEA's associate commissioner for policy planning and research.

Each year, the state has awarded a rating of exemplary, recognized, acceptable or low-performing to school districts and campuses based on scores on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills, attendance and dropout rates.

But in a June 28 letter to administrators across the state, Moses said he is adding the new "unacceptable: data quality" ranking for the 1999 accountability ratings, which will be released Aug. 16.

The TEA did little to publicize the change other than to post a copy of Moses' letter to administrators on its Internet site.

TEA officials said changing the rules for the current year is preferable to basing ratings on inaccurate data.

Cloutd said the agency doesn't yet know how many school districts will receive the new rating of "unacceptable: data quality," which joins "academically unacceptable/low-performing" as the lowest of the accountability rankings TEA assigns.

The TEA still is working on the specific criteria to determine which districts will get the new rating and the sanctions they'll face, Cloutd said.

The TEA has never sanctioned a school or district for underreporting dropouts, even after agency investigators uncovered enough unreported

dropouts to qualify a district for the state's "low-performing" ranking.

But Moses warned in a June interview that he was considering sanctions for schools that do a poor job of tracking dropout-related data. "What I've tried to do is say these school ... records are going to be what we're going to hang our hat on; you'd better do a good job," he said.

The TEA in recent years has reported that the state's annual dropout rate was less than 2 percent. Critics have said those reports — based on data the school districts provide — are laughable.

A 1996 report by the state auditor estimated the state's actual dropout rate was twice as high as the TEA's reported figure — a finding the state education agency acknowledges.

As a result of the audit, the TEA this year began requiring districts to report data on all students who had left the district since the previous year — whether they graduated, transferred, died or dropped out.

Previously, districts were required only to account for students they chose to list as dropouts.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Texas lottery

Cash Five
AUSTIN — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:

2-4-11-18-24

Pick 3
AUSTIN — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

0-6-9

THE HEREFORD BRAND Emergency services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for July 20, 1999, include the following:

POLICE DEPARTMENT Incidents

— An unattended death was discovered in the 400 block of North Schley. The death is still under investigation.

— Burglary of a vehicle was reported in the 400 block of Avenue C.

— Lost property was reported in the 500 block of knight.

— Domestic assault was reported in the 300 block of North McKinley.

— A dog bite was reported in the 100 block of Avenue A.

— Theft was reported in the 400 block of Avenue I.

— A damage report was

made in the 700 block of Avenue H.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT Arrests

— A 22-year-old man was arrested and charged with violation of probation on a theft by check conviction.

— A 26-year-old man was arrested and charged with violation of probation on an evading arrest conviction and violation of probation on an injury to a child conviction.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

— 2:50 p.m. Firefighters responded to a lawnmower fire 7 miles east on Highway 60.

— 5:45 p.m. Firefighters responded to a grassfire in the right-of-way 15 miles east on Highway 60.

LIFESTYLES

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Senior Citizens

MENUS

THURSDAY-Chicken breast with sauce, hash brown potatoes, capri blend vegetables, sunshine salad, purple plum cobbler; or hamburger steak, D'zerta salad, purple plum.

FRIDAY-Fried fish scribbles with lemon wedge, cheese grits, buttered mixed vegetables, coleslaw, cantaloupe cubes; or beef brisket with barbecue.

MONDAY-Italian spaghetti with meat sauce, seasoned green beans, garden salad, fresh fruit cup; or chicken a la king.

TUESDAY-Chicken fried steak, cream gravy, mashed potatoes, buttered capri vegetables, cucumber and onions in oil, peach cobbler; smothered chicken, peaches.

WEDNESDAY-Polish sausage, sauerkraut, hashed brown potatoes, Harvard beets, watermelon-cantaloupe; or Salisbury steak, buttered corn.

ACTIVITIES

THURSDAY-Pool classes, exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., oil painting 9-11 a.m., Thrift Store open 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

FRIDAY-Pool classes, line dance 10-11 a.m., Thrift Store open 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

MONDAY-Pool classes, line dance 10-11 a.m., doll class 1-4 p.m.

TUESDAY-Pool classes, exercise class 10-10:45 a.m.

WEDNESDAY-Pool classes, Wednesday 12 noon-4 p.m., Thrift Store open 9 a.m.-5 p.m.



Greeting guests at their recent wedding shower were, from left, Joseph Bandy, the bridegroom; Winnie Purser, grandmother of the groom; Mona Armstrong, grandmother of the bride; Larissa Bandy, the bride; Jim Purser, grandfather of the groom; Tonya Kleuskens, mother of the bride; Helen Kleuskens, grandmother of the bride; and Heather Gray, sister of the bride.

Couple feted at wedding shower

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bandy were honored with a wedding shower Sunday afternoon in Ward Parlor of First United Methodist Church.

The couple was married this spring at a ceremony in Houston. The bride is the former Larissa Kleuskens, daughter of Dale and Tonya Kleuskens.

The couple received guests with her mother, her grand-

mothers, Helen Kleuskens and Mona Armstrong, and the bridegroom's grandmother, Mrs. Jim Purser.

Guests were registered by the bride's sister, Heather Gray.

A mixed bouquet of summer flowers arranged in an oriental pitcher decorated the serving table, which offered an array of cookies, fruit, punch and coffee.

The table was draped with a white piecework cloth, applied in a blue floral design.

The newlyweds were given a microwave oven by the hostesses, who included: Georgia Auckerman, Melody Betzen, Stella Devers, Shelly Diller, Lisa Formby, Janette Fowler, Cathy Friemel, Diane Hoelscher, Debbie Richardson, Kerrie Steiert, Stephanie Trice, Donna Warrick and Pam Wilson.

Elks convene in Kansas

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks held its 135th National Convention recently in Kansas City.

The Elks are represented locally by Hereford Elks Lodge 2269, whose exalted ruler, or lodge president, is Dennis Paetzold.

Local representatives attended the Kansas City convention to help shape the programs

and policies of the national order, which currently boasts almost 1.2 million members nationwide.

Throughout the convention, the 2,200 local lodges were hailed for their support of the order's national programs, as well as for their own local programs, and were encouraged to deepen their commitment to those in need.

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Ann Landers



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Dear Ann Landers: I am a 48-year-old widow with four children. My husband died suddenly of a heart attack last year. Needless to say, this has been a very difficult time, but thanks to my husband's loving foresight, our family is doing well. Throughout all the years of our marriage, in spite of tight budgets and financial difficulties, he maintained substantial life insurance policies on both his life and mine. Even with my full-time job, I would not have been able to manage had it not been for his insurance money. At least our children's grief over the death of their father was not compounded by the loss of their home and friends.

I am shocked by the number of women who have told me in confidence that they are concerned because their husbands have little or no life insurance. They have two cars, a boat and costly vacations. They give their children music lessons, dancing lessons and orthodontic braces, but they ignore the

possibility of what their children would do if the principal breadwinner were to die or become disabled.

Many people have small insurance coverage through their work and believe it is enough. They need to wake up, Ann. It cost me \$15,000 just to bury my husband. I'd hate to think of where I would be now if that dear man hadn't loved us enough to make sure we were provided for after his death. — Carol in Martinez, Calif.

Dear Carol: If ever there was a wake-up call, your letter is it. Thank you for a letter that could make a big difference in the lives of my readers.

Dear Ann Landers: Please help me get my mother to clean her house. It is an absolute mess. There is nowhere to sit since the couch is piled high with empty plastic bags, paper bags, old newspapers and magazines, fast-food containers and toys. Her kitchen table is covered with junk, and so is the countertop. In order to get to the bathroom, you have to walk through a narrow path because everything else is covered. Her bed has so many clothes on it that Mom sleeps on the floor. If her house ever caught on

fire, she would never make it out alive.

Mom has always accumulated stuff, but she seems to be getting worse. I have talked to her, but it is like talking to a wall. I am concerned for her health, not to mention I can barely stand to visit. What's worse is that I have some of my personal things stored in my mother's house, and she refuses to let me have them back. She gets upset if I try to take anything out of the house.

