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## HRMC, clinic post losses in June

By Donald M. Cooper  
Hereford Brand Managing Editor

Although Dr. Jesse Perales has left the Hereford Health Clinic, he still has had an effect on the clinic's financial report, according to financial reports presented Tuesday night to the Deaf Smith County Hospital District directors.

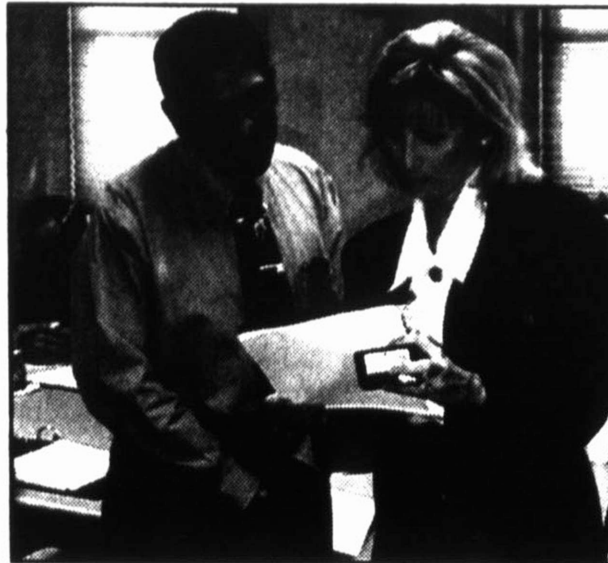
Because the books on Perales' tenure have not been cleared and the expenses involved with the hiring and relocation of Dr. Theresa Whitt, his replacement, the health clinic finished the month with a net loss of \$23,633 for the month of June, according to a report submitted by Janie Arnold, chief financial officer of Hereford Regional Medical Center.

Without those additional expenses included, the clinic would have recorded a net loss of about \$6,000, she said.

The health clinic reported total income of \$55,505 in June, up 13.5 percent from the \$48,898 reported for May.

The hospital reported total operating revenue of \$617,521 for June, an improvement over the \$799,120 recorded in May. For the year, the hospital has reported \$7,835,568 in total operating revenue.

However, the total operating expenses for June were \$1,114,227 for the hospital with an operations loss of \$296,705 for the month, up nearly \$100,000 from May. For the year, the



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**Janie Arnold**, chief financial officer for Hereford Regional Medical Center, prepares to swear in Dr. Ravi George as a new member of the Deaf Smith County Hospital District board.

hospital is showing an operations loss of \$1,302,260.

The non-operating revenue for the month was \$102,236, which left the hospital with a net loss of \$194,469. For the year, the hospital

is showing a net loss of \$14,107.

The directors also appointed Dr. Ravi George to complete Mark Collier's unexpired term on the board. Collier's term expires in May 2002.

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.

In other business, the directors:

- Approved a resolution calling on Congress and the Clinton administration to provide more Balanced Budget Relief for hospitals and health systems.

Hospital administrators, especially those of rural hospitals, contend they have been adversely affected by the provisions of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, which reduced Medicare payments to hospitals by about \$53 billion since being enacted. Some independent analysts peg the cuts at more than \$70 billion.

The resolution calls on the Congress and the administration to use part of the growing federal budget surplus to provide relief for hospitals by restoring the Medicare payments.

- Approved changes in the auxiliary bylaws.

## HEARING

### ■ Rural health care providers, residents to address concerns

Rural community representatives, health care providers and rural residents will have an opportunity to comment on rural health care issues and concerns next week at a public hearing.

The hearing, which is sponsored by the Center for Rural Health Initiatives, will be 1-3 p.m. July 21 at the Community Center, 100 Ave. C.

All comments expressed at the hearing will be considered for possible inclusion in a report to the Office of the Governor and the 77th Legislature. The full report, due in January 2001, will be written and published by the Texas State Office of Rural Health, the Center for Rural Health Initiatives. The center is responsible for providing information to the legislature through its biennial report, which serves as a guide for addressing rural healthcare needs.

The focus of the hearing includes:

- The mission, goals and objectives of how the center can work to assist rural communities in meeting rural health care needs;
- Ways for the state to effectively and creatively address the unmet health care needs of rural communities; and
- Ways to coordinate the administration and delivery of rural health care service with federal, state and local public and private programs that provide similar services.

"These hearings are a tremendous opportunity for rural Texans to be active participants in the planning process for their health care future. Everyone is invited to express their views and suggestions," center executive director Robert J. "Sam" Tessen said.

Anyone who wishes to testify may sign up at the hearing site.

The center was established in 1989 to provide leadership in encouraging innovative responses to rural health care needs. The center advocates a number of programs and services designed to help rural health providers and communities address the health care needs of rural Texans.



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**Wanna be a fireman?** — Maybe Daniel Paschel will grow up to be a firefighter. If he does, it might be because he got his first taste for manning a firehose from Glenn Crenshaw, a member of the Hereford Volunteer Fire Department. Firefighters were at the Hereford Community Center on Wednesday to teach children about fire safety as part of the annual Kids Conference, which is sponsored by Hereford Regional Medical Center. The activities continue through Friday.

## Midwest now has lowest gas prices

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — There is finally good news for motorists like Scott Taylor.

Gas prices have dropped in the Midwest after skyrocketing last month to more than \$2 per gallon. The rise prompted investigations into claims of price fixing, the suspension of gas taxes and even accusations between presidential candidates Al Gore and George W. Bush.

Indiana now has the nation's lowest gas prices and other Midwest states are close behind, the AAA motor club reported Tuesday. So there was Taylor, merrily pumping regular unleaded at about \$1.27 per gallon into a sport utility vehicle.

"This thing only gets about 10 miles to the gallon," he said outside an Indianapolis gas station. "It was killing me, really. It seemed like I was putting \$10 into it every time I started it."

Overall, there was an 8.8 percent rise in gas prices last month, contributing to a sharp increase in consumer inflation, the Labor Department said Tuesday. In the Midwest, pipe-

line problems were blamed for the summer spike, with the oil industry saying it couldn't deliver enough fuel to keep prices down.

The industry says those problems have been remedied, though the Federal Trade Commission is investigating whether price fixing was involved.

"It's gone from being the high-cost region to being the low-cost region in a matter of several weeks," said Jonathan Cogan, spokesman for the federal Energy Information Administration. "In the most basic sense, it's supply and demand."

The national per-gallon average for regular unleaded Tuesday was \$1.58. AAA said gas prices have dropped 30.3 cents per gallon in the Great Lakes region since June and 16.5 cents in the rest of the Midwest.

"I think what you're seeing is just normality being restored to the supply situation here in the Midwest," said Michael Pitts, executive director of the Indiana Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association. "Problems that we had earlier on a couple of key pipe-

lines are taken care of."

Republicans have blamed the high prices on stricter federal pollution rules that took effect this summer in the nation's smoggiest cities and the complications of producing reformulated fuel in the Midwest. They also said the Clinton administration's energy policy thwarts domestic oil production.

Democrats, meanwhile, noted huge campaign contributions to Republicans and Bush from the oil industry, and suggested price fixing was more likely to be responsible for the prices.

Illinois suspended its gas tax in June in response to the prices, which last month averaged \$1.98 per gallon for regular unleaded. Prices have plummeted 39 cents since then, to \$1.59 per gallon.

Indiana also suspended its 5 percent sales tax on gas and Gov. Frank O'Bannon isn't planning a change anytime soon.

"What do we know about next week, will there be a shortage then?" asked Cheryl Reed, the governor's deputy press secretary.

### Today's weather

## OUTLOOK

### Partly cloudy skies; chance of showers

Tonight: Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms, lows in the mid-60s, south winds 5 to 15 mph.

Thursday: Partly sunny with highs 95 to 100, southwest to south winds 10 to 20 mph.

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

### Extended forecast

Friday: Partly cloudy with a slight chance of late afternoon thunderstorms, highs around 90.

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

### Hereford weather

Tuesday's high, 99; low, 71; no precipitation; year-to-date rainfall, 11.20 inches, according to KPAN Radio.

### More high heat on tap for state

A high-pressure dome should continue to hang over the state through Thursday, keeping clouds out of the sky and fueling temperatures in the upper 90s to low 100s.

Heat advisories have also been issued through Thursday for most parts of the state as temperatures were expected to climb into middle 90s and low 100s in most regions for the ninth day in a row. Big Bend could reach temperatures as high as 110 degrees.

