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George expected to be pick

By Donald M. Cooper
Hereford Brand Managing Editor

Deaf Smith County Hospital District directors are expected to appoint Dr. Ravi George to fill a vacancy on the board. The appointment of George to the position left open by the resignation of Mark Collier is expected to be approved when the board meets at 6:30 tonight in the board room at Hereford Regional Medical Center, 801 E. 3rd. The directors considered several

names during a special meeting at noon Monday and reached a consensus on George, according to HRMC administrative assistant Carolan Garza.

She also said the directors indicated they believed a physician should be on the board and George had indicated a willingness to serve. There has been no physician on the board since Dr. Steve Lawliss resigned in May.

If George is appointed to complete Collier's term, he will be the third

director appointed to the board since last fall.

Jesse Rincones was named to complete the term of Jeremy Grant, who resigned in October 1999, and Connie Martin was picked to replace Lawliss.

George is a surgeon associated with Dr. Nadir Khuri at HRMC. A native of India, George came to Hereford from Long Island, where he did his surgical residency at the State University of New York at Stony Brook.

He started his medical training in 1973 at a mission hospital in India. He finished medical school in 1980 and as part of his commitment to the church, served two years as a teacher before completing his residency in 1985.

George and his wife, Susan, have two children, a daughter, Renu, and a son, Rajith.

In other business, the directors will receive financial reports for the hospital and the Hereford Health Clinic.

Today's weather OUTLOOK

Partly cloudy skies

Tonight: Partly cloudy with a less than 20 percent chance of thunderstorms, lows 65 to 70, south winds 5 to 15 mph.

Wednesday: Partly sunny with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms late, highs 95 to 100, south to southwest winds 10 to 20 mph.

Wednesday night: Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms, lows in the mid-60s.

Extended forecast

Thursday: Partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms, highs near 95.

Friday: Partly cloudy with a slight chance of mainly afternoon and nighttime thunderstorms, lows in the mid-60s, highs around 90.

Saturday: Partly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms, lows in the mid-60s, highs in the lower 90s.

Hereford weather

Monday's high, 97; low, 66; precipitation, 0.01 inches; year-to-date rainfall, 11.20 inches, according to KPAN Radio.



Heat warnings remain posted

Another summer day brings a continued heat advisory for Texans weathering triple-digit temperatures, according to Associated Press reports.

Highs on Tuesday were expected to range from the upper 90s to as high as 110 degrees.

Early-morning readings started out from the 60s and 70s in the Panhandle to low 80s elsewhere. But a persistent high-pressure dome was poised to keep most clouds away and relentless sun bearing down on the state.

A few thunderstorms developed in the Panhandle overnight, but were in the process of moving out of the region. A few storms lingered before being burned off by daytime heating.

Winds were mostly southerly at 5 to 15 mph.

Extremes ranged from 73 degrees at Kelley Field and Hondo to 84 at Laughlin Air Force Base near Del Rio.

Also, it was 77 at Wichita Falls and Abilene and 82 at Waco.

Fair nights were expected through midweek.

Showers and thunderstorms were possible in the Panhandle and the far West Texas mountains through Wednesday, especially north and east of Amarillo.

Lows overnight were expected to range from the 60s and 70s, with highs generally in the 90s to around 100 to 105, except for near 110 in the Big Bend.

For the Dallas-Fort Worth area, the National Weather Service called for the seventh day in a row above the century mark.

Monday's afternoon high was 102 degrees — down from highs of 104 and 106 over the weekend.

JUVENILE PROBLEM

City approves funds for study for youth center

By Donald M. Cooper
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Although the term "feasibility study" caused some hesitation, Hereford city commissioners voted Monday night to join forces with Deaf Smith County and the Hereford Independent School District in funding a study for a county youth detention center.

During the past several months, the county, the county Juvenile Probation Department, HISD and the city have been dealing with rising costs in housing juvenile offenders.

At a recent county commission meeting, Juvenile Probation Officer Lou Serrano, who also is a member of the school board, reported the agency will spend about \$200,000 outside the county this year for juvenile detention. When the county approved the Fiscal 2000 budget that went into effect Oct. 1, 1999, the commissioners had budgeted \$50,000 for juvenile detention.

Serrano told the city commissioners the feasibility study is needed because it will give the three entities — city, county and school district — the information they will need before deciding to build a detention facility.

The study (by Public Facilities Investment Corp., Los Angeles-based firm) will look at current expenditures and determine whether it is beneficial to build," Serrano said.



Benefits of construction of a detention center would be the creation of jobs, both in the building phase and in the operation of the facility, and the money now being sent out of county to house juvenile offenders would remain in county, Serrano said.

A county detention center also would give local officials control over the juveniles.

"If Randall County wants to let them watch television for six hours a day or if they have classes for six hours a day, we have no control over that," Serrano said.

Serrano acknowledged that the county "jumped the gun" earlier this year when it conducted a public hearing into converting the former Golden Plains nursing home into a juvenile detention center.

"We know a lot of people don't

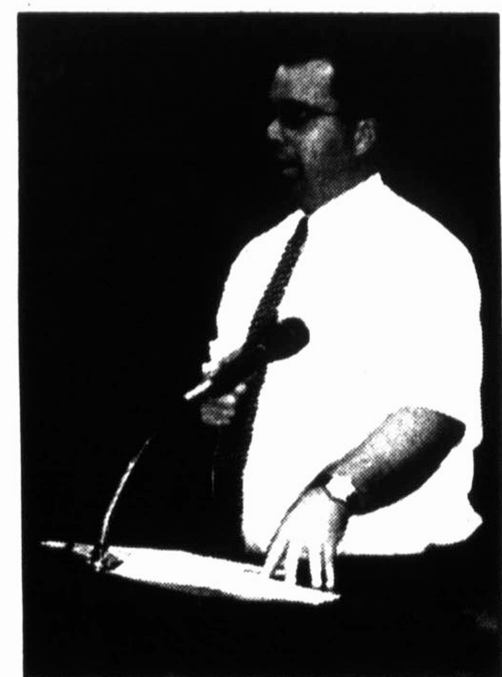
want it in their backyards," Serrano said. "Location will be a hot topic and a hot topic we will have to deal with."

"The feasibility study will put everything on the table. ... It will put it all up front and let everyone know what we'll be doing," he said.

Commissioner Wayne Winget asked if PFI would build the facility. Although the company would not handle construction of a center, it would recommend an architect, although the county would have the option of choosing its own architect, Serrano responded.

The study will determine what operational costs will be for the facility and project its future usage, as well as its economic impact on the area, he said.

Commissioner Michael Kitten, who said he was concerned that a "feasibility study" would not resonate well among the community, asked if the juvenile authorities are looking for grant money to help with the project.



City Manager Chester Nolen (left) and Mayor Bob Josserand listen intently as Juvenile Probation Officer Lou Serrano (above) explains why the city should help fund a feasibility study for a juvenile detention center.

"The building expense is pretty much up to us, but something might be available for furnishings," Serrano said.

Kitten asked if there is grant money to help with the cost of the feasibility study. Serrano said he understands there is some possibility of reimbursement in the financing, if the detention facility is construction.

"The county has taken the lead on the project, primarily because (it is) the primary agency dealing with the detention," City Manager Chester Nolen wrote to the city commissioners. "The work that has occurred ... has indicated that a comprehensive

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Nolen unveils proposed budget

By Donald M. Cooper
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City Manager Chester Nolen on Monday unveiled a proposed Fiscal 2001 budget calling for \$4.92 million in revenue and \$4.9 million in expenditures.

The budget, which projects a 2.1 percent increase in revenue and a 6.5 percent gain in spending, was presented to the Hereford City Commission at its workshop before Monday's regular meeting.

In a summary accompanying the budget package, City Manager Chester Nolen stated the budget for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30 "did not allow for any capital expenditures, except those deemed an emergency. ... I have included in the budget a limited amount of capital expenditures that will produce a \$320,360 year-end surplus for this fiscal year."

The capital expenditures include vehicle replacements that Nolen said are essential. The vehicle replacements

are not included in the budget, but even if they are approved by the commissioners, the next year's budget should be in balance.

Nolen recommends replacing five police cruisers, two cab/chassis in the city Health Department and other vehicles.

The vehicles that Nolen wants to replace are:

Fire Department
• 1970 model American La France pumper. Refurbishment would cost about \$125,000; replacement, \$225,000;
• 1993 GMC Suburban, replacement cost, \$34,000.

Utility Maintenance
• 1990 Chevrolet 1/2-ton pickup, replacement cost, \$22,000.

Wastewater Treatment
• 1990 Ford 1/2-ton 4x4 pickup, replacement cost, \$25,000.

Building & Inspection
• 1991 Chevrolet 1/2-ton pickup, replacement cost, \$22,000.

Health Department

• 1990 Chevrolet cab/chassis, replacement cost, \$52,000;

• 1992 Chevrolet, cab/chassis, replacement cost, \$52,000;

• 1990 Chevrolet 3/4-ton pickup, replacement cost, \$22,000.

Street Department

• 1989 GMC 1/2-ton pickup, replacement cost, \$22,000;

• 1995 Chevrolet 1/2-ton extended cab pickup, replacement cost, \$22,000;

• 1972 Massey-Ferguson tractor, replacement with used tractor, \$20,000;

• 1976 Allis Chalmers forklift, replacement with used forklift, \$10,000.

