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Today's weather OUTLOOK



Mostly clear skies

Tonight, mostly clear, lows in the mid-60s.

Friday, mostly sunny, highs in the lower 90s.

Extended forecast

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

Hereford weather

Wednesday's high, 87; low, 65; no precipitation, according to KPAN Radio.



JOHN F. KENNEDY JR.
 CAROLYN BESSETTE KENNEDY

Ashes of Kennedy, wife, sister-in-law buried at sea
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Garage sale labeled a success

Despite rain for most of the day, Hereford's third annual city-wide garage sale turned out to be a success, according to the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce.

Chamber executive vice president Sid Shaw has been conduct-

ing polls since Saturday's sale to determine the overall financial outcome of the event.

"I have yet to hear from anyone who made less than \$350," Shaw said. From that statistic, he estimates the overall dollar amount of business done Saturday was some-

where around \$35,000.

"When it started raining, we thought, 'Oh my goodness! What are we gonna do?'" Shaw said. "But it was fabulous, a wonderful surprise."

Despite the rain that soaked Hereford from early Saturday morning until afternoon, Shaw called the

sale "a major success."

An estimated 250 to 300 people from outside of Hereford participated in the bargain hunting.

Hereford resident Roberta Caviness garnered the prize from the day's drawing for 250 Hereford Bucks.

Kids Konference



BRAND/Mauri Montgomery

Jerry Van of the Hereford Volunteer Fire Department shows Desta Franks how to direct a stream of water at a fire while (from left) Abby Metcalf, Layne Cates and Morgan Edwards watch. The fire safety demonstration was part of Hereford Regional Medical Center's Kids Conference activities Wednesday at the community center. The four-day safety program features fire, weather and gun safety, poison control, and drug awareness demonstrations provided by local and area law enforcement and emergency personnel. Because the first-ever Kids Conference was limited to 60 fourth- and fifth-grade students, some youngsters were turned away. However, HRMC officials plan to enroll 100 kids next year.

Farm Aid Bill would cut cost of insurance

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lawmakers want more farmers to protect themselves from bad weather and drops in commodity prices by purchasing federally subsidized crop insurance.

The House Agriculture risk management subcommittee on Wednesday approved legislation that would substantially lower the premiums, doubling the cost of the insurance program to taxpayers to about \$3 billion a year.

Many farmers have traditionally declined to buy crop insurance because they felt the premiums were too high for the coverage they got. About 65 percent of eligible acreage is now covered.

"Producers will have noticeable improvements to their crop insurance in time for the coverage of the fall crop,"

Larry Combest

With the agricultural economy mired in recession, Congress is searching for ways to provide farmers with a safety net without rewriting the 1996 farm law that did away with a Depression-era system of price supports.

Farmers now pay 45 percent to 87 percent of the cost of their insurance, with the government picking up the rest. Under the House bill, the farmers' share would range from 35 percent to 65 percent, depending on the level of coverage.

The legislation also would improve coverage for farmers who have had one or two major crop losses in recent years.

It was approved on a voice vote by the House Agriculture risk management subcommittee.

The full Agriculture Committee is to debate the legislation next week, with a vote in the House to come in early August. The Senate has yet to take up the issue.

U.S. jobless claims edged higher last week

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of Americans filing new claims for unemployment benefits rose for the second week in a row last week to its highest level in more than a month.

The Labor Department said today that 313,000 Americans filed new claims for jobless benefits for the week ending July 17 — up by 4,000 from the previous week.

It was the second June 5 when they were at 326,000.

The four-week moving average for claims, which smooths out week-to-

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week volatility, also was up, to 305,500. That was the highest level since June 26 when it was at 307,250.

Last week's increase was a little higher than many economists had been expecting, but still kept claims at a level indicating that the nation's job market remains exceptionally healthy.

For the month of June, the

nation's unemployment rate crept up to 4.3 percent, still near a 29-year low. Even with the increase in the jobless rate the nation's businesses added a sizeable 268,000 new jobs to their payrolls.

The Labor Department said today that for the week ending July 10, 40 states and territories reported increases in jobless claims, while 11 had decreases. The state data lag a week behind the national figures.

The state with the biggest increase in applications for jobless benefits was Michigan, up 19,355, an

increase officials blamed on layoffs in the automobile industry as companies prepare for new models.

Other states with large increases were: New York, up 8,756; Indiana, up 8,072; Kentucky, up 5,933; and North Carolina, up 3,746.

The state with the biggest decrease was California, down 6,093, a decrease officials attributed to fewer layoffs in the service industry.

Other states with big decreases were: Missouri, down 2,941; Massachusetts, down 2,655; New Jersey, down 2,630; and Maine, down 896.

Clinton attacks tax cut

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton is using the plight of elderly Americans who struggle to pay for prescription drugs as a weapon against a Republican push to use government surpluses for big tax cuts.

"If we don't strengthen Medicare and add the prescription drug benefit, it's not because we can't," Clinton said at a White House news conference Wednesday. "If we don't meet these clear national needs, it's because we choose not to do so."

"It will be because instead we choose to reward ourselves today by risking our prosperity tomorrow."

At a public forum scheduled today in Lansing, Mich., Clinton planned to wield a new

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Tax cuts in the House			
House of Representatives		Senate	
Republican Leadership	Democrats	Republicans	Democrats
INCOME TAXES			
Across the board 10 percent cut in income tax rates phased in over 10 years, possibly make the cut conditional or yearly progress in reducing the nation's debt.	No provision	Reduce bottom 15 percent income tax bracket to 11 percent	Increase standard deduction by \$4,100 for joint filers and by \$1,300 for single filers
MARRIAGE PENALTY			
Allow married couples to claim a standard deduction of \$8,600, replacing current \$7,200.	Raise standard deduction for married couples to twice that of single filers	Allow married couples to file returns as singles in a combined form	Allow married couples an unlimited deduction of no more than \$4,350, phasing out above \$75,000 in taxable income
CAPITAL GAINS			
Cut top tax rate for most investments held at least a year from 20 percent to 15 percent	No provision	No provision	No provision
ALTERNATIVE MINIMUM TAX			
Ensure personal credits do not cause middle-class people to become subject to the tax and gradually repeal it over 10 years	Repeat any limits on personal credits related to the alternative minimum tax	Make permanent exemptions for personal credits so they do not apply to the alternative minimum tax	Extend personal credits exemptions for five years
ESTATE TAX			
Phase down and eventually repeal tax on inheritances	Raise exemption to \$1 million in 2000	Raise exemption to \$1.5 million beginning in 2007 and repeal rates above 50 percent	Raise exemption to \$1 million in 2004 and 2005
RETIREMENT			
Increase contribution limits to some employee benefit plans and reduce time for vesting in some persons from five years to three	Various changes to multi-employer pension plans	Raise contribution limits for individual retirement accounts from \$2,000 to \$5,000 and gradually raise income limits for contributors	Tax credits for employers to start pension plans

Here's a comparison of tax cut proposals
 The Associated Press

GOP leadership quells revolt; tax cut vote set

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Republicans, after overcoming stubborn resistance within their own ranks, are showcasing their legislative and political jewel with a vote to approve a 10-year, \$792 billion tax cut.

