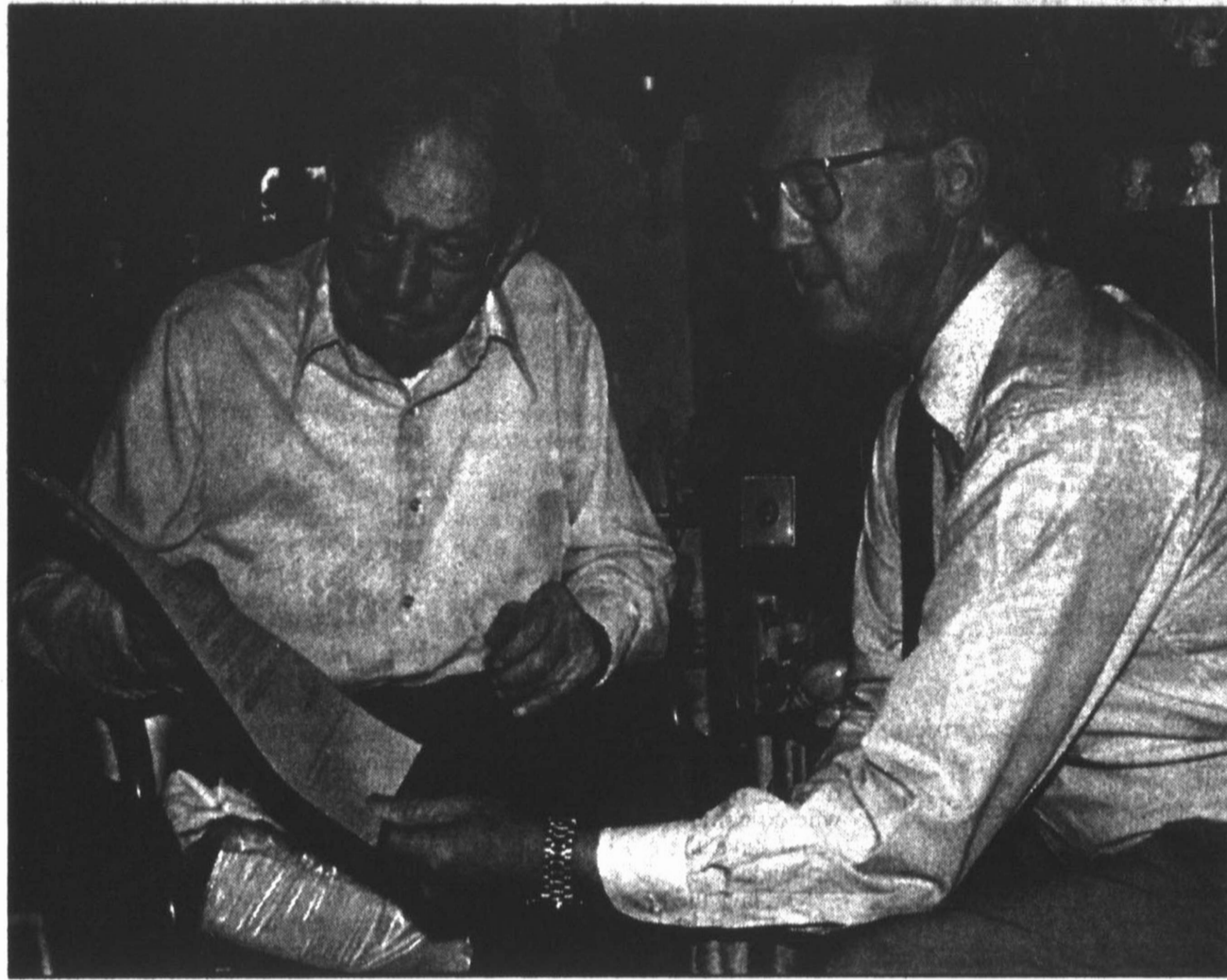


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Texas House honors Walsler

C.R. Walsler, left, was recently honored by the Texas House of Representatives with a special birthday resolution. Walsler, who celebrated his 109th birthday on March 27, was recognized in a resolution submitted by State Rep. John Smithhee of Amarillo. Ernie Houdashell, district director for Smithhee, read the resolution to Walsler here Monday.

109-year-old Hereford resident receives Texas House greetings

C.R. Walsler, who celebrated his 109th birthday here on March 26, was presented Monday with a special birthday resolution from the Texas House of Representatives.

The resolution was introduced by State Rep. John Smithhee and adopted by the House May 10. It was signed by Pete Laney, speaker of the House. The resolution was delivered by Ernie Houdashell of Amarillo, district director for Rep. Smithhee.

"Whereas, Charles Richard 'C.R.' Walsler celebrated his 109th birthday on March 26, 1997, and to his relatives and many friends, this event was truly a joyous and memorable occasion; and

"Whereas, this esteemed Texas is highly regarded for his sharp memory and keen sense of humor, and for many years he has greatly enjoyed visiting with his friends at the local Dairy Queen; and
"Whereas, During his long and

productive life, C.R. Walsler has brought great joy and happiness to the countless people whose lives he has touched, and it gives the members of this chamber great pleasure to recognize him at this time; now, therefore, be it
"Resolved, That the House of Representatives of the 75th Texas Legislature hereby honor Charles Richard Walsler and extend warmest congratulations to this fine gentleman on the occasion of his 109th birthday."

Apology for slavery, but no compensation, considered

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Clinton says he will consider extending a national apology to black Americans for slavery - but not compensation for their ancestors' suffering. "It's been so long and we're so many generations removed," he says.

Clinton told the American Urban Radio Network. "I think this would be a helpful debate."
Last month, Clinton apologized for the nation to the black men who were unwitting experiment subjects in the government's Tuskegee Syphilis Study, and in January he awarded 50 years late - the Medal of Honor to seven black World War II soldiers for valor in combat.
But Clinton said he disagrees with the idea of paying reparations to the

would think about it because "there's still some unfinished business out there among black and white Americans."
"I think it has to be dealt with."
Clinton said he is not ready to do that, but it's been so long and we're so many generations removed, I don't think that," Clinton said.
"What I think we ought to do instead of reparations is to be repairing," he continued. "That is why I don't want to abandon affirmative action without an effective alternative when there's still so many people living at least with the aftermath of discrimination."
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Hail, windstorms batter Panhandle, North Texas

By The Associated Press
Savage thunderstorms erupted again over the Panhandle and North Texas, bringing scattered hail and damaging winds.
Baseball-size hail was reported in Perryton in the northeast corner of the Panhandle. Storm spotters reported 65 mph winds tore tree limbs in Canyon, and deputies said winds downed tree limbs and power lines in the Abilene area.
However, no severe damage or injuries were reported.
Warm, moist and very unstable air over North Texas fueled the storms, ignited by a line of weakly shifting winds from near Gainesville to Abilene.
Widely scattered afternoon thunderstorms also broke out in Southeast Texas.
Otherwise, warm and humid weather prevailed over Texas with partly to mostly cloudy skies and temperatures in the upper 80s to

mid-90s, except for some 60s and 70s behind a cold front in the northern tip of the Panhandle. Late afternoon temperatures ranged from 64 at Dalhart to 95 at McAllen and Mineral Wells.
The North Texas forecast called for thunderstorms Tuesday. Some of those storms will be severe, especially in Northeast Texas. Cloudiness will decrease from the west Tuesday night. Lows will be in the high 60s to low 70s.
West Texas expected mostly sunny skies to yield to a fair night Tuesday. Highs will be in the 80s and 90s, except for near 105 along the Rio Grande. Lows will be in the 50s and 60s.
The South Texas outlook was for stormy weather from the Hill Country to Southeast Texas, with the storms diminishing Tuesday night. Skies will remain clear south of Corpus Christi and Laredo. Highs will be in the 90s, with lows in the 70s.

descendants of slaves, something many black activists have said is needed to begin rectifying more than 200 years of inequality that blacks have experienced.
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"If we can pull this off, the United States will be by far the best positioned country ... in the 21st century," he said. "If we act like we don't have to think about it til the wheel comes off, there's a chance that the wheel will run off."
"And even if it doesn't, we will never be what we ought to be."
The apology was proposed last week by Rep. Tony Hall, D-Ohio. He said he suggested it because he found no record of one.
"To me, it's a moral issue," Hall said. "We used to count African-Americans as three-fifths of a person. They were not treated as people."
"When you've hurt somebody, nothing solves the problem at first like a good, old-fashioned apology," Hall said. "Then we can begin to heal. If you don't say that, the whole issue lingers and lingers."
Hall ran his idea past the Congress-

Cost estimates skyrocket; commissioners surprised by report on sewage plant

By GEORGIA TYLER
Staff Writer
Estimated cost of improvements in the City of Hereford wastewater treatment and disposal plant hit a new high Monday evening when the engineer on the project surprised the City Commission with a price tag of \$3 million.
Mayor Bob Josslerand, noting that earlier estimates were in the \$1 million to \$1.5 million range, asked Rich Oller, engineer, if his proposals are the "most cost effective and least cost" to work on the sewage treatment facilities.
Oller assured Josslerand and Commissioners Wayne Winget, Roger Eades and Tom Coneway that other possibilities would cost even more.