Ann, this is not as simple as going in and cleaning it for her. She won't allow anyone to do that. What can I do? — California Girl

Dear California: You can accept the fact that your mother is no longer totally rational. The behavioral peculiarities you have described are classic examples of dementia. Your mother needs to see a doctor immediately for a complete checkup. Also, let her know you must clean up her place before the board of health or the fire department gives her a call. Can you move her to your home? If not, start looking for a facility where the dear woman can live safely because soon, she will not be able to care for herself. Expect a battle, but this is one you must win.

Good luck.

Dear Ann Landers: This is for people who enjoy parlor games and want to find out the age of a friend or relative who is not forthcoming with the information. Ask that person to multiply the first number of his or her age by 5 — then add 3. Next, double this figure. Then, he or she should add the second number of his age and tell you what the final figure is. Deduct 6, and you will have it. — Mr. Magic in D.C.

Dear Mr. Magic: I'm spooked by your formula. I tried it, and it works. My readers are going to have fun with this one.

Is life passing you by? Want to improve your social skills? Write for Ann Landers' new booklet, "How to Make Friends and Stop Being Lonely." Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$4.25 (this includes postage and handling) to: Friends, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562. (In Canada, send \$5.15.)

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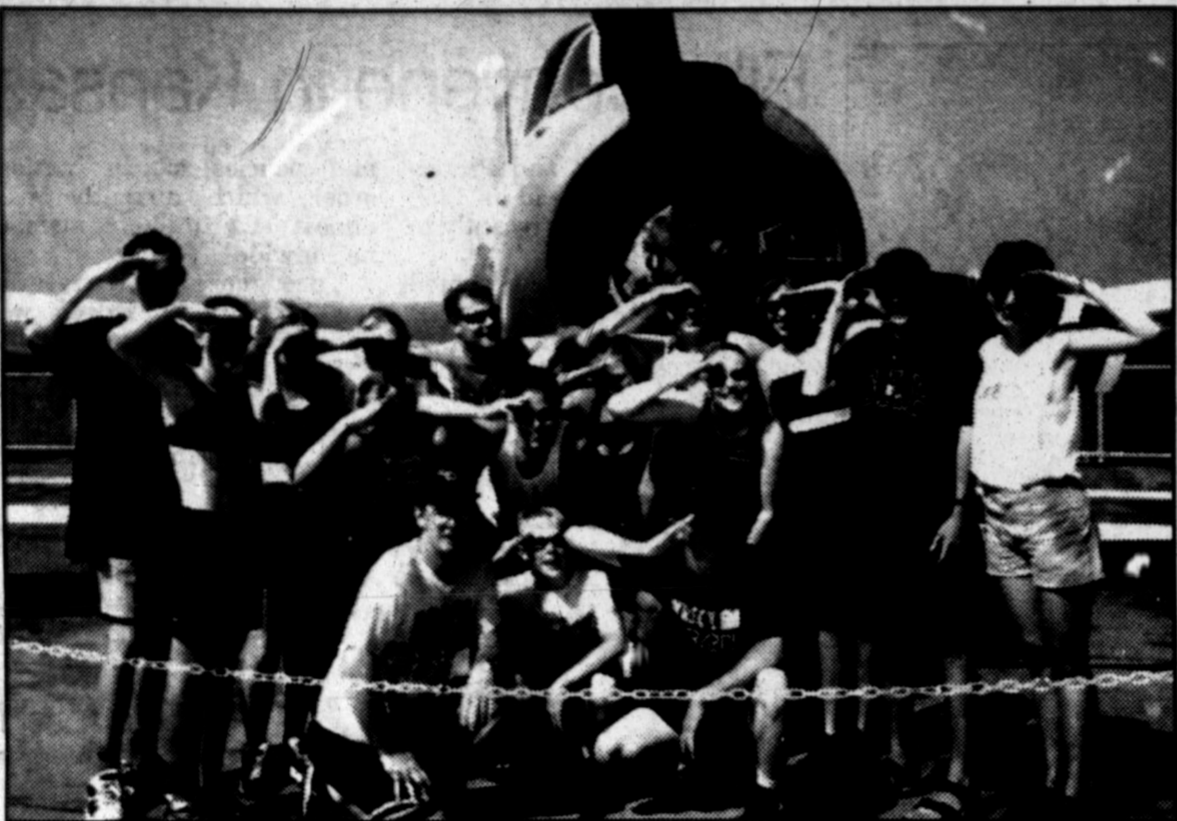
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First United Methodist Youth Group aboard the USS Lexington Aircraft Carrier.

FUMC youth make mystery trip

Special to the Brand

The First United Methodist Youth Group recently did an Armor of God study and then went on a mystery trip. On the trip they relived a part of history as they participated in the camping program aboard the Blue Ghost of World War II fame - the USS Lexington Aircraft Carrier - now permanently berthed at Corpus Christi, Texas.

The Youth that participated in the study/trip were inducted into the Navy upon arrival and became "shipmates" along with other youth groups who came to live aboard the carrier for the weekend. As Lexington shipmates, they traded in a familiar language for one that translated floors to *decks*, walls to *bulkheads*, restrooms to *heads*, and water fountains

to *scuttlebutts*.

The young shipmates and their leaders were given a sampling of shipboard life as they took their turn in chow lines, slept in racks instead of beds and endeavored to remember which side of the ship is starboard and which is port.

Their stay included admission to an area attraction, a flag ceremony complete with patriotic music, an evening tour of the aircraft carrier followed by movies and popcorn. The next morning, the shipmates were *mustered out* of the USS Lexington crew for their return trip home with tales of high adventure aboard a famous Navy ship.

The youth group is led by Cory Campbell.

Study shows child death causes

AUSTIN—Auto accidents, homicides and suicides are among the leading causes of children's deaths in Texas, according to a study published in the July issue of *Texas Medicine*.

The article, written by George R. Kerr, M.D. and David J. Ramsey, Ph.D., both of The University of Texas at Houston Health Science Center, and William Spears, Ph.D. of the Texas Health Care Information Center in Austin, concluded that efforts to prevent the death of children in Texas should focus on reducing such causes as motor vehicle accidents, homicides and suicides.

Texas Medicine is the official news magazine of the Texas Medical Association.

The study was based on figures analyzed from 1987 through 1996. Child deaths from all causes averaged 2,498 between 1987 through 1996. Deaths from natural causes averaged 871 per year and external causes averaged 1,627. The average number of deaths relating to motor vehicle accidents was 1,089; homicides, 334 and suicides, 187.

"Of the deaths that had potential for primary prevention, more than 95 percent involved accidents, suicide and homicide," wrote the authors. "By 1960, primary prevention of many contagious diseases had been accomplished through immunization, and secondary prevention through improved medical and surgical therapies had prevented many deaths."

Other findings in the study

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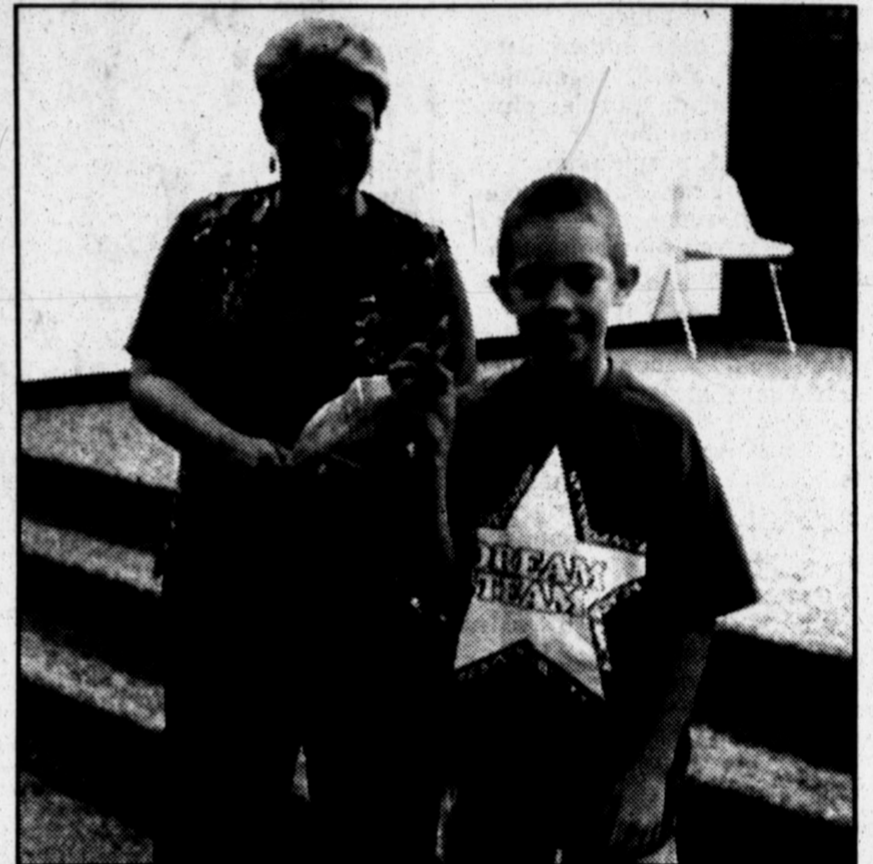
*In homicide deaths reported from 1989 through 1991, firearms were involved in 73.8 percent of the deaths.