Expected passage today comes only after daylong negotiations Wednesday during which House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., with his leadership at stake, succeeded in bringing rebellious GOP moderates in line.

His triumph could be short-lived. President Clinton, saying the tax cuts are three times larger than what he could accept, promised a veto. A Senate version approved by the Senate Finance Committee Wednesday, while adding up to the same \$792 billion, takes a different approach to tax reduction.

The threatened desertion of GOP moderates who thought the tax cut was excessive was averted only after the House leadership agreed to a concession conditioning the planned 10 percent reduction in income tax rates over the next 10 years to annual progress in reducing the nation's debt.

Other elements of the legislation, including a reduction in the capital-gains tax,

elimination of the estate tax and relief from the marriage penalty, were not affected by the compromise.

The House bill highlights the stark differences between Republicans and the White House over how to manage a projected \$2.9 trillion surplus over the next decade.

Clinton and the Democrats want to use most of the surplus to ensure the future of Social Security and Medicare and add a prescription drug benefit to the Medicare program. They also want to set aside part of the annual surpluses for increases in defense and education spending.

At a news conference Wednesday, Clinton said the GOP tax bill would "squander" the surplus and represented "the kind of risk-taking that got us into deficits before."

"The president is wrong," Hastert said in a written statement. "It is not risky to give the ... people their money back."

He said the choice is simple. "We can give some of the surplus back to the people or we can spend it here in Washington."

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Local roundup

Class of 2000 parents meeting

A "Senior 2000" parent meeting will be held 7 p.m. today in room 113 of the Hereford Independent School District Administration Building, 601 N. 25 Mile Avenue.

Participants will discuss the senior class supper, which will be held Sept. 3. All interested parties are encouraged to attend.

For more information, contact Riley Hall at 364-7788.

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.

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Obituaries

EVELYN C. BOZEMAN
July 21, 1999

Memorial services for Evelyn C. Bozeman, 79, of Hereford will be 4 p.m. Friday at Temple Baptist Church with Rev. H.W. Bartlett of Temple Baptist Church and Rev. Terry Cosby of First Baptist Church officiating. Private burial will be under the direction of Gililand-Watson Funeral Home.

Mrs. Bozeman died Wednesday at Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo.

She was born March 10, 1920, in Burkburnett to John Roland Peters and Lula Francis Elsassar. She married J.L. Bozeman on Dec. 26, 1939, in Lubbock.

Mrs. Bozeman came to Hereford in 1968. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church. She had traveled with her husband on more than a dozen evangelistic crusades.

Survivors include her husband; one daughter, Ann Heard of Pampa; one brother, Lee Peters of Mineola; one sister, Blanche Francis, of Houston; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Hereford Senior Citizens or the International Crusades of Dallas.

JACK ROBERTS
July 15, 1999

Funeral services for Jack Roberts, 72, of Friona will be 10:30 a.m. Friday in Parkside Chapel with Rev. Doris Huckert officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery in Littlefield on July 30. Arrangements are under the direction of Parkside Chapel Funeral Home.

Mr. Roberts died Thursday at the Hereford Regional Medical Center.

He was born July 6, 1927, in Lubbock County to James and Mamie Samuels Roberts. He was a retired office worker for Paco Feed Yards and was a member of the Friona United Methodist Church.

Survivors include one brother, James Roberts of Nevada City, Calif.; three sisters, Margie Herring and Wanda Oliver, both of Friona, and Evelyn Goynne of Plainview.

He was preceded in death by two brothers.

Commissioner expected to resign
Moses' resignation hinges on final approval of Tech position

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas Education Commissioner Mike Moses is expected to announce his resignation, possibly as early as Friday, to take a job at Texas Tech University, according to a published report.

His resignation apparently hinges on final approval of a Texas Tech University System, the Houston Chronicle

reported today.

The Higher Education Coordinating Board is scheduled to vote on that issue Friday. If approved, Moses would become a deputy chancellor of the new system.

Meanwhile, State Board of Education Chairman Chase Untermeyer of Houston and members of the governor's staff have begun interview-

ing possible replacements for Moses, according to several officials.

Although Moses has not submitted his resignation, "we have begun the process" of finding a replacement, said Bush spokeswoman Linda Edwards. She declined to release names of those being considered for appointment.

Moses applied earlier this

week for the job of deputy chancellor for external systems operations at Texas Tech, which is creating the new position. The job has been posted on Texas Tech's Internet site for several weeks, but Texas Tech spokeswoman Cindy Rugeley said Moses is the only applicant.

"It's no secret that (Chancellor John) Montford would like to have him here," Rugeley said.

Montford and Moses have been good friends for many years, stemming from the time Moses was superintendent of Lubbock schools and Montford was a state senator from the same city.

Moses declined Wednesday to respond to questions about his possible departure, but spokeswoman Debbie Graves Ratcliffe said he submitted his application on Montford's request.

"Montford approached him about this new job that may be created and he's intrigued by that," Ratcliffe said. "He and his family came to love Lubbock and Texas Tech when they lived there."

Before being named education commissioner, Moses headed Lubbock schools for about six years and public schools in La Marque for about four years. He has served as head of the Texas public school system since 1995.

The new position at Texas Tech would involve overseeing development and news and information services, Rugeley said. Although the job is a new one, she said it was not created solely in hopes of getting Moses.

Auditors investigate Dallas ISD

DALLAS (AP) — Outside auditors are investigating accusations that school district employees here mailed hundreds of checks to nonexistent people and companies, according to the Dallas Morning News.

