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Today's weather

OUTLOOK

Mostly cloudy skies; chance of showers

Tonight: Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms, lows in the mid-60s.

Saturday: Partly sunny with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, highs in the mid-80s.

Saturday night: Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms, lows in the lower 60s.

Extended forecast

Sunday: Partly sunny with a slight chance of afternoon thunderstorms, highs in the upper 80s.

Monday: Partly cloudy with a chance of late afternoon and nighttime thunderstorms, lows in the lower 60s, highs around 90.

Tuesday: A slight chance of late afternoon and nighttime thunderstorms, otherwise mostly clear, lows in the mid-60s. Highs in the lower 90s.

Hereford weather

Thursday's high, 96; low, 69; no precipitation, according to KPAN Radio.

Senate OK's \$900 million in emergency help

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate agreed Thursday to add \$900 million in emergency aid to a farm appropriations measure despite some complaints that it was excessive, even if the money addressed real needs.

The package of 15 amendments, approved on a voice vote, would provide millions of dollars for flood damage and other natural disasters and losses in livestock, apples, potatoes and citrus crops, among others.

The \$75.3 billion measure financing food and farm programs for next year already contains more than \$1 billion in emergency aid. It passed the Senate on a 79-13 vote and now must be reconciled with a House version.

The emergency amendments drew fierce objections from several Republican fiscal conservatives, who complained that the projected

budget surplus was leading lawmakers to wreck budget spending guidelines.

"I believe this has gone too far," said Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas. "We are letting this surplus burn a hole in our pockets."

It came on top of a \$15 billion farm bailout bill passed in May that was aimed at beefing up crop insurance programs and made \$5.5 billion in direct cash payments to growers suffering low commodity prices.

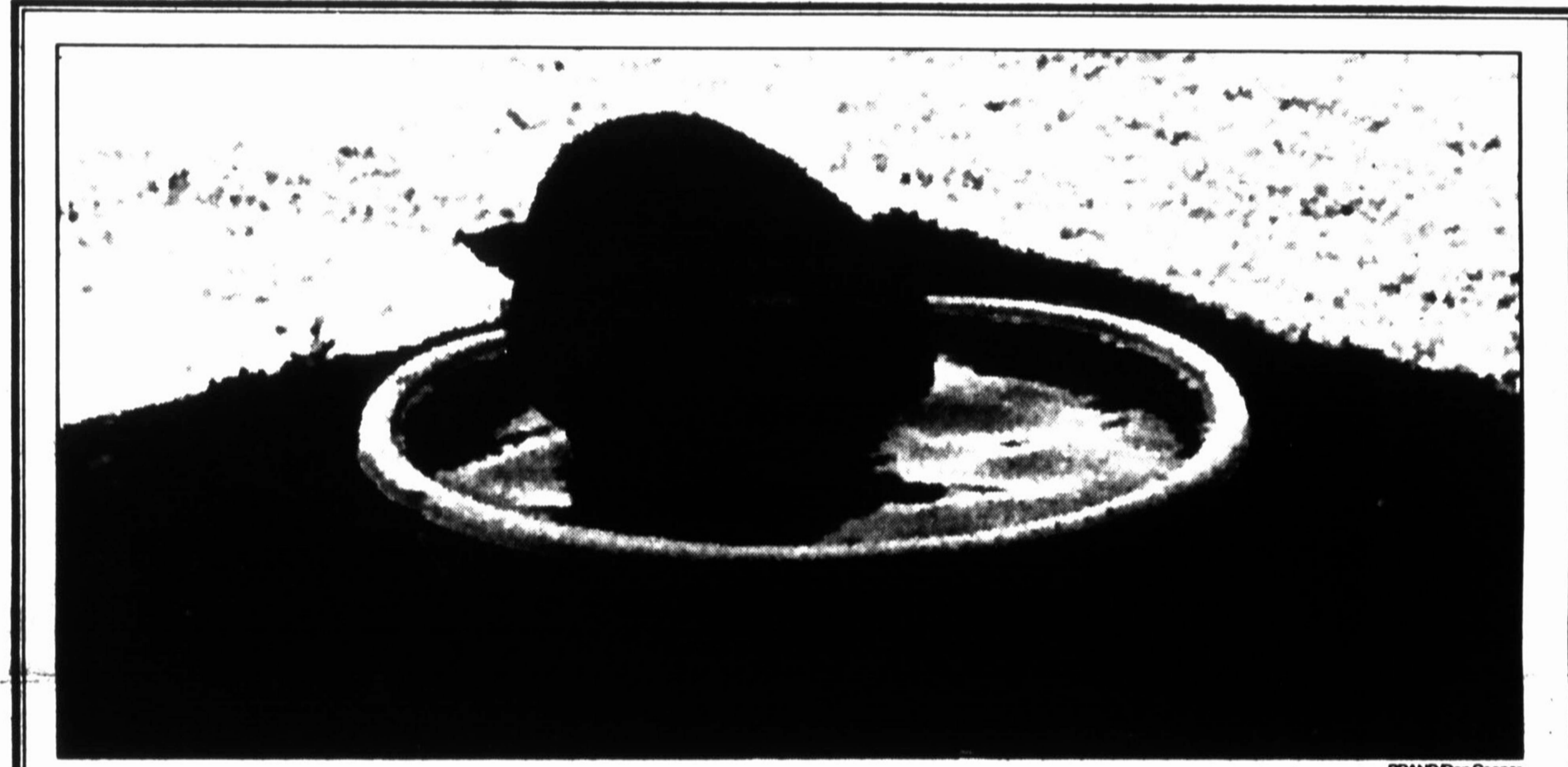
Several senators said it was Congress' responsibility to respond to emergencies "when people are flat on their backs for causes they cannot control," in the words of Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D.

Gramm and his allies won a commitment from the bill's sponsors that no more emergency spending would be added.

Earlier Thursday, the Senate narrowly rejected a measure aimed at trying to resolve a dispute with a Texas beef processor over government meat safety standards.

The amendment offered to the agriculture spending bill by Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, was aimed at a dispute involving the Department of Agriculture and Supreme Beef Processors Inc., which supplies ground beef to the national school lunch program.

The department tried to close the facility last month after it failed its fourth straight set of microbial tests, but a federal judge in Texas barred the agency from using such test results to force the closing of the facility. The judge agreed with the meatpacking industry that testing for salmonella bacteria was not a fair measure of whether a plant was sanitary.



BRAND/Don Cooper

Don't bother me — Grover, the Vietnamese potbellied pig, doesn't want to be bothered as he sits in his swimming pool. The potbellied pig, which is an exotic pet, spends most of the day grazing in the yard that he shares with two dogs. But when the heat gets to him, he sits in the swimming pool. If the weather forecasters are right about a cool front, Grover won't spend as much time in the pool.