*Firearms were used in 69.7 percent of the suicides from 1989 through 1991.

*During the past decade there has been a decline in

deaths related to drowning and burns.

Texas Medical Association is a professional organization of more than 36,000 physician and medical student members. It is located in Austin and 118 component county medical societies around the state.



The winner—Chris Hogan gets to take home the rubber chicken as the winner of the "Name the Rubber Chicken Contest" at the Deaf Smith County Library. The contest was part of the summer reading club, "Open a Book! On With the Show!" The winning entry was "Chickzilla." Librarian Rebecca Walls awards the prize.

Looking Back

Today in History

By The Associated Press
Today is Wednesday, July 21, the 202nd day of 1999. There are 163 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
One hundred years ago, on July 21, 1899, author Ernest Hemingway was born in Oak Park, Ill.; poet Hart Crane was born in Garrettsville, Ohio.

On this date:
In 1816, Paul Julius Reuter, founder of the British news agency bearing his name, was born in Hesse, Germany.

In 1831, Belgium became independent as Leopold I was proclaimed King of the Belgians.

In 1861, the first Battle of Bull Run was fought at Manassas, Va., resulting in a Confederate victory.

In 1925, the so-called "Monkey Trial" ended in Dayton, Tenn., with John T. Scopes convicted of violating state law by teaching Darwin's Theory of Evolution. (The conviction was later overturned.)

In 1944, American forces landed on Guam during World War II.

In 1949, the U.S. Senate ratified the North Atlantic Treaty.

In 1954, France surrendered North Vietnam to the Communists.

In 1961, Captain Virgil "Gus" Grissom became the second American to rocket into a sub-orbital pattern around Earth, flying aboard the Liberty Bell 7.

In 1969, Apollo 11 astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin blasted off from the moon aboard the lunar module.

In 1980, draft registration began in the United States for 19- and 20-year-old men.

Ten years ago: The State Department confirmed an ABC News report that Felix S. Bloch, a veteran U.S. diplomat, was being investigated as a possible Soviet spy. (Bloch was never charged with espionage, but was fired from his job in 1990.)

Five years ago: Former Senate Republican leader Hugh Scott died in Falls Church, Va., at age 93. Britain's Labor Party elected Tony Blair its new leader, succeeding the late John

Smith.
One year ago: President Clinton announced a crack-down on nursing homes that were lax about quality and on states that do a poor job of regulating them. The Pentagon said it found no evidence to support allegations in a CNN report that U.S. troops had used nerve gas against American defectors in Laos. Astronaut Alan Shepard died in Monterey, Calif., at age 74. Actor Robert Young died in Westlake Village, Calif., at age 91.

Today's Birthdays: Violinist Isaac Stern is 79. Jazz musician-critic Billy Taylor is 78. Singer Kay Starr is 77. Actor-comedian Don Knotts is 75. Movie director Norman Jewison is 73. Actor Paul Burke is 73. Attorney General Janet Reno is 61. Actress Patricia Elliott is 57. Actor David Downing is 56. Actor Edward Herrmann is 56. Actor Leigh Lawson is 54. Actor Wendell Burton is 52. Yusuf Islam (formerly singer Cat Stevens) is 51. Actor Art Hindle is 51.

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In Good Hands



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Saved — Patrick Gonzales saves a ball from going into the goal during practice for the Hereford Youth Summer Soccer League Thursday at Langley Park. Gonzales is a member of the Under-6 team "Big Green."

Rangers nail Giants

Texas completes three-game sweep of San Francisco

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Texas Rangers' second-half schedule is loaded with home games. Of their final 74 games, 45 are at The Ballpark in Arlington.

Now they're cashing in, winning five of six at home after the All-Star break following Tuesday night's 6-3 victory over the San Francisco Giants.

Texas has been getting strong pitching and defense, and the Rangers have been manufacturing runs without the long ball, their trademark.

"We're pitching well, we're playing good defense, but we're playing as well offensively as we have all year," Texas manager Johnny Oates said. "We're not hitting the home runs, but we're having good, patient at-bats and working the pitchers."

The Rangers didn't have a home run as they completed a three-game sweep of the Giants, but they drew seven walks and put the ball in play.

"We're getting timely hitting with two outs and runners in scoring position," Rangers left fielder Rusty Greer said. "Homers are nice, but we'll take runs any way we can get them."

The Rangers got their first-ever interleague sweep, and have needed to play well to maintain their lead in the AL West since the Oakland Ath-

letics also have put together a nice run after the All-Star break.

"We're starting to get a lot of confidence," shortstop Royce Clayton said. "The Giants are a good club that doesn't quit. We may have made it look easy, but it wasn't. It's nice to come back with a good stretch at home."

Rick Helling gave the Rangers a strong pitching performance, breaking a stretch of four straight no-decisions with 6 2/3 strong innings for his first win since June 16.

Helling (7-7) broke a string that included a loss in addition to the four consecutive no-decisions.

Jeff Zimmerman got the final two outs. He extended his club records to 21 scoreless relief appearances and 24 2/3 scoreless relief innings.

Shawn Estes (6-6) allowed six runs and eight hits in 5 2/3 innings. He struck out three and walked six.

The Giants were unable to get a runner past first until Barry Bonds' two-run homer in the seventh.

Texas took a 6-0 lead into the seventh when Jeff Kent singled, the Giants' fourth hit against Helling. Bonds followed with his 11th homer, a drive down the right-field line.

Helling sandwiched a walk and a single around a flyout, and was replaced by Mike Venafró, who allowed a run-

scoring single to Scott Servais that made it 6-3. Venafró retired Marvin Benard on a popup to end the rally.

Helling allowed three runs and six hits, struck out four and walked two.

"He battled back from 2-0 counts and made some big pitches when he had to," Oates said.

Todd Zeile and Ivan Rodríguez drove in two runs each for the Rangers.

San Francisco has lost five of six overall and dropped seven of its last eight in interleague play.

"We ran into a hot club," Estes said. "I threw some good pitches and they hit them. Against a team like this, you can't make mistakes. I'm just glad interleague is over."

Texas took a 2-0 lead in the first against Estes on Zeile's two-run single. The Rangers extended the lead to 4-0 in the fourth on Clayton's RBI double and Rodríguez's sacrifice fly.

The Rangers added two runs in the sixth to make it 6-0. Luis Alicea doubled, went to third on Roberto Kelly's groundout and scored when Rodríguez beat the throw on a potential double-play ball. After Greer walked and Estes was removed from the game, Juan Gonzalez greeted reliever Jerry Spradlin with a single to drive in Rodríguez.

Booster Club to hold Golf Scramble

The Whiteface Booster Club will hold a 9-hole Golf Scramble on Thursday, 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

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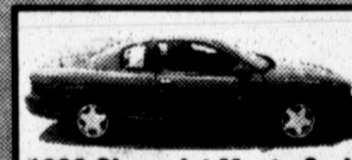
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YMCA to hold Co-Ed Softball League

The Hereford 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 (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.