Auditors were told five months ago about allegations that there were as many as 600 "ghost employees," a source who did not want to be identified told the newspaper in today's editions. There was no indication of how much money might have been involved or how the allegations originated.

So far, auditors have not been able to prove or disprove the allegations, the source told the newspaper.

The allegations are being investigated as part of a three-year fraud audit by the consulting firm of KPMG Peat Marwick, approved by Dallas school board members in December.

Several school board members said that they had heard rumors for months about payments to "ghost employees" and that they expected the audit to uncover any wrongdoing.

School board President Roxan Staff said district officials expect to receive a progress report on the entire audit in late August. She said school board members recently asked KPMG to intensify its efforts.

Incoming Superintendent Waldemar "Bill" Rojas asked board members to give the firm direct access to the school district's computer system and computerized files, she said. Board members agreed to add up to \$200,000 to KPMG's \$1.5 million contract to do so.

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Texas lottery

Lotto Texas

The winning Lotto Texas numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery:

44-29-13-31-15-37

Estimated Lotto Texas jackpot: \$4 million

Pick 3

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 7-5-1



Bringing down the house -- Bank Design Construction Corporation out of Boerne, Texas will be here for three or four months refurbishing the former Energas building, at the corner of Third and Lee, into the new First National Bank of Hereford. Project manager Wayne Mitchell was captured knocking out the studs Wednesday as the remodeling got under way.

Law suit centers around free speech

ACLU says Allen school officials trampled on constitutional rights

ALLEN, Texas (AP) — The Allen Independent School District trampled on the Constitution when administrators punished a high school student for wearing a black armband to class, then told her not to speak with reporters, the American Civil Liberties Union claims in a lawsuit.

The suit, filed Wednesday in federal court in Sherman, accuses Allen High School of depriving 17-year-old Jennifer Boccia of constitutionally guaranteed free speech rights.

Miss Boccia was one of 10 students who wrapped bands around their arms in silent protest against rules the school established this spring.

After the April massacre at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo., Allen administrators were among school

leaders nationwide who stepped up campus security.

In Allen, a suburb about 20 miles north of Dallas, backpacks, long coats like the ones the Colorado shooters wore and mention of the killings were banned from the public high school, the ACLU said. Students who drew attention with black or unorthodox garb were summoned to the principal's office, Miss Boccia said.

"They were harassing people who dressed differently," said Miss Boccia, who will be a senior this fall. "We were talking about how we felt, and one day my friend came to school with the armbands."

After a few days of protest, the honor student and her friends were punished with suspensions.

Two forgotten children die in daycare vans

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Two toddlers sent to separate day-care facilities died within an hour of each other after both were left in vans for hours in 90-degree heat.

Darnecia Slater, 22 months, was dead when paramedics arrived at the Children's Palace Learning Center on Wednesday afternoon. Brandon Mann, 2, was alive when authorities got to the Pee Wee Wisdom Learning Center, but he died about an hour later.

Darnecia's uncle, who identified himself only as Donald,

said the little girl, her older sister and brother were picked up at their home by a day care center van shortly after 7 a.m.

He said the two older children were taken into the center, but Darnecia, who was in a child safety seat inside the van, was forgotten until about 4 p.m. when it was time for the children to go home.

Authorities didn't say who found Mann.

Police spokeswoman Debby

Hall said detectives were interviewing day care operators and employees. No charges have been filed.

"It is very odd to have two deaths this close together, 26 minutes apart," she said. "It is much harder when you are talking about a small child."

The state Department of Children's Services also is investigating the incidents, said Angeline Vault, supervisor with day care licensing at the Tennessee Department of Human Services.

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Emergency services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for July 21, 1999, include the following:

POLICE DEPARTMENT Arrests

- A 25-year-old man was arrested in the 500 block of Brevard and charged with violating a protective order.

- A 17-year-old man was arrested in the 300 block of Star and charged as a minor in possession of alcohol.

- Seven juveniles were taken into custody in the 300 block of Star and charged as minors in possession of alcohol.

- A 38-year-old man was arrested in the 100 block of North Avenue K and charged with domestic assault.

- A 29-year-old woman was arrested in the 300 block of Avenue B and charged with a number of county warrants.

- A 19-year-old woman was arrested at Highway 60 and Road 8 and charged with driving while intoxicated and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Incidents

- Dog bites were reported in the 100 block of Avenue A and the 500 block of Avenue H.

- Criminal mischief was reported in the 300 block of

Avenue C, the 600 block of Bowie and the 500 block of Avenue G.

- A runaway was reported in the 300 block of Star.

- A burglary of a residence was reported in the 800 block of South Main.

- Criminal trespass was reported in the 100 block of Northwest Drive.

- An open window was found in the 100 block of La Villa Drive.

- Deadly conduct was reported in the 600 block of Union.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT Arrests

- A 30-year-old woman began serving time on two counts of delivery of a controlled substance convictions.

- A 20-year-old man was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana.

- A 26-year-old man was arrested and charged with violation of probation on a driving while intoxicated conviction.

- A 16-year-old juvenile began serving time on a burglary of a habitation conviction.

- A 20-year-old man began serving time for violation of probation on a driving while intoxicated conviction.

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End of the show



Final program for the summer reading club, "Open a Book! On With The Show!," at the Deaf Smith County Library was "The Magic of Montgomery," above, where Ashley, Cory and Sonia got in on the act with Montgomery and Delilah. Volunteers Jessie Ann Davis and Pat Reily, right, borrowed clown noses from the prize box while they helped readers pick out their prizes. Prizes for playing READO may be claimed until July 31.



Extension faculty gather for conference

COLLEGE STATION—Beverly Harder, Deaf Smith County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences, and Dennis Newton and Mike Lloyd, Deaf Smith County Extension Agents for Agriculture were among more than 1,000 faculty members who attended the Texas Agricultural Extension Service conference in College Station.

The three-day conference was aimed at preparing faculty for a "new century of service" to the state.

"As a knowledge-based organization, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service has been educating Texans for 85 years through a wide array of outreach activities," Dr. Edward A. Hiler, vice chancellor and dean for the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Texas A&M University and Extension director, said.

"The Extension service has brought the resources of a land-grant university to local communities in ways that have had a positive impact on people's lives and communities. We have always been able to respond effectively to changing needs because we continue to listen to people, hear what they say and take action."

Participants were drawn in from across the state for the

first time in 11 years.