In anticipation of expense of the wastewater treatment facilities, the City Commission voted a 10 percent increase in city fees for water, sewage and garbage. The new rates went into effect on June 1.
Nolen estimates that \$200,000 in new revenue will be collected by the increase. With similar hikes in the next two years, the city should have about \$640,000 to help fund improvements.
The city manager told the commission Monday night that the obvious way to finance the project

will be issuance of revenue bonds. The city's outstanding indebtedness now is on a water bond issue of \$3 million, sold about four years ago.
Last month, the commission voted to issue \$500,000 in revenue anticipation bonds to start work on the sewage treatment project, covering engineering costs and other initial expense.
After hearing the engineer's report, Josslerand wondered "what else we can do." He said the city must
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Gay policy may result in SBC Disney boycott

DALLAS (AP) - Last June, the Southern Baptists gave Disney one year to change its ways. Instead, Disney offered the coming-out of "Ellen."

At a three-day meeting beginning Tuesday, the 15-million-member Southern Baptist Convention will decide whether to boycott the Walt Disney Co. because of its "gay-friendly environment."

The boycott is among several resolutions that delegates will consider as some 15,000 people from around the country gather in Dallas.

Leaders of the nation's largest Protestant denomination said Disney dug its own grave when Ellen DeGeneres and the character she plays on Disney-owned ABC disclosed that they are lesbians.

"There seems to be a feeling that Disney has ignored us, and the crowning blow was the out-coming of Ellen," convention spokesman Herb Hollinger said.

The boycott issue must pass a resolution committee before being presented to the general assembly. Any resolution adopted this week is not binding on the 40,613 churches affiliated with the convention. Resolutions are opinions and recommendations the convention makes to its members.

City Manager Chester Nolen said he was "somewhat surprised" by the latest figures from Oller although he was aware that plant improvements would be impacted by location.

"Until we got the aerial survey, we were not sure about the area," he pointed out.

Officials with Disney in Burbank, Calif., declined comment Monday, but the company previously said the Southern Baptists' condemnation has not hurt business.

A major expense in the wastewater treatment facilities will be construction of two new ponds. The ponds now in use are located in an area described as part of the "100-year flood plain."

Oller told the commission that TNRCC regulations prohibit location of wastewater facilities in the 100-year flood plain.

"The company has enjoyed record profits this year," Disney spokesman John Dreyer told The Orlando Sentinel.

New lift stations to move sewage to the treatment plant, then to a holding pond on the city-owned farm, will be required. Oller said at least three, maybe four, lifts will be needed.

"We heard complaints, from Disney employees even, that there was a corporate change on top to move Disney from a family-friendly environment to a gay-friendly environment," he said.

Land said Southern Baptists represent a good portion of the Disney theme park-going public, because many are married and have children.

He said it would be better to target Disney theme parks and the mega-stores popping up at malls across the country rather than try to hit all Disney movies and TV shows.

"It would take not going to a lot of Disney movies and not looking at a lot of Disney cartoon videos to equal the economic impact of a family of four deciding not to spend a week at Disney World," Land said.

Land said he will recommend a boycott of Disney theme parks and stores.

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McVeigh jury action supported by residents in random survey

He got what he deserved. That's the overwhelming opinion of Hereford residents following the conviction and subsequent death sentence handed down last week in the Timothy McVeigh trial.
Convicted by a Denver, Co. jury in connection with the Oklahoma City bombing which 168 people died two years ago, McVeigh might not be executed until the year 2000 following what is expected to be a lengthy appeals process.
"I just wish they'd to it (execute McVeigh) quicker," Sandy Sturgeon said. "They're giving him too much time to live."
"That may sound mean but that's the way I feel."
Her comments are not unlike the sentiments expressed by others in Hereford who had the Father's Day weekend to think about the trial results as McVeigh was condemned to death by the jury Friday afternoon.

"I think it's (death penalty) a good thing," Mindy Barrera said. "He should have gotten the death penalty."
"If I was on the jury I could have sentenced him to death."
Jane Matthews admitted that the conviction and death sentence had to be especially hard on the jury.
"I think they (jury) had a tough decision," she said. "I was surprised by the outcome, but happy."
"We need to send a message to this type of people that we won't stand for it. We need to let them know that America won't stand for it."
"I know it was a hard decision but one that had to be made."
Other local residents were as adamant in their thoughts on the case agreeing that justice was served with the conviction and death penalty.
Referring to the jury, Don Dawes emphatically said, "I think

they did right. I think he (McVeigh) got what he deserved."
Bill Yarbro agreed saying "I think they did the right thing. I would have said the same thing if I was on the jury."
The same type of comments were echoed by Carly Mardis. "They (jury) did right," he said. When asked if he could have made the same decision as a member of the jury his reply was short and just as quick. "You bet."
At least one other person agreed with Matthews on the situation members of the jury faced in deciding this case.
"It would be difficult (as a member of the jury) to decide the fate of a person's life," Don Hilton said. "I agree with the (jury's) decision."
McVeigh is scheduled to be formally sentenced by the judge later this summer at which time defense attorney's are expected to announce their appeal, a process which could take four years.

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Local Roundup

Sunny weather ahead

Hereford registered a high of 78 Monday and a low of 53 this morning. KPAN reported .30 of an inch of rain Monday. Wednesday, mostly sunny with a high in the mid 80s. Wednesday night, mostly clear with a low in the upper 50s. Thursday through Saturday, mostly clear. Lows in the lower 60s and highs in the upper 80s to near 90.

YMCA starts campaign

Volunteers for the Hereford & Vicinity YMCA started the annual Sustaining Contribution Campaign Monday. The campaign continues through July 15 with a goal of \$25,000. Sustaining funds are used to supplement the cost of youth programs and scholarships provided by the "Y" during the year. Daily use of the "Y" ranges from 70 to 300 persons. More than 1,500 youth will participate in programs this year.

News Digest

WASHINGTON - Senate Republicans are arguing over how to spend billions of dollars for children's health care, unsure how much power states should have to create their own programs.

BELFAST, Northern Ireland - The Irish Republican Army killing of two Protestant policemen has crippled peace talks and raised the likelihood of wider bloodshed in Northern Ireland's most sectarian season.

WASHINGTON - Water what? The scandal that began 25 years ago today has a lot of people scratching their heads trying to remember what Watergate was all about. "Some Contra stuff," offered one guesser, mixing scandals and decades. "Gosh," said another. "It's been so long." Associated Press reporters around the country asked several hundred people to take a stab at explaining Watergate. Some recollections were sharp but others strayed far afield.

WASHINGTON - When the world's major industrial countries gather for their 23rd annual summit starting Friday in Denver, the meeting will have a new name and a revamped agenda that will add African poverty, infectious diseases and nuclear safety to the standard economic bill of fare.

Emergency Services

Activities reported by law enforcement agencies: POLICE DEPARTMENT

- A 21 year old male was arrested for violation of probation.
- A 17 year old male was arrested in the 100 block of South Lee for unlawful carrying of a weapon.
- A 24 year old male was arrested for Assault C domestic violence in the 600 block of Irving.
- A 54 year old male was arrested at Cooper and Hwy 385 for Public Intoxication.
- A 25 year old male was arrested in the 200 block of Avenue B for a violation of probation warrant.
- A 36 year old man was arrested on outstanding warrants for violation of probation.
- 63 citations issued
- 2 minor motor vehicle accidents without injuries.
- Domestic disturbance reported in the 100 block of Avenue H.
- Criminal mischief reported in the 400 block of Gracy Street.
- Burglary of a motor vehicle reported in the 100 block of South Lawton Street.
- Public disturbance reported in the 500 block of Avenue G.
- Domestic disturbance reported in the 600 block of Irving Street.
- Loud music reported in the 300 block of Avenue G.
- A car reported stolen in the 300 block of Avenue B.
- Loud party reported in the 400 block of Avenue B.
- Loud party reported in the 800 block of Knight.
- Public disturbance reported in the 500 block of South 25 mile Avenue.
- Theft of gas reported in the 500 block of Avenue H.
- Loud music reported in the 300 block of Avenue G.
- A report of a pit bull running loose in the 300 block of South 25 Mile Avenue.
- A local business owner requested policemen to help him take care of several subjects. The problem was dispersed.
- Attempted suicide was reported in the 200 block of Lawton.
- Domestic disturbance was reported in the 500 block of Irving.
- Criminal mischief reported in the 100 block of North Lawton.
- Criminal mischief reported in the 400 block of Avenue C.
- A purse was found in the 300 block of North 25 Mile Avenue.
- Disorderly conduct reported in the 700 block of Irving Street.
- Theft was reported in the 400 block of Avenue E.
- A 19 year old male was arrested in the 100 block of South Lee for possession of Marijuana under 2 oz.
- Criminal mischief was reported in the 200 block of Hereford Calle.
- Criminal mischief was reported in the 600 block of East Park Avenue.
- Criminal mischief was reported in the 700 block of North Main Street.

- Burglary of a vehicle was reported from the 400 block of Avenue B.
 - Domestic disturbance reported in the 400 block of N 25 Mile Avenue.
- SEX OFFENDER**
HPD reports that a 33-year-old male has registered, as required by state law, as a child sex offender. He resides on Irving Street and his offense was "indecency with a child." If you have any questions, contact Cpl. Terry Brown, Hereford Police Department.

- SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**
- A 34 year old male was arrested for driving while license suspended.
 - 18 year old male was arrested for a criminal mischief.
 - A possible illegal scam on paving was reported.
 - Sheriff's department responded to an industrial accident.
 - Theft over \$20 under \$500 was reported.
- FIRE DEPARTMENT**
- At 12:42 p.m. the fire department responded to the 100 block of Elm on a Fire Alarm.
 - At 11:18 p.m. the fire department responded half mile East of Dawn on a major accident.

Obituaries

PAULINE MARIE DILLER
June 14, 1997
Pauline Marie Diller, 82, died Saturday.
Services will be at 10 a.m. today in St. Anthony's Catholic Church with James D. Hutsler officiating. Burial will be in St. Anthony's Catholic Cemetery by Gilliland-Watson Funeral Home.
Mrs. Diller was born in Scotland, Texas. She married C.M. Diller in 1935 at Electra. He died in 1989. She also was preceded in death by two sons, Michael Andrew Diller and Gregory Charles Diller, both in 1970.
She moved to Deaf Smith County in 1949 from Umbarger. She was a homemaker and a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church, the Elkhart Altar Society, the Walsh Home Demonstration Club and St. Anthony's Guild Christian Mothers Organization. She was a homemaker.
Survivors include two sons, Robert Diller of Hereford and Duane Diller of Odessa; three daughters, Helen Henderson of Walsh, Colo., Carolyn Brockwell of Longview and Arlene Haiduk of Amarillo; three sisters, Amalia Bracht of Canyon, Sister John Damascene of San Antonio and Agnes Dunaway of Seattle; 22 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.
The family suggests memorials be to the American Cancer Society.



Finishing Gazebo

Trustees under direction of the Hereford Building Department completed the new Gazebo in Central park Thursday by capping the structure with a roof. This is one of several local projects completed by trustees on daily work details.

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sional Black Caucus, which cheered it. He began seeking co-sponsors and immediately found 11, all of them white. Four more lawmakers signed on Monday, Hall said. The bill was sent to the House Judiciary Committee.

But Hall, too, has declined to embrace reparations, saying that issue has nothing to do with the apology he is seeking. "This has to do with something basic and important," Hall said. "(Reparations) ought to be discussed later."

Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich., has introduced legislation on reparations in every session of Congress since 1989. Each time his proposal, which would create a commission to study the feasibility, has died in committee. "I don't know what the problem is," Conyers told CNN on Monday. "We should probably say thank you to Tony Hall ... who has been courageous enough to pick (the issue) up and put it into the dialogue. I think

it's time we should be able to talk about this subject without going ballistic."

Slavery was a central theme in the consultations that Clinton made with activists, scholars and other experts in drafting his plan for a national dialogue on race. Their advice was that Clinton first address the lingering wounds of slavery, then try to resolve the array of racial problems that stem from it.

But an apology for slavery was not a major topic of conversation at the White House because aides were more absorbed with the president's speech, according to one White House official who spoke Monday on condition of anonymity.

White House spokesman Mike McCurry said Clinton "really hasn't taken a position" on a slavery apology. "But he will look at it in due course."

Pensions lost by confusion, ineptitude

WASHINGTON (AP) - Tens of thousands of Americans don't receive their full pension benefits because of employer ineptitude and confusion about the nation's complex pension laws, a government audit indicated Monday.

Workers were advised to insist on detailed benefit statements from their employers every two or three years.

An audit by the federal Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp., made public by the Senate Special Committee on Aging, found that 13.7 percent of 2,791 participants were being underpaid. That compared with 3 percent in a 1988 audit.

Nearly one-third of those underpaid in the latest audit were shortchanged at least \$1,000.

"Everyone is at risk," Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, chairman of the Senate committee, said at a hearing. "When it comes to your pension, you should be very pro-active. You should take charge."

Judy Welles, a spokeswoman for the federal pension agency, said the problem was serious but probably not as pervasive as the committee indicated. The 13.7 percent found to be underpaid was based on a sample of 370 small-company pension plans that were terminated, she said. The agency's oversight begins only when the plans end.

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begin immediately to consider funding options and look at the time available to begin the project.

Nolen said he expects that TNRC procedures will leave the city in position to begin work in late 1998 or early 1999, finishing that year or early in 2000.

The engineering report was given to the commission during a work session prior to the regular meeting. Not present for either were Commissioners Carey Black, Silvana Juarez and Joe Soliz Jr.

During the work session, also,

Grassley said each worker should insist on being given a statement every few years with details of how much he or she will collect in benefits and how the pension will be calculated.

He said he planned to propose legislation to require employers to provide workers with pension benefit statements at least once every three years. The statements would have to explain how the benefits were calculated.

More than 80 million Americans are enrolled in pension plans and about 14 million draw monthly retirement benefits.

Companies make mistakes because the pension laws are complex and employers have little incentive to ensure that their benefit calculations are correct, according to experts.

The committee heard testimony from several retirees and pension "detectives," who - for a percentage of the recovery - try to recover thousands of dollars in pension money from corporations.

One of the private firms, the National Center for Retirement Benefits, has recovered money from large corporations including Allstate Insurance Co., Continental Airlines Inc., Chevron Corp. and GTE Corp. The latter action, prompted by a complaint by a GTE employee,

Josserand reported on a letter from Hereford Beautification Alliance dealing with the city and HBA project of improvements on Main Street.

Informally, commissioners agreed to remove shrubbery on sidewalks, as requested by HBA, and to consider continuing the tree-planting project at intersections on Main.

Because of unforeseen difficulties in removing the shelters on corners of Main, Nolen said there is no budgeted money to continue. The first intersection at Fourth and Main resulted in an expenditure of

Governor travels to border to sign bills into new laws

BROWNSVILLE, Texas (AP) - Gov. George W. Bush traveled to the Texas border Monday to sign into law a batch of bills, including measures that aim to crack down on teen smoking and boost minority enrollment at universities.
Legislation allowing federal officers to help enforce state drunken-driving laws and a measure establishing a regional academic health center in the Rio Grande Valley also were signed by the governor.

The anti-smoking law, touted by supporters as one of the toughest in the nation, imposes new penalties against minors who possess or use tobacco products.

Previously, state law provided no penalties against young smokers, only the retailers who sell to them.

"We want our young people to make healthy choices by avoiding drugs, alcohol and tobacco," Bush said during a signing ceremony at a Laredo middle school. "This legislation sends a crystal clear signal to Texas teen-agers: Don't smoke."

Under the law, a minor convicted of using or possessing tobacco may be required to attend a tobacco education course or pay a fine ranging from \$125 to \$250. Teens who do not attend required courses could have their driver's licenses suspended.

The law, the bulk of which takes effect Sept. 1, also increases penalties for selling tobacco to a minor. Retailers would face fines of up to \$500 for a first offense and up to \$1,000 for subsequent offenses.

The measure also places new restrictions on tobacco advertising, prohibiting tobacco signs within 1,000 feet of a school or church and implementing a 10 percent fee on the price of tobacco billboards.

It also prohibits tobacco vending machines in businesses open to minors and requires retailers to display tobacco products in areas controlled by store clerks.

Sen. Judith Zaffirini, who sponsored the measure, said it will help reduce tobacco use among Texas teens.

"It will help ensure that children and teen-agers understand that smoking can lead to a dangerous addiction," said Zaffirini, D-Laredo.

Surrounded by both educators and legislators, Bush signed the minority enrollment bill into law during a

ceremony in Brownsville.
The law requires Texas universities to automatically admit students who graduate in the top 10 percent of their high school classes.

In considering the applications of other students, universities will have to consider race-neutral factors such as economic status and family background in addition to academic performance.

The law, sponsored by Rep. Irma Rangel, D-Kingsville, was written in response to a federal appeals court ruling issued last year that struck down affirmative-action admissions policies.

The court sided with four white students who argued that the University of Texas law school's admissions policy unfairly favored minorities.

Proponents of the new law said it provides universities a constitutional way to ensure that all students, regardless of race, are given the opportunity to attend college.

"It is a wonderful first step for many of us," said Juliet Garcia, president of the University of Texas at Brownsville.

Bush said the measure allows universities to "reach out to students from all walks of life."

"We want all of our students in Texas to have a fair shot at achieving their dreams," he said.

At the Brownsville ceremony, Bush also signed into law a measure establishing a \$30 million regional academic health center in the Rio Grande Valley.

The facility, to be developed by the University of Texas System, has been touted by local lawmakers as the first step toward creating a medical school on the Texas border.

Earlier, during a ceremony at the McAllen-Reynosa international bridge, Bush signed into law a measure allowing U.S. Customs and Border Patrol agents to alert state and local authorities when they suspect someone of crossing the border intoxicated.

The measure, sponsored by Rep. Roberto Gutierrez, D-McAllen, is known as Joey's Law, in memory of 15-year-old Joey Martinez of La Joya, who died in a drunken-driving accident after returning from Mexico.

The minority enrollment, health center and drunken-driving laws all take effect Sept. 1.

resulted in additional payments totaling \$18 million to 7,000 workers.