Park Department

• 1991 Ford 1/2-ton pickup, replacement cost, \$22,000;

• 1994 Ford 1/2-ton pickup, replacement cost, \$22,000;

• 1986 Dodge 1/2-ton pickup, replacement cost, \$16,500;

• 1984 Ford 1/2-ton pickup, replacement cost, \$16,500.

Police Department

• 1993 Ford Crown Victoria, replacement cost, \$24,000;

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• 1993 Ford Crown Victoria, replacement cost, \$24,000;

• 1996 Ford Crown Victoria, replacement cost, \$24,000;

• 1993 Ford Crown Victoria, replacement cost, \$24,000;

• 1996 Ford Crown Victoria, replacement cost, \$24,000.

The replacement costs for all vehicles includes radios, sirens and cages.

The budget also doesn't provide for cost-of-living raises; however, Nolen stated it does contain individual pay raises that he described as "warranted, based on market prices and agreements when the individual was hired."

He also noted the city will incur

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'Marriage penalty' repeal nears passage

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans are on the brink of sending President Clinton a centerpiece of the GOP election-year tax relief agenda, a bill cutting income taxes \$248 billion over 10 years for millions of married couples.

The Senate was expected to pass the "marriage-penalty" bill Tuesday and send it to the House. But instead of simply passing that version, GOP leaders will seek to change the bill so that it provides more tax

relief in 2001 instead of waiting until later years, Republican aides said.

Republicans are aiming to send the legislation to Clinton before the GOP's national political convention begins July 31 in Philadelphia in hopes of drawing public attention to their differences with Democrats on tax cuts.

"We will see who supports marriage-tax relief, and we will see who thinks American families are not entitled to this relief," said Sen.

William Roth, R-Del., the Senate Finance Committee chairman.

Clinton has said he could sign the measure into law only under one condition: that Congress also send him an acceptable bill creating a prescription drug benefit in the Medicare program. White House spokesman Joe Lockhart accused Republicans of playing politics by passing the tax-cut bill alone to force a veto.

"They can make political points, pass bills so they can talk about

them at their convention, or we can get marriage penalty relief and prescription drugs for seniors," Lockhart said. "It's up to them: politics or substance?"

Elimination of the marriage penalty was the centerpiece of the \$792 billion Republican tax cut that Clinton vetoed last year. Republicans have spent this year passing bite-sized pieces of that larger tax cut using the huge anticipated budget surplus, hoping to frame clearer election-year

distinctions between themselves and Democrats.

A Treasury Department analysis of seven GOP tax measures that have passed the House Ways and Means Committee this year said that together, 76 percent of the cuts would go to the 23 million wealthiest families. The remaining 91 million families would get just over 23 percent.

Treasury Secretary Lawrence Sum-

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Local roundup

ID photos needed

Students who will be attending Hereford Junior High School classes for the first time and new freshmen at Hereford High School for the 2000-2001 school year are encouraged to have their identification badge photos taken July 18, 2000 at the Central Administration Building, 601 N. 25 Mile Avenue.

Those needing photos will be incoming seventh and ninth grade students and new eighth grade students.

Students must present their social security card before they can have their picture taken.

District policy requires ID badges be worn by students at all times while attending class on either campus. ID's are also required for library privileges and other student activities.

Photographs will be taken Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and from 8 a.m. to noon on Fridays.

Badges will be given to students when they begin classes.

Health care public hearing

Rural community representatives, health care providers and citizens will have an opportunity to comment on rural health care issues at a public hearing Friday, July 21, from 1-3 p.m. at the Hereford Community Center.

The focus of the hearing was set to include the following subjects: mission, goals and objectives of the Center for Rural Health Initiatives and how the Center can work to assist communities in meeting health care needs; ways for the state to effectively address the unmet health care needs; and ways to coordinate the administration and delivery of rural health care service with all individuals involved.

Elementary registration set

All students in pre-kindergarten through sixth grades must register for the 2000-2001 school year in Hereford Independent School District, even if they attended classes during the past school year.

Registration will be July 25-26 at the Intake Center in the HISD Administration Building, 601 N. 25 Mile Ave.

Registration will be 8 a.m.-6 p.m. July 25 for families with pre-kindergarten or kindergarten students. All students in the family regardless of grade also can register if there is a pre-kindergarten or kindergarten student in the family.

Registration will be 8 a.m.-6 p.m. July 26 for students in grades 1-6. Students in pre-kindergarten or kindergarten who did not register the previous day also will be enrolled this day.

Parents or guardians must accompany students for registration and bring birth certificate, Social Security card and immunization records.

The Intake Center will be open 8 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. Monday-Friday beginning July 27 for late registration.

Athletic physicals required

All seventh and ninth grade athletes will be required to have a physical before being allowed to participate and are urged to make the necessary physical appointments early.

Sexual assault trial under way

Testimony began this morning in 222nd District Court in the trial of James Byron Waits, 44. Waits is charged with aggravated sexual assault of a child.

The alleged assaults occurred in January and February 1998 and involved a 4-year-old girl.

The girl, now 6, is expected to testify via closed-circuit television. Also, several child psychologists are expected to testify for the prosecution.

Ribbon-cutting ceremony planned

A ribbon-cutting ceremony will be 10 a.m. July 24 for Buck's Pizza, which will be located at the south end of Sugarland Mall, according to the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce.

The grand opening also is scheduled for July 24. Curtis Hanna will be manager of Buck's Pizza.

Hays Co. ISD votes to drop controversial Confederate symbol

BUDA, Texas (AP) — Hays County school officials have voted to drop the Confederate battle flag as a high school spirit symbol.

The battle flag has been displayed on football uniforms, in classrooms, on letter jackets and in the gym and other areas of Jack C. Hays High School. The flag and symbols of it had drawn fire from civil rights groups who said it was offensive to minorities.

"If something hurts some of our children, it's difficult to support it, regardless if others think it shouldn't hurt them," said Tim Bruce, president of the Hays

Consolidated Independent School District. "A symbol should bring people together, not divide them."

Those in favor of keeping the battle flag as a school symbol argue it represents their southern heritage and is the traditional spirit banner.

"I think they should have kept it because they are getting rid of a tradition," said Jon Wells, 17, a senior of Hays high school. "I don't think the district sees the history of Buda."

The school board made its decision at a special meeting Monday.

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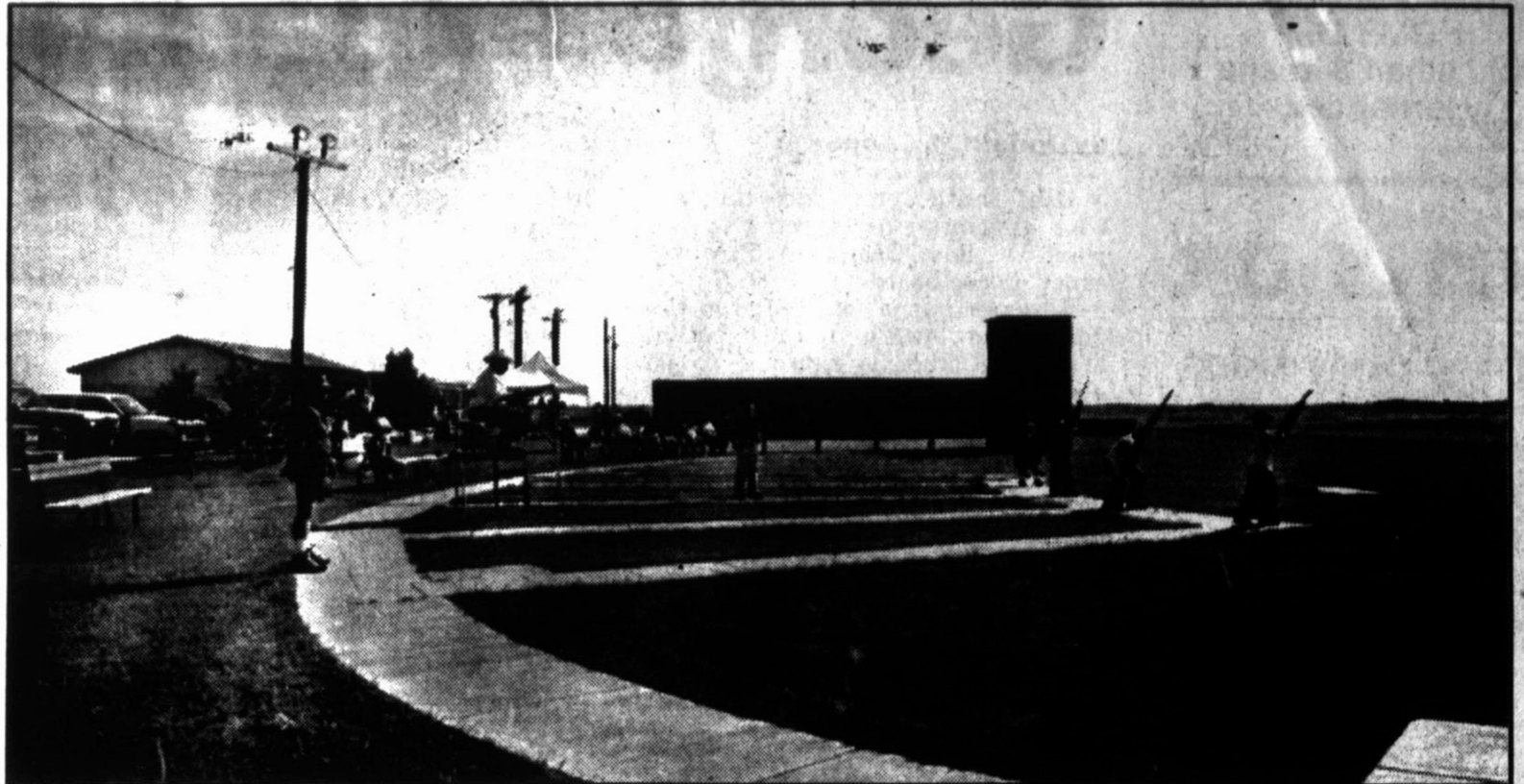
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READY, AIM, FIRE



Big shots Deaf Smith County 4-H Shooting Sports hosted a trap shoot Saturday at Hereford Gun Club. A total of 34 shooters representing Deaf Smith, Randall, Lynn, Swisher and Lubbock counties participated in the shoot. Complete results will be given in Wednesday's edition of the *Hereford Brand*. Fourteen Deaf Smith County shooters will take part in the state competition later this month.