Keynote speakers included Dr. Lowell Catlett, professor agricultural economics and agricultural business at New Mexico State University, who spoke on "Getting Extension's Future in Focus;" Michael Boejhe, professor agricultural economics, and David King, head of the department of agricultural communications at Purdue University, who spoke on "Meeting the Private Sector Challenge;" and David Hutchens, a corporate consultant and author, who discussed "Out-learning the Wolves: Re-imagining Your Community as a Learning System."

Extension faculty were also able to participate in continuing education sessions on topics such as mediating conflict in communities, achieving customer service excellence, creating and nurturing collaborations and partnerships, building Extension volunteer programs, interpersonal communications, and empowering team leadership.

Other sessions included biotechnology, health and water issues in the 21st century, youth assets, trends in liability and risk issues, nature tourism, attracting and retaining top-notch employees, effective teaching on the World Wide Web and learning styles and learner-centered teaching. Some faculty were able to take advantage of first aid certification as well.

The Extension Service provides a range of research-based information and education to people in every Texas county. Faculty include specialists and county agents with expertise in agriculture and natural resources, consumer and family sciences and 4-H youth development.

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Ann Landers



Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: You goofed. Your reply to "Angry in Montana" about people with physical disabilities and the curiosity of "innocent

children was totally off the mark. "Montana" is right. It is NOT OK for children to ask questions about a physical disability. Just because it comes from a child's "natural curiosity" does not make it all right.

It is natural for a child to want to do away with a new baby who is getting entirely too much attention, but we won't allow it. We also will not allow jumping on the bed in muddy sneakers or taking Daddy's watch apart. When my grandson displayed a bit of "natural curiosity" and attempted to disengage the brake on my car, you'd better believe I lost no time letting him know it was NOT OK. There is no reason to indulge a child's inquisitiveness just because it is "natural."

Your out-of-the-blue statements that Angry in Montana has not come to terms with his disability and the suggestion that he "lighten up" were insensitive and condescending. — Disappointed in You

Dear D.I.Y.: I appreciate your comment. Keep reading for others:

From Sun City, Ariz.: Your answer to "Montana" was perfect. I was disabled by polio 50 years ago and now use an electric cart. Children are fascinated by the cart and often ask for a ride. I say, "Of course," and seat them next to me. They love it, and it makes them less afraid of people with disabilities. It also helps me feel less disabled.

Lansing, Mich.: I have been confined to a wheelchair since 1957. When I first went to a restaurant back then, a child of about 4 years old came over and asked why I was in that "funny chair." Before I could respond, his mother snatched him away. The child looked startled and probably got the impression that whatever I had must be contagious. I realize the mother didn't want her child to be rude, but her response only made things worse. Times have changed for the better, thank the good Lord. And thanks, too, for those recently installed ramps that now make almost all buildings wheelchair accessible.

Highland Park, Ill.: The letter about people with physical disabilities reminded me of something that happened many years ago. Our daughter suffered a spinal cord

injury when she was 16. The following year, when prom time came around, I worried about how she would feel sitting at home when all her girlfriends were out having a marvelous time. My fears were groundless. A handsome young fellow invited her to the prom. When the music began, he pushed the wheelchair around the floor, and they "danced" like everyone else. The applause and cheers were deafening. That young man is now an orthopedic surgeon, and our daughter is married to his cousin, an attorney.

Chicago: My wife has been in a wheelchair for the last seven years due to injuries she suffered in a hit-and-run accident. She is determined not to let her misfortune deprive her of a normal life. The woman's courage is incredible. Thank the good Lord we live in Chicago, which is almost 100 percent wheelchair friendly. What a great city! — John L.

Dear John L.: Chicago is a great city, and it is indeed "wheelchair friendly," thanks to Dr. Henry Betts, who for years was head of the Rehabilitation Institute here. Dr. Betts mounted an aggressive campaign to make all downtown buildings wheelchair accessible, and it is now the model for all cities around

the nation.

Forget to save some of your favorite Ann Landers columns? "Nuggets and Doozies" is the answer. Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check of money order for \$5.25 (this includes postage and handling) to: Nuggets, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562. (In Canada, send \$6.25.)

Girl Scouts sponsor Sports Day

Local Girl Scouts sponsored a Sports Day in which 15 girls from third through seventh grade took part in a day long sports camp.

The girls were taught the finer points of volleyball, tennis, basketball and softball.

Coaches Pam Dean, Angela Stansell and Claudia Garcia participated in the events, as well as helpers Clarissa Zamora, Treva Rowland, Kari Barrett, Makesha Rives and Meredith Tabor.

During lunch the girls got to know one another better and registered Girl Scouts discussed Scouting with the non-registered girls.

All the participants received a T-shirt and sports patch.

HISD NOTICE INTENT TO OFFER PRE-KINDERGARTEN CLASSES

The District shall offer pre-kindergarten classes to identify 15 or more eligible students who are at least four years of age and may offer pre-kindergarten if it identifies 15 or more eligible children who are at least three years of age. A child is eligible for enrollment in pre-kindergarten if the child is at least three years of age and is:

1. Unable to speak or comprehend the English language;
2. Educationally disadvantaged; or
3. Homeless, as defined by federal law regardless of the residence of the child, of either parent or child, or of the child's guardian or other person having lawful control.

Education Code 29.153

El Distrito ofrecera clases de pre-kindergarten si identifica a 15 o mas estudiantes elegibles que son por lo menos cuatro años de edad y pueden ofrecer clases de pre-kindergarten si identifica 15 o mas niños elegibles que son por lo menos tres años de edad. Un niño esta a favor elegible de la matriculacion en las clases de pre-kindergarten si el niño es por lo menos tres años de edad y es:

1. Incapaz hablar o comprender el idioma ingles;
2. Educativamente perjudicado; o
3. Sin casa ni hogar, como definido por ley federal sin tener en cuenta la residencia del niño, de padre o el guardian de niño, or otra persona que tienen mando legal.

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Parkside Chapel Funeral Home wishes to recognize the new association of business partners.



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What's Happening

Area Events

CANYON

The summer of 1999 marks the 125th anniversary of the Red River War and the second Battle of Adobe Walls. Throughout the month of August, the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon will present a series of programs, *From There to Here: 125 Years After the Red River War*, to commemorate the events. The lectures will be presented each Sunday at the PPHM in the Hazlewood Lecture Hall from 2:30-3:30 p.m. and will cover a wide range of information about the conflict.