"It should never be assumed that a pension payment is correct," the co-founders of NCRB, based in Northbrook, Ill., said in prepared testimony.

Edwin Witor, a retired employee of Castle Metals of Franklin Park, Ill., asked the "detective" company to investigate when he believed he was underpaid his pension benefit. He eventually received retroactive benefits of more than \$10,000 and his pension payment increased by 100 percent, to \$230 a month.

Castle also apologized and, after an initial refusal, agreed to pay half of Witor's bill from NCRB of \$9,677, testified Witor, who lives in Hot Springs, Ark.

Witor said he didn't believe that Castle intentionally tried to cheat him. "They made the same mistake over and over again," he said.

Paul Francione, a former reservations supervisor for Pan Am, became disabled from rheumatoid arthritis and was unable to determine

Lubbock hospital merger approved

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) - The Federal Trade Commission and state attorney general's have chosen not to interfere with the proposed merger between two major hospital systems here, officials said.

Negotiations are continuing with the Internal Revenue Service to clear the way for Lubbock Methodist Hospital and St. Mary Hospital, Methodist Chairman Alan B. White said Thursday.

The IRS and Methodist are smoothing out issues over the hospital's tax-exempt status, he said.

"I am very confident that this will come to a close, but ... I cannot comment on it more at this time," he said.

The hospital systems agreed to merge nearly a year ago. About 400 jobs will be cut once the entities are combined, officials said. Methodist employs 2,258 full-time workers, while St. Mary employs 1,739.

Charley Trimble, president of St. Mary, said he believes job growth actually will occur in the long term.

his correct pension benefit after the airline filed for bankruptcy protection and then shut down in 1992.

With the help of Marty Scheinkman of the Pima, Ariz., Council on Aging, Francione was able to recover an additional \$309 a month.

"Keep your records. Don't throw things away," Francione advised at the hearing.



AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

7-2-0 (seven, two, zero)
AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery:

8-9-18-20-25 (eight, nine, eighteen, twenty, twenty-five)

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

3-9-6 (three, nine, six)

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Lotto Texas numbers drawn Saturday by the Texas Lottery:

6-9-22-35-39-46 (six, nine, twenty-two, thirty-five, thirty-nine, forty-six)
No ticket matched six numbers. Wednesday's estimated Lotto Texas jackpot: \$9 million

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Lifestyles



Bridal shower held

Leslie Billingsley, bride-elect of Brody Lipperman, was the honoree at a bridal shower Saturday in the home of Adelle Clements, right. Guests were welcomed by the honoree and by Colleen Billingsley, left, mother of the bride-elect and Georgia Billingsley, second from right, sister-in-law of the bride-elect.

Clements home is site of shower

A bridal shower in honor of Leslie Billingsley, bride-elect of Brody Lipperman, was held Saturday in the home of Adelle Clements.

The couple will wed Aug. 2. Greeting guests with the honoree were Colleen Billingsley, her mother and Georgia Billingsley, her sister-in-law.

D'Ann Blair presided at the guest register.

Refreshments of fruit bowl, pigs-in-a-blanket, miniature muffins, mints, almond tea and coffee were served by Theresa and Bridget Baker.

The table was covered with a white linen cutwork tablecloth. The centerpiece was white calla lilies, baby's breath and fern in a crystal vase between white candles in crystal candlesticks. Appointments were in silver and crystal.

A comforter, bed skirt, pillow shams, sheets and pillow cases were gifts from hostesses Margaret Bell, Dorothea Prowell, Sheri Kerr, Helen Rose, Ann Warwick, Patsy Giles, Cheri Zinck, Dolores Foster, Carolyn Clark, Martha Emerson, Leota Kelso, Lois Matchett, Martha DeBord, Cindy Rogers, Lois Laubban, Betty Mercer Adelle Clements, Susan Robbins, Nina Brown and Ann Cummings.

Ann Landers

Guidelines for job hunters not only open eyes, will open doors

Dear Ann Landers: I am an assistant manager of a large home decor retail store. I screen all applicants before they are interviewed by the manager. Here are some suggestions for today's young job hunters. So many of them who are not hired never know why. These guidelines may open their eyes. -- Ann Fan in Longwood, Fla.

Dear Longwood: Not only will your suggestions open some eyes, they will open some doors. Thank you.

Rule No. 1: Bring your own pen. Whether you are a walk-in applicant or have an appointment, nothing screams apathy louder than someone who has to ask for a pen to fulfill their purpose for coming in.

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Rule No. 3: Fill out the application completely and correctly. Answer ALL the questions on the form. This means you must know your Social Security number, where you went to school, the names of your previous supervisors and the phone numbers and addresses of all previous employers. Write these things down, and keep them in your wallet.

Rule No. 4: Grammar, penmanship and spelling count. Learn to respond to statements like "List reasons for any time of unemployment" with a full sentence instead of phrases like "out of work" and "no job." If you are given the opportunity to express why you would be the perfect candidate for this position, DON'T LEAVE THAT SPACE BLANK.

Write neatly and clearly, and only use words you know how to spell. Tell me you are always on time and are a quick learner. Let me know you are not afraid of a challenge and love working with people. You do not have to write a paragraph, but this is another opportunity to make a good impression.

Rule No. 5: Ask to see the job description. Most employers should have a copy of the job description handy when hiring. If you just walked in off the street and asked for an application, be sure you know what you are getting into. If there is any part of the description you do not understand or have a problem with, ask to speak with the manager for clarification. Most retail jobs involve more than just standing at a cash register.

Rule No. 6: Be enthusiastic. From the moment you walk in the door, have a positive attitude. Smile! When you turn in your application, ask the person behind the counter how he feels about his job. Ask if the manager is available and introduce yourself. Even if the store is not hiring at the moment, you can still make an impression by being assertive. Tell the manager what a great store he has and how you shop there all the time. Don't be pushy or linger too long. Just tell him not to forget you when hiring time comes around, and give a firm handshake. You can bet you'll be on the top of the call-back list.

Rule No. 7: Be ready to work. Everyone wants a job, but not everyone wants to work. Once you are hired, stay enthusiastic. Live up to all the promises you made. Continue to dress properly, be on time, accept all new tasks with a smile and learn everything you can about the company. Even if this is just a part-time or summer job, by staying positive and enthusiastic, you are laying the groundwork for your future career.

A part of you is reflected in everything you do. From the smallest task to the most life-altering decisions, make sure that reflection

shows your best side.

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Today in History

Today is Tuesday, June 17, the 168th day of 1997. There are 197 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 17, 1972, President Nixon's eventual downfall began with the arrest of five burglars inside Democratic national headquarters in Washington's Watergate complex.

On this date:
In 1775, the Revolutionary War Battle of Bunker Hill took place near Boston.

In 1789, the Third Estate in France declared itself a national assembly, and undertook to frame a constitution.

In 1856, in Philadelphia, the Republican Party opened its first convention.

In 1885, the Statue of Liberty arrived in New York City aboard the French ship Isere.

In 1928, Amelia Earhart embarked

on a trans-Atlantic flight from Newfoundland to Wales - the first by a woman.

In 1940, France asked Germany for terms of surrender in World War II.

In 1944, the republic of Iceland was established.

In 1963, the Supreme Court struck down rules requiring the recitation of the Lord's Prayer or reading of Biblical verses in public schools.

In 1969, the raunchy musical review "Oh! Calcutta!" opened in New York.

In 1971, the United States and Japan signed a treaty under which the United States would return control of the island of Okinawa.

In 1986, President Reagan announced the retirement of Chief Justice Warren Earl Burger.

In 1986, singer Kate Smith died in

Raleigh, N.C., at age 79.

In 1994, after leading police on a slow-speed chase on Southern California freeways, O.J. Simpson was arrested and charged with murder in the slayings of his ex-wife, Nicole, and her friend, Ronald Goldman. (Simpson was later acquitted in a criminal trial, but held liable in a civil trial.)

Ten years ago: Baseball manager Dick Howser, who'd led the Kansas City Royals to a World Series championship, died at age 51 after a year-long struggle with brain cancer.

Five years ago: President Bush and Russian President Boris Yeltsin signed a breakthrough arms-reduction agreement. Addressing Congress, Yeltsin pledged to find any American prisoners of war still being held in Russia. Two German relief workers, the last of Western hostages held in Lebanon, were released.

One year ago: ValuJet Airlines suspended its flight schedule indefinitely after a federal inspection found "several serious deficiencies" in the discount carrier's operations. (ValuJet resumed limited operations 15 weeks later.)

Today's Birthdays: Singer Barry Manilow is 51. Comedian Joe Piscopo is 46. Talk show host Greg Kinnear is 33. Olympic gold-medal speed skater Dan Jansen is 32. Actor Jason Patric is 31. Rhythm-and-blues singer Kevin Thornton (Color Me Badd) is 28.

Thought for Today: "Mediocrity knows nothing higher than itself, but talent instantly recognizes genius." - Arthur Conan Doyle, British writer (1859-1930).

Hospital Notes

Report from Hereford Regional Medical Center on June 16:

Admitted: Hilestra Graves, Alvin Thompson, Fausto Rivera, Juan Hernandez, Jesus Castillo.