The high pressure system began to creep westward away from the Texas Coast signaling slightly low highs, but the area should still be muggy.

Clear skies reigned over the state Wednesday morning and should continue through the afternoon, although portions of West Texas have chances of showers and thunderstorms.

Temperatures were mostly in the 70s and 80s before sunrise, and more than a few areas were well on their way to pushing the century mark.

Dallas and Fort Worth were already warm with temperatures ranging from 81 to 85 across the cities Wednesday morning. Del Rio was also a warm 84 degrees, while Galveston was 83.

Winds were mainly out of the South statewide, except for northerly winds in Far West Texas.

Clouds and isolated showers and thunderstorms could move in over West and North Texas cooling temperatures into the mid-90s.

## Child testifies about assault

By Dianna F. Dandridge

Hereford Brand Staff Writer

Testimony began Tuesday in 222<sup>nd</sup> District Court in the trial of a man charged with aggravated sexual assault of a child.

The victim, a 6-year-old girl known as "A.W.", gave her testimony against 44-year-old James Byron Waits in the courtroom, although Criminal District Attorney Roland Saul had requested the girl be allowed to give her testimony outside the courtroom. Saul had asked for her testimony to be via closed-circuit television because she was afraid of the defendant.

District Judge Wes Guley, Saul, defense counsel David Martinez and the court reporter met with the victim to determine the means of presenting her testimony. A.W. persuaded all parties she should testify in the courtroom.

Waits was indicted in July 1998 on charges he had sexually molested "A.W." while she was in his care.

In his opening statement, Saul said "A.W." — then 4 years old — had informed her mother in late January 1998 that she had a bad secret and couldn't tell anyone. The mother had convinced the child to tell the secret and the child informed her that "Daddy James had touched her down there and put blood on her bo-bo."

Saul continued to inform the jury that the victim said Waits had instructed her to say her older half-brother had committed the act.

Martinez countered Saul's opening statements with a video from the Bridge, a child advocacy group which gathers information of sexual assault in a child-friendly fashion. He said at no time during the video did the child

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# Local roundup

## 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.

Students should make the necessary appointments early.

## 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.

## HSB parent firm reports gains

First Financial Bankshares Inc., parent company of Hereford State Bank, recently reported record quarterly net income of \$7,129,000 for the three months ending June 30.

The benchmark represented an increase of 10.1 percent over net income of \$6,472,000 posted for the second quarter of 1999.

The holding company's earnings per share increased to \$0.71, up 9.2 percent as compared to \$.065 during the second quarter of 1999, while net income for the first half of 2000 totaled \$13,875,000.

As of June 30, consolidated assets for the company totaled \$1.673 billion, compared to \$1.664 billion a year earlier. Loans totaled \$812.1 million, up nearly 43 million; and total deposits were \$1,460 billion, compared to \$1,476 billion in 1999.

According to company reports, a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.33 per share was paid in July to shareholders, an increase of 10.0 percent over the amount paid in this year's first quarter.

First Financial Bankshares is listed on the Nasdaq Stock Market under the trading symbol FFIN.

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# News digest

## Attorney general faces contempt

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas Attorney General John Cornyn faces possible contempt of court for defying a judge's order to return computers and documents to a Houston Internet company raided in June for allegedly promoting gambling.

Judge Patricia Hancock, according to published reports, ordered the state's top prosecutor to appear before her next week after finding two of his employees in contempt Tuesday for not returning property to MonetizeMedia.com.

Hancock sentenced Assistant Attorney General Reed Lockhoff and investigator Sgt. Stephen Acker to a month in jail. They were released on personal recognizance pending an appeal.

Assistant attorney David Puryear was also ordered to appear next week.

A spokesman for the attorney general's office said all four contempt charges will be appealed.

Hancock gave the attorney general's office a July 14 deadline to return computers, documents, tax returns, a server and all other materials seized during the raids.

Officials with Cornyn's office have refused saying the equipment and paperwork are vital to the investigation.

## Elsewhere

**BUSH BUDGET:** Democrats continue to dog Gov. George W. Bush for the state's budget shortfall. Vice President Al Gore said Bush was trying to hide the estimated \$610 million shortfall with a "cooked-up projection" that the state has enough money to cover it. Rep. Garnet Coleman, D-Houston, said the state's budget could be \$750 million or more, cutting even deeper into the state's \$1.1 billion surplus. ... **FEDERAL EXECUTION:** A federal judge has lashed out at the Clinton administration for postponing the execution of a man who would be the first federal inmate put to death since 1963.

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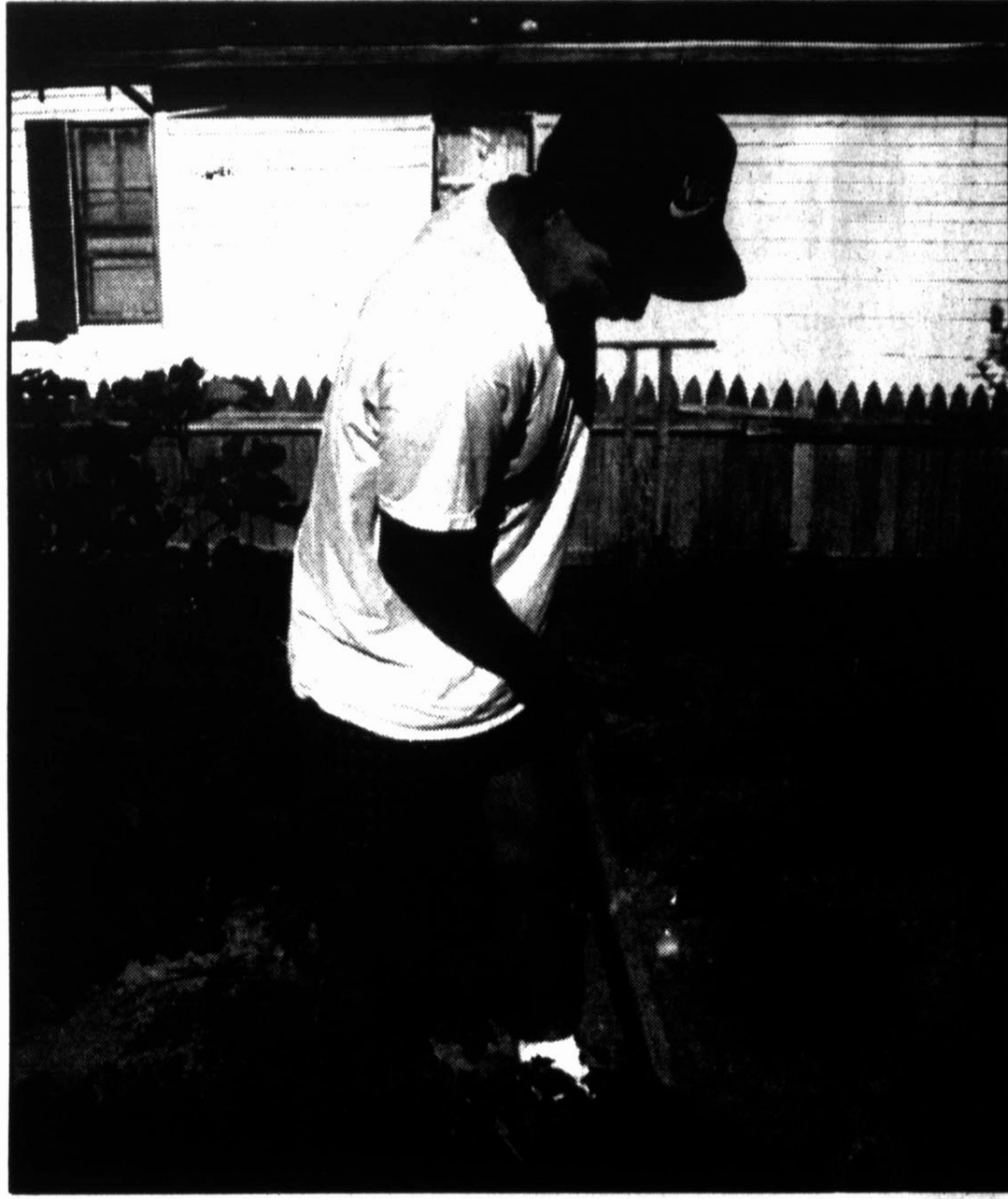
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# Summer days



**Tall weeds** — Hot steamy days of summer make a perfect growing atmosphere for the garden variety plants and the weeds that would like to take over. Armando Montoya took advantage of cooler morning temperatures to get rid of some of the unwanted greenery growing in his small back yard garden.