Haley

In the opening lecture on August 1, writer and historian James L. Haley will give an introductory overview of the conflict, entitled "The Red River War of 1874: Old Conflicts, New Contexts." Haley is the author of *The Buffalo War: A History of the Red River Indian Uprising of 1874-1875*. The August programming will conclude with a bus trip to the Adobe Walls site. There is no charge for the lectures or bus trip; however, reservations are required for the bus trip, which includes a dutch-treat dinner stop in Borger.

For trip reservations, call 806-651-2244 no later than August 9. Reservations will be accepted on a first come-first served basis.

AMARILLO

BSA Hospice is offering a grief education and support

group for adults who have experienced the death of a loved one.

An afternoon group will meet from 2-3:30 p.m. beginning July 27 and an evening group will meet from 7-8:30 p.m. beginning July 27.

Each group will meet for six consecutive weeks. Sessions will be held in the den at the BSA Hospice Building, 600 N. Tyler, Amarillo.

There is no fee for attending. This program is offered to Amarillo and the surrounding area communities as well as families who have been served by BSA Hospice.

Continental Shows is staging an Antique Show and Sale at the Amarillo Civic Center this weekend. Show hours are 12-8 p.m. Friday, 12-7 p.m. Saturday and 12-5 p.m. Sunday. One admission of \$3 covers all three days of the show and children are free when accompanied by an adult.

Exhibitors come from around the country to bring antiques that collectors are looking for. Exhibits will range from glass, silver, furniture, jewelry, china, primitives, advertising, pottery, art glass, linens and much more. Everything on display will be for sale.

The Amarillo Dillas baseball team, in cooperation with Coffee Memorial Blood Center, is sponsoring a blood drive from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday at Coors of Amarillo located at 3333 East Third St. KGNC is the media sponsor and Mary Lyn Halley will do a live remote that morning.

More than 500 pints of blood are needed weekly to meet the needs of patients in the Pan-

handle region. Volunteer blood donors are the only source for the gift of life, so the success of this blood drive is vital to ensure that the blood supply remains at a safe level.

As a thank you for giving the gift of life, each donor will receive a specially designed T-shirt featuring the Dillas and a ticket to a Dillas game.

PANHANDLE

The Square House Museum will remember the Red River War of 1874 on July 31 with a public lecture by Dr. Doug Scott about the bullets and cartridges recovered last summer by archaeologists at several Red River War battle sites.

On July 31, 1874, 125 years ago to the day, the War Department was authorized to mobilize troops to fight the Plains tribes in the Texas Panhandle.

Dr. Scott is a Team Leader at the National Park Service's Midwest Archeological Center in Lincoln, Neb. He specializes in 19th century military sites archaeology and forensic archaeology.

Scott's talk will begin at 2:30 p.m. in the Hazlewood Arts and Education Building auditorium.

Before the lecture at 1 p.m., Walter Warner of Clarendon, will demonstrate and fire the same types of firearms used in the 1874 conflict behind the Conway Church.

Paintings and drawings by artists affiliated with the tribes that participated in the Red River War will be on exhibit. And Red River era buffalo rifles and military weapons will be on display.

Admission to the museum and to the lecture is free.

1934: Federal agents shot Dillinger

By The Associated Press
Today is Thursday, July 22, the 203rd day of 1999. There are 162 days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History:

On July 22, 1934, a man identified as bank robber John Dillinger was shot to death by federal agents outside Chicago's Biograph Theater.

On this date:
In 1587, a second English colony — also fated to vanish under mysterious circumstances — was established on Roanoke Island off North Carolina.

In 1796, Cleveland, Ohio was founded by General Moses Cleaveland.

In 1812, English troops defeated the French at the Battle of Salamanca in Spain.

In 1916, a bomb went off during a Preparedness Day parade in San Francisco, killing 10 people.

In 1937, the Senate rejected President Roosevelt's proposal to add more justices to the Supreme Court.

In 1942, gasoline rationing involving the use of coupons began along the Atlantic seaboard.

In 1943, American forces led by General George S. Patton captured Palermo, Sic-

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ily.
In 1946, Jewish extremists blew up a wing of the King David Hotel in Jerusalem, killing 90 people.

In 1975, the House of Representatives joined the Senate in voting to restore the American citizenship of Confederate General Robert E. Lee.

In 1991, police in Milwaukee arrested serial killer Jeffrey L. Dahmer, who was later murdered in prison.

Ten years ago: Nearly 200,000 Palestinian children returned to classrooms in the West Bank after the Israeli army lifted an order that had kept their schools closed during the Palestinian uprising.

Five years ago: O.J. Simpson pleaded innocent to the slaying of his ex-wife, Nicole, and her friend, Ronald Goldman.

One year ago: The Senate Armed Services Committee rejected, on a 9-9 vote, Daryl Jones' bid to become Air Force

secretary. President Clinton, with Republican lawmakers at his side, signed a bill designed to mold the Internal Revenue Service into a friendlier, fairer tax collector.

Today's Birthdays: Sen. William V. Roth Jr. (R-Del.) is 78. Former Sen. Majority Leader Bob Dole (R-Kan.) is 76. Singer Margaret Whiting is 75. Actor-comedian Orson Bean is 71. Actor Perry Lopez is 68. Fashion designer Oscar de la Renta is 67. Actress Louise Fletcher is 65. Director John Korty is 63. Rhythm-and-blues singer Chuck Jackson is 62. Actor Terence Stamp is 60. Game show host Alex Trebek is 59. Singer George Clinton is 59. Actor-singer Bobby Sherman is 56. Singer Estelle Bennett (The Ronettes) is 55. Movie writer-director Paul Schrader is 53. Actor Danny Glover is 52. Actor-comedian-director Albert Brooks is 52. Rock singer Don Henley is 52. Actor Willem Dafoe is 44. Rhythm-and-blues singer Keith Sweat is 38. Actress Joanna Going is 36. Actor Rob Estes is 36. Folk singer Emily Saliers (Indigo Girls) is 36. Actor John Leguizamo is 35. Actor-comedian David Spade is 35.