Discharged: Valerie Pesina, Howard Perry, Perla Ayala, Luther Gibson, Beatrice Torres, Michael Bautista.

Report on June 17:

Admitted: None.

Discharged: Juan Hernandez, Fausto Rivera.

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Hereford college students receive honors, diplomas

Selena Adrienne Varner of Hereford was named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the spring 1997 semester at Abilene Christian University.

The make the Honor Roll, a student must complete at least 12 semester hours for grades and earn 3.45 or higher grade point average.

Students from Hereford attending Texas Tech University qualified for academic honors lists at the end of the spring semester.

Students on the President's List earned a 4.0 grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours of classwork. Students who earned 12 or more hours with a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.9 qualified for the Dean's List.

Included on the President's List were Bethany Allison Farr, Benjamin Jay Lockmiller, Katerina Malouf and David Lynn Vermillion.

The Dean's List included Kinann Campbell, Michael Roy Carlson, Jason Wayne Cole, Julie Frances Cole, Sherry Lynn Fuston, Jill Robinson, Melinda Marie Salazar and Sherry Lynn Vermillion.

Four students from Hereford were among the more than 2,000 students at Texas Tech University who received degrees during 1997 spring commencement exercises.

Graduates included Derek Vincent Mason, Bachelor of Business Administration in management information systems; Felipe Pesina Jr., Bachelor of Business Administration in finance; Raymond Chavarria-Romo, Master of Business Adminis-

tration in general business; and Dusty Brooke Saul, Bachelor of Business Administration in marketing.

McMurry University awarded 165 diplomas during the recent commencement ceremony, including two to Hereford students.

Wendy Delyn Warrick received a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and Mirela Zimic graduated Cul Laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry. She was a member of the James Winford Hunt Chapter of Alpha Chi National Honor Society.

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Sports

Rangers gain win streak through Interleague play

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) - Coincidence or not, the beginning of interleague play seems to have brought out the best in the Texas Rangers.

After dropping the historic first AL-NL meeting Thursday night, Texas won the next three to build its longest winning streak since taking four straight May 9-12.

The Rangers head to Colorado for games tonight and Wednesday having won four of their last five. They've regained second in the AL West, two games behind Seattle with the Mariners coming to Texas for four games beginning Thursday.

"There is a difference in here," manager Johnny Oates said after Sunday's 7-4 victory over the San Diego Padres. "I can't put my finger on it, but I've been around long enough to realize it."

"It's something you can't define, but you know it's there. You can smell it."

It seems like every player contributed over the weekend. That's the way Texas won the AL West last year, but it hadn't been happening for the last half of May and early part of June.

"It's good to see the entire club playing well right now," said closer John Wetteland, who won Friday night's game against San Francisco and saved both games against the Padres.

"Even the game we lost to San Francisco (on Thursday) was a good baseball game, we just came up a bit short. Prior to that, we hadn't been playing good baseball."

Better health may be one reason. Leadoff hitter Mark McLemore returned from the disabled list Thursday and immediately reverted

to his 1996 form, not the struggling start of this season. Set-up man Danny Patterson came off the DL on Friday and looked as good as he did before getting hurt.

Dean Palmer broke the longest homerless drought of his career Saturday night and Mike Simms ended his slump with a homer four pitches later. On Sunday, Lee Stevens also homered.

Damon Buford snapped an 0-for-20 skid Saturday, then tied his career-best with three hits Sunday. Will Clark's stretch of 13 games without an RBI ended Sunday.

Juan Gonzalez played the outfield Friday for the first time this season, and threw out a runner at the plate. Bill Ripken took the shortstop job from Benji Gil and has become the steady bat at the bottom of the lineup the team has lacked.

The bullpen hasn't allowed a run in 13 1-3 innings over five games. Long reliever Matt Whiteside won Saturday for the first time since Sept. 13, 1995, then Bobby Witt ended his three-game losing streak Sunday.

But the real star of the weekend was Rusty Greer, who put on a clinic over the four games with remarkable hitting, superb defense and aggressive baserunning.

Greer went 9-for-12 against NL pitchers with two doubles, two

homers and four walks. He reached base nine straight times before striking out in the first inning Sunday and has been on 17 of 20 times since Wednesday.

Both homers came Friday night, the second with the game tied in the ninth inning. He also kept the Giants from going ahead in the seventh by making a sliding stop of Bill Mueller's double, then getting the ball to Ripken in time to throw out J.T. Snow at the plate.

On Saturday night, he doubled twice and scored an eighth-inning insurance run by tagging up to third on a medium fly ball to center field, then coming home on a wild pitch.

On Sunday, Greer was 1-for-3, got hit by a pitch, stole a base and made a nice catch against the wall in left field.

"Rusty seems to always be in a pretty good groove," Oates said. "He's a special player who does a lot of things well. That's the reason we hit him third and he plays every inning for us."



What's your sign? Go, Herd!

Local members of the Trojan AAU basketball team are conducting a fundraiser to help pay their expenses to the National AAU 14-and-Under Basketball Tournament in Orlando, Fla. Cody and Slade Hodges, Chas Rives and Cody Marsh are shown painting a sign on the Hereford Brand parking lot. The group is painting the "Go Herd" signs on driveways and sidewalks for \$10 each. Persons wanting to get a sign and help the cause can Call 364-8002 or 578-4436.

Mix of leagues big hit with fans

Attendance grows with cross league play

NEW YORK (AP) - Interleague play is a big hit at the box office, drawing 38 percent more fans than the average game during the first 10 weeks of the season.

Teams averaged crowds of 35,789 for the first 46 interleague games through Sunday. Before interleague play began last Thursday, teams were averaging 25,833.

"You can see what it's done for attendance, not only here but throughout baseball," Mariners manager Lou Piniella said. "If it's good for business, it's good for the sport."

Seattle, averaging 37,461 before the start of interleague play, drew 208,297 to the Kingdome for two games against Colorado and two against Los Angeles, a team record for four consecutive home games and an average of 52,074.

Attendance dropped 20 percent following the 1994-95 strike, from an average of 31,612 in 1994 to 25,260 in 1995. It rebounded 6.4 percent last season to 26,889 and with interleague play beginning, owners predict a 9 percent rise to about 29,300 this season.

"It will get better this week," acting commissioner Bud Selig said Monday in Milwaukee. "When I think back to all the effort it took to get this done, I can't tell you how proud I am and how pleased I am."

This has just been tremendous, not only from an attendance standpoint, it's the interest it will kindle, the rivalries, the new rivalries, the matchups, things people normally don't see. And so it's helping us, I mean, there's an enormous amount of conversation about it. And it's excited people. It just has excited people."

In the stands and clubhouses, fans

and players can't stop talking about it.

Interleague play has been the big talk of the stands-and the clubhouse.

"You had to keep reminding yourself that this was a real game," Minnesota's Paul Molitor said after his team's interleague opener at the Astrodome. "You have to say, 'We're playing in Houston.' But as hard as it was to realize, you have to understand it's going to show up in the standings."

With the New York Yankees in Miami, the Florida Marlins topped 40,000 in three consecutive games for the first time since August 1993--their inaugural season.

"I think the Marlins fans and the Yankee fans got their money's worth," Florida catcher Gregg Zaun said after Florida rallied in the ninth inning to win the second game of Sunday's doubleheader. "Four comeback innings - that's pretty good for one day."

Atlanta drew 143,766 for its games against Baltimore, a matchup of the teams with the best record in each league. The Braves, who were swept, hadn't drawn that many for a three-game series since 147,014 turned out in July 1994 against Philadelphia - Atlanta's final home games before the strike.

The Cubs drew 112,690 for three games against the Brewers, getting many fans to make the 1 1/2-hour drive from Milwaukee. The total was 7,638 shy of the Wrigley Field record of 120,328 for a three-game series, set in 1994 against Cincinnati.

And in Pittsburgh, where attendance has been down for five years since the Pirates were last competitive, a three-game series against Kansas City drew 108,536 -

the Pirates' largest for a three-game home series since September 1991 against the Mets.

Interleague play had the least impact in Montreal. The Expos averaged 19,998 for three games against Detroit, slightly above Montreal's average of 19,251 for its first 35 home dates.

Tiger Woods youngest player to hold top spot in rankings

NEW YORK (AP) - Tiger Woods completed his meteoric rise in the World Rankings on Monday, passing Greg Norman to become the youngest player to hold the top spot in the 11-year history of the rankings.

Woods, 21, a record 12-stroke winner in the Masters who has four other PGA Tour victories since turning pro last summer, tied for 19th in the U.S. Open on Sunday to move ahead of Norman.

Woods, playing this week in the Buick Classic at Harrison, N.Y., has 9.91 points in the rankings, 0.13 points more than Norman. Scotland's Colin Montgomerie is third with 9.61, followed by U.S. Open winner Ernie Els of South Africa at 9.31 and Zimbabwe's Nick Price at 9.24.

NHL may have four new teams

TORONTO (AP) - The NHL has chosen Nashville, Atlanta, St. Paul, Minn., and Columbus, Ohio, as its next four expansion sites, according to broadcast reports Monday.

NHL spokesman Arthur Pincus said the league would have no comment on the reports.