Heat wave blisters south

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — Carolyn Sistrunk sees the mercury rise across sun-baked Mississippi with growing concern about her teen-age son, who lives without an air conditioner.

His address is at the State Penitentiary at Parchman, where inmates have only electric fans to keep cool. Many of the state's other

prisons also are without air conditioning. "I wouldn't put my dog outside today," Sistrunk said

Monday as triple-digit temperatures moved in to smother Mississippi and the southern United States. The nation's highest heat index — a measure of heat and humidity — was the miserable 125 recorded in Biloxi.

No relief was expected anytime soon from the heat wave also baking Texas, Arizona, New Mexico, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Kansas. In drought-withered Alabama, forestry officials took the rare step of banning outdoor burning.

The Dallas County Health Department issued an emergency health alert as the temperatures hit 102 Monday in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, the sixth day in a row above the century mark. Normal for the date is only 97 and the record, set in 1980, is 109. Temperatures above 100 are forecast at least through the weekend.

The heat has been blamed for the deaths of two elderly Dallas residents.

More than 120 towns and cities in Texas have water restrictions because of drought conditions. Residents of Throckmorton are racing to get a 14-mile water pipeline in place before the town's sole water supply dries up, likely in about two months.

In the west Texas town of Wink, where temperatures reached 102 degrees Monday, city secretary Donna Maddux collected fees from sweaty residents in the comfort of an air-conditioned office: "They tell me you can get accustomed to it. But I don't see how."

In addition to the heat, drought conditions have plagued farmers. In southeast Alabama, which has had only hit-and-miss showers since spring, vast acres of corn have roasted in the fields.

"This is one for the record books," said Henry County farm agent Jimmy Jones. He said some ranchers have been forced to sell cattle early because of pasture damage and the lack of hay.

While the high temperatures weren't too much out of the ordinary for residents of New Mexico and Arizona, they did force city officials in Hobart,

Okla., to instruct city workers to head indoors by the time it reached into the 100s.

Even a day by the water may not afford much relief.

"When we start having heat indexes of 105 to 110, the water is warm and you can't lay out by the pool. It's so doggone hot, you can't stand it," said John Marusak, a spokesman for Point Mallard's water park in Decatur, Ala., which averages about 2,000 visitors a day in July.

National Weather Service meteorologist Michael Mach said no break is expected in the scorching temperatures at least for the remainder of the week. That was making utility companies hot under the collar.

"Last year, our peak was in August. We passed that figure last week, and could be setting new records every day during this heat wave," said Cheeky Herrington, communications manager for Entergy Mississippi.

As the mercury hit 105 degrees in Mississippi, families of inmates said readings that high, combined with the state's notorious humidity, make life behind bars unbearable.

"They are human beings," said Sistrunk, whose 19-year-old son is serving time for manslaughter in a car accident death.

But many Mississippians have little sympathy for sweaty inmates, said state Rep. Bennett Malone.

"There are a lot of people who are working, paying their own way, abiding by the law and they don't have air conditioning," said Malone, chairman of the Penitentiary Committee. "We didn't promise all the luxuries when they got sentenced."

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Texas lottery

Lotto Texas

No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

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

3-16-30-35-44-46

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$21 million.

Pick 3

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

1-3-8

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LIFESTYLES

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Honoree at a recent bridal shower was Theresa Bartholomai (center) bride-elect of Paul Guerrero. Also pictured are, from left, Rosa Moya, grandmother of the prospective groom; Nora Guerrero, his mother; Bonnie Funk of Lubbock, mother of the bride-elect; and Lena Mae Scott of Nazareth, her grandmother.

Bride-elect of Guerrero honored

Theresa Bartholomai, bride-elect of Paul Guerrero, was honored with a bridal shower Sunday afternoon, July 9 in the home of Nora Guerrero. The couple will wed Friday, July 21.

Greeting guests with the honoree were Bonnie Funk, her mother, and Nora Guerrero, her future mother-

in-law.

Refreshments were assorted sandwiches, chips and dips, bridal cake and cookies, and fruit punch.

The table was covered with a lace cloth. A silk floral arrangement in the bride-elect's chosen colors in a large lacquered basket served as the centerpiece.

Hostess gifts were an upright vacuum cleaner and a comforter set from Sandra Maldonado, Mickey Bella, Nora King, Sammantha Guerrero, Elma Holguin, Ester Moreno, Bertha Zepeda, Jessica Guerrero, Annette Trujillo, Rosa Moya and Nora Guerrero, and a set of cookware from Bonnie Funk.

Hereford support group will review magazine article about Alzheimer's

In affiliation with the Alzheimer's Association, Panhandle Chapter, the Hereford support group for family caregivers of persons with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, will meet at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 20 in Fellowship of Believers Church, 245 N. Kingwood, next door to August Care Center.

A support group is a gathering of people with common problems, needs and interests to share their feelings, thoughts, questions, experiences and concerns in a combined effort to better cope with and survive the challenge presented by persons with Alzheimer's disease and re-

lated dementias. "Time" magazine has just issued a cover story (July 17) on "The New Science of Alzheimer's" - the drugs, the genetics, the latest theories, and what you can do now. That article will be reviewed on Thursday.

The group will also experience an exercise in Progressive Muscle Relaxation (PMR). PMR is a resource that can be used to help caregivers to deal with the stress of caring for the person with Alzheimer's.

Friends, relatives and neighbors of these brave caregivers are encouraged to offer to stay with the person with Alzheimer's to allow the caregiver a

rest. Respite care is vital for these caregivers whose days are typically 36-hours long.

The "bible" for caregivers of persons with Alzheimer's is entitled, *The 36-Hour Day: A Family Guide to Caring for Persons with Alzheimer's Disease, Related Dementing Illnesses, and Memory Loss in Later Life* by Mace and Rabins. Thanks to the generosity of Hereford's Pilot Club and the Fellowship of Believers Church, this excellent resource is available at no cost by calling 364-0359.

Group facilitator is Nathan L. Stone, Ph.D., pastoral counselor and former senior chaplain with Family Hospice of Temple.

Harrington Cancer Center announces date for breast cancer screenings

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist St. Anthony's Health System will conduct a breast cancer screening clinic at South Plains Health Care Providers, Inc., 110 N. 25 Mile Ave., Suite A, on Aug. 11.

Participants will receive a

low-cost screening mammogram. Each woman screened will receive a breast health risk appraisal and individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination.

Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who

qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only.

Call 806-356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information.

College Report

Hereford student Rebecca Aguilar was named to the Dean's List at Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell for the 2000 spring semester.

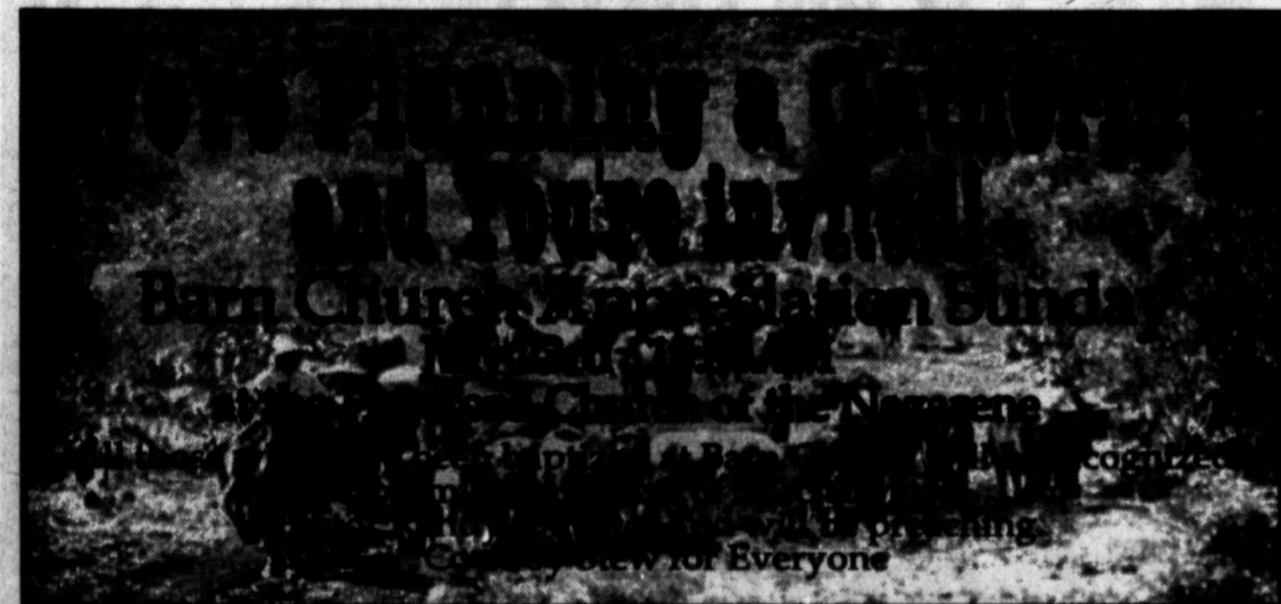
To be named to the Dean's List, students must earn a 3.2 or higher grade point average while carrying at least 12 semester hours.