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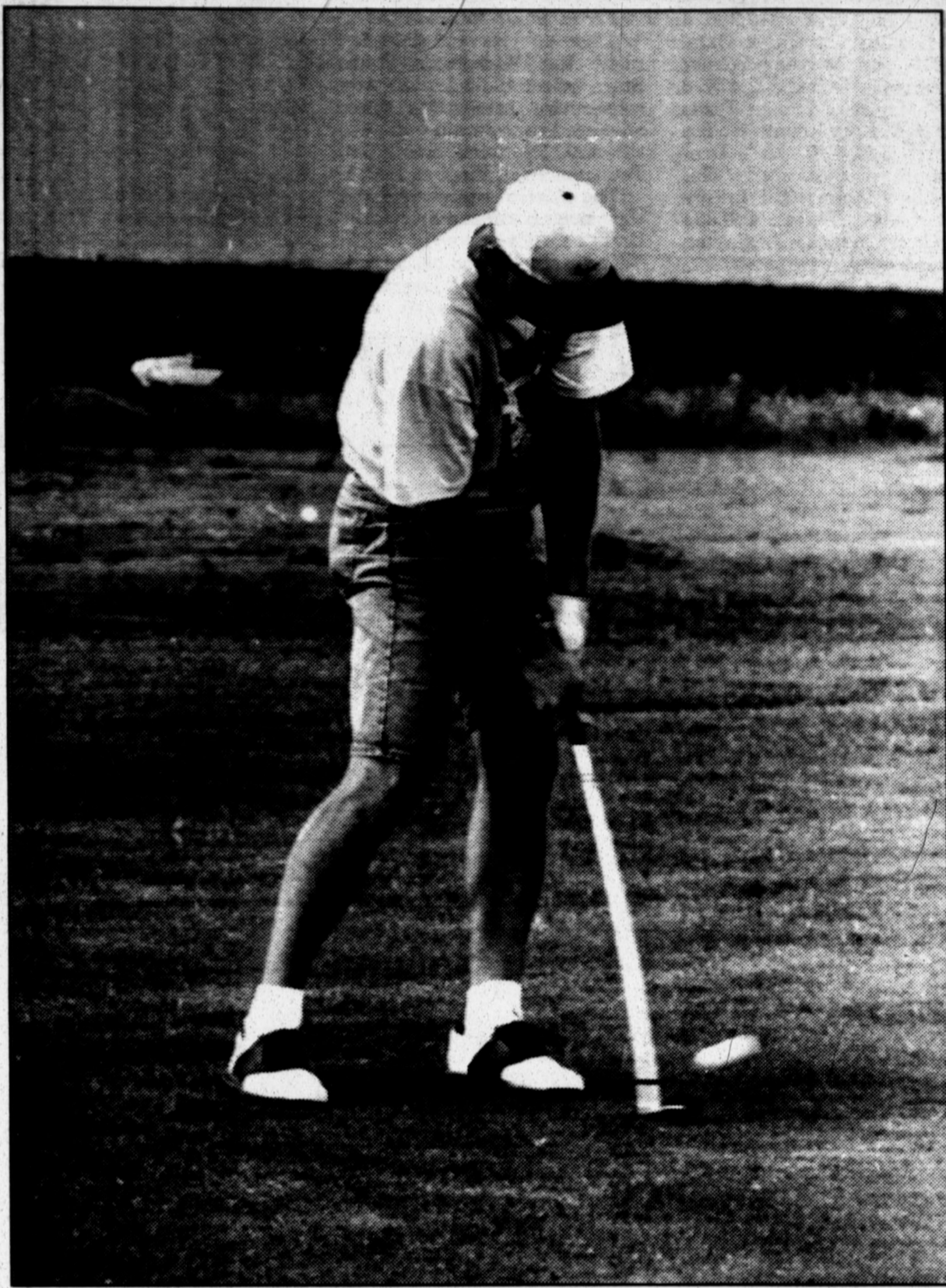
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Rick Backus chips the golf ball toward the green during Golf Scramble action Wednesday.

Going Golf Wild

Two teams tie for first in Golf Scramble

From Staff Reports

Another Wednesday Night Golf Scramble provided a tie for first place.

The team of Paul Hubbard, Bill Brown, Amy Jepson and Armando Alaniz and the

team of Ron Mann, John Dan Alaniz, Dave Anderson and DeWayne Robbins tied for first with

a score of 28.

One shot back of them was the team of Ryan Hitt, Nelson Canode, Ed Sanders and David Bone. They finished second.

The third-place spot provided a three-way tie. The team of Steve Stevens, Jim Sandoval, Mark Brown and Doc Weaver; the team of Lewis McDaniel, Aaron Roberts, Mary Shelton and Jerry Shipman; and the team of Bobby Weaver, Wallace Hill, Harvey Torres and Wendell Burdine all tied for third by shooting 30.

L.V. Watts, Carlos Mendez, Gayle Cornelius and Lillie Shipman shot 33.

Bringing up the rear with a score of 34 were Roy Riley, Leland Shelton, John Kovacs and Don Davison.

Spurs' Elliott needs kidney transplant

Spurs forward still wants to come back and play

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Doctors don't rule out Sean Elliott of the NBA champion San Antonio Spurs returning to professional basketball after having a kidney transplant.

Though such a comeback would be unprecedented, it doesn't mean it can't happen, physicians say.

"It's a possibility that he could resume his career," said Dr. Francis Wright, kidney transplant director at the Texas Transplant Institute of Methodist Healthcare System, where Elliott may have the surgery.

Elliott and his doctors revealed Wednesday the kidney disease that has afflicted the 31-year-old forward for years has worsened and that he needs a transplant soon.

Family members underwent blood screening this week to see if they qualify as kidney donors. If there is no family match, Elliott will be placed on a transplant waiting list.

"If I end up finding a match, I'll be lucky. I'll be fortunate," Elliott said.

An estimated 42,000 people nationwide are awaiting kidney donations. Last year, there were 5,791 donors nationally, including live and deceased donors, according to the National Kidney Foundation of South Texas.

Elliott learned of his condition after about four years in the league. His disease is known as focal segmental glomerular sclerosis, one of a variety of kidney diseases that result in severe, prolonged loss of protein into the urine. The cause of his disease is not clear.

Dr. John Reineck, a kidney specialist seeing Elliott, said if it isn't treated the illness could lead to exhaustion, weakness, nausea and weight loss. However, he said, Elliott has "an excellent long-term prognosis for living a normal life."

The doctor said Elliott hopes to have the transplant before dialysis is necessary, which could be later this year. Elliott could have a transplant as soon as August if a family match is found. The main criteria for a match is a compatible blood type, doctors said.