CONGRESS

Lawmakers are poised to boost their own pay

WASHINGTON (AP) — Members of Congress seem on the road to giving themselves their third cost-of-living pay raise in four years, a \$3,800 boost made less politically risky in this era of huge projected budget surpluses.

On a 250-173 procedural vote, House opponents of the boost lost their opportunity to derail the increase Thursday. Under a law they passed in 1989, members of Congress automatically get a raise unless they vote to block it.

Underlining that the issue is still a sensitive one, no lawmakers spoke in favor of the raise during a brief debate and only three complained about it. Rep. Ernest Fletcher, R-Ky., compared congressional pay with the \$25,000 average he said families in his district earn.

"The pay raise, I believe, is inappropriate at this time," he said, adding that its \$2.5 million total cost is "a lot of money for folks back in Kentucky."

The 2.7 percent increase would put lawmakers' salaries at \$145,100 beginning in January. By law more than 1,000 top executive branch officials — starting with the vice president — would receive the same percentage increase.

Last year Congress passed a law doubling the president's current \$200,000 salary to \$400,000, effective when the next chief executive takes office. It would be unaffected by the congressional increase.

The law limits lawmakers' raise to less than what civil servants will receive and less than a complex measure of employment costs. President Clinton has recommended a 3.7 percent raise for federal workers.

Thursday's procedural vote came during debate on a \$29.1 billion bill financing the Treasury Department and some smaller agencies for fiscal 2001, which begins Oct. 1. By tradition, the Treasury bill — which contains no language providing the pay raise — is used for any attempt to block it.

Across the Capitol, the Senate Appropriations Committee approved its own \$29.4 billion version of the Treasury bill by 27-0.

Waits draws 25-year term

A jury of four men and eight women deliberated for more than four hours Thursday before convicting James Byron Waits of aggravated sexual assault case.

Waits, 44, received a 25-year sentence and a \$5,000 fine after being found guilty of the 1998 sexual assault of a 4-year-old girl.

The jury had heard testimony from several witnesses, including the victim, Waits' mother, his former wife, her current husband, and child psychologists.

Sentence was to begin immediately and it is believed Waits will seek an appeal in the decision.

By Donald M. Cooper
Hereford Brand Managing Editor

Hereford's economy advanced in July, at least by one measurement.

The city's sales tax payment from the Texas Comptroller's Office this month was \$82,398,398, up from 7.2 percent from the \$75,900 received in July 1999. It also was up slightly from the \$80,644 payment in June.

Deaf Smith County received a rebate of \$28,960, up 10.3 percent from the \$26,249 received the previous year. The July allocation also was up from the \$27,667 payment for June.

A total of \$208.9 million in monthly sales tax payments were delivered to 1,106 Texas cities and 119 counties by the Texas Comptroller's Office. July payments are up 16.9 percent compared to July 1999. Year-to-date, payments to cities and counties are running 9 percent ahead of the first seven

months of 1999.

The sales tax rebates delivered include \$192.3 million to Texas cities, up 17.1 percent compared to July 1999. Texas counties received July rebates of \$16.5 million, up 14.8 percent compared to a year ago.

In addition to city and county sales tax rebates, \$75.8 million went to Texas' six metropolitan transit authorities and two city transit systems, and \$6.8 million was paid to 51 special purpose districts.

July sales tax rebates represent sales taxes collected in May and reported to the Comptroller in June.

By law, the state collects sales taxes for Texas cities and counties that have local sales taxes. The comptroller's office then returns the portion of the taxes on a monthly basis.

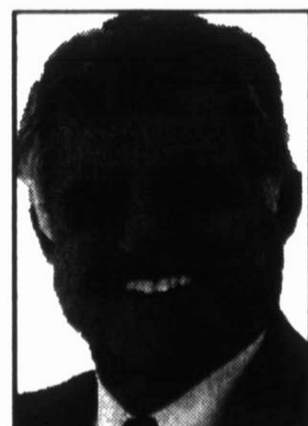
The state charges a 6.25 percent sales tax and local sales taxes can be up to 2 percent above that. The city of Hereford levies a 1.5

percent tax, while Deaf Smith County's sales tax is 0.5 percent.

Around the area:

- Borger — \$199,712, up 13.7 percent from \$175,638 in July 1999;
- Canyon, \$44,070, up 14.7 percent from \$38,431 last year;
- Dalhart — \$84,331, up 16.3 percent from \$72,481 in July 1999;
- Dimmitt — \$25,876, up 18 percent from \$21,938 the previous year;
- Dumas — \$128,782, up 7 percent from \$120,322 in June 1999;
- Friona — \$16,424, up 11.4 percent from \$14,738 last July;
- Pampa — \$206,383, up 22.9 percent from \$167,909 in July 1999;
- Plainview — \$203,085, down 0.2 percent from \$203,555 last July; and
- Vega — \$2,672, up 44.4 percent from \$1,851 in July 1999.

'Marriage penalty' repeal OK'd



SEN. EDWARD M. KENNEDY

"Once again, our Republican friends are using an attractive label like the marriage penalty as a cover for unjustified tax breaks for the wealthy, and at the expense of urgently needed priorities like prescription drug coverage for our senior citizens."

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Republican election-year tax cut for millions of married couples won final Senate approval Friday, sending the bill to the White House, where it faces a threatened veto by President Clinton.

Prior to the 60-34 vote, GOP sponsors sought to portray their confrontation over the "marriage penalty" bill with Clinton as a choice between more government spending and a return of growing tax overpayments to taxpayers.

"The issue is whether he will or won't grant America's families

the tax relief they deserve," said Sen. William Roth, R-Del., chairman of the Senate Finance Committee. "Let's divorce the marriage penalty from the tax code once and for all."

Seven Democrats joined all but one Republican in voting for the bill, which passed the House on Thursday. Neither margin was sufficient to override a veto, meaning the issue will likely be a centerpiece of this year's election campaign debate over how to use the projected budget surplus.

"Once again, our Republican friends are using an attractive label like the marriage penalty as a cover for unjustified tax breaks for the wealthy, and at the expense of urgently needed priorities like prescription drug coverage for our senior citizens," said Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass.

The measure would cut taxes for about virtually all married couples, beginning this year, at a cost of \$292 billion over 10 years — still pennies on the dollar of a budget surplus projected at \$2.17 trillion over the next decade.

Republicans said the bill was a long-overdue remedy to a tax law disparity that forces about 25 million two-income married couples, mainly those with two roughly equal incomes, to pay

more taxes than if they were single.

"There's no reason on earth why the president should veto this bill," said House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill. "I find it fiscally responsible to let hard-working folks keep more of their own money."

Clinton has proposed more limited marriage penalty relief but offered to sign an earlier version of the GOP bill if Congress also passed an acceptable prescription drug benefit for Medicare recipients.