Metro Stars beat Baltimore

Sarah Griffin and the Panhandle Metro Stars added another victory at the AAU National Tournament in Virginia Beach, Vir.

The Stars took an 89-77 victory Monday night against the Baltimore Cougars. Chelsi Welch of Amarillo scored 30 points to lead the Metro Stars. Griffin contributed with six points.

Indians avoid sweep by Astros

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston manager Larry Dierker figured sweeping the Cleveland Indians was unrealistic, even with Shane Reynolds on the mound for the Astros.

He was right. "With Shane going, I thought we had a chance (for a three-game sweep)," Dierker said. "But the way Bartolo Colon was pitching, it was obvious early on that it was going to be very tough to do."

With Colon (9-3) stopping the Astros on one run and five hits through eight innings, the Indians ended Houston's eight-game winning streak and avoided a sweep with a 7-1 victory Tuesday night.

Manny Ramirez hit a three-run homer and became the first player this season to reach 100 RBIs, and Jim Thome drove in three runs for the Indians, who finished interleague play 9-9.

"Taking two out of three from them is not an easy thing to do," Houston second baseman Craig Biggio said. "To have to beat them when Colon is pitching like he did to get a sweep, that's extremely tough."

Colon's fastball averaged 95 mph. Eight pitches were clocked at 100 mph on the radar gun, including two in the eighth inning.

"I've heard they're looking for a No. 1 starter, but I don't know why when they have him on the mound," Biggio said. "That's about as good as it gets. When a guy is throwing 100 miles an hour in the eighth inning, that's impressive."

Cleveland ended a four-game losing streak, its longest since last Sept. 22-25.

"That was as consistent as I've seen Bart pitch all year," Indians manager Mike Hargrove said. "He shut down a good ballclub."

Colon improved to 4-0 in July with a 2.67 ERA. He's pitched eight innings in each of his last two starts and has allowed one run and a total of eight hits and 14 strikeouts.

"I felt real strong out there," Colon said. "I felt real loose and able to get up to 97-98 miles per hour. I was probably in a slump earlier in the year. Now I'm in a rhythm and my mechanics are good."

"I've been moving from one side of the rubber to the other and correcting the other things I was doing wrong in the first half of the season."

Colon struck out six and walked none, and Mike Jackson finished the six-hitter.

Ramirez, who has 101 RBIs, hit his 26th homer in the third inning off Reynolds (10-7) following two-out singles by Omar

Vizquel and Roberto Alomar. "We'd been getting Ramirez out with fastballs away," Reynolds said. "I gave him a fastball low and away on 3-2, figuring he'd hit it to the deepest part of the park, but he hit it out."

Reynolds allowed five runs and seven hits in six innings. "I'm just in a slump right now where I'm giving up a big inning at some point in the game," Reynolds said. "Tonight it was three runs in the third. The way Colon was pitching, that was the ballgame."

Jeff Bagwell's 31st homer pulled Houston to 4-1 in the fourth, stopping Colon's scoreless streak at 14 innings.

Thome hit a sacrifice fly in the sixth and added a two-run single off Trevor Miller in the eighth.

Enrique Wilson's opposite-field RBI double put Cleveland ahead 1-0 in the second. The Indians finished with 12 hits, two more than they had in the first two games of the series combined.

"You're not going to hold them down very long," Dierker said. "They've got probably the best offense in baseball. We did a great job on them in this series, we just couldn't pull off the sweep."

Speedway OK'd for rebuilding

FORT WORTH (AP) — A world-class drag strip at Texas Motor Speedway could be ready for racing within less than two years, developers say.

Bruton Smith, chairman of Speedway Motorsports, has given the green light to proceed with plans to construct what Speedway Executive Vice President Eddie Gossage said would be "the finest drag strip in the world."

Speedway Motorsports owns the Texas track, where the multimillion-dollar expansion would apparently mirror Smith's Las Vegas Motor Speedway quarter-mile drag strip now under construction as well as the recently renovated Bristol dragway in Tennessee.

Although Gossage did not have cost estimates for the TMS project, he did not see it exceeding the \$14 million

spent to rebuild and upgrade Bristol.

The Las Vegas project's price tag has been put at \$10 million for a facility expected to seat 30,000.

"It's hard to say what it would cost because we don't know where it would sit on the property," Gossage told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. "We've begun the design process and renderings. We've just sat down with the design folks (at Speedway Motorsports) about some of the wrinkles we want to put into it."

Billy Meyer, the owner of Texas Motorplex in Ennis with a 15-year exclusive agreement with the National Hot Rod Association for national events in a 150-mile radius, had little to say about Smith's expansion plans.

"I'm not going to play games," Meyer said Tuesday.

"He (Smith) can do what he wants to do. There's nothing to talk about."

Motorplex spokesman Elon Werner said Meyer is experienced as a drag-racing promoter.

"Our whole idea of building in Grand Prairie is to be closer to the Metroplex," Werner told The Dallas Morning News. "Putting a drag racing facility at TMS isn't moving closer to the Metroplex."

Meyer, a former NHRA funny car driver, is attempting to complete a master plan and financing details with Grand Prairie officials that would allow him to build a \$74 million facility on 500 acres near Interstate 30.

Gossage was unsure when ground would be broken and what events would be run at Smith's new strip.

Dallas Gardner, NHRA

president, said Smith knows about the organization's contractual responsibility to Meyer.

"I would be surprised if they (Speedway Motorsports) would do it," he said. "It would make no business sense."

The proposed Fort Worth development would not affect the Texas Motorplex's move to Grand Prairie because of Meyer's exclusive contract with NHRA to produce two major races a year, said Grand Prairie Mayor Charles England.

He said he didn't know who would race at Fort Worth.

"All I know is we will run drag races and we will fill the stands. I assure you of that," Gossage said.

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U.S. survives Brazil scare

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Brazil briefly flirted with the impossible, giving the United States its first scare of the Olympic qualifying tournament in an 90-73 victory for the Americans.

In the toughest game for an American team of NBA professionals since the gold medal match against Yugoslavia in the 1996 Olympics,

the United States found itself leading by just three points early in the second half.

However, Steve Smith, Tim Duncan and Allan Houston broke the United States out of its lethargy, scoring all but two points in a 30-11 run that gave the Americans a 78-56 lead with 7 minutes left.

New Browns to begin summer camp

CLEVELAND (AP) — Cleveland Browns coach Chris Palmer plans to show his team some important game film early in training camp.

And it won't be to scout the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Palmer will show a film of old Browns highlights — Jim Brown breaking tackles, Bernie Kosar throwing TD passes — to help this year's squad understand that the 1999 season will be something special in Cleveland.

"I want the players to know what it means to play for the Cleveland Browns," Palmer said Tuesday, "what it means to play in this city, and in front of these fans."

The moment all of Cleveland has been counting down for three years gets a little closer this week as the new Browns open their summer training camp in Berea, Ohio.

Returning to the league as an expansion team in 1999 following a three-year absence, the Browns today are the first team to open its summer training camp, when

rookies report.

On Thursday, quarterback Tim Couch, the No. 1 overall pick in April's college draft, and Cleveland's other first-year players and some select veterans will have their first workout under the watchful eye of Palmer and 15 assistants.

The rest of the club is expected to arrive by Saturday, and the new Browns will hold their first official practice in pads on Sunday.

From the time he gets his full team together, Palmer will have just two weeks to prepare the Browns for their Aug. 9 debut against the Dallas Cowboys in the Hall of Fame game at Canton, Ohio.

And just 12 days later, the team will open its home exhibition season and the new, 70,000-seat Cleveland Browns Stadium against the Minnesota Vikings.

It will be the first NFL training camp as a head coach for Palmer, who spent the past two seasons as the Jacksonville Jaguars offensive co-

ordinator.

"We'll put the rookies in pads and let them knock each other around a little bit," Palmer said Tuesday. "We also want to see what they've remembered from the minicamps and make sure they've done their homework."