Elliott's illness affects both his kidneys. The healthy donor kidney would be placed in Elliott's body along with the two malfunctioning kidneys, his doctor said.

It would likely be two or three months after surgery before doctors know whether a return to basketball is feasible, Reineck said.

"I've had a great career, and if that's the end of it, so be it. But I don't really think that's the end of it," Elliott said.

After surgery, transplant recipients typically take six to eight weeks to gradually return to regular activities.

"As to playing basketball at the NBA level, that's clearly unprecedented. For someone as talented and dedicated as Sean Elliott, I would be the last person to tell him he couldn't play basketball," said Wright of the Texas Transplant Institute.

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Rangers bedevil Angels

Zelie's, Rodriguez's hits key Texas' four-game winning streak, which hasn't included home runs

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Texas Rangers have a reputation as a free-swinging, slug-ging team. These days, they're winning with singles and doubles.

Ivan Rodriguez had three hits and Todd Zeile hit a two-run double in a six-run second inning as the Rangers won their fourth in a row, 9-5 over the Anaheim Angels on Wednesday night.

Texas hasn't homered during the four-game winning streak and has gone without a home run in six of seven games. The Rangers are 6-1 on the current homestand.

"We're not trying to hit home runs, we're just trying to put good at-bats together," Texas DH Rafael Palmeiro said. "We take the walk if it's there and try to move the runners along when they're in scoring position."

Of the Rangers' 13 hits Wednesday night, only three went for extra bases.

"Still no home runs," manager Johnny Oates said. "We're happy with this of-

fense. We're working at taking pitches and taking walks. We're still aggressive, but we're not swinging at the 59-foot curveball or the fastball over our heads."

Before the season, it appeared this series might be a key showdown in the AL West race. But the last-place Angels lost their sixth in a row, matching their longest losing streak of the year, and dropped 11 1/2 games behind division-leading Texas.

But nobody in the Rangers clubhouse was dismissing the Angels.

"This is July 21," second baseman Mark McLemore said. "There are a lot of games left. Nothing is over."

Aaron Sele (9-6), given a 9-3 lead, allowed five runs and eight hits in six innings, including consecutive homers by Garret Anderson and Troy Glaus in the fourth. Jeff Zimmerman got two outs for his second save.

Rangers closer John Wetteland was not available for the second straight game

due to a stiff back.

Omar Olivares (8-8) allowed eight runs and nine hits in two-plus innings, his shortest start of the season, allowing 10 of 15 batters to reach base.

"Every ball I threw was up and flat," Olivares said. "The result was a disaster for us. They had good swings and they found holes. I knew I had to keep the ball down but I couldn't do it."

Texas went ahead in the second on Palmeiro's walk, Zeile's double, Lee Stevens' RBI groundout and Ruben Mateo's run-scoring single.

Randy Velarde doubled in a run in the third, but Texas opened the bottom half with six consecutive hits, including RBI singles by Rusty Greer and Palmeiro. Zeile's two-run double chased Olivares, Scott Schoeneweis threw a run-scoring wild pitch a pair in the sixth on Orlando Palmeiro's run-scoring single and Matt Walbeck's RBI double.

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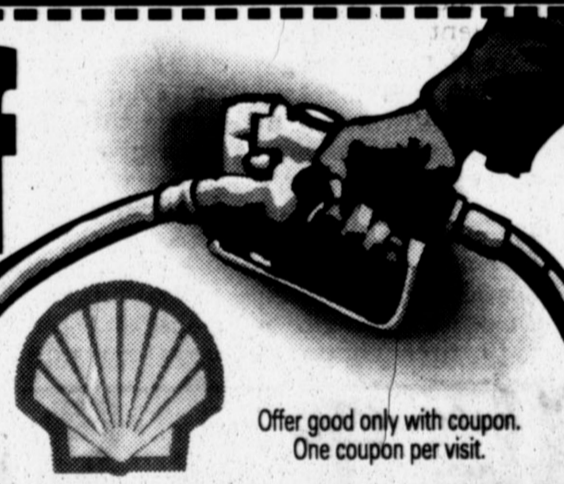
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INSIDE

Cubans celebrate Hemingway's 100th



ERNEST HEMINGWAY

HAVANA (AP) — Fans of Ernest Hemingway celebrated the 100th anniversary of the writer's birth with flowers and rum cocktails near his former home in Cuba, where he spent nearly half his life.

Cubans fondly remembered the famed writer and adventurer as a romantic man.

"He was one of the great friends a man could have," said 102-year-old Gregorio Fuentes, the captain of Hemingway's boat, El Pilar.

Fuentes took a front-row seat Wednesday afternoon at a small commemoration of the writer's life.

Hemingway, who would have turned 100 on Wednesday, lived permanently in Cuba for 20 years and sporadically for another 11, about half of his 62 years.

He remains beloved in Cuba and several of his favorite hangouts are still important stops on the tourist circuits — the Bodeguita del Medio

where he drank Cuban "mojito" cocktails, the Florida where he imbibed frozen daiquiris.

Even room 511, where he stayed and worked for a time at the Hotel Ambos Mundos in Old Havana, is enshrined as a kind of museum. The Finca Vigia, a house with sprawling gardens just outside the capital, has become the official Hemingway museum. Visitors can't enter, but

they can look in the windows at the home as he left it, with its hundreds of books and hunting trophies.

On Wednesday, several dozen Hemingway aficionados made the pilgrimage to Finca Vigia to pile bouquets of red roses on a table set up under an oil painting of the writer, his beard white, his hair tousled.

Outside the small room where the ceremony was held,

a barman served up mojitos, a rum drink made with lots of sugar and mint leaves.

In another part of the compound, visitors viewed a small exhibit of black and white photographs taken of the writer on safari in Africa, in Spain during its civil war, on the grounds of Finca Vigia. Also displayed were some of his belongings: a passport, daggers, and tickets to bull-fights in Spain.

Former presidents urging Hollywood to cut violence

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former presidents Ford and Carter are among prominent Americans asking the entertainment industry to reduce the amount of violent and sexual material shown to children.

"We call upon industry leaders in all media — television, film, music, video and electronic games — to band together to develop a new voluntary code of conduct," wrote the signatories of "An Appeal to Hollywood."

"We appeal to those who are reaping great profits to give something back."