Christian country music to be featured in concerts

A concert of Christian country music by "Clark" from Alvarado will be given at 7 p.m. Thursday at Barn Church, located six miles west on Harrison Hwy. then 2 1/2 miles north on FM 1057.

"Clark" will also perform at the 11 a.m. service Sunday, July 23 at Palo Duro Baptist Church, six miles south of Wildorado on Hwy. 809.

For more information, call Pastor Ron Muller at 426-3470.



'Bill of No Rights' contains old-fashioned common sense

Dear Ann Landers: I found this on the Internet. It was written by State Representative Mitchell Kaye from Georgia. I hope you think it is worth printing. — Grace in New York

Dear Grace: There is a great deal of plain, old-fashioned common sense in what Rep. Mitchell Kaye has written. I love his tough, "do-it-yourself" position, and his language is delicious. Thanks for sending it on. However, this same congressman proposed in 1998 that some teachers be permitted to carry concealed weapons in school. I found this frightening. Here's his piece: The Bill of No Rights

We, the sensible people of the United States, in an attempt to help everyone get along, restore some semblance of justice, avoid any more riots, keep our nation safe, promote positive behavior and secure the blessings of debt-free liberty to ourselves and our great-great-grandchildren, hereby try one more time to ordain and establish some common-sense guidelines for the terminally whiny, guilt-ridden and deluded. We hold these truths to be self-evident, that a whole lot of people are confused by the Bill of Rights:

Article I: You do NOT have the right to a new car, big-screen TV, the biggest and fastest new computer, or any other form of wealth. This government is not in the business of guaranteeing these luxuries.

Article II: You do NOT have the right to never be offended. This country is based on freedom, and that means freedom for everyone — not just you. You may leave the room, change the channel, express a different opinion, and so on, but the world is full of idiots,

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and probably always will be.

Article III: You do NOT have the right to be free from harm. If you stick a screwdriver in your eye, learn to be more careful. Do not expect the tool manufacturer to make you and all your relatives independently wealthy because of your stupidity or lack of skill.

Article IV: You do NOT have the right to free food and lodging. Americans are the most charitable people to be found, and will gladly help anyone in need, but we are growing weary of subsidizing generation after generation of professional couch potatoes, who achieve nothing more than the creation of another generation of couch potatoes.

Article V: You do NOT have the right to physically harm other people. If you kidnap, rape, maim or kill someone, don't be surprised if the rest of us want to see you in prison or in the electric chair. (P.S.: This is Ann hornning in. Mitchell Kaye does not speak for me here. I am against capital punishment.)

Article VI: You do NOT have the right to the possessions of others. If you rob, cheat or coerce away the goods or services of other citizens, don't be surprised if the rest of us get together and lock you up.

Article VII: You do NOT have the right to a job regardless of race, creed, sexual prefer-

ence or religion. Take advantage of the opportunities of education and vocational training laid before you to make yourself useful and self-supporting. Don't expect a free ride from the government or your community.

Article VIII:

You do not have the right to happiness. Being an American means you have the right to PURSUE happiness. Make your own happiness. Don't sit there and wait for it to be given to you.

Gem of the Day (Credit George Carlin): Have you ever noticed that anybody who is going slower than you is an idiot and anyone going faster is a maniac?

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Bridal shower — Guests at a bridal shower honoring Rebecca Ann Erwin (center right) were greeted by the honoree, her fiancé, Eric Wayne Matthews (center left); his mother, Jane Matthews (left), and his grandmother, Dixie Matthews (right).

Erwin, bride-elect of Matthews, is feted at recent bridal shower

Rebecca Ann Erwin, bride-elect of Eric Wayne Matthews, was honored July 8 at a bridal shower in the Judy Detten home. The couple is to be married Aug. 12.

Greeting guests with the honoree were her fiancé, his mother, Jane Matthews, and his grandmother, Dixie Matthews.

A spring bouquet and crystal appointments embellished the serving table, where guests sampled date canapes, cheese blintzes, bacon crisps, banana bread, fresh fruit, strawberry bread, mini-cinnamon rolls, sausage casserole and fruit punch.

A wedding-ring quilt with matching pillow shams were

given to the couple by the hostesses, including Cheryl Betzen, Michelle Brisendine, Francie Farr, Betty Kriegshauser, Ann Lueb, Martha Paetzold, Becky Reinart, Jan Salazar, Betty Sciumbato, Pat Simmacher, Loretta Urbanczyk, Shirley Wilson, Marion Yosten and Mrs. Detten.

Modern-day noise delivers barrage of harmful effects

WACO — If the following scenario sounds familiar, your ears may be under attack.

You wake up to a screaming alarm clock. You drive to work with the volume so high, you can barely hear the cell phone ringing in your briefcase. Office fax machines, copy machines, computers and telephones bang out a cacophonous symphony for eight hours.

After work, you and your co-workers converse over happy hour by yelling across the table. When you finally nestle in at night, your next door neighbor's teen-ager peels into the garage with the bass blasting in his hot rod.

You don't have to strain your ears to hear that the world is noisy.

"There's more noise in the world generally than there used to be," said Joel Thierstein, Baylor University assistant telecommunications professor. "There are more machines in the world, and that's why there are higher decibel levels everywhere."

And that concerns audiologists and other medical experts, who report that more environmental and recreational noise is having a direct effect on people's health.

Michael J. Moul, chief of audiology at Scott and White Memorial Hospital and clinics, says out of 10 patients he fits for hearing aids each week, at least half the cases can be attributed to noise exposure. And it's not unusual to see at least one child a week who has failed a school hearing screening and, when questioned, says that exposure to loud sounds has been involved, he said.

A long-term study of 64,000 people by the Noise Center at the League for the Hard of Hearing found that the incidence of hearing loss has increased from 15 percent to 60 percent in all age groups over an 18-year period. Noises from vehicles were cited as the No. 1 disturbance, followed by motorcycles, airplanes and helicopters. Big annoyances to those living in cities were bars, nightclubs and other recreational sites, the group found.

Hearing loss occurs most often when people are exposed to loud noises over long periods of time, Moul said. Everyone has different breaking points, but experts generally agree that damage can start when volume reaches 85 decibels. A decibel is a measure of sound pressure,

and 85 decibels is roughly the sound of a motorcycle from 30 feet away.

"Eighty-five decibels is ... the trigger point at which employees wear ear protection," he said. "If you're around a very intense sound for a couple minutes, it's probably not doing damage. But if you're around it for a longer time, it probably will."

Audiologist Nancy Roche, of the Audiology Center for Communication in Waco, said in some instances, sound pressure is so great that it can actually rupture the eardrum. More often, though, noise "hammers away" at tiny nerve endings in the inner ear, causing people's ability to discern pitches or high frequencies to be damaged. First, people start losing their ability to hear soft, subtle sounds like "s," "ph," and "f," she said. Then they gradually start to lose more consonant sounds, such as, "sh," "ch," and "p" she said.

"That's why a lot of people who have hearing loss from that don't realize they have hearing loss," Roche said. "They complain people are mumbling because they don't have that clarity anymore."

People exposed to loud noises commonly experience "tinnitus," or ringing of the ears, Moul said. People who have listened to personal headphones at high volumes or have walked out of rock'n'roll concerts complain of this, he said. Because the cells in the inner ear have the ability to recover from noise exposure, most people don't suffer permanent hearing loss after one loud event, he said.

But loud noise can add up to more damage over time, he said.

"The problem with repeated (exposure) over the years is that nerve cells lose their ability to recover," he said. "There are definitely cumulative effects."

That warning is enough to make Moody resident Debbie Schmidt wonder if she should wait to rent movies on video, since volume levels in theaters can reach well beyond 100 decibels.

Schmidt said that when she took her children, ages 5 and 14, to see Dinosaurs at the Starplex Cinema in Waco two weeks ago, they were all uncomfortable when the trailer for the movie Fantasia 2000 came on.

"It was so loud that I covered my ears, and my children covered their ears, and when it was finished, I thought

they must have accidentally turned up the volume," she said. "We don't go to the movies that often, and I thought maybe we're just not used to it, but if you have to get used to (the volume) that can't be good either."