# Property taxes increase

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Texans will pay an estimated \$1.6 billion more in property taxes as a flurry of higher property tax valuations produces more revenues for public schools and government services, a preliminary state budget projection shows.

A Legislative Budget Board staff document that lawmakers will use to prepare the state budget also shows that document estimates that the state will need to spend almost \$3 billion more for basic needs in the two-year fiscal cycle that starts Sept. 1, 2001. "It does raise the prospect that increased costs for public schools in the future are going to be borne by local taxpayers," Dan Casey, a school finance consultant who previously was with the Texas Association of School Boards and was an LBB senior economist, told the San Antonio Express-News in Wednesday's editions.

But David Dunn, TASSB director of governmental relations, said Tuesday he expects lawmakers to add funding for classroom construction to the basic spending plan.

The budget board estimate covers health, human services, criminal justice and a \$350 million deficit in the Teacher Retirement system health insurance plan. However, the lean budget forecast includes no projected increase in state funding for the Foundation School Program that supports public schools.

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# Emergency services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for July 14-18, 2000, include the following:

## POLICE DEPARTMENT Arrests

- A 53-year-old man was arrested at Highway 60 and Lawton and charged with driving while intoxicated.

- A 29-year-old woman was arrested in the 300 block of Jowell and charged with driving while intoxicated. She was also charged with three counts of endangering a child, because her three minor children were with her.

- A 24-year-old woman was arrested in the 100 block of Bennett and charged with driving while intoxicated.

- A 29-year-old man was arrested in the 300 block of Avenue E and charged with felony warrants.

- A 21-year-old woman was arrested in the 100 block of Star and charged with city warrants.

- A 43-year-old man was arrested in the 100 block of North Lawton and charged with assault, public intoxication and failure to identify.

- An 11-year-old boy was arrested in the 100 block of Avenue F and charged with theft.

- A 29-year-old man and a 31-year-old man were arrested in the 500 block of Myrtle and charged with public intoxication.

- A 22-year-old man and a 25-year-old man were arrested in the 100 block of Lawton and charged with public intoxication.

- An 18-year-old man was arrested in the 800 block of Brevard and charged with public intoxication.

- A 29-year-old man was arrested in the 200 block of Lake and charged with public intoxication and evading arrest.

- A 21-year-old woman was arrested in the 600 block of Irving and charged with city traffic warrants.

- Two groups involved in mutual combat was reported.

## Incidents

- The theft of a TV, VCR, stereo and a Nintendo game was reported in the 200 block of Bradley.

- A checkbook was reported stolen from a residence in the 100 block of Juniper.

- Child endangerment was reported in the 1500 block of Irving.

- An attempted theft of a motor vehicle was reported in the 800 block of West First.

- Children playing in the alley of the 100 block of North Avenue K found a black handled butcher knife.

- An orange chair, valued at \$20, was reportedly taken from the back yard of a residence in the 300 block of Avenue B.

- Several unidentified objects were taken from the alley area of a residence in the 100 block of La Villa Dr.

- An American Red-Nose Pit bull, valued at \$350, was stolen from the owner's yard in the 400 block of Long.

- An incident report was filed in the 100 block of Juniper, regarding a medical condition.

- A subject evading arrest was reported at West Park and South Texas.

- An individual was reported as furnishing alcohol to minors in the 300 block of Avenue F.

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

- An elderly woman was found deceased in the 400 block of Jack Griffin.

- Credit card abuse was reported in the 100 block of Hickory.

- A window was broken out of a parked van in the 200 block of Whiteface.

- Theft of 115 gallons of diesel fuel, valued at \$161, was reported from the 2900 block of East First.

- A lost wallet, drivers license, social security card credit card and \$25 cash was reported.

- A minor accident was reported in the 100 block of West Park. One citation was issued.

## SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT Arrests

- A 20-year-old man was arrested and charged with two counts of burglary of a habitation and one count of sexual assault of a child.

- A 25-year-old man was sentenced for delivery of cocaine.

- A 49-year-old man was sentenced for driving while intoxicated.

- A 34-year-old man was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated and driving while license was suspended.

- A 30-year-old man was arrested and charged with public intoxication.

- A 34-year-old man was arrested and charged with public intoxication.

- An 18-year-old man was brought in on a bench warrant.

- A 26-year-old man was arrested and charged with assault.

- A 19-year-old man was arrested on two counts of surrender of surety, one count of theft over \$50.

- A 44-year-old man was arrested and charged with theft by check.

## Incidents

- A pit bull killed a calf.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

July 14

- 8:01 a.m. Firefighters responded to a wreck rescue in the 100 block of 25 Mile Avenue.

## July 16

- 5:20 p.m. Firefighters responded to a structure fire 10 miles north on Highway 385. Officials believe the fire was started by an electrical short. Damage to the barn is estimated at \$100,000.

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# Texas lottery

## Cash Five

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

10-12-21-30-33

## Pick 3

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

3-1-8

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# Obituaries

## RUTH MATILDA GRONEMAN July 17, 2000

Services for Ruth Matilda Groneman, 93, of Hereford, will be 2 p.m. Thursday at the Immanuel Lutheran Church with Rev. Erik Stadler officiating. Burial will be in Restlawn Memorial Park Arrangements are under the direction of Gililand-Watson Funeral Home.

Mrs. Groneman died Monday at her home.

She was born June 6, 1907, in Moundridge, Kan., to George August Heim and Clara Matilda Buesker. She married Weldon Walter Groneman on May 21, 1934, in Canton, Kan. She came to Deaf Smith County in 1960. She was a homemaker and a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church.

Survivors include one sister, Lillie Moddelmog of Moundridge, Kan., two sisters-in-law and several nieces and nephews.

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## JOHN SLINEY July 14, 2000

ODESSA — Services for John Sliney, 68, of Odessa, will be at noon Friday at Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Sliney died Friday. He was born in Brockton, Mass., and came to Texas in the mid 1950s. He served a three-year-tour of duty in Korea while serving in the Air Force. He began working for the Waco newspaper. He later took a position at the Odessa American, where he started as a cub reporter and worked his way up to city editor. He later worked as an investigator for a criminal defense lawyer.

Mr. Sliney was affiliated with the Ector County Democratic Party.

Survivors include one son, John Sliney, Jr., of Hereford; one daughter, Stephanie Orsini of Odessa and four grandchildren.

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# LIFESTYLES

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Deaf Smith County 4-Hers embarked recently on an overnight "Back to Nature" excursion to Camp Discovery in Amarillo. Pictured are, front from left, Madison Urbanczyk, Gary Brorman, Chad Dollar; back from left, County Extension Agent Beverly Harder, Cindy Marnell, Katie Marnell, Ryan Buchanan, Gary Schlabs, and summer assistant Robin Bell.

## Camp Discovery gets 4-Hers back to nature

Deaf Smith County 4-Hers recently attended Camp Discovery at the Discovery Center in Amarillo.

Summer assistant Robin Bell and assistant agricultural county extension agent Matt Wallace sponsored the 4-Hers to the event.

Youth attending included Cindy and Katie Marnell, Madison Urbanczyk, Gary Brorman, Chad Dollar, Ryan Buchanan and Gary Schlabs.

The overnight camp focused on helping young 4-Hers focus on nature. Activities included hands-on-paper recycled paper making, learning to test water quality and identifying water pollution.

The group also toured exhibit floors at the center which included the water works center where youth again were

allowed to build dams and work with other water displays. Cloud rings displayed along with two planetarium shows were on the agenda.

The camp was a quality learning activity for the youth and will be repeated next summer.

As the school year approaches, youth will have an opportunity to register for the 4-H program on Aug. 29 at the Hereford Community Center and will be able to gain access to activities such as the Camp Discovery during 2001.

Education programs of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service serve all people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

CREATORS SYNDICATE

## Ann Landers



**Dear Ann Landers:** We have known for a long time that beauty and brains do not always come together. One would think,

however, that a woman who wins the title of Miss USA could do a little better than the attached suggests.