A bipartisan group of senators, including Joe Lieberman, D-Conn., Sam Brownback, R-Kan., Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, John McCain, R-Ariz., and Kent Conrad, D-N.D., released the appeal Wednesday at a news conference.

Among those signing it, in addition to Ford and Carter, were Nobel Peace Prize win-



Among the prominent Americans signing an appeal to the entertainment industry are (from left) former Presidents Ford and Carter, Colin Powell and Norman Schwarzkopf.

ner Elie Wiesel, retired Gens. Norman Schwarzkopf and Colin Powell, entertainers Steve Allen, Naomi Judd, Carol Lawrence and Joan Van Ark, and political figures Sam Nunn, William Bennett and Jack Kemp.

The appeal refers to the "growing public appreciation of the link between our excessively violent and degrading entertainment culture and the horrifying new crimes we see emerging among our youth."

A voluntary code urged for the industry would:

✓ Affirm the industry's responsibility for the nation's cultural health.

✓ Establish minimum standards for violent, sexual and degrading material.

✓ Commit the industry to an overall reduction in entertainment violence.

✓ Ban the targeting of adult-oriented entertainment to youth markets.

✓ Provide more accurate information to parents on media content.

Last month the National Association of Theater Owners, in response to requests from President Clinton, said it would adopt a new policy requiring youths unaccompanied by adults to produce photo identification before they could be admitted to R-rated films.

TELEVISION

THURSDAY JULY 22

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FRIDAY JULY 23

Table listing TV programs for Friday, July 23, including Barney, Donkey, Today, Timon, etc.

Table listing TV programs for Friday, July 23, including Body Elec., Heathcliff, Days-Lives, etc.


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'Ragtime' star arrested by mistake
NEW YORK (AP) — "Ragtime" star Alton Fitzgerald White received an ovation from the Broadway audience and other members of the cast, five days after the black actor was mistakenly arrested on drug charges and strip-searched by police.
White, who was arrested last week in the vestibule of his apartment building in Manhattan, returned to his role as Coalhouse Walker for the musical's Wednesday matinee.
At the curtain call, the cast joined the audience in applauding White, whose character's life on stage is changed when he is harassed by white firemen because he is black.
Though police called the arrest a case of mistaken identity and have apologized to him, White said he was arrested because he is black. The incident came amid heightened concern.
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Burial at sea

Ashes of Kennedys, Bessette scattered

FALMOUTH, Mass. (AP) — In a farewell at sea, a Navy destroyer carried family members today to a ceremony to scatter the ashes of John F. Kennedy Jr., his wife and sister-in-law at a site not far from where they died.

A group of about 15 family members carried the cremated remains of Kennedy, Carolyn Bessette Kennedy and Lauren Bessette onto the USS Briscoe. Their ashes were to be scattered off Martha's Vineyard about three miles from where the bodies were recovered Wednesday.

Dressed in dark clothing, family members boarded the Coast Guard cutter Sanibel, which took them to the Briscoe, shortly before 9 a.m. at Woods Hole port. The mourners included Kennedy's sister, Caroline Kennedy, his uncle, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, and cousins Maria Shriver and William Kennedy Smith.

The Bessette sisters' relatives also were attending, including their mother, Ann Freeman, stepfather, Dr. Richard Freeman, and Ms. Bessette's twin sister, Lisa Ann Bessette, a family source said.

Three folded American flags and three wreaths with red, yellow and white flowers had been placed on the ship.

Defense Secretary William Cohen approved a request by the senator and the Bessette and Freeman families for Navy assistance for the ceremony, the Pentagon said this morning. Two Navy chaplains and a civilian Roman Catholic priest were to officiate at the ceremony, the Pentagon said.

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study finding that 75 percent of elderly Americans lack what he called "decent, dependable" private-sector coverage for prescription drugs.

The president has proposed new, universal Medicare coverage for prescription drugs — at a 10-year cost of \$118 billion to taxpayers.

To pay for the new benefit and buttress Medicare against the coming wave of baby boom retirements, Clinton wants to use \$794 billion in federal budget surpluses expected over the next 15 years.

Republican leaders also have endorsed the idea of a Medicare drug benefit. But they are trying to earmark much of the future surplus for a \$792 billion tax cut.

Clinton's Medicare drug plan is unnecessarily generous, Republicans argue, saying that about two-thirds of senior citizens already have some private drug coverage — mainly through corporate retirement packages, privately purchased insurance or HMOs.

In its new study, the administration seeks to show that such private coverage is diminishing in value and accessibility as insurance prices rise and companies cut retirement benefits. As a result, even some elderly people who have drug coverage now are in a precarious position that may leave them exposed to high costs, the study concludes.

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dies only for the poorest beneficiaries. Others could be helped less expensively through the private sector, they say. Tax breaks for those who buy private Medigap insurance that covers drugs are among options GOP leaders are considering.

Sen. William Roth, R-Del., chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, sent letters this week to colleagues — both Republicans and Democrats — asking for ideas as he develops an alternative to Clinton's plan.

"I look forward to working with you to bring changes to Medicare that are constructive, that meet the most pressing health care needs of the elderly and disabled, and that are fiscally responsible and sustainable," Roth said in his letter.

The new benefits Clinton is offering retirees along with promises of greater financial stability for Medicare would not come without sacrifice.

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GOP backing census request

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Republicans are ready to provide nearly all of the \$4.6 billion President Clinton wants for next year's census as part of a nearly \$36 billion measure for the departments of Justice, State and Commerce.

A subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee planned to vote on the spending bill today. By providing only about \$15 million less than Clinton sought for the census, the GOP would all but end a long-running fight over the constitutionally required head count.

A Senate version of the bill, however, falls about \$1.7 billion short of Clinton's request, leaving the final congressional figure uncertain.

The House bill was described by congressional offi-

cials who spoke on condition of anonymity.

As part of their drive to secure House passage of spending bills by beefing them up, GOP leaders pushed the legislation's price tag to \$36 billion by adding about \$5 billion to it. It was unclear what savings they would claim to pay for the extra spending.

Just Wednesday, House leaders decided to indefinitely delay writing a \$300 billion measure financing labor, welfare, health and education programs after they could not agree on how to pay for \$12

billion in extra spending for that bill.

The Commerce-Justice bill would provide a small fraction of the \$1.3 billion Clinton

wants to help communities hire more police officers, and less than half his \$340 million request for legal services for the poor.

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