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Cubs earn Chicago braggin' rights for a day

Cubs win 8-3 in first game that counts against Sox in 91 years

CHICAGO (AP) - After 91 years, the Chicago Cubs have baseball braggin' rights in the Second City. At least for one day.

The inspired Cubs, those lovable losers from the North Side, used 14 hits and an early scoring outburst Monday to beat the Chicago White Sox 8-3 in an electric encounter between two teams who hadn't played a game that counted since the 1906 World Series.

Evanston native Kevin Foster (8-4) picked up the historic interleague victory, allowing seven hits and three runs in six innings. He was given a big early lead when the Cubs jumped on former teammate Jaime Navarro (4-6) for six runs in the first three innings.

Brian McRae, a former American League pitcher in Kansas City, paced the Cubs with three hits and two RBIs. Ryne Sandberg also added three hits.

The teams were decked out in retro uniforms, the Cubs in dark blue jerseys from 1911 and White Sox in white garb from 1917.

The White Sox had won the previous meeting that counted, beating the Cubs 8-3 on Oct. 14, 1906 at 39th Street Grounds in the Game 6 clincher of the World Series that season.

On Monday, for the opener of the three-game series, there were numerous empty seats, most in the far reaches of the steep-stepped upper deck.

The crowd of 36,213 was 8,108 under capacity but still the second largest of the season at Comiskey Park.

Many baseball fans in Chicago were angered when the White Sox initially required fans buying a ticket to a Cubs game also purchase seats for three other games during the season. That policy was later changed and individual seats sold.

During the seventh-inning stretch, "Take Me Out To The Ball Game" began to blare over the loudspeakers and fans stood and turned toward Harry Caray to sing as he does at Wrigley Field.

But it was a road game for Caray, the legendary Cubs announcer who once worked for the White Sox. Instead of singing, Caray motioned

with his hand to lead the chorus for the charged-up crowd, most decked in souvenir white caps.

Navarro, who has criticized Cubs management for not re-signing him after he went 29-18 in his two years on the North Side, struggled early.

McRae led off with a single and scored on Brant Brown's triple as Cubs fans cheered loudly. Mark Grace, the third batter of the game, then hit a sacrifice fly for a quick 2-0 lead.

Brewers 1, Cardinals 0

MILWAUKEE (AP) - Jeremy Burnitz homered off Alan Benes with one out in the bottom of the ninth inning Monday night, giving the Milwaukee Brewers a 1-0 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals in the first interleague game at County Stadium.

The crowd of 23,503 was 9,152 higher than the Brewers' average attendance.

The pitchers had the definite advantage in a game between the teams who squared off in the 1982 World Series. There were only nine hits total and 23 strikeouts.

Brewers ace Ben McDonald scattered four hits in eight innings and struck out a career-best 12, including the side in the seventh. Seventy of his 105 pitches were strikes.

But it was Bob Wickman (4-2) who got the win, pitching the ninth.

Benes (6-6) matched his career-high with 11 strikeouts - which he also accomplished in an 8-3 win at San Diego last Wednesday. He gave up four hits with three walks.

Pirates 8, Twins 6

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) - Mark Smith homered in the first plate appearance by a Pittsburgh designated hitter and Kevin Polcovich hit the first homer of his career Monday

night, leading the Pirates to an 8-6 win over the Minnesota Twins in the debut of interleague play at the Metrodome.

Smith, activated from the disabled list Sunday, hit a two-run homer in the second. Polcovich, a rookie who came into the game with 215 at-bats, added a two-run homer in the fourth as the Pirates became the first NL team to win at the dome.

The Twins swept eight home games from St. Louis (1987) and Atlanta (1991) in their two World Series championships. But they finally lost to an NL team at the Metrodome before a disappointing crowd of 16,007, nearly 2,000 fewer than their season average for the first 36 home games.

Marlins 7, Tigers 3

DETROIT (AP) - Jim Eisenreich, the first designated hitter in Marlins' history, and Jeff Conine each drove in two runs as Florida beat Detroit 7-3 Monday night in the Tigers' first home interleague game.

Kevin Brown (7-4), coming off a no-hitter Tuesday against San Francisco, gave up six hits against the Tigers over eight innings, two of them infield hits. He also struck out five, gave up three runs and threw a wild pitch.

A crowd of 23,874 was on hand even though it rained until shortly before game time. The Tigers are averaging 13,788 a game.

Red Sox 5, Phillies 5

BOSTON (AP) - Troy O'Leary was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded and two outs in the 10th inning and the Boston Red Sox, helped by a misplay by left fielder Gregg Jefferies, beat the Philadelphia Phillies 5-4 Monday night.

In their first meaningful game against the Red Sox since the 1915 World Series, the Phillies took a 4-2

lead into the ninth. But the Red Sox rallied against relief ace Ricky Bottalico, aided by Jefferies.

Jefferies, playing in unfamiliar territory, lost Scott Hattenberg's fly near the foul fence and the Green Monster for a double. Troy O'Leary followed with a pinch-hit, two-run double off the left-field wall that tied it.

Mets 6, Yankees 0

NEW YORK (AP) - They skipped the subway and rode to Yankee Stadium in a bus instead.

Once there, the New York Mets proved on the field what their fans have believed in their hearts for 36 seasons - that they could beat the Yankees.

On an historic, nostalgic, electric and somewhat surrealistic night, the Mets opened their interleague Subway Series with a 6-0 win Monday night.

New York may be a two-team town, but for at least the next 24 hours it belongs to the club from Queens - even though both have the exact 37-30 record.

Dave Mlicki pitched his first major league shutout and John Olerud drove in three runs as the Mets blanked the defending World Series champions.

Braves 3, Blue Jays 0

TORONTO (AP) - Denny Neagle outpitched Roger Clemens, and the Atlanta Braves ended their longest losing streak of the season at four Monday night with a 3-0 victory over

the Toronto Blue Jays. A crowd of 34,409 - about 4,000 more than the Blue Jays have been averaging - saw Toronto's first meaningful game against an NL team at SkyDome since Joe Carter's three-run homer against the Philadelphia Phillies ended the 1993 World Series.

The Blue Jays beat Atlanta in the 1992 World Series. The Braves visited SkyDome for a pair of spring training exhibitions in 1993.

Neagle (10-1) pitched a five-hitter for his second shutout of the season. He did not allow a runner past second base, walking none and striking out four.

Clemens (11-2) struck out 12, but lost his second straight start. Defeated by Seattle in his last outing, he gave up eight hits and walked none in his third complete game. He leads the AL with a 2.03 ERA.

Chipper Jones homered, singled and scored twice.

Injured King leads KC past Astros 5-2

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) - After spending two hours in the doctor's office with an aching right knee, Jeff King seemed an unlikely hero on an historic night in Kansas City.

He was going to take the night off. Then he was going to play. Then he wasn't sure.

Then he drove in three runs with two doubles and played a flawless first base, powering the Royals past Houston 5-2 Monday night in the first interleague game in Kauffman Stadium history.

"As the game went along, it became a lot more tolerable and I was able to put more weight on it," said King, who was removed from the game at Pittsburgh the day before after just one plate appearance.

"Hopefully, that will be a good sign and it will continue to get better. There's just a little bone spur down there."

A crowd of 22,528, about 4,000 over the season average, saw the Royals beat a NL team for the third straight game as Jose Rosado (7-3) won his fourth straight decision with his second complete game in three starts. Rosado allowed one earned run and six hits, while striking out four and walking none.

"The crowd seemed more excited, and I really liked that," said Rosado, whose ERA over his last four games is 1.43. "That really helps the players a lot. I wish we could have more crowds like tonight."

"I hate to keep saying night after night I have to give the other guy credit, but he pitched an awfully good game," said Houston manager Larry Dierker.

Trailing 2-1 in the seventh, the Royals loaded the bases on Jose Offerman's single, Tom Goodwin's bunt and Jay Bell's walk. King, who had an RBI double off the center-field wall in the fifth, hit reliever Russ Springer's pitch to nearly the same spot, scoring Offerman and Goodwin.

After Chili Davis was walked intentionally, Craig Paquette, who had failed to deliver with the bases loaded in the first and third, popped out to second, giving him nine runners stranded in three at-bats. The Astros then brought in Tom Martin, who gave up a two-run single to Damon.

Mike Hampton (2-6) fell to 0-6 on the road and failed to win for the seventh straight start. He went 6 and 1-3 innings, giving up eight hits and three runs, with three walks and two strikeouts.

"Right now, I just keep battling and trying to stay positive," said Hampton. "I'm trying to stay focused. I feel like I'm on the right page. I'm heading in the right direction. I'm on the right page. I just have to stay positive."

The Astros took a 2-1 lead in the sixth when shortstop Bell misplayed James Mouton's potential double-play grounder.

O'Neal's mouth rewarded with night in jail

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) - Jermaine O'Neal, who made the jump from high school to the NBA, spent a night in jail last weekend after the 18-year-old was arrested at a mall for what police say was mouthing off at Richland County Sheriff's deputies.

"I didn't say anything to the police," O'Neal, an Eau Claire High School star, said Monday. "They treated me like a criminal."