One question put to all contestants of the 1994 Miss USA contest was this: "If you could live forever, would you want to, and why?" This was the answer given by Miss Alabama: "I would not live forever, because we should not live forever, because if we were supposed to live forever, then we would then live forever, but we cannot live forever, which is why I would not live forever."

Here is another verbatim quote that blew me away. It was a comment by the beautiful actress Brooke Shields, during an interview to become spokesperson for a federal anti-smoking campaign: "Smoking kills. If you're killed, you've lost a very important part of your life."

How do you like those, Ann? — A Phoenix Reader

**Dear Reader:** My response to the above is best expressed in the opening sentence of

your letter — "We have known for a long time that beauty and brains do not always come together." Amen.

**Dear Readers:** I swore I would never do this again, but the pressure has been too much. I am caving in to popular demand.

In 1959, I printed my Omaha, Neb., sister Helen's recipe for meatloaf. Since that time, I have received thousands of requests from readers worldwide who heard about the recipe and others who had lost theirs. Actually, I should not be so apologetic. A whole new generation has been born since that recipe first appeared. Here it is again. Enjoy!

**Sister Helen's Meatloaf**  
2 pounds ground round steak

2 eggs  
1 1/2 cups bread crumbs  
3/4 cup ketchup  
1 tsp. Accent  
1/2 cup warm water  
1 pkg. Lipton's onion soup mix

8-ounce can tomato sauce  
Mix all ingredients thoroughly, except for tomato sauce.

Put into loaf pan. Cover with two strips of bacon, if you like that flavor (and don't keep a kosher kitchen and have no restrictions against pork). Pour the 8-ounce can of tomato sauce over all. Bake one hour at 350 degrees. Serves six. P.S.: Don't count

on leftovers for lunch the next day. There won't be any.

**Dear Ann Landers:** Could you print one more letter about the man whose wife left the electric heating pad on? I'm sure many of your readers will profit from this suggestion. The source is the nurse in my chiropractor's office.

Take a man's wool or cotton sock, and fill it with uncooked rice. Tie the end of the sock securely. Put it in the microwave for two minutes. Take it out, and drape it around your neck. Not only will it feel wonderful, but there are no electric cords to worry about, and it will stay warm for a long time. Also, it smells delicious. — Ron and Judy in Spring Lake, Mich.

**Dear Ron and Judy:** Thanks for the input. These homestyle, do-it-yourself remedies can be great. I, just this minute, tried yours, and it works wonderfully well. The rice-filled sock is around my neck as I type this. (I hope nobody walks in.)

**When planning a wedding, who pays for what? Who stands where?** "The Ann Landers Guide for Brides" has all the answers. Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$3.75 (this includes postage and handling) to: Brides, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562. (In Canada, send \$4.55.)

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## Wyman is state finalist

Robin Lynn Wyman, age 17, daughter of Robert and Darlene Wyman has been chosen as a state finalist in the Miss Texas American Teen Pageant to be held July 23-24 at the Wyndham Greenspoint Hotel in Houston.

This pageant is held for girls 16 and 17 years of age. The winner will receive a \$1,000 cash award, the official crown and banner, bouquet of roses, and air transportation to compete in the national pageant at Walt Disney World in Florida.

Other pageants are held for the state to include girls of other ages.

According to pageant officials, since 1983 the Miss American Coed Pageant System has awarded more than \$10 million in scholarships and awards to deserving young ladies.

All activities are age-appropriate and family-oriented.

The pageants are for "Tomorrow's Leaders." They are open to girls with goals and dreams based on inner beauty, as well as poise, presentation, and an "All-American spirit for family, fun and friends."

Emphasis is placed on the importance of gaining self confidence, learning new skills, learning good attitudes about competition, and setting and achieving personal goals.

The pageant seeks to recognize the accomplishments of each girl while encouraging her to set goals for the future.



**Robin Wyman**  
Wyman will be a senior at Hereford High School this fall. Her interests include band and cosmetology.

She also enjoys church, singing, and being with her friends.

Her sponsors include her grandparents, Ron and Carol Wyman of Katy and Jenny Hess of Hereford, her aunt, Rhonda Wyman of Sealy, A-1 Beauty Shop and Midway Chevrolet.

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"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.

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11 a.m., Thrift Store open 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

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**MONDAY**-Pool classes, quilting 9 a.m.-3 p.m., line dance 10-11 a.m., doll class 1-4 p.m.

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**WEDNESDAY**-Pool classes, quilting 9 a.m.-3 p.m., ceramics noon-4 p.m.

## Girl Scouts seeking nominations

The Texas Plains Girl Scout Council is seeking nominations for its 2000 Woman of Distinction Awards Banquet. These awards are to be presented in recognition of outstanding women who are or have been Girl Scouts.

Any qualified woman from throughout the 17 counties served by the Texas Plains Girl Scout Council, who have been or are Girl Scouts, may be nominated.

Other criteria are that nominees uphold the intent of the Girl Scout Promise and Law in their daily lives, are positive role

models for girls and have demonstrated outstanding leadership, influence and achievement through service to their community or society.

The deadline for nominations is Aug. 1. Women selected as 2000 honorees will be notified by local Girl Scouts and honored Oct. 31 at a special celebration at the Ambassador Inn.

Nomination forms and guidelines may be obtained from the Texas Plains Girl Scout Council Program Center at 6011 W. 45<sup>th</sup>, Amarillo or by calling 356-0096 or

1-800-687-4475.

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**Tarabeth Holmes** (right), a therapy student at UT Southwestern Medical School in Dallas and daughter of Debbie and Richard Holmes of Hereford, has been awarded a financial grant by the AMBUCS National Scholarship Committee. Making the presentation to Holmes is local AMBUCS scholarship chairman Oscar Williams.

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## CRACK SHOTS



### Hereford hosts shoot

#### Shooting team heads to San Antonio

They came from different parts of the Panhandle to test their shooting skills at the Hereford Gun Club Saturday.

Thirty-four skeet shooting enthusiasts from Randall, Lynn, Swisher, Lubbock and Deaf Smith counties participated in the activities hosted by the Deaf Smith County Shooting Sports Team.

In the senior division, Drew Denison of Hereford placed first individually hitting 96 out of 100 targets. Denison's partner Jerry Baird hit 91 targets for a combined score of 187 placing them first in two man team standings.

Josh Jordan and Josh Stubbs from Lubbock placed second as a team with a total

of 175 hit targets. Jordan also placed third individually hitting 93 out of 100 targets. Stubbs hit 82 out of 100.

Anthony Smith and Adam Smith of Randall County placed third in the team standings combining to hit 169 targets. Adam Smith also placed second individually hitting 94 out of 100 targets.

In the junior division, Hereford's Brian Turpen and Michael San Miguel combined

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**Sharp Shooters**—The Deaf Smith County 4-H Shooting Sports Team hosted a tournament Saturday at the Hereford Gun Club located by the Hereford Municipal Airport. Thirty-four shooters turned out for the event including several young guns (top) and Trey George from Randall County (bottom left). Members of the gun club helped judge the event (bottom right). The club will head to San Antonio to participate in the state meet this week. (Photos by Jeff Blackmon)