Movies are loud because filmmakers target teen-age and young adult audiences who like them loud and may equate volume with power, Thierstein said. He said movie trailers, or previews, may be played louder just like television commercials used to be played louder to catch people's attention.

Allison Smith, assistant manager of Wallace Jewel 16 Theater in Woodway, said she frequently hears complaints about the volume of movies. Most movie companies request that their films be played at a volume of 5 on a scale of 1 to 7, but because volume is controlled in projection rooms, theater personnel can adjust sound during movies, she said.

When Schmidt was concerned about the volume of the Fantasia 2000 trailer, she complained to the manager. She said the movie that came after the trailer didn't sound as loud.

In addition to movie theaters, Roche said, many people complain about noise levels in restaurants. In fact, some restaurants require waitstaff to take breaks if they are continuously exposed to noise.

"One comment we hear is that with more than 300 restaurants in the Waco area, there are very few that are geared acoustically for quiet conversation," she said.

She also hears complaints about noise levels in video arcades and at indoor sporting events, where roaring crowds and blaring music can seem almost deafening, she said.

The city of Waco has noise ordinances, but city officials say they are difficult to enforce. Rana Marie Lewis of Waco Central, formerly the city's action center, said she receives a few noise complaints every few months. She said most are referred to the police department.

Roche suggested that anyone who feels sensitive to loud noise or who is worried about hearing loss should wear protective ear devices such as foam earplugs. If you do feel tinnitus or notice a change in hearing, see a physician or audiologist for a screening, she said.

And don't be afraid to complain to managers if public places seem too loud, she added.

Photography contest announced

OWINGS MILLS, MD. — The International Library of Photography has announced that more than \$60,000 in prizes will be awarded this year in the International Open Amateur Photography Contest. Photographers from the Hereford area, particularly beginners, are welcome to try to win their share of more than 1,300 prizes. The deadline for the contest is

Oct. 28. The contest is open to everyone and there is no cost for entering.

To enter, send one photograph in only one of the following categories: People, Travel, Pets, Children, Sports, Nature, Action, Humor, Portraiture, or Other.

The photograph must be a color or black-and-white print (unmounted), 8" x 10" or

smaller.

All entries must include the photographer's name and address on the back, as well as the category and the title of the photo.

Photographs could be sent to: The International Library of Photography, Suite 101-9008, 3600 Crondall Lane, Owings Mills, MD 21117. Entries must be postmarked by Oct. 28, 2000.

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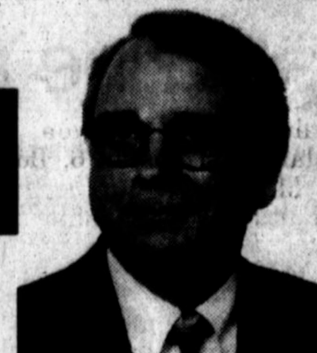
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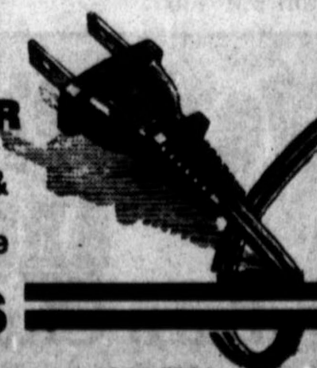
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Rockies end skein

The Associated Press

The Colorado Rockies had to wait 14 days and nearly 11 hours of doubleheader baseball just to win one game.

The Rockies dropped 11 straight, including an 11-10 decision to the Oakland Athletics in the first game of Monday's day-night doubleheader, before they rallied to take the nightcap 10-9 in 10 innings.

"To be honest with you, I don't remember what happened," Colorado manager Buddy Bell said after the Rockies erased an early 4-0 deficit and rallied for a run in the bottom of the ninth inning that tied it 9-9. "I don't even know what day it is. All I know is I am here chewing on a piece of lettuce."

Mike DeJean (4-1) pitched a scoreless 10th for Colorado, which had not won since beating San Diego on July 3.

"I knew it wasn't going to be easy," said Cirillo, who also began an inning-ending double play in the top of the inning with a runner on base. "We'd been playing good teams during the losing streak. We need to play them more like we did in the first half."

In other interleague action, it was: Detroit 3, Cincinnati 1; Baltimore 5, Florida 3; Cleveland 8, Houston 6; Boston 7, Montreal 3; Tampa Bay 8, Atlanta 6; Philadelphia 10, the New York Yankees 8; the Chicago Cubs 3, Kansas City 1; the Chicago White Sox 11, Milwaukee 2; St. Louis 8, Minnesota 3; the New York Mets 7, Toronto 5 in 11 innings; Arizona 7, Seattle 0; Anaheim 3, San Diego 2; and San Francisco 10, Texas 8.

In the only NL game, Los Angeles beat Pittsburgh 9-6.

It appeared that the Rockies would be one loss away from tying the longest losing streak in club history, but Jeff Cirillo, Todd Helton and Todd Walker hit consecutive singles off Jason Iringhausen (4-3) to get even in the ninth.

"That was a great win," Bell said. "The way we did it made it that much nicer."



Troy O'Leary hit a three-run homer in the Red Sox' victory over the Expos.

ris and walks to Derek Bell and Edgardo Alfonzo.

John Franco (4-3) pitched 1 1-3 scoreless innings for the win.

White Sox 11, Brewers 2

Frank Thomas hit his 29th homer and rookie Jon Garland (1-1) beat Jason Bere (6-7) at Chicago.

Phillies 10, Yankees 8

Pitching 365 days after his perfect game, David Cone (1-8) allowed a two-run homer to Mike Lieberthal and a three-run shot to Pat Burrell, losing his career-high sixth straight decision at New York.

David Coggin (2-0) started and pitched five innings.

Red Sox 7, Expos 3

Troy O'Leary hit a three-run homer and Nomar Garciaparra drove in two runs to raise

his batting average to .400. Anthony Telford (5-4) took the loss in relief. Hipolito Pichardo (4-1) pitched two scoreless innings to win at Boston.

Orioles 5, Marlins 3

Delino DeShields homered and drove in three runs and Jose Mercedes (4-4) pitched seven solid innings. Reid Cornelius (3-3) lost for the visiting Marlins.

Tigers 3, Reds 1

Rich Becker drove in two runs and Dave Mlicki (4-9) won his second straight decision as Detroit beat visiting Cincinnati.

Larry Luebbers (0-1) dropped his first appearance of the season, **Indians 8, Astros 6**

Tim Drew got his first major league win as Travis Fryman's three-run double capped Cleveland's six-run fifth inning against visiting Houston.

Jim Thome homered twice — one a 479-foot shot — for Cleveland.

Devil Rays 8, Braves 6

Fred McGriff capped a three-RBI night with a homer off John Rocker, and Ryan Rupe (1-4) won for the first time since last August at Tampa Bay.

Terry Mulholland (9-9) took the loss.

Cubs 3, Royals 1

Scott Downs (4-3) allowed only one run in 7 2-3 as Chicago won at Kansas City.

Chad Durbin (2-4) gave up three runs on seven hits in seven innings.

Diamondbacks 7, Mariners 0

Geraldo Guzman (2-0) pitched four-hit ball over eight innings at home in his second career start for Arizona.

Seattle's John Halama (8-5) allowed six runs on 12 hits over 6 1-3 innings.

Angels 3, Padres 2

Matt Walbeck hit a go-ahead two-run homer and rookie Brian Cooper returned from the minors to beat San Diego on the road.

Cooper (4-3) allowed two runs and four hits in 6 1-3 innings.

Matt Clement (9-8) allowed three runs on six hits in seven innings.

Giants 10, Rangers 8

J.T. Snow hit two home runs, including the go-ahead runs in the seventh inning, and finished with five RBIs.

Livan Hernandez (8-7) allowed five runs on eight hits with a walk and five strikeouts in seven innings.

Doug Davis (3-2) took the loss for visiting Texas after allowing Snow's second homer.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

BATTING—Garciaparra, Boston, .400; Erstad, Anaheim, .386; CDelgado, Toronto, .357; MJSweeney, Kansas City, .356; EMartinez, Seattle, .354; IRodriguez, Texas, .352; Segui, Texas, .348.

RUNS—ARodriguez, Seattle, 84; CDelgado, Toronto, 78; Durham, Chicago, 77; Mondesi, Toronto, 76; Thomas, Chicago, 74; Erstad, Anaheim, 73; BeWilliams, New York, 70.

RBI—Thomas, Chicago, 87; EMartinez, Seattle, 87; BeWilliams, New York, 85; JaGiambi, Oakland, 84; CDelgado, Toronto, 84; IRodriguez, Texas, 81; MOrdonez, Chicago, 80; MJSweeney, Kansas City, 80.

HITS—Erstad, Anaheim, 154; MJSweeney, Kansas City, 127; IRodriguez, Texas, 121; CDelgado, Toronto, 119; Lawton, Minnesota, 117; BeWilliams, New York, 116; Thomas, Chicago, 112.

HOME RUNS—CDelgado, Toronto, 30; Thomas, Chicago, 29; Glaus, Anaheim, 28; TBatista, Toronto, 27; GAnderson, Anaheim, 26; IRodriguez, Texas, 26; CEverett, Boston, 25.