From the moment the Browns take the practice field in their traditional orange logo-less helmets, Cleveland fans will finally be able to put three long years of life without pro football behind them.

Because of the overwhelming interest in the team's return, the Browns are making all of their practices open to the public. There will be 4,500 tickets given out each day for the camp, which runs until Aug. 23, and the team is expecting many of the sessions to sell out.

"When I got the job, Bill Parcells told me, 'You're going to a great football town,'" Palmer said. "But until I got here, I didn't realize just how great."

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Hospital

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comparison, the hospital reported a net loss of \$558,597 for the same period last year.

In an effort to boost public awareness of the services provided by the health clinic, formerly known as the Rural Health Clinic, the HRMC administration has initiated a marketing campaign to promote the health clinic.

The campaign, according to HRMC special projects coordinator Donna Kemp, has four elements: direct mail, radio promotion, newspaper advertising and fliers.

The direct mail drive targets 850 low-income, predominantly Hispanic households in the county. A postcard with an attached magnet advertising Hereford Health Clinic and its services will be sent to these households. The information will be in both English and Spanish and can be attached to a refrigerator.

Also, additional postcards will be distributed at health fairs, the clinic and other locations.

KPAN Radio has been contacted about promoting the health clinic on its Spanish-language broadcasts in connection with a public service event.

Advertisements featuring the clinic are being developed for publication in the *Hereford Brand*.

Also, a flier will be produced that can be copied and distributed around the community.

HRMC finance director

Rodney Bailey also reported on the self-insurance program for hospital employees. The insurance plan, which is administered by Ted Parker & Associates, offers employees two options in coverage.

Under the basic plan, the hospital district pays employee premiums, except for dental, and the employee pays for dependent coverage, which ranges from \$148.06 per pay period for a spouse or \$198.22 for a family. The basic plan also has provisions for deductibles and co-payments.

The other plan has a "buy up" option that enables the employee to obtain more extensive coverage. Under the provisions, the employee would pay about \$23 per pay period for the expanded coverage, which includes no deductibles and no co-payments. The employee also would pay for dependent coverage, ranging from \$188.65 per pay period for a spouse to \$225.60 for a family.

In other business, the board:

- Approved a bid from CICS of Hereford of \$16,958 for computer hardware. The purchase is part of the hospital's computer conversion, which in its initial stages;

- Took no action regarding interim administrator J.O. Lewis' executive decision to stop providing the hospital patient admissions/

dismissals to the radio station and the *Brand*. Lewis acknowledged the decision has generated some controversy within the community, especially from the radio station, but he said he believes it is the best way to protect patient privacy rights. Director Bobby Owen said he disagreed with the decision, but the board decided not to act on the matter;

- Received a report on the proposed specialty clinic at the hospital. The clinic, which will provide space for various medical specialists who will come to the hospital on a regular schedule, is expected to cost between \$100,000 and \$150,000. Plans already have been drawn up by the Lubbock architectural firm Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, which also is soliciting bids. Lewis said he expects to receive the bids within a few days;

- Accepted the resignation of Dr. Mary J. Townsend as HRMC pathologist;

- Authorized Lewis to appoint a financial adviser to help develop financial strategies in connection with the possible renovation of the hospital plant or construction of a new hospital; and

- Scheduled a board educational retreat next month. The retreat, which will be conducted by Larry Krupala of the Texas Organization of Rural and Community Hospitals, will be 6:30-10 p.m. Aug. 4-5 at the Hereford Country Club.

Gin

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ing enough machinery to process nearly 50 bales per hour, if the demand arises.

He said the renovations aren't being done so much to draw new customers, but to provide a better service for existing clients.

Varner said Production Credit Association financed the renovation work, which the board began considering last December and finalized April 1.

"We're essentially going to have an almost new gin,"

Varner said. "With the exception of the few new pieces of equipment, we installed two years ago, it will all be new."

It's not just new walls and new equipment, but also more space is being added to accommodate the changes. The new facility, using part of the old foundation, will measure about 70 feet by 200 feet, more than doubling the gin's size.

The new condenser stands 46 feet high and will be

housed under a 50-foot peak.

Varner said he expects renovations to be complete by Oct. 1.

"It's a little further behind than we wanted," Varner said. "But, then the cotton itself is about two weeks behind, because of the wet weather. We're just now beginning to see a few blooms."

"This will make the Hereford Farmers Gin one of the newest, most efficient gins north of Lubbock," Varner said.

Sales tax

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hooded shirts and sweatshirts, hosiery, jackets, jeans, jerseys for baseball and football, jogging apparel such as bras, suits and shorts, lingerie, neckwear and ties, pajamas, pants and trousers, raincoats and ponchos, robes, shirts;

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The comptroller also lists items which will be taxed,

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More information

Persons seeking more information may call the comptroller's toll free number at (800) 252-5555 or visit the web site at www.window.state.tx.us.

Kennedy

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Kennedy's airplane.

White House spokesman Joe Lockhart said the discovery was made with remote cameras. The Grasp was being repositioned so divers could go down and assist with the recovery, a senior administration official

said.

"The highest priority remains locating and recovering the remains of all three," Lockhart said.

The Kennedy family was notified of the discovery in the early morning hours, a family source said. They have

discussed a range of options for handling the remains, including the possibility of a burial at sea.

No dates or details have been completed, said a family source.

"Several options are being discussed," the source said.

NEW YORK (AP) — CBS, ABC and NBC devoted newsmagazines Sunday night to the John F. Kennedy Jr. plane crash, and the fast work paid off in the ratings.

Each show was among the six most-watched prime-time programs last week, Nielsen Media Research said Tuesday. Coverage of the tragedy led to a modest midsummer surge in TV ratings at a time viewership is at an ebb.

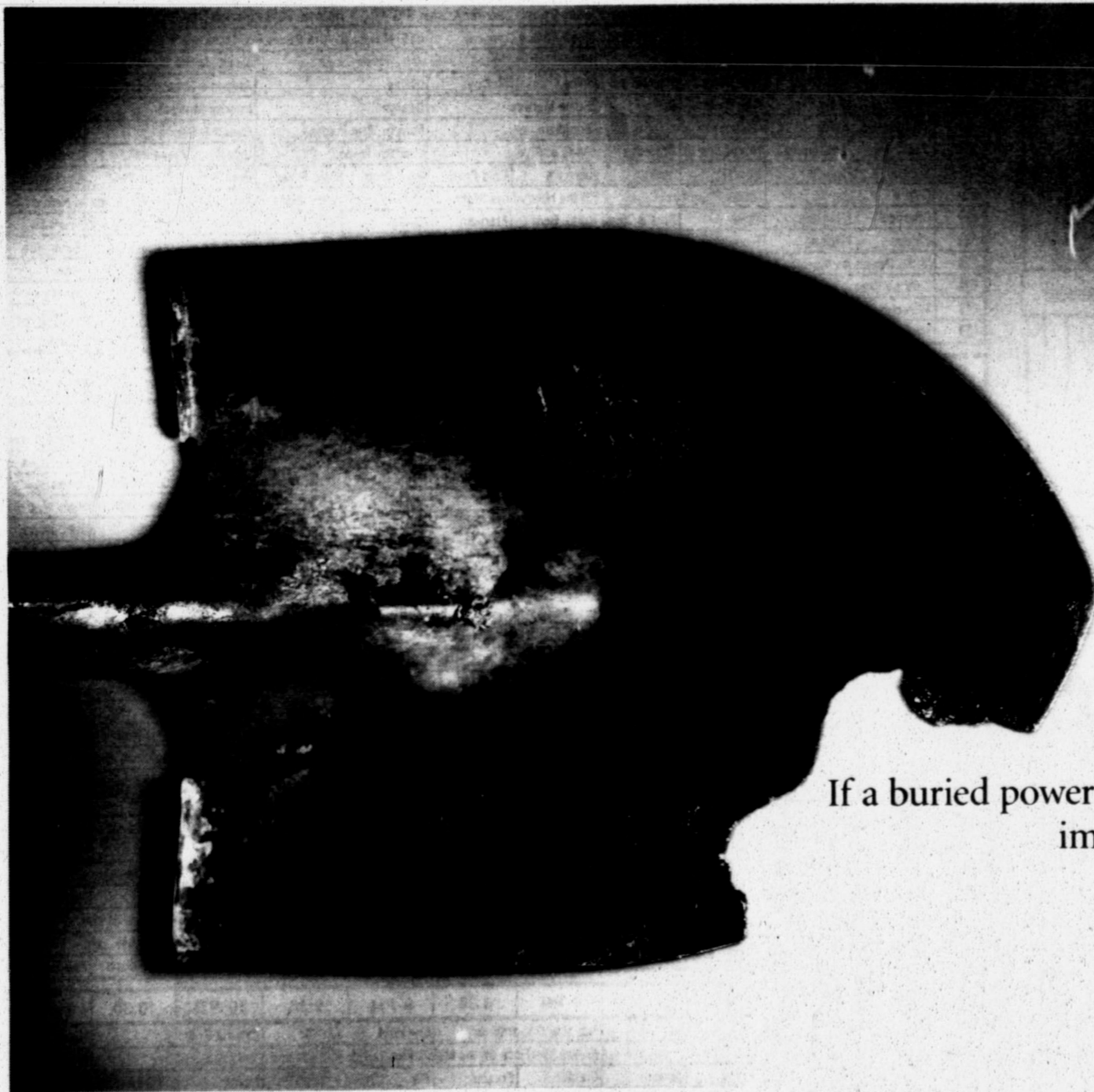
The three Sunday newsmagazines totaled 37 million viewers, twice the number who tuned in for the three prime-time network news specials aired Saturday. In general, more people watch TV on Sunday than on Saturday, and on a summer weekend the story may have been slow to spread.