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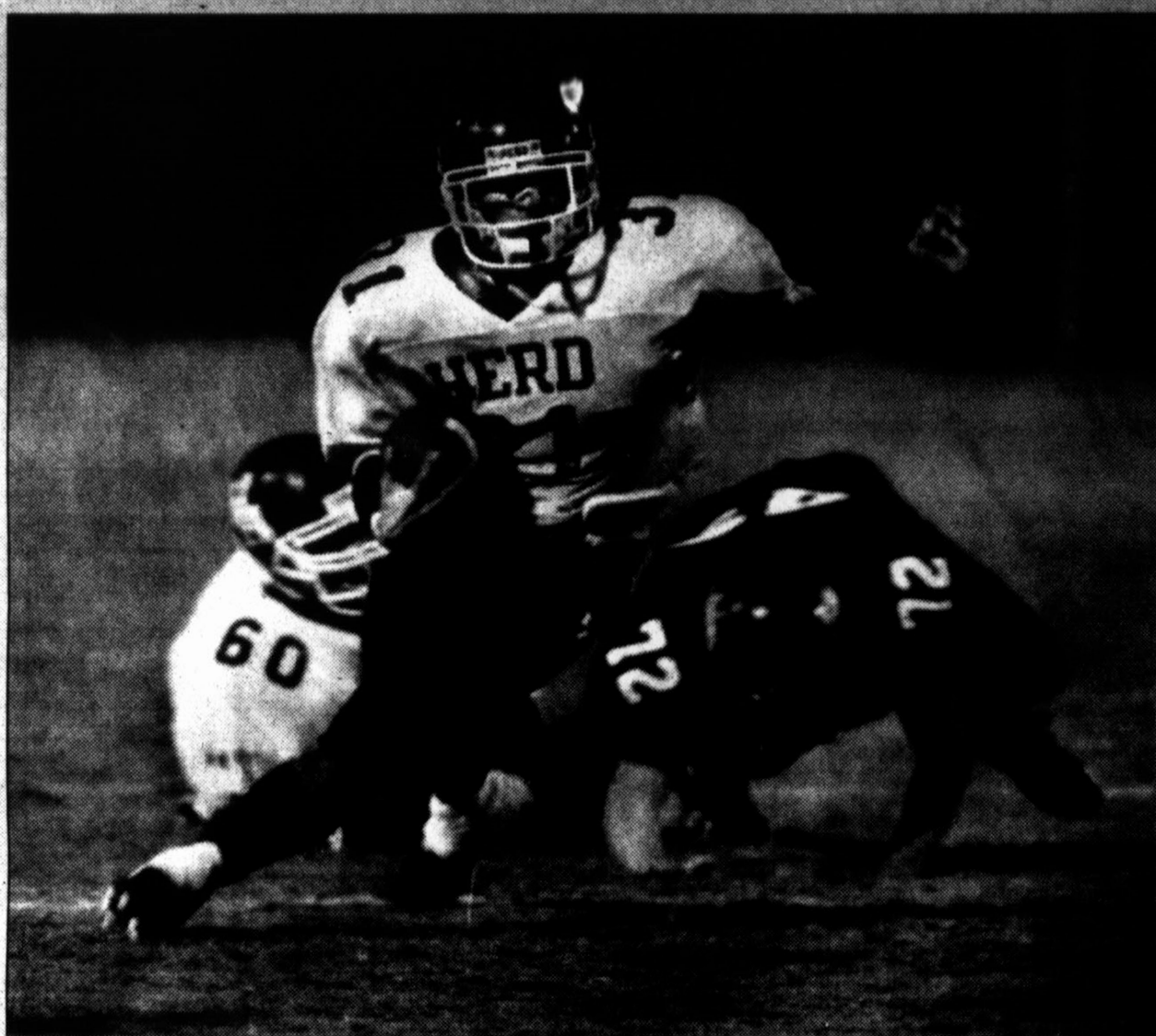
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## Vallejo to participate in All-Star game August 1 in Houston after selection by Texas High School Coaches Association

Hereford High School graduate L.J. Vallejo has been selected as a Southwestern Bell/Texas High School Coaches Association (THSCA) football All-Star.

Vallejo will participate in the Southwestern Bell All-Star Games held July 31-

August 1 in conjunction with the Southwestern Bell Texas High School Coaches Association annual convention in Houston. The game Vallejo will compete in takes place on Tuesday, August 1.

The festivities include 70 football players and six man-

agers/trainers and 24 basketball players and four managers/trainers. The All-Stars were chosen not only for their athletic ability and sportsmanship, but also for their conduct off the field.

Vallejo will attend West Texas A&M University.

## Shooters

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to hit 122 out of 150 targets placing second as a team. Turpen also placed first individually hitting 68 out of 75 possible targets while San Miguel hit 54 out of 75. Turpen beat Kade Bessent of Lubbock in a shootout for first place honors.

Kody Bessent and Kade Bessent narrowly beat out Turpen and San Miguel hitting 123 targets to win the first place prize. Kade Bessent also placed second individually with 68 targets hit.

Chris Ashbrook and Daniel Kidwell of Lynn County placed third in the junior team competition combining for a total of 113 targets. Ashbrook also placed third individually with 65 targets hit. Kidwell hit 48 targets.

In the sub-junior category, Hereford's Hank Messer and Randall Berryman combined to hit 70 targets for a first place finish. Berryman also placed second hitting 38 out of 50 targets. Messer hit 32 out of 50 for the team.

Randall County's Ryan Mayers and C.C. Henderson placed second as a team hitting 69 targets. Henderson placed first individually with 40 hit targets.

Hereford's Daniel McElmurry and Eric San Miguel combined to hit 59 targets to place third in team standings. Aaron Franks and Cody Matsler hit 58 targets for the day, and Franks came in third individually with 37 targets hit.

Other competitors in the senior division included the team of Steven Reinart and Andrew Carnahan who combined to hit a total of 168 targets, and Tyler Martin and Mark Harrell who combined to hit 167 targets. Stephanie Reinart and Daniel Carnahan totaled 166 hits while Trey George and Kelly Kennedy of Randall County hit 166 targets.

In the junior division, Brandon Gresham hit 32 targets.

In the sub-junior category, Jonathan Paschel and Tanner

Black hit 56 targets combined, and Blake Martin and Shane Wilcox totaled 43 targets together. Walter Noel from Swisher county hit 31 targets for the afternoon.

"The club thanks Leander Reinart Jr. family, Panhandle Gun Slingsers (Amarillo), Halls Gun Works (Canyon), WTRT, Hollowpoint Gun Shop, Gold Nugget Pawn, Stevens Five Star, First Bank Southwest

(Hereford), Auto Zone (Hereford), Carquest (Hereford) and Keyes Electric," 4-H leader for the Hereford shooters Toby Turpen said. "We also thank Keyes Electric, and WTRT again for the cooker."

The next competition for the club will be the state competition in San Antonio. Hereford will send 15 shooters to the competition.

## Williams may retire

DALLAS (AP) — Pro Bowl right tackle Erik Williams, who missed the first day of practices at the Dallas Cowboys' training camp, is reportedly considering retirement.

A source told The Dallas Morning News in Wednesday's editions that former receiver Michael Irvin, who himself retired earlier this month, said he had urged the player he called one of his best friends to attend training camp in Wichita Falls and take a leadership role.

But two sources indicated that Williams has said he would like to be traded. Salary cap implications prevent Dallas from considering that option because all of his prorated bonus would count against this season's salary cap.

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said Williams has been weighing possible retirement among several other issues. Jones said he and Stephen Jones, team vice president, had several discussions with Williams'

agent, Alan Herman, on Tuesday.

But if Williams decides to retire, he could be obligated to return a prorated portion of the signing bonus he received two years ago when his contract was restructured.

"We're disappointed he's not here," said Jerry Jones. "We'll treat this as we would an injury situation, which means we'll make the personnel adjustments and go on."

"I had a good visit with him last week and was aware of some issues and concerns he had," said Jones. "He's not here, and he's not on his way. We don't want to do anything with the roster spot situation right now."

Jones said he would not fine Williams. The Cowboys could fine the player \$5,000 for each day he's not in camp, said a spokesman for the NFL Players Association.

Alan Herman, Williams' agent, was vacationing in Europe and did not return a message left Wednesday.

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INSIDE

# GOP DELEGATES: Half of those surveyed say it's OK with them if Bush's pick for veep is supporter of abortion rights

By Eun-Kyung Kim  
Associated Press Writer

If George W. Bush picked an abortion rights supporter as his running mate, about half of the delegates to the Republican National Convention say they could still support the choice, according to a delegate survey by The Associated Press.

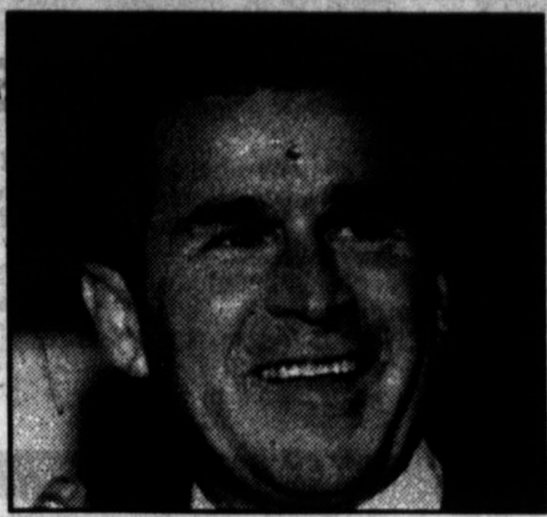
A fourth of those questioned said they could not support such a candidate.