The marriage legislation was part of last year's \$792 billion tax cut that Clinton vetoed. Republicans are pushing through Congress separate pieces of the larger bill in an effort to draw clearer, election-year contrasts with Democrats on specific tax issues.

Republicans are rushing to get the marriage penalty bill to the White House so that Clinton must decide whether to sign or veto it before the end of the Republican National Convention that takes place July 31-Aug. 3 in Philadelphia.

Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers reaffirmed the veto threat in a letter Thursday to congressional leaders. He said the marriage bill's price tag would consume surplus money that could be used for other priorities.

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LIFESTYLES

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Birthdays celebrated - Residents at Westgate Nursing Home who have birthdays in July were the honorees at a party Thursday sponsored by Hereford Pilot Club. "Happy Birthday" was sung and cake and punch were served, followed by time for visiting. Pictured are two of the honorees (front from left) Annie Dupnik and Clovis Seago, and (back from left) Pilot Club members Patsy Giles and Marcie Ginn. Honorees not pictured are Arthur Robinson, Mary Barringer and Lois Duggan.

CREATORS SYNDICATE

Ann Landers



Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: This problem involves my mother-in-law (a lovely, non-interfering person), my husband and me. Mom decided to buy

a large beach house. She insisted on putting everyone's name on the lease. This included daughters, sons, and their husbands and wives.

Last winter, Mom asked if we wanted to pick a week to have the house for our own use. We said, "Thank you very much," and chose a week. She made it clear that this was to be a vacation for my husband, me, our two boys and her. She said, "This is not going to be a big family reunion. There will be just the five of us."

It is now three weeks before we are scheduled to go, and I have just learned through other family members that my mother-in-law has invited 12 other people. Also, they have permission to bring their dogs, so at last count, there will be 17 people and six dogs. The house has beds for 20 people and only two bathrooms.

I became very upset about this, and expressed my frustration to my mother-in-law.

Make-up sessions offered for Christian Life, Witness classes

Make-up sessions for Christian Life and Witness Classes sponsored by Festival 2000 with Franklin Graham will be offered beginning Tuesday, July 25 with Class One from 7-8:30 p.m.

All make-up classes will be conducted at the First Christian Church, 3001 Wolfen Ave., Amarillo.

Class Two will be from 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, July 27.

Classes One, Two and Three will be presented at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 29 with Class Four beginning at 11 a.m.

The original Christian Life and Witnesses Classes were

Now, my husband thinks I am too emotional, that I overreacted, and that there is something wrong with me. Understand, please, that my mother-in-law is a wonderful woman, and I have never had any problems with her. I need your help with this, Ann. Don't let me down. — Disappointed in Wisconsin

Dear Wisconsin: Show that "wonderful woman" this letter, and tell her you wrote it. Ask her what she would say if she were Ann Landers. I don't mind being dragged into this mess if it will help. Putting the ball squarely in her court just might solve your problem. I hope so, because your complaints are totally legitimate, and she needs to hear them.

Dear Ann Landers: I just read the poem "Tea Drinker's Lament," by Natalie Brannan. She is right. Tea drinkers are discriminated against in this country, and I know why. After the Boston Tea Party, Americans considered tea drinking to be a British custom, and looked on those who drank tea as British sympathizers and traitors. Even though this happened two centuries ago, the discrimination lingers. I just thought you would like to know. — Tea Drinker in Philadelphia

offered during June. The current class offerings allow participants who missed a class to make it up. Another objective of the classes is to train counselors to disciple new believers.

Texas Panhandle Festival 2000 with Franklin Graham is a non-denominational outreach of city and area churches in cooperation with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. The festival is Aug. 18-20 at Dick Bivins Stadium in Amarillo.

For more information on the classes, contact the festival office at 373-2300.

Dear Phil: I enjoy my morning coffee, and I have tea in the afternoon. I never have thought of myself as being discriminated against, nor do I view myself as a "British sympathizer." I doubt that the average American can tell you what the Boston Tea Party was about. Check with your friends, and you will see what I mean, but thanks for the history lesson.

Dear Ann Landers: We all can use a laugh now and then, and I hope the enclosed will do just that for many of your readers. A friend sent it to me with no clue as to the origin. Please find room for it in your space. — Mrs. R.S. in Long Island, N.Y.

Dear Long Island: Thanks for the laugh — which I'm sure my readers will enjoy, as well. Here it is:

A San Diego patrolman pulled over a driver and informed him that because he was wearing his seat belt, he had just won \$5,000 in a safety competition.

"What are you going to do with the prize money?" the officer asked. The man responded, "I guess I'll go to driving school and get my license."

At that moment, his wife, who was seated next to him, chimed in, "Officer, don't listen to him. He's a smart aleck when he's drunk."

This woke up the guy in the back seat, who, when he saw the cop, blurted out, "I knew we wouldn't get far in this stolen car." At that moment, there was a knock from the trunk, and a voice asked, "Are we over the border yet?"

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Banner, bride-elect of Bustos, feted at out-of-town showers

Melani Banner, bride-elect of Albert Bustos, was the honoree at recent out-of-town showers. The couple plans to marry on Aug. 19 at St. Michael The Archangel Catholic Church in Garland.

A wedding shower was given at CityPlace in downtown Dallas by fellow office workers from The Dallas Dermatology Center.

Candace Fortson, head hostess, was assisted by Theresa Jones, Cheryl Elliott and Katy Kittleson. Guests were greeted by the bride and groom-to-be and by their mothers, Janie Banner of Hereford and Edith Bustos of Dallas.

Southwest foccacia melt with shaved turkey, pasta primavera salad and strawberry cream cheese pie were served to approximately 25 guests, including the honoree's employers, Drs. James Herndon and Peter Hino.

Table centerpieces were bouquets of fresh miniature white roses with pink freesia in glass. They were given to guests who found white cards under

their plates with "Albert and Melani" written on them.

A bridal shower-brunch honoring Miss Banner was given recently by her aunt Melinda Sullivan in her home at Coppell.

Fruit salad, a veggie tray and spinach dip, chicken and seafood salad croissants, meatball hash brown bake and white cake with raspberry filling and decorated in purple violets was served.

Games included "door prize take-away" and "weighing guests' purses." A bird of paradise floral centerpiece was won by the mother of the prospective groom since her purse was the heaviest.

Guests took turns telling famous stories on the bride-to-be.

Special guests in attendance were the bride-elect's aunt Rhonda Crome from Lawrenceville, Ga.; her grandmother, Irene Reinart of Hereford; and Betty Ortiz of Dallas, maternal grandmother of the future groom.

Miss Banner was also hon-

ored with a lingerie shower at The Blue Goose Mexican Restaurant later that evening. Hostesses were her sisters Angela Baker and Renee Buse.