PITCHING (11 Decisions)—Hudson, Oakland, 10-2, 833, 4.27; Eldred, Chicago, 10-2, 833, 4.64; DWells, Toronto, 15-3, 833, 3.66; Parque, Chicago, 9-2, 818, 3.88; Baldwin, Chicago, 12-4, 750, 4.30; PMartinez, Boston, 9-3, 750, 1.51; Moyer, Seattle, 9-3, 750, 4.12.

STRIKEOUTS—PMartinez, Boston, 150; Mussina, Baltimore, 118; CFinley, Cleveland, 118; Nomo, Detroit, 116; Colon, Cleveland, 111; Burba, Cleveland, 108; DWells, Toronto, 105.

SAVES—TBJones, Detroit, 25; Wetteland, Texas, 23; Percival, Anaheim, 22; Sasaki, Seattle, 21.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

BATTING—Helton, Colorado, .381; LCastillo, Florida, .369; Vidro, Montreal, .362; VGuerrero, Montreal, .360; Piazza, New York, .351; Kent, San Francisco, .348; Cirillo, Colorado, .337.

RUNS—Helton, Colorado, 88; Edmonds, St. Louis, 88; Bagwell, Houston, 80; AJones, Atlanta, 74; Bonds, San Francisco, 73; Cirillo, Colorado, 71; Kent, San Francisco, 71.

RBI—Kent, San Francisco, 85; VGuerrero, Montreal, 82; SSosa, Chicago, 81; Sheffield, Los Angeles, 79; Piazza, New York, 77; Griffey Jr, Cincinnati, 77.

HITS—Vidro, Montreal, 124; Helton, Colorado, 121; VGuerrero, Montreal, 119; Kent, San Francisco, 118; AJones, Atlanta, 113; SSosa, Chicago, 112; LGonzalez, Arizona, 111.

HOME RUNS—Sheffield, Los Angeles, 32; Griffey Jr, Cincinnati, 30; Bonds, San Francisco, 30; McGwire, St. Louis, 30; Edmonds, St. Louis, 27; Piazza, New York, 27.

STOLEN BASES—LCastillo, Florida, 39; Goodwin, Colorado, 38; EYoung, Chicago, 28; QVeras, Atlanta, 25; Glanville, Philadelphia, 20.

PITCHING (11 Decisions)—RDJohnson, Arizona, 14-2, 875, 2.01; GMaddux, Atlanta, 11-3, .786, 3.35; ACBenes, St. Louis, 10-3, .769, 4.36; ALeiter, New York, 10-3, .769, 3.29; Elarton, Houston, 9-3, .750, 5.34; Estes, San Francisco, 9-3, .750, 4.00; BJAnderson, Arizona, 8-3, .727, 4.10; KBrown, Los Angeles, 8-3, .727, 2.52.

STRIKEOUTS—RDJohnson, Arizona, 210; Dempster, Florida, 125; Astacio, Colorado, 125; Kile, St. Louis, 119.

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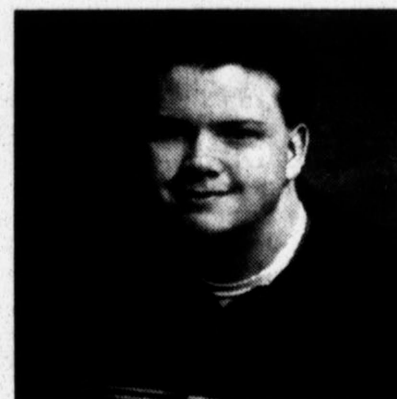
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OUTSIDE MONEY

Report finds outside money played crucial role in primaries

By Laura Meckler

Associated Press Writer

Outside interest groups combined highly visible TV ads with below-radar phone calls, direct mail and radio to play a powerful role in Al Gore and George W. Bush's primary election victories, researchers reported Monday.

In the Democratic race, labor unions provided Gore with crucial support in his contest with Bill Bradley, particularly in the crucial leadoff Iowa caucuses. Meanwhile, conservative groups battered John McCain, particularly in South Carolina, helping George W. Bush rebound from a crushing defeat in New Hampshire.

"If the level of ferocity of the primaries is any indication of the cross party battles in the fall, we are in for a very bloody fight," said the report, "Getting Inside the Outside Campaign," released Monday.

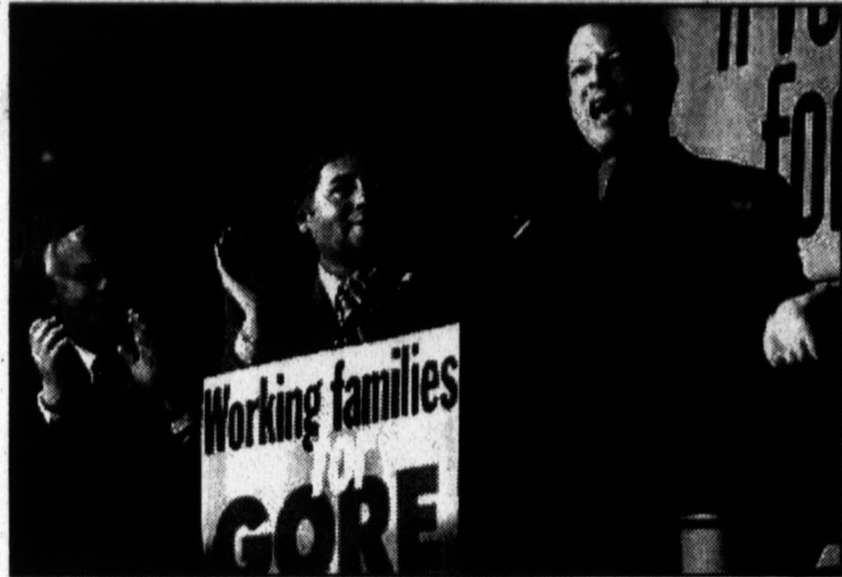
The research was led by David B. Magleby of the Center for the Study of Elections and Democracy at Brigham Young University and included tracking of election activity by academics in several key states. The Pew Charitable Trusts provided financing.

Much of the communications to voters were through television commercials but the report also documents extensive use of mail to homes, e-mail, targeted phone calls and radio spots, which are cheaper than TV and can be more carefully targeted to certain types of voters.

In Iowa, the AFL-CIO and the Iowa State Education Association labored to help the vice president.

They sent four mailings to about 25,000 homes, plus a five-minute video featured AFL-CIO president John Sweeney endorsing Gore and the vice president leading a chanting union crowd.

The AFL-CIO and union allies sent 35 full-time organizers to Iowa and they parked a tractor-trailer next to the Gore headquarters in Iowa City and made thousands of



Courtesy Photo

The presidential ambitions of Al Gore (right) are being boosted by "soft money" being contributed by organized labor.

calls to union homes from the trailer.

"These efforts by the unions were essential in helping Gore win so comfortably," the report said.

With strong backing from union voters, Gore beat Bradley, 63 percent to 35 percent.

But interest group involvement sometimes had unintended consequences.

On the Republican side in Iowa, Steve Forbes — who ran on a fiercely anti-abortion platform — was hurt by the National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League, said Steve Grubbs, who worked on the Forbes campaign. NARAL aired ads attacking Bush for his opposition to abortion, just as Forbes was trying to rally social conservatives against Bush as too moderate on the issue. The NARAL ad reinforced that Bush was, in fact, opposed to abortion.

"That hurt us early on in our organization of social conservatives," Grubbs said.

But the most intense interest group activity of the GOP contest came in South Carolina, after McCain won the New Hampshire primary by a stunning 18 percentage points. Bush went on to win South Carolina and keep his campaign moving forward.

The report called the outside campaign "intense, personal and negative." "Virtually all of this activity attacked John McCain," it said.

Among the attacks: Radio ads by the National Right to Life Committee questioning McCain's opposition to abortion and his friendship with former Sen. Warren

Rudman, who supports abortion rights.

A coalition of anti-abortion groups sent mailings to 80,000 homes on abortion.

Several Christian Coalition mailings, one suggesting McCain might appoint Rudman attorney general, another listing "disturbing facts" about McCain.

Recorded phone calls by the Rev. Pat Robertson to 45,000 to 50,000 homes, criticizing McCain and helping to get out the vote for Texas Gov. George W. Bush.

An estimated 80,000 to 250,000 letters from Keep it Flying, a group that supported the flying of the Confederate battle flag above the South Carolina state capitol. The letter quoted McCain saying the flag was offensive, without including his more conciliatory comments.

Only one interest group backed McCain, the report said, and its involvement was minimal.

The groups did much of Bush's dirty work for him, the report concluded. "The anti-McCain attacks by outside groups allowed Bush to present an image of himself taking the high road."

The attacks were more intense against McCain than against Bradley because the Arizona senator challenged the establishment, said Roy Fletcher, a McCain strategist. And McCain didn't have the money to respond, he said.

"If you're going to be an insurgent in party primaries, you better be rich," he said. "You better be able to write a big ol' check."

Parties are nominating while voters are looking elsewhere

In the battle of convention buildups, Republicans are promising something different, Democrats talk of an entertaining lift-off for the fall campaign — and both parties are producing shows with no shred of suspense.