The three networks devoted much of their airtime Saturday to coverage of the

story. NBC's coverage had a 5.8 rating and 14 share, ABC's had a 5.1 rating and 13 share and CBS had a 3.6 rating and 10 share.

That's about double the normal viewership on a summer Saturday at ABC, a network spokeswoman said.

Cable news channels saw more substantial ratings increases because of the story, again more so on Sunday than on Saturday.



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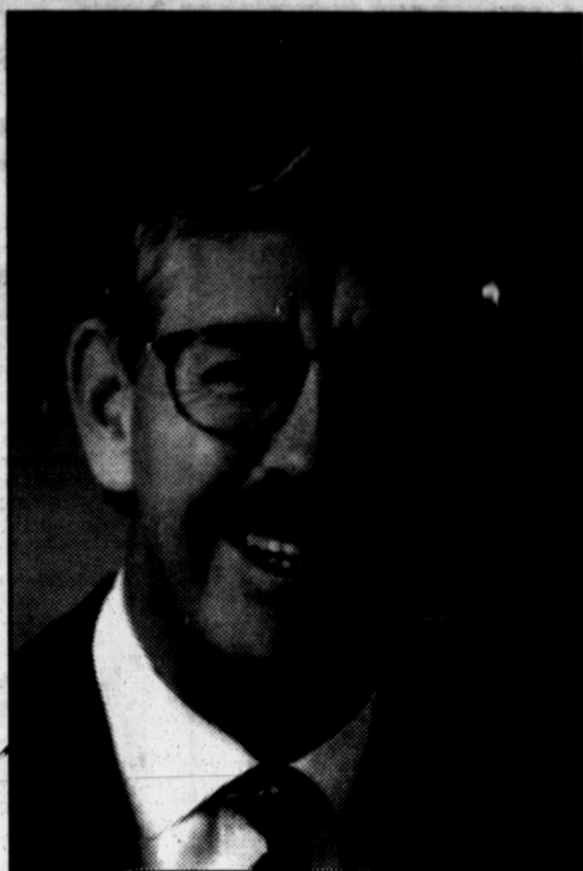
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'PIONEERS'



State Sen. Teel Bivins of Amarillo (right) is among the backers of Texas Gov. George W. Bush's presidential campaign. Bivins and the other "Pioneers" have agreed to raise at least \$100,000 apiece for the Bush campaign. The list of 115 names was released Tuesday by the Bush campaign, although a citizen group charges the list is incomplete.



Perry to be honored in NY

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Lt. Gov. Mary Donohue will host a \$250-a-ticket fundraiser next week starring her counterpart from Texas, Rick Perry, as New York Republicans seek to cement their ties with Texas Gov. George W. Bush.

Perry is in line to succeed Bush should he be elected president next year. Donohue would become governor in New York should Gov. George Pataki be elected vice president on a Bush ticket, as some have speculated he is a candidate for.

Donohue said she has never met Perry, but has talked to him on the phone.

"I think he and I and the two governors share a common vision," Donohue said. "We have discussed our common philosophy and we are honored really to be hosting this breakfast for him."

Money raised at the event will go to the Republican state committee in New York. State GOP Chairman William Powers is also listed as co-host of the breakfast planned for Monday morning at a suburban Albany hotel.

The fundraiser is the first that Donohue has hosted since being elected lieutenant governor in November, her spokeswoman Eileen Long said.

Perry and Bush plan to be in Cooperstown this weekend for events surrounding the induction of pitcher Nolan Ryan, a Texas icon, into the Baseball Hall of Fame.

Pataki is opening the Hall of Fame ceremonies on Sunday and he and Bush are attending a fundraiser for the Texas governor on Saturday at the Cooperstown home of railroad magnate Walter Rich. Bush is a former owner of the Texas Rangers, for whom Ryan played much of his career.

Perry is a "loyal Republican" who wants to help his party, his spokesman Ray Sullivan said.



LT. GOV. PERRY

To be featured at fund-raiser

could be of assistance in helping the party or raising money for the party," Sullivan said Tuesday. "They said 'sure,' so they have put together a breakfast fundraiser."

Dan Allen, a spokesman for the New York Republican Party, said Powers has worked hard to build bridges with Republican leaders in Texas. Powers met with Texas GOP officials in May during a visit to the state to speak to newspaper editors.

"The chairman has a good relationship with many of the state leaders in Texas and this is a further outgrowth of that," Allen said.

Allen had no estimate of how many tickets will be sold for the event or how much will be raised for the New York party.

Democrats attacked the event.

Citizen group seeks names of more of Bush's 'Pioneers'

AUSTIN (AP) — A citizen group that requested names of backers raising at least \$100,000 apiece for George W. Bush's presidential campaign said Tuesday that the 115 names Bush has released aren't enough.

Bush, the Republican frontrunner, made public Monday night a list of 115 "Pioneers" who collected \$100,000.

But there are others trying to raise just as much, said Craig McDonald, director of the group Texans for Public Justice, which has conducted several studies of money in Texas politics.

"Bush has fallen snort of full disclosure. There are 300 more Pioneers who are bundling contributions for the campaign," McDonald said. "The public has a right to know who these high-rollers are and exactly how much they have delivered."

Bush described the Pioneers as mostly friends and longtime political supporters who are following federal campaign finance laws, collecting no more than \$1,000 from an individual.

At \$100,000 per Pioneer, the 115 would account for at

least \$11.5 million of the \$37 million the Texas governor has amassed since launching his presidential campaign in early March.

"This is a grassroots organization. These are people who've decided to take time out of their lives to help me become the president," Bush said Monday.

The list of Pioneers identified thus far included U.S. Reps. Joe Barton, R-Texas, and Jennifer Dunn, R-Wash.; Govs. John Engler of Michigan and Bill Owens of Colorado; Washington lobbyists such as Wayne Berman and Peter Terpeluk; and corporate executives such as Enron Corp. Chairman Kenneth Lay and construction company owner Alexander Spanos, who chaired April's Republican National Committee annual black-tie gala that featured President Bush, the governor's father.

One prominent resident of the Panhandle was on the list: State Sen. Teel Bivins of Amarillo, one of the governor's closest allies in the Texas Legislature. Bivins' 31st senatorial district includes Deaf Smith County.

Asked about the call for more names, Bush spokeswoman Karen Hughes said the campaign has been up front about the effort.