The AP questionnaire found that 50 percent of the GOP delegates said they could support a vice presidential nominee who backs legalized abortion. One of every five delegates, or 22 percent, said they could not back such a candidate for Bush, who opposes the procedure. About 15 percent said they did not know, and nearly as many delegates did not respond to the question.

Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Ridge, who supports abortion rights, was the top vice presidential pick among Republican delegates, while former presidential candidate Elizabeth Dole, who opposes abortion, trailed him by a handful of votes. Ohio Rep. John Kasich, retired Gen. Colin Powell and former Bush opponent Sen. John McCain of Arizona rounded out the top five.

Hamp Atkins, a Republican delegate from Rock Hill, S.C., said he would like to see Oklahoma Gov. Frank Keating as the next vice president, in part because of his anti-abortion stance. But, Atkins said he would support the candidate Bush picks as his running mate—even if that person backs the right to have an abortion.

"I would support the ticket even if it had Christie Todd Whitman," said Atkins, referring to the New Jersey governor who angered many in her party by vetoing legislation to outlaw a late-term procedure



**GEORGE W. BUSH**

Republican delegates polled by The Associated Press give the edge to Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Ridge as Bush's running mate in November. Critics call "partial-birth abortion."

"Delegates who are practical realize that the number one priority is to win, and if people do not support the GOP ticket, you cannot win," Atkins said.

Even staunch anti-abortion delegates may be willing to throw their support behind an abortion rights vice presidential nominee if it means getting their candidate elected, said political analyst Stuart Rothenberg.

A CBS News poll released Monday found that half of Bush supporters said it wouldn't affect their support of the Texas governor if he picks an abortion-rights running mate. About a third said it would make them less likely to support him, and fewer than one in six said it would make them more likely to support him.

Senior advisers to Bush, who would be responsible for selling his vice presidential pick to the Republican faithful, say they are convinced that an abortion rights candidate would not cause Bush major political problems.

Many Republicans with strong social conservative roots across the country agree with the assessment. David Beasley, the former governor of South Carolina, said Ridge would make an "excellent" vice presidential candidate.

"George Bush is pro-life and that is the most significant thing," Beasley said. "Tom Ridge would be a loyal soldier to his president. He is not an in-your-face pro-choice Republican. He would be acceptable."

Ridge is on Bush's list of running mate prospects, and his political team is prepared to explain the choice to anti-abortion advocates in the event he selects the Pennsylvania governor. Another abortion-rights governor, George Pataki of New York, met privately with Bush last week to discuss the vice presidency.

If Bush decides to play it safe, senior Republicans say Oklahoma Gov. Keating could get the nod for his anti-abortion views.

According to AP delegate interviews, Ridge was the top vice presidential pick among 7 percent of the delegates, while Dole was the choice of 6.7 percent. Kasich received 5.2 percent, Powell got 5 percent and John McCain 3.2 percent. Nearly 26.6 percent of the delegates had other preferences — including various combinations of the contenders.

Among Democratic delegates, Indiana Sen. Evan Bayh and Sen. Dianne Feinstein of California were most often mentioned to share the ticket with Vice President Al Gore, the likely nominee, both tallying 3.5 percent.

## WHAT THEY'RE SAYING

Delegates to the Republican National Convention on whether they could support a vice presidential nominee who backs legalized abortion:

*"I'm going to support the ticket and I'm confident Governor (George W.) Bush will pick someone who shares his philosophy on a whole range of issues, this one included."*

■ **BETSY DeVOSS**, Grand Rapids, Mich.

*"I believe, in order to have balance, we need to have both sides of the abortion issue represented. I am strictly pro-life, but I believe the only solution to this issue is through compromise."*

■ **JERRY TEAGUE**, Kingsport, Tenn.

*"It would be a big mistake. If you have somebody who's vice president, who's against the platform, only one heartbeat away from being president — you can't have that."*

■ **DARREL GORDON**, Auburn, Wash.

*"I will support any candidate that George W. picks, so long as that candidate is pro-life."*

■ **SARAH BOYLE**, Pittsburgh

*"I don't believe abortion is the only issue facing the country. ... Is that the only issue we should judge people on?"*

■ **JOEL KAGAN**, Woodridge, Ill.

Former Gore rival Bill Bradley and Energy Secretary Bill Richardson each received 3.1 percent. Twenty percent had other choices.

The most common response when asked their choice for vice president was the same for Republican and Democratic delegates alike: nobody in particular.

Nearly 13 percent of the

GOP delegates contacted said they had no one in mind or were undecided. For Democrats, 31.5 percent of the delegates fell into the same category.

Democratic delegate Linda Stoval of Casper, Wyo., said she felt she lacked enough information about the potential candidates to pick a favorite.

"I've certainly heard the names," she said, "but I don't know whether I would like them or not."

The AP questionnaire was based on interviews with 1,767 out of 2,066 Republican convention delegates and 3,382 out of 4,338 Democratic convention delegates.

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11715	'00 Ford F150 Super Cab	\$27,010	\$3,407	\$23,603	11825	'00 Ford Explorer	\$27,755	\$4,112	\$23,643
117211	'00 Ford Excursion	\$37,655	\$4,152	\$33,503	11827	'00 Super Duty S/C 4x4	\$32,810	\$2,075	\$30,735
75233	'00 Mercury Villager	\$26,980	\$4,901	\$22,079	11829	'01 Sport Trac	\$30,275	\$1,075	\$29,205
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11811	'00 Super Crew 4x2	\$32,655	\$2,236	\$30,419					
11812	'00 Ford Crew Cab V10, 4x4	\$33,875	\$2,260	\$31,614					
75239	'00 Mercury Cougar	\$21,585	\$3,230	\$18,355					

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INSIDE

APOCALYPSE NOW?

TV as crystal ball: Is it trying to tell us something?

By one measure, the end of the world was foretold a year ago with the shearing of Keri Russell's mane.

While the fleeing of Felicity certainly didn't do the show's ratings any good (by January, viewership had dropped by more than 15 percent), the impact was felt far beyond one TV series.

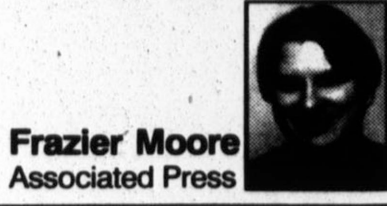
Doubtful, if you consider all the signs since then of an apocalypse just around the corner. They are there to see on any television screen:

• the human consumption of rats. In prime time! • Dennis Miller as an announcer for "Monday Night Football."

• the Battle of Armageddon (well, kind of) waged last May between media titans Walt Disney Co. and Time Warner, plunging ABC into 39 hours of darkness for more than 3 million cable subscribers.

• and don't forget the people eating rats! These are clearly aberrant events, proving the end is surely in sight. And for those who choose to look, here are more reconfigurations:

• Cable's USA losing its punch. For years, ratings leader USA had it all: off-network reruns, cheesy woman-in-peril TV movies and second-rate original series. But what really put USA over the top was



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its "sports entertainment" from World Wrestling Federation.

Now the end is in sight for USA's top-rated shows like "WWF Sunday Night Heat" and "Raw Is War." Last month, a court decision gave WWF the right to take its pugilistic fare to Viacom's TNN and MTV cable networks.

Without The Rock, what will USA build on? • No more Kathie Lee Gifford to kick around. She's exiting the talk show she has shared with Regis Philbin for 15 years.

As you know, her "Live!" reign has been a fairy tale. A melodrama. A righteous crusade. (Hmmm. That's also a fair description of WWF wrestling.) But now — well, who can fathom the void she will leave by Reege's side?

Her last "Live!" is July 28. • Mourning becomes "The Early Show."

Bad enough that host Bryant Gumbel was recently caught on camera making what appeared to be a profane slur about a guest he had just interviewed. But worse than that, the loose-lipped Gumbel shares the

camera with newsreader Julie Chen, around whom (as Inside.com put it last week) "the thin membrane of journalistic legitimacy ... has officially dissolved."

Chen, of course, has expanded her "informational" duties beyond the CBS News-produced "Early Show" to serve as host, interrogator and carnival barker for the network's entertainment-reality series "Big Brother."

For CBS' purposes, Chen is a journalist second, and, first of all, a TV personality much in need of a prime-time boost for herself and her little-watched morning program.

The need to wake up the world to "The Early Show" was demonstrated on last Thursday's "Big Brother" when the 10 houseguests were overheard discussing Chen:

"I've never seen her before."