That same evening, Bobby Baker of Hereford and Kevin Buse of Canyon, future brothers-in-law, hosted a bachelor party in Dallas for the prospective groom with friends, his father Oscar Bustos and Uncle Joey in attendance.

Horse Liniment Eases Arthritis Pain

OCALA, FL -- An ingredient derived from hot peppers that decreases inflammation in racehorse's legs, is now recognized as safe and effective for human use. The ingredient has been formulated into a product called ARTH-Rx™ and comes in a strength designed for humans. Researchers are excited and say the formula can relieve arthritis pain for millions.

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ARTH-Rx is available in a convenient roll-on applicator without a prescription. According to a spokesperson for the company, due to the overwhelming demand for ARTH-Rx, supplies are sometimes limited. ARTH-Rx can also be ordered by calling 1-800-729-8446, © 2000 PGC.

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Edwards is speaker at Thursday meeting of Hereford Toastmasters

Paula Edwards was the speaker at the Thursday morning meeting of Hereford Toastmasters at the Ranch House Restaurant.

Edwards' topic was "The Shape of History" and Ryan Norsworthy served as evaluator.

Jigger Rowland presided at the business meeting. Sharon Cramer was toastmaster and Wayne Winget was timer. Rowland was also AH counter and grammarian.

As wordsmaster Tronica Owens introduced the word "petulant" which means easily annoyed.

Subjects for table topics were suggested by topicmaster Margaret Del Toro. Topic speakers and their topics were Winget - Foreign Aid; Rowland - How to Keep our Tax Dollars out of Washington; Norsworthy - Corporate Wel-

fare; Cramer - Mythical Tax Cuts; and Owens - Savings and IRAs.

Norsworthy was voted best topic speaker.

One guest, Adolfo Del Toro, was also in attendance.

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SPORTS

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'Lima Time' alive in Houston

Houston hurler wins second in a row

HOUSTON (AP) — The music is starting to sound better when Jose Lima pitches.

After losing 13 in a row, Lima won his second consecutive decision and Lance Berkman hit a three-run double Thursday night as the Houston Astros beat the Cincinnati Reds 6-2.

Lima won 21 games last season, calling the days he pitched "Lima Time," complete with loud marimba music blaring before and after the game. His musical ritual is easier listening now that he's winning again.

"The music sounds better after the game than before," Astros manager Larry Dierker said. "Some of the guys were saying the music didn't sound as good, but he pitched well and he pitched aggressive early. That helped."

Lima gained confidence as the game progressed, regaining some of the swagger he lost earlier in the season.

"I can still put on a show for the fans and I can still pitch well for my team," Lima said. "It feels pretty good right now. I just want to keep this going and give my team a

chance to win."

Cincinnati's Mike Bell struck out as a pinch-hitter in the seventh inning, making his family the first to have three generations play for one major league team. Grandfather Gus Bell (1953-61) and father Buddy Bell (1985-88) previously played for the Reds.

Bell said he had not discussed the feat with his family.

"My granddad passed away and I never talked about it, and I've never talked to my dad about it," Bell said. "Maybe 20 years from now we'll sit down and talk about it being neat."

Mark Wohlers returned to the major leagues for the first time since April 1999, making his Reds debut with two perfect innings.

Wohlers, who had 33 saves for Atlanta in 1997 before losing his control the following year, walked six in two-thirds of an inning with the Braves last season, then was traded to the Reds for John Hudek on April 16, 1999.

"I'm just trying to get back to where I want to be," Wohlers said. "I really wasn't nervous. You go out and throw two scoreless innings and any pitcher will say that's where

you want to be."

Cincinnati put Wohlers on the disabled list with an anxiety disorder the day after the trade, and he tore a ligament in his right elbow last June during a minor league rehabilitation assignment. Wohlers then had ligament replacement surgery.

The 30-year-old reliever struck out two, throwing 14 pitches.

Lima (3-13) won his first start April 5 against Pittsburgh, then didn't win again until beating Kansas City on July 9. He didn't get a decision Saturday in Houston's 11-

6 loss to Detroit.

Against Cincinnati, Lima allowed two runs and eight hits in 6 2-3 innings, struck out four and walked one as Houston stopped a three-game losing streak.

Lima escaped early trouble after allowing leadoff doubles in the second and third innings. The Reds broke up the shutout in the fifth on Eddie Taubensee's RBI single.

Barry Larkin's RBI double in the seventh chased Lima. Marc Valdes and Octavio Dotel finished with hitless relief.

Scott Williamson (3-7) allowed two runs — one earned

— and two hits in three innings, but walked four.

"I was a little erratic," Williamson said. "It was a judgment call taking me out. I guess they didn't want to take any chances so I will respect their judgment."

Houston took a 2-0 lead on Bill Spiers' RBI single in the second and Richard Hidalgo's run-scoring grounder in the third.

Berkman's double over the head of left fielder Dmitri Young made it 5-0 in the fourth.

Hidalgo's solo homer in the fifth off Scott Winchester made

it 6-1.

Notes: Dante Bichette's second-inning double extended his hitting streak to 14 games for the Reds. Sean Casey singled in the sixth, stretching his hitting streak to a career-high 13 games. ... The Astros have 18 home sellouts in their first season at Enron Field, including Thursday's crowd of 42,554. The Astros have drawn 1.7 million through 45 home games. ... Cincinnati manager Jack McKeon needs one victory to tie Lou Piniella for 11th on the team's career list at 255.



JOSE LIMA

Everett suspended for 10 games

Red Sox outfielder blames media for lengthy punishment

NEW YORK (AP) — Boston Red Sox outfielder Carl Everett was suspended for 10 games and fined an undisclosed amount Thursday for bumping umpire Ronald Kulpa twice in Saturday's game against the New York Mets.

The players' union immediately appealed the suspension, which means Everett can continue to play until a hearing is held by Paul Beeston, baseball's chief operating officer.

No date was set for the hearing.

Outfielder Brian Hunter of the Colorado Rockies and pitcher Scott Sullivan of the Cincinnati Reds also appealed their three-game suspensions and fines for their parts in a beanball brawl on Sunday.

In Baltimore with the Red Sox, Everett was angry over the way the affair was reported in certain media accounts.

"They tried to make me out to be a monster," he said. "If you listen to what was said, it's their own opinion, not what you actually see. It's what they wanted everyone else to see."

Everett, who is batting .323 and leads the Red Sox with 25 home runs and 72 runs batted in, became furious when Kulpa, umpiring at home plate, drew the inside line of the batter's box with his foot, showing where the hitter could stand.

The Boston slugger confronted Kulpa, making contact twice, the second time with a bump to the head that sent the umpire staggering away. Everett was thrown out of the game and continued his tirade.