"We have made a list available of all those who have reached out to their friends and neighbors to raise \$100,000," she said. "There may be additional people who are trying to raise this amount of money."

McDonald, whose group had written Bush's campaign asking for the names, said having single individuals pledge \$100,000 "evades the spirit" of campaign finance laws limiting donations.

"This is not mom and pop," McDonald said of the Pioneers. "Many of them have business affiliations in which they need favors from government. These are people who have a keen interest in governmental policies. I suspect they are looking to get access to the Bush administration."

Bush rebuffed questions on whether the Pioneers might be seeking influence. "You either have somebody in the process who's honest or not honest," he said.

BUSH'S PIONEERS

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- U.S. Rep. Joe Barton, Texas
- Lee M. Bass, Texas
- George Bayoud, Texas
- Louis A. Beecher, Texas
- Dennis R. Berman, Texas
- Wayne Berman, Washington, D.C.
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- State Sen. Teel Bivins, Texas
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- Joe Canizaro, Louisiana
- A.R. "Pete" Carpenter, Florida
- Claiborne Carrington, Texas
- Bill Ceverha, Texas
- James Click, Arizona
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- Peter Coneway, Texas
- Jim Culbertson, North Carolina
- Robert H. Dedman Jr., Texas
- Bob Devlin, Texas
- Bill DeWitt, Ohio
- U.S. Rep. Jennifer Dunn, Washington

- Patrick Durkin, Connecticut
- Dick Egan, Massachusetts
- Gov. John Engler, Michigan
- Marty Florentino, Florida
- Tom Foley, Connecticut
- Sam Fox, Missouri
- Jim Francis, Texas
- Brad Freeman, California
- David Girard-diCarlo, Pennsylvania
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- Adele Hall, Kansas
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- Dick Heath, Texas
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- Roger Hirl, Texas
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- Bob Holland, Texas
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- Walter E. Johnson, Texas
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- Mr. Shelly Kamins, Washington, D.C.
- Stephen Kass, California
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- Dorothy Bush Koch, Maryland
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- Frank Lavin, New York
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- Steve Letbetter, Texas
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- Gov. Bob Martinez, Florida
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- David Miner, North Carolina
- Phil Montgomery, Texas
- Charles Nash, Texas
- Jim Nicholson, Michigan
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- Alan Novak, Pennsylvania
- Erle Nye, Texas
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- Gov. Bill Owens, Colorado
- Marshall Payne, Texas
- Bob Pickens, Texas
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Deaf Smith County Hospital District, Texas will accept sealed bids for the "Clinic Remodel" at Herford Regional Medical Center. Bids will be addressed to J.O. Lewis, Administrator, and will be received in the boardroom of Herford Regional Medical Center, 801 East 3rd Street, Herford, Texas until 3:30 p.m., Friday, July 23, 1999. Any bids received after closing time will be returned unopened.

LEGAL NOTICE

The Special Education Records of students who were either graduated from the Herford Independent School District, determined to be no longer eligible for special education services, or were withdrawn from HISD prior to June 1, 1992, will be destroyed after August 12, 1992. Persons wishing to claim any available special education records, pertaining to them personally or for someone for whom they serve as legal guardians, should notify, in person with proper identification, the HISD Special Education office, located at 601 N. 25 Mile Ave., by August 5, 1992. These records may be needed for Social Security benefits or other purposes. High School transcripts of all students in HISD are retained permanently at Herford High School, 200 Ave. F. (References: 34-CFR 300.573, SPECIAL EDUCATION PARENT AND STUDENTS RIGHTS HANDBOOK, 3250-82-RECORDS OF PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS).

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To: Richard Castillo, Jr.

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable District Court, 222nd Judicial District, Deaf Smith County, Texas at the Courthouse of said county in Herford Texas, at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of ROSE ANN CASTILLO, Petitioner filed in said Court on the 24 day of July, 1998, against RICHARD CASTILLO, JR. Respondent and the said suit being number DR-98G-128 on said docket of said Court, and entitled, "In the Matter of the Marriage of ROSE ANN CASTILLO AND RICHARD CASTILLO, JR. and in the Interest of RICARDO CASTILLO AND CHEYENNE GABRIELLE CASTILLO MINOR CHILDREN. The nature of which suit is a request to; dissolve the marriage.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgement or decree dissolving the marriage and providing for the division of property which will be binding on you.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Herford, Texas, this 17 day of July, 1999.

JEAN SCHUMACHER Clerk of the District Court Deaf Smith County, Texas

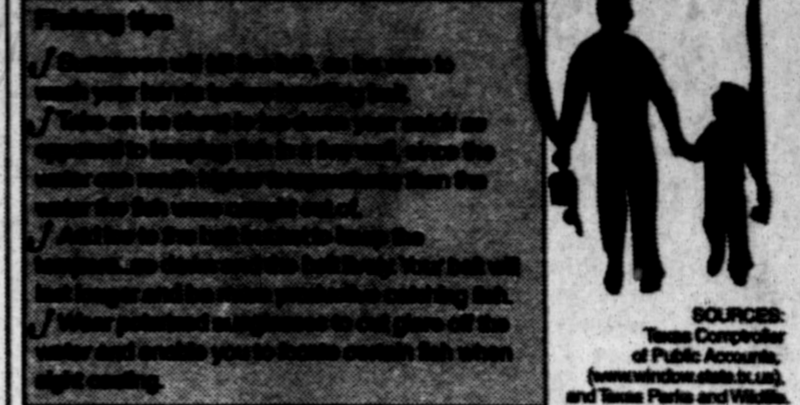
By Beatrice Galvan Deputy

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Keeping an eye on Texas

Gone fishing

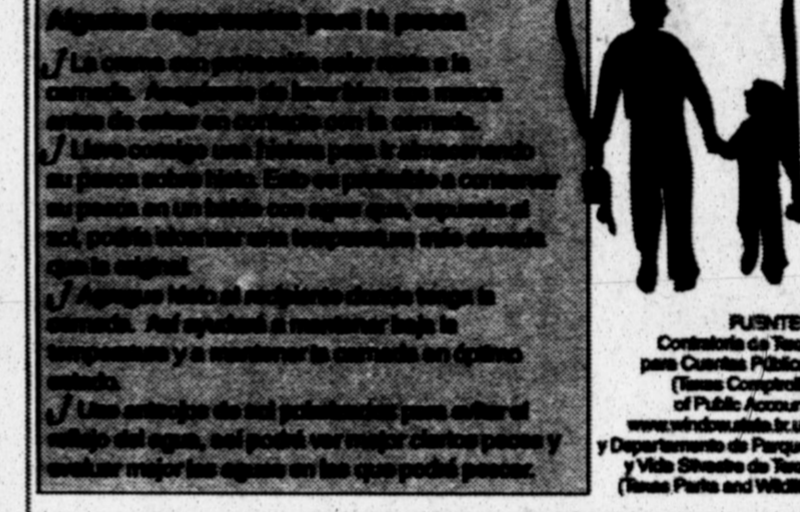
The economic impact of anglers in Texas is more than \$6.3 billion. More than 2.6 million adult anglers spent \$2.9 billion in 1998 on various items ranging from trips and equipment to food, bait and fuel.



Echándole el ojo a Texas

Vámonos de pesca

El impacto económico de la pesca deportiva en Texas asciende a más de 6,300 millones de dólares. En 1998, más de 2.6 millones de pescadores adultos gastaron 2,900 millones de dólares en diversos objetos, desde viajes y equipo, hasta alimentos, carnada y combustible.



House has tax cut bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a risky roll of the political dice, House Republicans launched their \$792 billion tax cut towards a showdown floor vote today with no guarantee there was enough support to pass it.

Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., met late into the night Tuesday with about a dozen shaky GOP moderates and said the votes needed for passage likely would be whipped up at the last minute on the House floor. Debate was expected to begin in the early afternoon.

"We never have them until right before the vote," Hastert told reporters. Earlier, he had appealed to GOP rank-and-file in a private caucus for party unity: "I need each and every one of you."