O'Neal, who skipped college to become a teen-age basketball prodigy for the Portland Trail Blazers, was hanging out at the Columbia Mall with friends.

The group was handing out pamphlets, a violation of mall policy, Richland County Sheriff's Department spokesman Sam Morton said.

When Thomas Earl Simmons Jr., one of the group, was asked by officers to stop, O'Neal came over to see what his friend's trouble was.

The 6-foot-11 O'Neal and Simmons were asked to leave, but not before Simmons twice used foul language and twice was warned that it could get him arrested, Morton said.

Morton said O'Neal agreed to leave the mall, but told officers that if they touched him, he would sue.

Just before O'Neal reached his car, he cursed to a friend and was taken into custody. When Simmons again cursed, he too, was arrested, Morton said.

Teammates on opposite sides of death suit

PULLMAN, Wash. (AP) - A Washington State lineman has filed a wrongful-death lawsuit against a teammate stemming from a car crash that killed his wife less than a month after they were married.

Ryan McShane was named as the defendant in the suit filed by Jason McEndoo. Both are redshirt seniors who are expected to start next season on the Cougars' offensive line.

McEndoo's lawsuit was filed May 28 in Whitman County Superior Court on behalf of the estate of 22-year-old Michelle McEndoo, who died in the July 14, 1996, crash.

McShane was driving the Ford Explorer that left Interstate 90 and rolled as the three students were returning to campus from a friend's wedding.

The lawsuit claims the accident and the injuries were the result of McShane's negligence. It also says Jason McEndoo suffered financial and emotional distress because of the death of his wife.

The amount of damages will be determined at trial.

Police reports of the accident indicated Michelle McEndoo was lying on the back seat when McShane apparently fell asleep at the wheel. She was thrown from the vehicle and pronounced dead at the scene.

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(This week's Local Highlights and Golf activities)

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UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAYS.....Weekly Scramble
 JUNE 23.....North Texas Junior PGA Tour
 JULY 4-6.....Hereford Open, sponsored by Coors, Make-A-Wish Benefit
 JULY 26-27.....VFW/Crown of Texas Hospice Tourney
 SEPT. 6-7.....Couples Tourney, Make-A-Wish Benefit

CLOSED TOURNAMENTS

June 26-Hereford Veterinary Clinic. Course closed after noon.
 June 28-Meredith Ireland Birthday Scramble. Times available. July 27-Coaches' Booster Scramble. Course closed after 5 pm.
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Drown-proofing an infant just not possible, AAP agrees with expert

ATLANTA (AP) - Contrary to popular belief, babies and toddlers are not natural swimmers and can't be taught "drown-proofing," cautions Maryann Johnston, child safety expert at Egleston Children's Hospital at Emory University.

"It is not uncommon for toddlers and even infants to be able to dog paddle," she says. "Just because a preschooler can dog paddle to the side of the pool does not assure that he is capable of saving himself from drowning."

Johnston says parents should be wary of swim instructors who claim to teach drown-proofing. The American Academy of Pediatrics agrees that there's no such thing.

About 1,000 children drown each year and another 4,000 are hospitalized for near-drownings, says Johnston. It's the second leading cause of preventable injury-related deaths in children, and 60 percent of these children are under the age of 4.

To get your child safely acquainted with water activities, participate in family water enrichment programs offered by organizations like the American Red Cross or the YMCA, she suggests. Children under 3 in these programs should have one-on-one supervision of an adult, preferably a parent.

But whether your youngster is enjoying splash time in the tub at

home, at a swimming pool or at the ocean, keep these tips in mind:

- Never leave a child alone near water. It only takes seconds for him to drown.

- Be confident in your ability to swim when you're ready to introduce your child to the water. Enroll in a CPR or life-saving class.

- Water floats designed for infants and toddlers are toys, not serious life-saving devices. Always supervise your child closely while using these toys. A U.S. Coast Guard-approved flotation device (life jacket) is the best protection.

- Discourage rowdy play and splashing while playing with your infant in a swimming pool. Swallowing excessive amounts of pool water can lower the amount of salt in a baby's system and could cause seizures.

- Encourage the tot to enjoy the water, but don't push or tease him when he is too timid to test it. Forcing a child into water may cause him to develop a long-term fear of it.

- Help your youngster develop self-confidence in the water. When he is surprised by a splash in the face or slips on the pool steps, show compassion but not alarm. Your reactions can cause him to lose confidence.

- When he gains confidence in the water, it's time for applause but not necessarily a sense of security. A child who has no fear of water may jump into deep water when there are no adults to catch him. Even when a preschooler masters paddling to the side of the pool, he is not capable of saving himself from drowning.

A child will be developmentally ready for organized swimming lessons around the age of 4, Johnston says, and parents should research courses and instructors carefully.

"Swim instructors should be water safety instructor (WSI)-certified by the American Red Cross. And there's no such thing as too many lessons. During the winter, swimming basics are forgotten. Refresher courses each summer will help children get their strokes and their water confidence back."



Summer activity day

These children are participating in Camp Fire's "Wonderful Wednesday" Summer Activity Program. Each Wednesday from 1 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. children can enjoy an afternoon of games, crafts and snacks with a different theme each week. Here they are playing sheet volleyball as part of "Outdoor Fun and Games." Future themes will be Nature, Water Fun, Patriotism, Pirates and Carnival. For more information or to register a child, call the Camp Fire Lodge at 364-0395.

To Your Good Health

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: You said Bell's palsy is usually a brief course. In my case, it is not.

I had it in January of '79. A lot of my face and tongue is still paralyzed. I choke and strangle easily. My eye does not shut properly.

Please tell all Bell's palsy sufferers to go to a neurologist or an ear-nose-throat doctor immediately. I waited too long, and it was too late. — A.M.

ANSWER: Bell's palsy is a malfunction of the nerve that serves face muscles. The eye on the affected side cannot close. The corner of the mouth sags. Saliva often dribbles out of the sagging mouth. Chewing and swallowing can present big trouble.

Your eight-year battle with Bell's palsy is distressing. More than 80 percent of patients recover in one to three weeks. Some take months to regain function. An even smaller number never recover full use of their face muscles.

Treatment is a matter of controversy. Those who say the herpes virus or the shingles virus is involved advocate the use of acyclovir, an antiviral medicine. Others champion the use of cortisone medicines to reduce nerve swelling; they say the swollen nerve is compressed as it passes through bony tunnels in the skull.

Surgery to free the nerve from bone constriction is a treatment often suggested. Physical therapists sometimes apply low-voltage current to the paralyzed face muscles; the current makes muscles contract, which keeps them limber and strong.

It's difficult to say whether early intervention would have prevented your long bout with Bell's palsy. Some people, even with early treatment, have a prolonged course.

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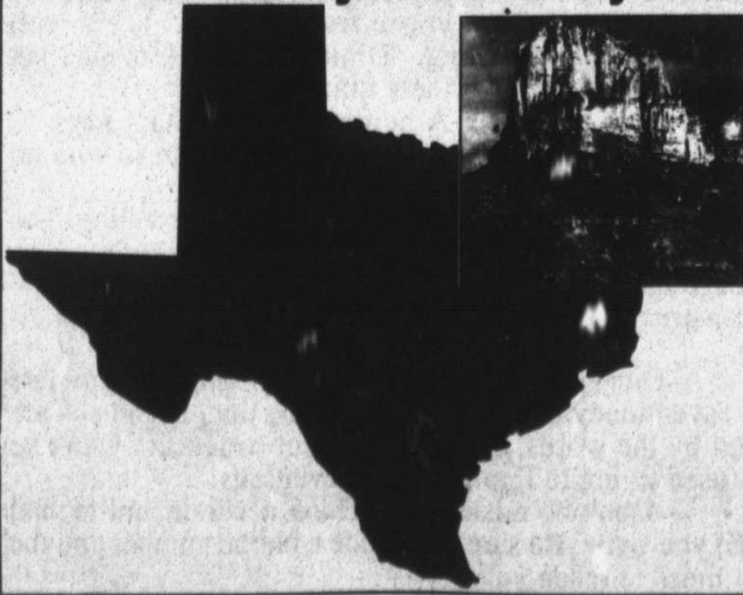


Perform in recital

Piano students of Cheryl Betzen of Hereford performed their spring recital recently. Several of Mrs. Betzen's students won honors at the Greater Southwest Music Festival at Amarillo College and in the local National Piano Auditions of the National Guild of Piano Teachers, Teacher Division, of the American College of Musicians. Pictured front row, from left, are Kinsey Reeve, Ann Brorman, Belinda Fangman and Blake Yosten. Center row, from left, are Wade McNutt, Superior rating in Guild, Bethany Solomon, Superior-minus in Guild and II in Southwest, Melissa Stubbs, Brandy Kreigshausner, Megan Stubbs and Brionne Yosten. Back row, from left, are Jessica Stubbs, Ashley Fangman, Kristin Fangman, Amanda Bullard, Superior rating in Guild, Holly Schilling, Excellent rating in Guild, Shyla Martin and Jaime Steiert, Superior in Guild and I in Southwest. Not pictured are Sammi Sciumbato, Superior in Guild, Joclyn Rogers, Superior in Guild and Patrick Schlabs, II in Southwest.