"I would say I didn't do the things people said I did," he said. "I could say some things

that could ruffle some feathers, but I'd rather keep that to myself until I state my case."

After being thrown out of the game, Everett had to be restrained by teammates and coaches. When he reached the dugout, he threw over a water cooler and threw a bat.

A night earlier, Mets reliever Dennis Cook was thrown out of the game after hitting Everett with a pitch. Cook stormed toward the plate, indicating that Everett's wide-open stance takes him beyond the batter's box lines.

Major league baseball has reminded umpires that they can order the lines redrawn during the game.

The batter's box measures 4 feet by 6 feet and is outlined in chalk on three sides with

the inside line closest to home plate not drawn. Umpires allow 6 inches off the plate to indicate the inside limits of the box. It was that 6-inch area that both Cook and Kulpa said Everett had violated.

The penalty on Everett was imposed by Hall of Famer Frank Robinson, who took over the role of disciplinarian in the commissioner's office this season.

Everett played in Boston's game on Thursday night homering for the Red Sox against the Baltimore Orioles.

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Anaheim surges past Texas, 6-1

Angels' rookie ace Etherton wins fifth straight start

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Seth Etherton won his fifth straight start and Scott Spiezio homered as the Anaheim Angels beat the Texas Rangers 6-1 Thursday night.

Etherton (5-1) allowed a run and six hits in 7 1-3 innings. The 23-year-old right-hander struck out two and issued both of his walks in the eighth inning while pitching through the seventh for the first time in his eight major-league starts.

Shigetoshi Hasegawa relieved in the eighth and retired Rafael Palmeiro on an inning-ending double play, and the Angels padded their lead in the bottom of the inning with two more runs.

Anaheim built a 4-0 lead in the first four innings against Darren Oliver (2-5), who was activated earlier in the day after spending a month on the disabled list with tendinitis in his left (pitching) shoulder. He allowed four runs and seven hits in five innings.

Spiezio opened the scoring in the second with his ninth homer.

Darin Erstad, who recorded his 52nd multi-hit game, led off the third with a double and scored on a single by Troy Glaus. Erstad leads the majors with 157 hits, nine more than he had last season in 585 at-bats.

Erstad also had an RBI single in the fourth.

Anaheim scored its final two runs in the eighth on sacrifice fly by Orlando Palmeiro and a throwing error by third baseman Mike Lamb.

In the third inning, plate umpire Charlie Reliford ruled that Lamb made a diving grab

of Benji Gil's sacrifice bunt — contrary to TV replays that showed the ball hit the ground.

A night earlier, Eddings called Spiezio out at the plate on the final play of the game. Replays showed that Spiezio's foot touched home plate before Ivan Rodriguez tagged him for the final out of Anaheim's 3-2 loss to the Rangers.

Luis Alica doubled in the sixth and scored Texas' run on an infield hit by Rodriguez.

The Rangers, who entered the game leading the AL with a .292 team batting average, were held to one hit in the first 4 1-3 innings — a bloop single by Alica that fell between Gil and Erstad as the shortstop and center fielder avoided a collision in the fourth.

Notes: Vaughn remarkably stayed in the game after an 88-mph fastball by Oliver struck him flush on the front of his batting helmet in the first inning and knocked him woozy for a few seconds. Oliver sprinted toward the plate to make sure Vaughn wasn't badly injured, and Rodriguez bent over to comfort him until trainer Rick Smith and a frantic Scioscia arrived. Vaughn tied a club record with four walks. ... Angels pitcher Kent Mercker has been giving clubhouse attendant Jimmy Brewer a lot of good-natured ribbing since he learned that Brewer attended Mercker's 1994 no-hitter at Dodger Stadium as an 18-year-old and left in the eighth inning to beat the traffic. ... Angels CF Garret Anderson was scratched from the starting lineup because of a mild strain in his left Achilles. He hurt it running the bases the night before. He pinch-hit in the eighth and struck out.

The Rangers now are in a must win situation if they expect to contend in the AL West or for the American League Wild Card.

TIME OUT

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Time Out.—Boston's Carl Everett received ten games suspension as a punishment for his confrontation with an umpire in a game against the New York Mets last weekend. Everett blamed the media for the weight of the punishment.

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Woods tied with Toms for open lead

Nicklaus says goodbye to the British Open

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland (AP) — Tiger Woods threatened to break away in the British Open on Friday, holing birdies on three of the first five holes to move to the top of the leaderboard.

Woods, trying to complete a career Grand Slam at age 24, waited until midafternoon to tee off on the Old Course, then wasted little time in establishing his dominance in a tournament where he had yet to make a bogey.

He birdied the first hole with a 12-foot putt, tapped in from a foot on the par-4 fourth hole for a second birdie, and tapped in again after nearly holing an eagle putt on the par-5 fifth.

Woods, after an opening 67 left him a shot off the lead, was three shots behind the leaders when he finally teed off under perfect scoring conditions on the Scottish coast along the North Sea.

He was 8 under for the tournament through five holes, tied with clubhouse leader David Toms, who shot a 67 and was at 136.

Woods teed off moments after Jack Nicklaus stood on the Swilken Bridge to bid a probable farewell to the Open at St. Andrews after a second round 73 meant he would miss the cut. Just like the U.S. Open, it seemed to mark the passing of one golfing era to another.

"St. Andrews always has a special place in my heart," the 60-year-old Nicklaus said after stopping on the bridge on 18 to doff his cap and acknowledge the outpouring from the crowd.

Woods, who needs only the British Open to complete his collection of major titles, had problems only at No. 5, and that was because of a backup of play that left some players on the hole for nearly an

hour. With a late tee time, Woods knew what most of his top competitors had done on the sun-kissed day. The early players averaged under par on the Old Course.

Five holes into his second round, he was already tied with Toms.

Just behind Toms were Sergio Garcia and Steve Flesch at 137, followed by Fred Couples and Ernie Els at 138.

As Nicklaus was getting cheers, the 20-year-old Garcia was hearing the roars of the crowd as he got to 8 under, only to bogey the Road Hole at No. 17.

"I felt like I left two or three out there," Garcia said. "I hope it's good enough to be close."

Long before Woods teed off, moves were being made, with David Duval, Davis Love III and Couples all moving onto the leaderboard.

There was also a Jean Van de Velde, whose infamous collapse in the Open last year will forever be a part of golf lore.

Love had the best early round of the day, a 66 that put him tied with Van de Velde, three behind Toms and Woods. Another shot back was Duval, after a second straight 70.

Gentle winds helped golf's most hallowed course play even easier than the first day, when the stroke average was 72.9. Among the early finishers Friday, the average was 71.8.

Nicklaus, a three-time British Open champion, wasn't going to be among the weekend players after following an open-

ing 77 with a 72. He missed a short birdie putt on the 18th, then walked arm-in-arm off the green with son, Steve, his caddie. He blew a few kisses to the crowd and walked up the steps off of 18 to even more applause.