With only a wafer-thin majority in the House, GOP leaders could ill afford to lose their own members as long as Democrats remained virtually united in opposition — particularly on a bill so central to the Republican political agenda.

But the Republican moderates stood in the way.

Some questioned the accuracy of projected budget surpluses totaling \$2.9 trillion over 10 years, while others wanted more of the money used to pay down public debt. Still others said it would eat up the money needed for Medicare and critical government spending — particularly if the economy turns sour.

"The votes are not there at this point," said Rep. Michael Castle, R-Del., who has offered a \$514 billion alternative tax bill. "We need to have a smaller tax cut."

GOP leaders planned to offer moderates a chance to vote on a non-binding resolution stating that Congress would commit to reducing the \$3.6 trillion debt to \$1.6 trillion over 10 years, but many of them complained it had no teeth.

"It's being tossed out at the 11th hour and it has no meaning," said Rep. Ray LaHood, R-Ill.

In part to placate the moderates and in part to meet Senate budget rules, Archer on Tuesday reduced the bill's overall cost from \$864 billion to \$792 billion — the same level as a Senate GOP alternative. That means almost no significant tax relief would occur until 2001.

The Texas Republican said the savings would come by phasing in the 10 percent income tax cut slower, delaying the pace of repeal of both estate taxes and the alternative minimum tax, and by cutting corporate capital gains rates to 30 percent.

Case moving to high court could restrict Miranda ruling

WASHINGTON (AP) — "You have the right to remain silent. Anything you say may be used against you in a court of law."

The Miranda warnings, familiar to generations of Americans who viewed countless arrests in the movies and on TV, are hailed by civil libertarians as "among our most widely respected and recognized manifestations of individual rights." But some conservatives say the required police warnings exact a heavy toll, seriously harming public safety.

Might the warnings someday disappear?

Police have been giving the warnings before questioning criminal suspects ever since a 1966 Supreme Court decision, Miranda vs. Arizona, said they had to. The nation's highest court, then far more liberal than today, sought to remedy the "inherently coercive" atmosphere of police interrogations by imposing procedural protections.

The court said police must tell suspects they have rights, including a lawyer's help while

answering questions, and inform them that a lawyer will be appointed to represent them if they cannot afford to hire one.

The ruling flowed from the Fifth Amendment's guarantee that no one "shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself." But the court never explicitly said its decision or the police warnings were required by the Fifth Amendment.

American never disappeared entirely, however, and a case soon to reach the Supreme Court has Miranda under attack again.

At issue is what should happen when police, intentionally or not, fail to give the warnings. Such failures now routinely result in a valuable piece of evidence — a confession or some incriminating statement — being lost to prosecutors.

Worried that federal agents' errors might lead to truthful confessions be-

ing thrown out of court, Congress sought to overturn the Miranda ruling in 1968 and passed a law that said federal courts do not have to dismiss confessions made without Miranda warnings.

But the law lay largely dormant for nearly 30 years, until a surprising federal appeals court ruling last April.

The 4th U.S. Circuit Court, ruling in the case of a Maryland man accused in seven bank robberies in Maryland and Virginia, said Charles Dickerson's incriminating remarks to FBI agents should be admitted as trial evidence against him even though he may not have received a proper Miranda warning.

Neither Dickerson nor the federal prosecutors who opposed his appeal focused on the 1968 law, known as Section 3501. But University of Utah law professor Paul Cassell, representing the conservative Washington Legal Foundation as a friend of the court, argued that 3501 allowed use of the evidence regardless of any Miranda violation.

U.S. envoy rejoins Irish peace talks

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — Sen. George Mitchell, architect of the Northern Ireland peace accord, returned to the British province today to try to revive the deal, which is stalled over the IRA's refusal to disarm.

Mitchell began a day of talks with leaders of the main Protestant and Catholic political parties. That includes Sinn

Fein, the Irish Republican Army's political ally, which says it has no power to make the IRA start giving up its weapons.

Talks opened at Stormont, the British administrative headquarters, with Mitchell meeting representatives of the Progressive Unionist Party, a Protestant group.

Most political leaders welcomed Mitchell, who spent 22 months overseeing the negotiations that produced the accord on Good Friday 1998. He accepted the new mission Tuesday after meeting with British Prime Minister Tony Blair and Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern in London.

Under the accord, Northern Ireland's four biggest parties

should have formed a 12-member power-sharing Cabinet last November. The deal also anticipated that the IRA and pro-British paramilitary groups would disarm completely by May 2000.

Sean Farren, a senior member of the main Catholic party, the Social Democratic and Labor Party, said Mitchell could help.

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DAILY CRYPTOQUOTES 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. 7-21 CRYPTOQUOTE PLVWTCG WP RLQ LRT ALDWPYTX YLFXT, ZLFITX LZ CQL IWJYCG CFWOTP, CYT OLFTP MRX CYT OLFTX. — DLFX OGFLR Yesterday's Cryptoquote: MOST PEOPLE WOULD SUCCEED IN SMALL THINGS IF THEY WERE NOT TROUBLED BY GREAT AMBITIONS. — LONGFELLOW

SCLC cancels meeting because of Rebel flag COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — The Southern Christian Leadership Conference has canceled a 2,500-member convention in Charleston because the state flies the Confederate flag over its Capitol. The move announced Tuesday follows last week's vote by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to boycott the state for continuing to fly the controversial banner. SCLC President Martin Luther King III said the prominent civil rights organization "will urge every organization and corporation who loves justice to join this effort to push America back from the brink of senseless tribalism." "We cannot, at this point in history, resurrect ghosts of the past and allow the resurgence of racism, discrimination and the politics of resentment that the Confederate flag reclaims," said King, the son of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. The SCLC had chosen Charleston as its national convention site for the first time in 30 years to honor the 30th anniversary of local hospital workers' strike.

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50,000 miles.



1995 Mercury Grand Marquis
Door key pad, blue cloth, 59,883 miles.



1999 Chevy Tahoe LT
4x4, grey leather buckets, dual air, 13,186 miles.



1999 Mercury Cougar
Power windows, seats and locks, CD player. 4.25 RCO rate.



1998 Ford Expedition
Eddie Bauer, 4x4, moon roof, 35,960 miles.



1999 Mercury Sable GS
Grey cloth, 9,012 miles.



1997 Ford Taurus SHO
Grey cloth buckets, door key pad, moon roof, 28,594 miles.



1999 Mercury Tracer
Cassette, tint, .9 APR.



1999 Chevy Blazer
4x4, grey buckets, 7,403 miles.



1998 Ford Mustang
Convertible, tan cloth, cassette/CD, 17,244 miles.



1998 Lincoln Navigator
Grey leather, 4x4, dual air, 30,963 miles.



1999 Ford Contour
.9 APR



1999 Ford Explorer XL
4x4, grey buckets, CD/cassette, 6,794 miles.



1998 Ford Explorer XLT
4x4, tan cloth, 11,111 miles.



1993 Cadillac Sedan DeVille
Blue leather interior.



1999 Ford F250 LD
4x4, XLT, 4.25 RCO rate.



1998 Ford Crown Victoria
Tan leather, door key pad, 26,626 miles.



1997 Ford F150 Lariat
Grey leather, bed liner, tint, 36,807 miles.



1998 Lincoln Continental
Grey leather buckets, moon-roof, door key pad, 31,747 miles.



1999 Ford F250
Super duty 4x4, V10, off road.



1996 Ford Explorer
Sport, 4x4, door key pad, 46,017 miles.



1994 Chrysler Concorde
Grey leather interior.



1997 Chevy C1500
Red cloth buckets, 46,481 miles.



1999 Ford Explorer
Eddie Bauer, tan leather, heated seats.



1998 Ford Ranger
CD, sliding rear window, V6, 5,788 miles.



1995 Mercury Cougar
Green leather, V8, door key pad, CD player. 73,341 miles.



1996 Chevy Corsica
Grey cloth, 51,386 miles.



1999 F250 XLT
Power stroke, 1,400 miles.



1998 Ford Windstar
Tan buckets, dual air, 31,935 miles.



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