"Neither have I."

"What does she do?"

Maybe a newswoman peddling ginned-up news isn't really the end of the world. But does she have to tempt fate by appearing to like it?

• The fallen season. You may uncover many secrets in the networks' new fall series.

For instance, Fox will introduce "Dark Angel," a science fiction series set in post-apocalyptic America that follows a genetically enhanced human prototype who is chased by her military handlers.

You may find even more vivid revelations in the new ABC sitcom "The Trouble With Normal." First announced as "People Who Fear People," then retitled (eureka! Let it travel under an assumed name; that will fool everyone), it mines the bottomless

pit of comedy about paranoid schizophrenics. "I ripped my phone out of the wall," says one man in group therapy, "because I thought it was listening to me."

Now listen to this: A publicity campaign for the ABC sitcom "The Norm Show" calls

for equipping public urinals with the voice of series star Norm Macdonald.

Forcible exposure to Norm's wisecracks while you try to relieve yourself? Even for viewers who tune out the apocalypse, this is a doomsday scenario.

Television

WEDNESDAY

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Table with 12 columns (6 PM to 11 PM) and 20 rows of TV listings for Wednesday, July 19.

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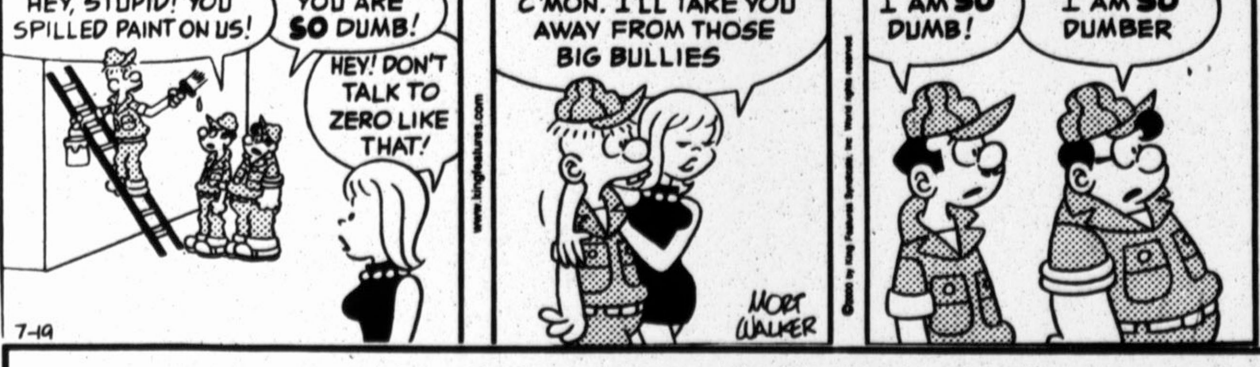
Barney Google & Snuffy Smith

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INSIDE

# 'Marriage tax' repeal goes to bargainers

WASHINGTON (AP) — House and Senate negotiators hope to resolve differences quickly between competing bills to cut income taxes for millions of married couples as Republicans rush to force President Clinton to veto or sign the measure prior to the national GOP convention.

could put the president and Vice President Al Gore in a tough political spot, since both have recommended its elimination as long as the tax cuts are less costly and targeted toward middle- and lower-income couples.

"It's going to be very hard to explain," Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., said. "Mr. President, are you for eliminating the marriage

penalty tax or not?" The Senate passed its version of the bill Tuesday on a 61-38 vote, brushing aside the veto threat and Democratic criticism that the legislation is skewed to the wealthy. Eight Democrats joined most Republicans in favor of the 10-year, \$248 billion tax cut, but the margin was not veto-proof.

The House already has passed a bill to cut married

couples' taxes by \$182 billion over 10 years, which differs somewhat from the Senate bill. A House-Senate conference committee will work out the differences, and GOP leaders intend to finish by week's end.

House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., and Lott met Wednesday in an effort to reach a quick agreement amid some signs that Republicans

could moderate the bill's cost in a bid to win Clinton's support and get a concrete accomplishment for voters.

"I want to get something on his desk that's signable," Hastert told reporters.

In a statement Tuesday, Clinton repeated his offer to sign the GOP marriage penalty bill only if Congress also

sends him a measure creating an acceptable Medicare prescription drug benefit.

"This is the best way to break the partisan logjam and help the tens of millions of older Americans across this country who face rising prescription drug costs," the president said. "By itself, I would veto this bill."

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## People

### Clinton still popular with nation's children

MAHWAH, N.J.— Impeached by Congress following his affair with a 25-year-old intern, President Clinton still reigns supreme among American children, according to a survey.

He beat out Pope John Paul II, Microsoft founder Bill Gates, astronaut John Glenn and basketball star Michael Jordan in the survey that asked children to name the world's most important person.

The survey, conducted by the *World Almanac for Kids* and released this week, offered readers age 6 to 14 the chance to win prizes by naming their picks and explaining their choices. It was contained in the 2000 edition.

Clinton, the choice of 30 percent of the respondents, was cited because of his peacekeeping negotiations, his improvements to education and because he is "the ruler of a free world."

The pope, who got 20.6 percent, helps make the world a better place, the children said. "My Mom" got 20.4 percent, "My Dad," 15.8 percent, and Gates 15 percent.

Others receiving votes: civil rights pioneer Rosa Parks, astronaut Neil Armstrong, "Harry Potter" author J.K. Rowling, slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, talk show host Rosie O'Donnell and soccer star Mia Hamm, who beat out God by a slight margin.

Frank McGuire, 10, of Orlando, Fla., won the top prize — an expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. — for his entry, which named Bill Gates, Nelson Mandela and Chinese president Jiang Zemin. The entry was designed like a newspaper page and listed each of his choices' contributions to society.

**Photographer suing international pop star**  
MIAMI — International recording star Alejandro Fernandez is being sued by a celebrity photographer who claims he and his pregnant wife were assaulted by Fernandez and his entourage last November.

Lawyers representing Angel Mora and wife Celia Oliveira filed suit Monday in a Miami-Dade court against Fernandez and Sony Discos.

The suit claims Fernandez and two Sony executives attacked the couple after Mora took a picture of the star outside the Sony Music building in Miami Beach. It contends the label is liable because the three were "acting within the course and scope" of their employment at Sony.

"We're looking to protect our clients' and all journalists' constitutional rights," Leoncio de la Pena, Mora's attorney, said Tuesday. "If it's on a public street, he has a right to take a picture."

Oliveira — three months pregnant at the time — claimed someone grabbed her, pushed her away and hit her in the stomach when she tried to videotape the fight between her husband and the others.

The couple seeks at least \$75,000 in damages. Defense attorney Mark Schnapp said he was confident the court would find the case without merit.

Fernandez had *Billboard Magazine's* top Latin album in 1998 and was in seventh place on the Latin top 50 as of last week with his newest album, "Entre Tus Brazos."

## Trial

From Page A1

indicate Waits ever assaulted her.

Martinez also introduced numerous claims of trouble between Waits, the victim's mother and stepfather, including restraining orders and threatening tapes.

The victim, who has not seen the defendant in more than two years, could not positively identify him as the man who assaulted her and was not sure where the assault occurred.

The state presented two expert witnesses, child psychologist James M. Warnica, a specialist in post-traumatic stress disorders in children, and registered sexual assault nurse Christine Vecchi.

Warnica testified the victim had consistently displayed signs of a child suffering from post-traumatic stress syndrome, and had frequently made comments regarding the assault.

Vecchi explained that during the sexual assault examination, she had found "two well-healed tears in the victim's hymen," an injury that she said can only result from penetration.

Jerry Van, maintenance supervisor at the Hereford Fire Department testified about a conversation he said overheard while Waits was working as a supervised trustee. Van told the jury he had heard and reported to the authorities Waits boasting about his actions and saying prosecutors would have a hard time proving it.

Testimony was to continue today with the possible viewing of the Bridge videotape by the jury.

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## ECONOMY

### U.S. trade deficit shoots up to record \$31 billion

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. trade deficit shot up to a record \$31 billion in May as America's trade imbalance with oil-producing nations climbed to its second-highest point ever.

The Commerce Department reported Wednesday that the deficit widened by 1.8 percent in May. That compared to a \$30.5 billion April imbalance, which was revised up from the government's previous estimate. May's deficit was bigger than many analysts expected.