A few moments earlier, Nicklaus had paused on the Swilken Bridge that crosses the water on the 18th fairway. He took off his hat and waved it to the crowd, then motioned for his son to join him on the bridge.

Couples, winless in two years and not a factor in recent major championships, made four birdies on the front side and appeared headed for

the early lead in the clubhouse until his ball landed in a gaping greenside bunker on No. 16 and he made double bogey.

Van de Velde, meanwhile, shot a 68 and was 5 under heading into the final two rounds as he sought to atone for the triple bogey on the final hole at Carnoustie last year that cost him the Open.

With barely a hint of breeze, and sunshine that made it feel more like Southern California than the edge of the North Sea, players continued their assault at the home of golf, where even 112 deep bunkers didn't disrupt scoring.

"The course was there for

the taking," Couples said.

Before hitting a shot you got your work cut out," Els said.

Els knew that feeling well. He was beaten by Woods in a playoff earlier this year and finished second to him in the Memorial and U.S. Open.

At Pebble Beach, he had the dubious distinction of playing with Woods down the stretch — and finished a whopping 15 shots back.

But for one sunny day at St. Andrews, at least, Els had the upper hand.

A birdie on the treacherous Road Hole was his eighth of the day, and his 6-under 66 gave him a one-stroke lead

over Woods and Steve Flesch after the first round.

"If he beats me by 15 from now, there should be an inquiry," Els said.

There were plenty of inquiries after Els came in under lengthening shadows to join 77 others who matched or broke par under benign conditions.

Most, though, were about Woods, whose seemingly effortless round gave him a streak of 44 straight major championship holes without a bogey.

"That's a little unfair," Els protested. "I just shot 66, talk about my round or just get on the phone" with Woods.

SPAIN LEADING AMERICANS

SANTANDER, Spain (AP) — Shrugging off John McEnroe's crack that Spain often chokes in Davis Cup play, Albert Costa brought down Todd Martin in straight sets Friday to launch Spain's bid to return to the finals for the first time in 33 years.

Costa's 6-4, 6-4, 6-4 victory in the brutal heat of this seaside resort ruined perhaps the best chance the United States had of winning one of the first three matches and avoiding a sweep in the first two days.

Costa camped out behind the baseline for most of the match on the slow red clay, and wore down Martin with deep, heavy topspin shots and an array of drops and lobs. Martin had held a 13-2 record on clay against Spaniards, but by the time he was broken for the third straight time in the second set he looked exhausted.

The pressure now was on Jan-Michael Gambill in his singles match against Spain's top player, Alex Corretja.

Doubles are scheduled for Saturday in the best-of-five match competition, with the reverse singles Sunday.

"We had a difficult time of things before today," Martin said, understating the Americans' problems with the absence of Pete Sampras and Andre Agassi.

McEnroe, the team captain, figured if he couldn't beat Spain with his racket, he would try to do it with his mouth.

On the eve of the semifinals, he chided Spain for never winning the cup and reaching the finals only twice — in 1965 and 1967.

"I've been surprised that they've underachieved and choked so often," McEnroe said after the draw.

It was a comment designed to put more pressure on the Spanish players, who are heavily favored to beat a second-tier American team of Martin, Gambill, Chris Woodruff and Vince Spadea.

McEnroe spoke of how the Spanish players throughout the years, even when they had great players like Manolo Santana or Manuel Orantes, failed to live up to their potential. Perhaps it was the burden of expectations, he suggested, or perhaps it was something about their defensive,

baseline style.

Either way, McEnroe said,

there's nothing guaranteed about a Spanish victory.



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AAU hosts camps

The Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) is holding five baseball and softball evaluation camps in Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas and Oklahoma. The camps begin in Texas on July 29-30 and end in Oklahoma on August 26-27. The camps are designed to aid and educate the athlete and their parents on how to better their chances of playing baseball or softball at the pro or collegiate level. The camps will also be coached by college coaches and pro scouts. Each athlete will receive a written evaluation, a seminar that will explain methods on how to be seen, ac-

ademic requirements and many more helpful topics. The student evaluations will be put into a catalog and sent to college coaches and professional organizations. The first camp will be held in Houston July 29-30 followed by the second camp which will be held in Dallas on August 5-6. The third camp will be in Lafayette, La. on August 12-13. Little Rock, Ark. will hold their camp on August 19-20 and the last camp is held in Tulsa, Okla. For more information about the camps call Frank Dornier at 281-469-0721.

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TEXAS SHOWDOWN

Bush responds swiftly to Gore criticism

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Gov. George W. Bush learned in his losing 1978 congressional race the price of not responding quickly to accusations.

So when Vice President Al Gore came to Texas on Thursday to blast his budget policies, Bush delivered his own "rapid response."

"All Al Gore proves when he claims Texas has a budget shortfall when it really has a \$1.4 billion surplus is that Al Gore himself has a serious shortfall when it comes to telling the truth," Bush asserted to reporters at the state capitol.

Bush's campaign is now weighing whether Gore's three-hour invasion on Thursday is taking a political toll.

Gore's escalating attacks on Bush's budget stewardship has put the presumptive GOP presidential nominee on the defensive — at a time when his focus is on selecting a running mate and preparing for the Republican National Convention.

Gore strategists see the attacks on Texas' budget problems as a ready-made national issue heading toward the GOP convention in Philadelphia.

Some analysts have likened it to the 1988 presidential campaign visit of Bush's father to Boston Harbor to ridicule then-Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis's environ-



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mental cleanup policies.

But the Texas governor and his advisers see little lasting damage from Gore's onslaught, culminating in the vice president's combative visit to San Antonio on Thursday.

Gore accused Bush of favoring oil companies and special interests with a \$1.7 billion tax cut at the expense of the state's children.

"This is a wonderful state but I think it should be — and I think most people agree — it should be a state where it's just as easy to raise a child as it is to set up an oil right," Gore said.

The vice president has been focusing on reports of unanticipated \$610 million cost overruns in Texas' Medicaid and state prison programs; and of the relatively small \$84 million in the state's so-called "rainy day fund."

But the Bush campaign was quick to counterattack, asserting that the fund was only \$8 million when Bush took office in 1995; and that the state's multi-billion surplus makes the existence of such a fund less relevant.

Coinciding with Gore's three-hour visit, Republican comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander upped her estimate of the state budget surplus to the \$1.4 billion that Bush cited — from \$1.1 billion.

"My message to Al Gore is there is no deficit in Texas. The Texas economy is strong," she said.

Complained Gore spokesman Chris Lehane: "She's no Alan Greenspan; she's a Republican partisan."

Karen Hughes, a top Bush campaign official and spokeswoman, said in an interview that Bush still has recollection

of his unsuccessful 1978 race for the House of Representatives against then-Democrat Kent Hance.