That makes it difficult to sell their scripts to television, or get people to watch, but they are working at it, trying to make the most of their one-hour broadcast network windows. Only cable TV will carry the conventions in full.

And Vice President Al Gore's new campaign chairman thinks the only people who "sit and watch this stuff" for long will be those who already have decided to vote Democratic or Republican.

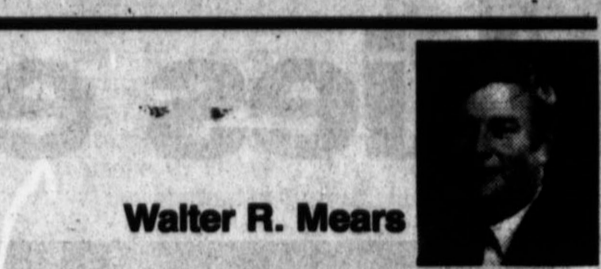
William Daley, leaving as secretary of commerce to lead Gore's campaign, said there is a "climate of nobody gives a hoot" and that people are tuned out on politics this summer.

The conventions, the Republicans opening on July 31 to nominate Texas Gov. George W. Bush for president, the Democrats on Aug. 14 to nominate Gore, are the next best chance for campaigners to try to get people tuned in.

Hence the rival party efforts to persuade people that the plotless national conventions will still be something to see.

"Ours will be a different kind of convention for a different kind of Republican," said Andrew Card, organizer of the GOP's four days in Philadelphia for Bush. "Governor Bush is more interested in attacking our country's problems than scoring points against his opponents."

But a convention that does not score points for its nominee would be pointless. Both parties are looking for a bounce in the polls after their predictable proceedings; Bush leads Gore in the national surveys now, by margins varying from one percentage point to a dozen. Since his convention comes first, Bush probably will add to his edge early next month. Then the Democrats will take the stage for a week, and Gore should benefit.



Walter R. Mears

spectacles they had not seen before. The networks broadcast conventions start to finish. Most, but not all of it, was predictable.

The better the convention show, the theory goes, the bigger the bounce.

The Democrats start with one advantage, a Democratic president to open their performance. President Clinton will be featured on opening night in Los Angeles, in a TV time lift-off for Gore's convention.

The rest of the convention will be Gore's, time to present himself as a potential president, to fully emerge from the secondary role of all vice presidents, Daley said.

In 1948, the year conventions first were televised, President Harry S. Truman waited for three hours, while he was nominated in an overtime roll call, before he took the Democratic stage in Philadelphia at 2 a.m. for his acceptance speech. It was sweltering backstage in the convention hall, so he spent part of the wait sitting outside on a camp chair.

Both national conventions were in Philadelphia that year, both on television, black and white, of course. There were 354,000 television sets in the United States in 1948. There are more than 230 million in American homes now.

When the cameras first went on the conventions, people got a look at political

presidential primaries, not the conventions, made the decisions on White House nominees, although there were still skirmishes, as when Sen. George McGovern had to withstand a challenge to the majority he had won in the primaries.

At the Republican convention that year, President Richard M. Nixon's managers wrote a script that covered every minute of the convention, with such details as the time a "spontaneous" floor demonstration was to begin and end.

Let such things go uncontrolled and prime television time could be wasted.

The Democrats are trying to package Clinton into their nightly hour of network TV exposure. He must compete with ABC's Monday Night Football. That network is plugging both convention opening nights into half-time of pre-season football games.

Both Bush and Gore are said to be planning to name their vice presidential nominees before the conventions, standard practice now. So that part of the story line will be told before they convene.

Walter R. Mears has covered national political conventions for The Associated Press since 1984.

Superfund crews leaving with problems remaining

PICHER, Okla. (AP) — Two turtles emerge from Tar Creek and greet the morning wearing the color of their watery home. That color is orange.

In town, a trio of children race across a gravel-littered yard where a backhoe scrapes away contaminated soil. Kids here have had high lead levels, and there are at least another 650 yards yet to clean.

A single July morning in the Tar Creek Superfund site is enough to see that work here is far from complete. And yet, by Friday, the Environmental Protection Agency plans to end a cleanup that began in 1995 because the state didn't come up with matching money to continue.

"We are demobilizing as we speak," said Philip Allen, remedial project manager at the agency's office in Picher, about 100 miles northeast of Tulsa.

Whether they return at all depends on the state allocating the money. And last session, the Legislature didn't make the 10 percent match, or \$2.75 million, to keep the backhoes running.

The main problem is chat,

a gravel-like waste from the region's lead mines. It is heavy with lead, posing a potential harm to a child's nervous system. Before the cleanup it was routinely used as filler in back yards, school yards, ball fields and playgrounds. It has been removed from public places already but remains around many homes.

The backhoes chugged into Charles Turnbaugh's yard one recent morning and he was glad to see them.

Turnbaugh's property is among the last of the 1,300 yards to be cleaned in the Superfund project's \$30 million first phase.

The Superfund law, enacted in 1980 as a response to the chemical waste contamination at Love Canal in upstate New York in the 1970s, has been plagued with problems even advocates of the measure acknowledge.

Last year, the General Accounting Office reported that \$6 of every \$10 spent on the Superfund program went for support activities and not directly to site cleanup. The EPA disputed the analysis, say-

ing many of the activities the GAO called "support" actually contribute significantly to cleaning the toxic waste sites.

According to the GAO, about \$1.4 billion has been spent by the government on Superfund activities in each of the past several years and another \$1 billion has been spent annually by private entities under threat of enforcement to remove toxic chemicals from contaminated sites.



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News Now	Early Edition	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News
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WEDNESDAY JULY 19

7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	12 PM
Barney	Teletubbies	Sesame Street	Arthur	Dragon	Barney	Teletubbies	Noddy	Zoboo	Mr Rogers	Goosebump
Kids	Mary Kate	Itzy Bitzy	CBN Special	700 Club	Itzy Bitzy	Itzy Bitzy	Two-Kind	Big Wolf	Goosebump	Goosebump
Today	Today	Today	Today	Today	Today	Today	Today	Today	Today	Today
Bear	Pooch	PB & J Otter	Out of Bx	Rolie Polie	Bear	Pooch	PB & J Otter	Out of Bx	Rolie Polie	Madeline

WEDNESDAY JULY 19

12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
Body Etc.	Paint!	My Studio	Lianna	Reading	Arthur	Wishbone	Zoom	Arthur	Dragon	Wishbone
Addams	Monster	Mega Bab.	Allen	Kids	Angela	Big Wolf	Addams	Two-Kind	Partridge	Boos?
Days-Lives	Passions	Donny & Marie	Neary	Brotherly	Flash	GrowPains	GrowPains	Famous	NBC News	Smart Guy
Mermald	Movie: Ready to Run	Krispy Perez	Brotherly	Flash	GrowPains	GrowPains	Famous	NBC News	Smart Guy	Smart Guy