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Texas cattlemen have a serious beef with Oprah

By MARK BABINECK
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AMARILLO, Texas (AP) - Texas cattlemen have a serious beef with Oprah Winfrey.

During an "Oprah Winfrey Show" broadcast last year, an expert said that feeding ground-up animal parts to cattle could spread mad cow disease to humans in the United States. To applause from the studio audience, Ms. Winfrey exclaimed: "It has just stopped me from eating another burger!"

Cattle prices began to fall the day of the show and fell for two weeks before rising again.

Amarillo cattle feeder Paul Engler and a dozen cattlemen are now suing under a 1995 Texas law that protects agricultural products from slander.

"I couldn't help but be infuriated," said Engler, who flipped on the program while visiting Chicago, Ms. Winfrey's home base. "I sat there and couldn't hardly believe what I was seeing."

Engler's year-old federal lawsuit appears to be the biggest test yet of so-called "veggie label" laws, which

sprouted after a "60 Minutes" report in 1989 on the apple growth regulator Alar sent prices plummeting. Since then, 13 states have passed laws against falsely disparaging products.

Ms. Winfrey's show came at a time when drought, high feed prices and oversupply were crippling cattlemen. While her recommendations have made best sellers out of books, Engler said that same power cuts both ways.

Mad cow disease, or bovine spongiform encephalopathy, has not been reported in the United States. It is a brain-destroying disease that has ravaged cattle in Britain since the late 1980s, where it is believed to have been spread by cattle feed containing ground-up sheep parts.

Panic erupted last year because of fears that infected beef may have caused a version of a fatal human brain illness. But no definitive links have been found.

During the "Oprah" show, U.S. Humane Society official Howard Lyman told the audience that 100,000 cows in this country drop dead annually for no known reason, and

are ground up and fed to other cows, Engler's lawsuit said.

"If only one of them has 'mad cow disease,' that has the potential to infect thousands," said Lyman, an anti-meat activist, according to the lawsuit. He followed other guests who played down the worries.

Cattle prices had dropped 10 percent by the end of the month following the show, from 62 cents per pound to 55 cents.

Engler said he lost \$6.7 million. The cattlemen sued Lyman, Ms. Winfrey, her Harpo Productions Inc. and distributor King World Productions.

Ms. Winfrey defended the show shortly after its airing but has since refused to discuss it.

"I asked questions that I think that the American people deserve to have answered in light of what is happening in Britain. We gave them (cattlemen) a chance to respond," she said in a statement at the time.

Earlier this month, the Food and Drug Administration ordered an end to feeding cattle meat and bone meal from other cattle.

West Texas man executed for '86 Hale Center murder

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) - A West Texas man with a history of drug dealing professed his innocence from the death chamber gurney Monday before he was executed for killing a convenience store clerk during a \$96 robbery in 1986.

David Stoker, 38, was pronounced dead at 6:15 p.m. CDT, six minutes after a lethal dose of drugs began flowing into his arms.

In a six-paragraph prepared statement he passed to the prison chaplain but did not read aloud, Stoker said he was innocent and thanked family members, friends and his lawyers for support during what he called "one hell of an ordeal."

"I am sorry for the pain that my death has caused you," he wrote.

He also addressed his victim's family, five of whom witnessed the execution through glass a few feet away.

"I am truly sorry for your loss, but I didn't kill anyone," Stoker said. "The D.A. knows this. I do wish you peace and comfort."

"Now as for my death, killing me will not solve anything. The taking of life is never right. I am innocent of murder. This just shows that there is no justice anymore in this once-great land. People need to please wake up!"

He ended the statement by saying "Let's rock-n-roll ..."

As the drugs took effect, Stoker coughed twice and stopped breathing.

Stoker was the first of three condemned inmates scheduled for lethal injection this week. His execution was the sixth this month and 22nd this year, extending a Texas record for most executions in a single year.

Stoker, a native of Potter County in the Texas Panhandle, was convicted of fatally shooting David Manrique, a 50-year-old overnight clerk at an Allsup's convenience store in Hale Center, about 50 miles north of Lubbock, before dawn Nov. 9, 1986.

The store manager reporting for work about 6 a.m. found Manrique lying in a pool of blood. He had been shot in the head and back with a .22-caliber pistol and died of his wounds about an hour later.

Manrique, a father of six, was a Baptist minister on vacation, hoping

to earn some extra money with the part-time job. One of the members of the ambulance crew responding to the shooting was the victim's son.

"That picture is on his mind and we can't change that," Moises Manrique, who witnessed Stoker's execution, said of his brother who was the first to get to the shooting scene.

"It was very humane, more than what he did to my dad," Manrique added. "My dad had to suffer. But it's over and done with. It's like burying your dad twice. This is not a happy occasion. We don't take joy in that he died but it was a sentence that was given to him."

"If he wouldn't have done it, we both wouldn't have had to go through this. He caused a lot of trouble in our family. It disrupts your life. I've got three children that will never get to sit on their grandpa's lap."

A police informant tipped authorities to the murder weapon after he said Stoker, an eighth-grade dropout who worked as a heavy equipment operator and carpenter, gave him the gun so he could help Stoker kill two more people.

Stoker's fingerprints were found on the gun and ballistics tests matched shell casings from the murder scene to another shell casing found in Stoker's car.

According to court records, a friend, Ronnie Thompson, testified how Stoker told of killing "the guy working at Allsup's" and described the nature of the victim's wounds. Thompson's wife, Deborah, said Stoker told her he committed the murder because he had run up debts buying drugs and needed money. Prosecutors described Stoker as a known drug dealer.

Other testimony indicated Stoker threatened to kill anyone who testified against him.

Besides his capital murder conviction, Stoker also picked up a 30-year term for delivery of methamphetamines. He already had been facing the drug charge when he was arrested for the clerk killing.

"It was a cold-blooded and execution-style murder," Hale County District Attorney Terry McEachern, who prosecuted Stoker, said. "No question about his guilt. And it's been reviewed by at least nine different courts and all nine have affirmed the case."

"At least we know he will never kill again," McEachern added. "People say the death penalty's not a deterrent, but it's certainly a deterrent to him."

"I do feel sorry for his family. But I think he got what he deserved."

Texas officials say deaths not due to mad cow disease

AUSTIN (AP) - State health officials said Monday that no humans have died of mad-cow disease in Texas.

Officials with the Texas Department of Health made the announcement in a statement issued after weekend news reports that five people had been died of the disease since April 1996 in a 22-county area of Northeast Texas.

"We have no evidence of mad-cow disease in Texas," said Dr. Michael Kelley, chief of the department's bureau of communicable disease control. "These people died of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, or CJD, not mad-cow disease."

The clinical name for mad-cow disease is bovine spongiform

encephalopathy, or BSE. Kelley said the two diseases are similar, "but they damage the brain in distinguishably different ways."

"There is no evidence of BSE in U.S. cattle and no evidence of a new variation of CJD in humans in the U.S.," Kelley said.

Scientists do now know how Creutzfeldt-Jakob, a rare brain disorder, is transmitted in all cases, but some cases are hereditary and others result from nerve tissue transplants. The disease causes holes to form in the brain and is always fatal.

State officials said at least 149 people have died from Creutzfeldt-Jakob since 1984.

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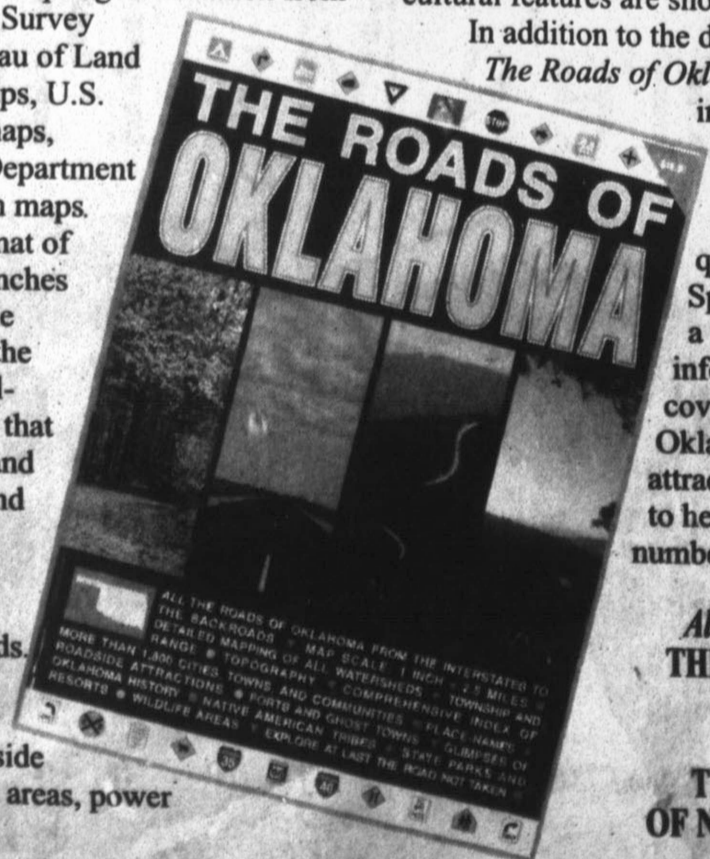
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