In that case, a series of charges by Hance supporters — including an unsubstantiated allegation that Bush had organized beer parties for college students — were not quickly rebutted.

"He learned his lesson in 1978 and said he would never let it happen again," Hughes said.

Gore did not dispute that the state has a \$1.4 billion surplus — only that certain social programs experienced overruns.

Bush on Friday planned to head to his ranch, about 90 miles north of Austin and planned to give a tour to a group of reporters who have been covering his campaign.

Apart from a side trip to Georgia on Saturday to attend the funeral of the late Sen. Paul Coverdell, R-Ga., a close friend, Bush was to spend the rest of the weekend on the 1,580-acre spread making final his selection of a running mate.

Top GOP officials, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said they expected Bush to announce a choice by early next week.

Bush has narrowed his selection to no more than two or three remaining finalists, the GOP officials suggested.

Gore breaks campaign fund mark

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a year of record-breaking fund-raising, Vice President Al Gore has made his own mark: He has received \$14.6 million in taxpayer funds for his campaign, more than any other presidential candidate ever.

Gore, who agreed to limit his spending to \$40.5 million in exchange for the taxpayer subsidies, broke the old mark of \$13.5 million by 1996 Republican presidential nominee Bob Dole. Campaign aides expect Gore to eventually receive \$15 million in taxpayer funds.

The federal government matches the first \$250 of each individual contribution for presidential candidates who limit their spending.

His Republican opponent, Texas Gov. George W. Bush, declined to accept federal

funds and the spending limits that accompany them. He has smashed all fund-raising records by taking in \$96 million and spending \$88 million.

At the GOP's national convention next month, Bush will become the first candidate since the post-Watergate campaign laws took effect for the 1976 presidential campaign to receive a major party's nomination without agreeing to limit his spending.

Gore campaign spokesman Douglas Hattaway said the record haul of taxpayer money was attributed to the vice president's ability to attract small donations. The average contribution to the Gore campaign was \$120.

"We're proud that we've earned federal matching funds by having so many small individual donors," Hattaway said.

But Bush, too, despite his

record fund-raising haul, has gotten plenty of small contributions. His average contribution was \$216.

Bush had more money in the bank than Gore did as of June 30, according to reports filed with the Federal Election Commission Thursday. Bush had \$8.4 million, much of it earmarked for a TV advertising campaign in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Florida and Washington state.

Gore had \$7.6 million, which he is using to increase his travel, open campaign offices around the country, triple his staff from 100 to 300 people, and set aside some funds to pay the travel expenses of his vice-presidential choice, should he name the person before the convention.

After the conventions, both Bush and Gore will receive \$67.6 million in federal funds

to pay for the fall campaign. They cannot raise private funds except to cover legal and accounting costs.

But they do plan to help their parties raise money at the conventions.

The Republican National Committee's fund-raiser, scheduled for Aug. 2, will be the first public appearance at the convention for Bush and his wife, Laura. Tickets will begin at \$1,000, with the top sponsors asked to contribute \$250,000.

The Democratic National Committee has set a top ticket price of \$20,000 for individuals and \$15,000 for political action committees for its convention-ending fund-raiser, scheduled for Aug. 17. The DNC hopes to raise \$2 million under federal contribution limits, meaning the funds can be used to directly urge voters to support the party's candidates.

McCain's ready to be No. 2

AUSTIN (AP) — In a sign that a decision is near, George W. Bush's top adviser has contacted potential vice presidential candidates and requested to know their whereabouts this weekend.

Republican officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Thursday that Dick Cheney called several prominent Republicans — Arizona Sen. John McCain, Oklahoma Gov. Frank Keating and Nebraska Sen. Chuck Hagel among them — to find out how they can be contacted in the next week or so.

Cheney did not disclose whether his call meant the officials were candidates or merely GOP officials owed a courtesy call when the decision is made. Keating and Hagel are mentioned frequently by GOP officials as likely candidates, and McCain less so because of his bitter primary campaign against Bush.

The Texas governor has not revealed his short list, but aides say he could announce his running mate as early as Monday.

The names that figure most prominently in the speculation include Cheney himself, Rep. John Kasich; Sens. Fred Thompson and Bill Frist; Govs. George Pataki of New York, Tom Ridge of Pennsylvania and Keating, the little-known Oklahoman who is getting the most attention from GOP observers.

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Stars swap joking insults

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LONDON — They may call each other "mean" and "green," but George Clooney and Mark Wahlberg really are friends.

At a press conference Thursday promoting their latest movie "The Perfect Storm," the pair joked about Wahlberg's sea sickness during filming and Clooney's stint as producer.

"First of all, he's incredibly talented," Clooney said of Wahlberg. "Second of all, we got him cheaper than most."

Wahlberg targeted his friend's dual personality. "He's mean as a producer," he said. "It's very different when George is the big boss."

"The Perfect Storm," based on Sebastian Junger's best-selling book, tells the story of six Massachusetts fishermen lost at sea in 1991. Clooney and Wahlberg starred together last year in the action movie "Three Kings."

Winona Ryder

NEW YORK — Winona Ryder has a confession: The dark-haired Generation X movie star is really a blonde.

Ryder tells Harper's Bazaar magazine she started dyeing her blond hair blue and purple when she was 11 or 12.

"When I auditioned for (the movie) 'Lucas,' my hair was black and they wanted to keep it," she said in an interview for the August issue.

Ryder appears in the forth-



George Clooney (top) and Mark Wahlberg were among the stars in "The Perfect Storm."

empty bottle of wine before driving him to a hotel.

Swayze's publicist has denied the actor had alcohol on the plane.

Swayze was unhurt when he landed his 1978 twin-engine Cessna 414A after hitting a light pole and tearing off part of a wing. Swayze, who told the Federal Aviation Administration the plane suffered a pressurization problem, has not been charged with any crime.

Swayze starred in "Ghost" and "Dirty Dancing."

Richard Hatch

MIDDLETOWN, R.I. — State child welfare officials have ended their inquiry of "Survivor" contestant Richard Hatch, who's accused of abusing his 10-year-old son.

The state Department of Children, Youth and Families would not comment on the case Wednesday. Hatch's lawyer, Christopher Behan, would say only that the agency will have no more involvement with the family.

A criminal charge of felony second-degree child abuse is pending.

Hatch, a 39-year-old corporate trainer, was among a group of 16 people left on a remote tropical island off Borneo for the hit CBS show.

After returning home, his adopted son said Hatch grabbed him around the neck when the boy tired on a run meant to help him lose weight. Hatch said his son concocted the story.