WEDNESDAY JULY 19

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News Now	Everglades	Movie: Buena Vista Social Club (1999) ***	Charlie Rose	With Health	With Health	With Health	With Health	With Health	With Health	With Health
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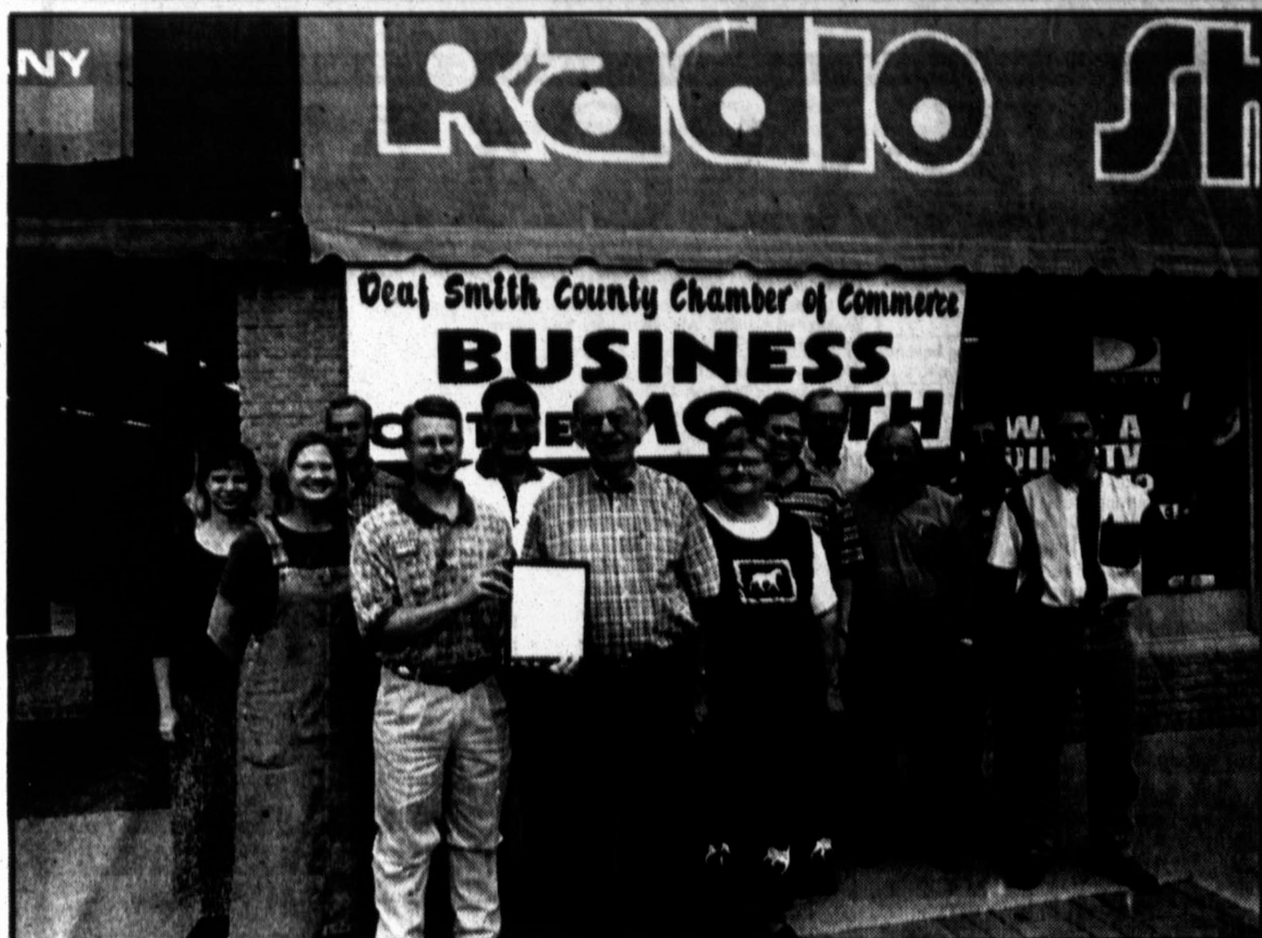
City From Page A1 study dealing with the various issues needs to be conducted." The county has contacted a company that would complete the study for \$21,000 plus expenses. Under the interlocal agreement approved by the city, the county, school district and city each will pay one-third of the cost, or an estimated \$7,500 each. According to Nolen, the money for the city's portion of the cost will come from the General Fund contingency account. Mayor Bob Josseland later would praise the commissioners for agreeing to participate in the feasibility study. He said the community needs help in developing a plan for dealing with the problem. The commissioners also accepted a bid from BC & L Pavement Service of San Antonio for improvements to Runway 03-21 at Hereford Municipal Airport. The work, which will include both repainting and rehabilitation of the runway, is part of the Texas Department of Transportation-Aviation Division's "RAMP" program. The program initially allowed for TxDOT highway maintenance personnel to conduct maintenance projects at small municipal airports; however, the work was limited to \$10,000 and to what the highway personnel normally perform. The program was changed this year to allow cities to contract for services not directly offered by TxDOT, with the agency matching the expenditure on a 50-50 basis up to a total cost of \$40,000. The San Antonio company's bid of \$33,575 was the only one received. After receiving reimbursement from TxDOT, the city's cost will be \$16,787, which will come from the Unallocated Fund Balance account.

Budget From Page A1 a significant debt during FY 2001 for the construction of a wastewater treatment plant, which he estimates will cost between \$3 million and \$4 million. The debt service should range from \$165,000 to \$220,000 annual. The Water & Sewer Fund revenues are projected at \$2.7 million, up \$11,500 (0.4 percent) from the current budget, while expenditures are estimated to be \$2.4 million, up \$75,150 (3.2 percent) from this year.

Violent crime on rise in Great Britain LONDON (AP) — Violent crime in Britain has risen 16 percent over the last year, statistics released on Tuesday showed — and the country's top law enforcement official blamed the increase on alcohol abuse. Home Secretary Jack Straw said alcohol was a contributory factor in 40 percent of violent crime, 78 percent of assaults and 88 percent of criminal damage. "There is more money around, there is no doubt about that," Straw said. "I think that the fact that more young people seem to be going out drinking is reflected in the figures." Opinion polls show that the government is being blamed for not doing enough to tackle crime, and the opposition Conservatives seized upon Tuesday's figures. "Today's figures show that crime is spiraling out of control with an appalling 190,000 more victims last year than in the previous 12 months," said Ann Widdecombe, Straw's counterpart in the Conservative Party. "Things are getting worse, not better, under (Prime Minister) Tony Blair."

Repeal From Page A1 mers told reporters the administration prefers tax cuts targeted at low- and middle-income taxpayers instead of "large tax cuts that are heavily backloaded and primarily benefit the highest-income Americans." The marriage-penalty bill gradually would enlarge both the 15 percent and 28 percent tax brackets so they apply to a greater share of a married couple's income. Today, two single people enjoy wider tax brackets than a comparable married couple, resulting in an average tax bill \$1,400 higher for 25 million couples. "This is not just tax relief, it's a tax correction," said Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas. The measure also would boost a married couple's standard deduction in 2001 so that it equals that of two single people — in 2000 dollars, an increase from \$7,350 to \$8,800. It would increase the income cap for low-income couple who claim the earned-income tax credit and ensure that the alternative minimum tax is not triggered when couples claim any of several personal credits. On a 50-46 vote Monday, the Senate defeated a Democratic alternative costing \$54 billion over 10 years that would have given couples the choice of filing joint tax returns or as two singles, whichever benefits them more, with benefits phasing out at incomes between \$100,000 and \$150,000. Democrats say the Republican bill would cut taxes of millions of married couples who don't now pay penalties, usually those in which one spouse earns considerably more than the other, and would give unnecessarily large tax cuts to upper-income people. "This isn't a marriage-penalty bill. It's a tax cut disguised as a marriage-penalty bill," said Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont. Republicans planned action on two other tax bills this week: The House is expected to pass legislation gradually raising contribution limits for individual retirement accounts from \$2,000 to \$5,000 annually and for 401(k)s from \$10,500 to \$15,000. Total cost: About \$17 billion over five years. The House Ways and Means Committee will consider a bill to repeal a 1993 tax increase in which income tax was imposed on 85 percent — up from 50 percent — of Social Security benefits of recipients earning over \$34,000 for individuals, \$44,000 for married couples. That bill would cost an estimated \$44.6 billion over five years. The marriage-penalty bill is H.R. 4810. On the Net Congress: http://thomas.loc.gov

Violent crime on rise in Great Britain England, had the worst burglary record, with 59.4 break-ins for every 1,000 residents. Government officials note that the average Briton is still less likely to become a victim of violent crime than their counterparts in other nations, such as the United States. Shootings still often make the national news as Britain has some of the strictest gun laws in the world. hbnews@wrt.net hbnews@hotmail.com



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'TEXAS Originals' to be showcased in benefit

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drama TEXAS on the basis of their contribution to the show, financial need, and academic achievement. "Texas Originals" began as a fund-raising vehicle to assist outstanding TEXAS Company members as they continue their education and careers. The overall mission of the production is to display the various talents of company member, offer a high quality evening of entertainment to the community, and raise scholarship funds for exceptional company members. "TEXAS Originals" is made

up of 22 diverse acts that accentuate excellence in dance, acting, vocal, and instrumental performance. In addition to the show, the "TEXAS Originals" Art Gallery will be on display in the lounge of the Branding Iron Theatre, showcasing original works of art created by members of the TEXAS Company. Admission is by donation only. Advance tickets are available for a \$15 donation per patron, which includes dinner at 6:00 p.m. in the Mary Moody Northern Hall atrium east of the Branding Iron.

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Rylander 'finds' money to turn red ink into black

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas comptroller has reassured state taxpayers and bond raters that the state is paying its bills and has plenty of money to spare, despite the publicity over Texas money matters because of the presidential campaign.

But a Democratic state senator from Houston accused state Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander and state Republican leaders Monday of "cooking" the state budget books to make Gov. George W. Bush look fiscally responsible in his presidential campaign.

Rylander called Sen. Mario Gallegos' allegation "hogwash."

"There is no deficit," Rylander said Monday. "There is no deficit. There is a budget surplus."

Last week, the state reported \$610 million in cost overruns. The news quickly became fodder for Vice President Al Gore's campaign. Gore said the budget shortfall demonstrates that the economic proposals of likely GOP presidential nominee Gov. George W. Bush would return the country to deficit spending and raise its debt.

Gallegos, D-Houston, on Monday called for an independent audit of the departments of Health, Human Services and the Health and Human Services Commission, where some of the cost overruns have occurred.

"Miss Rylander was responding from a cry for help from the Bush campaign folks. I anticipate serious overruns," Gallegos told the *Houston Chronicle*. "They're cooking them (the state books), and you'll find the grease over at the Legislative Budget Board."

The board is composed of legislative leaders, who use the comptroller's revenue estimates to develop a basic, two-year state budget as a starting point for legislative debate on state spending.

Cost overruns would leave the state with about a \$500 million surplus, small compared to other recent state surpluses, but still a surplus. Rylander said she plans a news conference to provide a more solid estimate of the budget surplus and details about the Texas economy.

Top lawmakers and state officials have said the state's \$610 million budget overruns resulted from higher Medicaid prescription drug costs, a higher prison population in county jails and bad budget assumptions by agencies.

The reports and subsequent political criticism came just as Texas was preparing to head to Wall Street to auction some short-term notes that will provide cash flow for the next fiscal year.

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■ Sen. Mario Gallegos, D-Houston, in calling for an independent audit of several state agencies that have had cost overruns.

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