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DEJA VU: Bush would tap members of dad's administration to run foreign policy if he makes it to White House

WASHINGTON (AP) — Cold War diplomatic veterans George Shultz, Henry Kissinger and Colin Powell are George W. Bush's vision of a great foreign policy team in a new administration, the GOP presidential hopeful says.

"Some of whom, you know, may be a part of the administration, but all of them are my supporters and friends," Bush teased during an interview aired Thursday on CNN's "Larry King Live."

Also on Bush's list is his campaign's foreign policy chief, Condoleezza Rice, a Russian and Eastern European affairs specialist at the National Security Council during Bush's father's administration.

Powell, who was Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff during the Persian Gulf War, was reported to have said recently that he would consider serving in the Texas governor's cabinet. But said that "made me feel great."

Asked whether he'd consider tapping Powell for a cabinet post, Bush replied: "Of course. This is a man that's unbelievably experienced. He loves America," Bush said in the interview taped Wednesday for Thursday's show. "He's a powerful figure in American history already and still a young man. There's more for him to do."

The glimpse of Bush's possible Cabinet comes as he narrows his choices for a running mate and considers releasing a list of people he would want as his White House advisers.

Assembling an experienced group on foreign policy has been a top priority for the Texas governor after he muffed a pop quiz on overseas leaders and faced questions about whether he has enough diplomatic knowledge and experience to be president.

The names Bush floated in the interview would infuse his administration with people

with first-hand institutional knowledge of the nation's recent military and diplomatic history, bracketed by the peak of the Cold War, it's death during Bush's father's term, and its legacy.

With advice from these luminaries and some of them at his side, Bush in May proposed a unilateral — although unspecified — cut in U.S. nuclear arms.

Despite the talk of foreign policy, Bush ruled out an overseas trip before Election Day. "I'm not going to go to other countries before the election," Bush said.

In the interview, the gover-



COLIN POWELL
Former general would have a role in a second Bush administration.

nor also:

- Declared that the Republican National Convention July 31-Aug. 3 "is not going to be a bitter convention" where Republican tear apart Democrat Al Gore. "He will be spared, because I want to spend time talking about what we intend to do," Bush said. But he acknowledged that "I may needle him a bit..."
- Brushed off reports that Sen. John McCain, who challenged him for the Republican nomination, intends to speak at a shadow convention of disenchanted Republicans. "It doesn't bother me, because I know that John is my friend and John wants me to win,"

Bush said. "I don't think John would do anything to undermine my candidacy."

- Said he does not believe that New York Senate candidate Hillary Clinton hates Jews, despite a report this week that she used a slur a quarter century ago. Mrs. Clinton has denied the report.
- "I hope she doesn't get elected, I'm for (GOP candidate) Rick Lazio," Bush said. "But I just cannot believe that, you know, the politics of dredging up something that somebody alleges somebody said 26 years ago is relevant...I don't think Mrs. Clinton is anti-Semitic."
- In another development, Philadelphia on Thursday, the police department admitted that its officers had conducted surveillance at private meetings of activists planning protests at the Republican National Convention, which begins July 31. Lt. Susan Slawson, a police spokeswoman, said her earlier de-

nial of any undercover police surveillance of protesters was a mistake.

Officials with the American Civil Liberties Union of Pennsylvania agreed with police that watching protest groups or taking pictures of them is not illegal, under a 1987 court settlement that came after police were sued for posing as civilians to get inside protest planning sessions for that year's celebration of the 200th anniversary of the U.S. Constitution.

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Industrialized powers kick off annual summit

NAGO, Japan — The world's wealthiest nations opened their annual economic summit on Friday in hopes of rebutting critics of globalization and shrinking the gap between rich and poor.

Leaders of the seven largest industrial nations — the United States, Japan, Germany, France, Britain, Italy and Canada — held a series of one-on-one talks before launching formal discussions later in the day at a new conference center here that boasts a magnificent ocean view.

Russian President Vladimir Putin was joining the summit Friday, to meet with President Clinton and attend a dinner focused on foreign policy issues.

In his talks with Clinton, Putin expected to lodge Russia's strong objections to a proposed missile defense system the United States is considering. To bolster his case, Putin made stops in China and North Korea on his way here to pick up support from the leaders of those countries.

The leaders' discussions were aimed at answering protesters who took to the streets in Seattle last December, and in Washington in April, to complain that globalization — the increased flow of trade and investment between nations — helps rich countries but harms the poorest ones.

Clinton, however, had another kind of complaint to address: the anger of Okinawans who are unhappy about America's huge military presence here. Upon his arrival early Friday, Clinton delivered a speech to the people of Okinawa, and promised to "reduce our footprint on this island" by completing a 27-step process of consolidating U.S. bases on the island.

"We take seriously our responsibility to be good neighbors, and it is unacceptable to the United States when we do not meet that responsibility," Clinton said.

House would ease embargo on Cuba

WASHINGTON — Despite a pair of decisive victories in the House, supporters of removing sanctions against U.S. food and drug sales and travel to Cuba say they are unsure what will get through Congress this year.

"This improves the likelihood we'll have some sanction reform," Rep. Jerry Moran, R-Kan., said Thursday after the House voted 301-116 for his language ending enforcement of current restrictions against drug and food sales in the communist nation. "But there are many members of Congress, including people in the leadership,

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who oppose lifting sanctions this year."

Opponents of lifting four-decade-old trade sanctions against Fidel Castro's regime include House Majority Whip Tom DeLay, R-Texas, and Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss.

The House also voted 232-186 to stop enforcement of restrictions against travel to Cuba. That provision was sponsored by Rep. Mark Sanford, R-SC.

Rep. George Nethercutt, R-Wash., said the votes "enhance" the chance that a compromise he reached last month with DeLay and House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., would become law.

In that deal, food and medicine sales would be allowed to Cuba and four other countries, but Cubans could not pay for the transactions with credit from U.S. banks or the U.S. government. That restriction — which critics have said means few sales to Cuba would take place — is something he might seek to change, Nethercutt said in an interview.

CDC reports surge in drug use in Northwest

SEATTLE — Lisa Grenier extended her arms, palms up, to reveal deep track marks, the signature of heroin use.

"This is what it does to you," she said, sobbing. "It's the worst thing that you can ever, ever do. Don't do it. Don't even try it, not even once."

Now 42, Grenier is a 20-year addict. She is also one of approximately 15,000 to 20,000 heroin users in Seattle and surrounding King County, where a new federal report says overdose deaths have increased 134 percent in 10 years.

A similar rise was seen in Portland and surrounding Multnomah County, Ore., where nearly as many men ages 25-54 now die from heroin than cancer or heart disease, according to the study published Friday by the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta.

Other studies have shown heroin overdoses increasing in most U.S. cities, but not so dramatically.

"It's a very serious problem, and one that we're addressing very aggressively," said Dr. Alonzo Plough, director of the Seattle-King County Health Department.

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