Total imports of goods and services dipped by 0.3 percent in May to \$116.8 billion. Exports fell more sharply by 1 percent to \$85.7 billion, thus producing May's trade shortfall.

Wall Street was having another down day. By midday Wednesday, the Nasdaq index had lost 90 points and the Dow Jones industrial average was down 42 points.

The U.S. deficit with oil-producing nations, including Saudi Arabia, jumped by 17.8 percent in May to \$4.1 billion, second-highest on record. Imports from the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries rose to \$5.4 billion in May, also the second-highest ever.

The quantity of crude oil imported into the United States in May, 297 million barrels, was the highest since August 1998 when 300 million barrels were imported. The price of crude oil dipped in May to \$24.16 a barrel from \$24.42 but is still far above the May 1999 level of \$14.60 a barrel.

Production limits by oil-producing nations have pushed crude-oil prices up over the last year. Many analysts believe prices will ease in the coming months on the expectation that production will eventually be increased.

In the first five months of this year, the deficit was \$147.7 billion, compared with \$92.6 billion during the same period last year. For all of last year, the deficit soared to a record \$265 billion.

The trade deficit is the one blot on an otherwise vibrant U.S. economy, now in its longest-ever streak of uninterrupted growth. That growth has pushed the nation's unemployment rate down to 4 percent, near a 30-year low.

The Clinton administration contends the deficit reflects the gap between American's strong economic performance and slower growth overseas.

Critics say the imbalance represents a failure of the administration's trade policies, which they believe have left American workers at the mercy of foreign nations with lower labor costs and lax environmental standards.

President Clinton is pushing Congress for approval of a landmark trade agreement with China. The administration argues the market-opening trade deal would mean billions of dollars in increased sales for American companies.

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Vietnam vet on Bush list

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Some 30 years after earning two Purple Hearts in Vietnam, Chuck Hagel emerged from political obscurity to become a U.S. senator. And now he's mentioned frequently as a potential running mate for likely GOP nominee George W. Bush.
Hagel is best known this year for backing John McCain, the Arizona senator who lost to Bush in the primaries.
Even though Hagel, 53, is just past the midpoint of his first Senate term and relatively unknown outside of his home state, some believe he would add a lot to the ticket.
"I think he's got a tremendous amount of appeal," said Dick Shugrue, a political analyst at Creighton University in Omaha. "It's not just a bunch of hoo-ha. Anybody who meets this guy comes away ... saying 'Wow!'"

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Accuser: Hillary not anti-Semitic

NEW YORK (AP) — The man who accused Hillary Rodham Clinton of making an anti-Semitic slur is willing to take a lie detector test or truth serum to prove he's telling the truth.
Mrs. Clinton has unequivocally denied the charge. President Clinton has dismissed the accusation in harsh language.
"All I'm telling you is, this is crap," the president said in an interview published Tuesday in the New York Daily News. He made the comment in a telephone interview Sunday with the newspaper's editor.
Fray has accused the Senate candidate of calling him a "Jew b—" during an argument in 1974.
"If she does not have any recollection of it that's not my problem, it's hers," Paul Fray said in an interview broadcast Wednesday on ABC's "Good Morning America."
"The whole bottom line is that if I'm telling a lie, I'd be glad to take a lie detector test ... and if that doesn't satisfy the question, then let me take truth serum," Fray told ABC.
Fray has suffered a brain disorder that led to memory loss, addition to painkillers and erratic behavior. He also lost his law license after accepting a bribe to alter a court document.
Fray said Mrs. Clinton made the comment on the night when Bill Clinton lost a Congressional election.
He said he and his wife, Mary Lee, went in a room with Clinton and then Hillary Rodham when an argument started. The fight has been described in a half-dozen Clinton biographies, but Jerry Oppenheimer's book "State of A Union: Inside the Complex Marriage of Bill and Hillary Clinton" is the first to include Fray's assertion.

# Clinton sends Mideast talks into overtime

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## News digest



### PRESIDENT CLINTON

Delays departure for summit of industrial powers "in the best interests of the Middle East peace process."

THURMONT, Md. — Sending the Camp David summit into overtime, President Clinton delayed his departure for Japan by a day to give Mideast negotiators a last chance to break their deadlock and forge a peace agreement.

The White House announced after midnight that Clinton was putting off his departure for a summit of industrial powers until Thursday "in the best interests of the Middle East peace process." He had been scheduled to depart Wednesday morning.

"Clearly, the president is doing this so he can continue to work with the leaders through Wednesday," said spokesman P.J. Crowley, adding that work at the secluded presidential retreat was continuing into the early hours, as it has in recent days.

"They are still at it," he said.

Even with the added wriggle room that an extra day provides, there were new expressions of pessimism from the Palestinians about prospects for reaching an agreement. The Palestinians' unofficial spokeswoman, Hanan Ashrawi, said after her return to the Palestinian territories that it would take a "miracle."

The Israelis, too, acknowledge that the issues are very difficult — although a lawmaker allied with Barak told Israel radio Wednesday there was "some room for flexibility" even on the ultra-sensitive subject of Jerusalem. But he repeated that sovereignty over the city could not be shared.

### Consumer group urges ban of foods spiked with herbal supplements

WASHINGTON— Consumers are being bilked, and maybe endangered, by dozens of foods spiked with herbal medicines that falsely claim to do such things as boost brain power or fight infections, consumer advocates charged.

The Center for Science in the Public Interest joined with Connecticut's attorney general and a renowned herbal expert to petition the Food and Drug Administration to halt sales of 75 so-called functional foods.

"The FDA has done a woefully inadequate job of protecting consumers," CSPI attorney Bruce Silverglade said Tuesday, displaying what he called "modern-day snake oils": snack chips spiked with echinacea and fruit drinks laced with kava kava and ginkgo, all claiming miraculous-sounding health benefits.

"There is no scientific evidence to support these outlandish and ridiculous claims," said Connecticut Attorney General Richard Blumenthal, who is investigating the foods and said he soon will announce a crackdown on deceptive products sold in Connecticut.

"State action will be forthcoming if the federal government can't do better" at preventing manufacturers from "betraying consumers," Blumenthal added, saying he is asking attorneys general in other states to investigate, too.

Functional foods claim to have added ingredients that provide an extra nutrition boost, and some are very healthy, such as orange juice pumped up with bone-strengthening calcium. Other examples are cereals containing heart-healthy fiber, and FDA-approved margarines that contain cholesterol-lowering ingredients.

But the latest fad takes this concept a step further: adding unproven and largely unregulated herbal dietary supplements to foods.

### Swearing-in of Fiji's new Cabinet postponed; sit-in staged at airport

SUVA, Fiji — The end of a parliamentary hostage crisis in Fiji raised hopes that civil unrest also would die down. A week later, the new president is ill, the coup leader claims he got the swearing-in of the new Cabinet delayed and rebel supporters have staged a sit-in at an airport.

Coup leader George Speight said Wednesday he was dissatisfied with the Cabinet because it did not include enough of his supporters, and claimed he orchestrated the indefinite postponement of the swearing-in.

He objected to not having been adequately consulted in the formulation process, despite a promise from President Ratu Josefa Iloilo that he would be included in negotiations.

"I have been in touch with the president through a high-ranking chief of mine to express my disappointment," Speight told Australian television's Channel Nine before the postponement.

Speight said Iloilo had agreed to allow him to review the list of prospective ministers and that the ceremony would not proceed.

## Taco Bell replacing CEO and Chihuahua

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Drop the Chihuahua! In a surprise announcement Tuesday, Taco Bell Corp. said it has decided to replace its top executive and the advertising agency that introduced the chalupe-loving talking pup in commercials.

Peter C. Waller, president of the Irvine-based fast-food chain since 1997, will be replaced by Emil Brolick, 52, a 12-year veteran at Wendy's International Inc. who has overseen product development and strategy at the burger chain.

The Chihuahua, known for his trademark slogan "yo quiero Taco Bell," will not play a prominent role in future ad campaigns, though it might get a cameo role now and then, said David E. Novak, chairman of Taco Bell's parent company, Tricon Restaurants International.

The Los Angeles-based advertising agency of TBWA/Chiat Day introduced the Chihuahua shortly after winning a \$200 million advertising account in 1997. Taco Bell said it would return all of its advertising to its former agency.

HerefordBrand: hbnews@wrt.nnet or hbnews@hotmail.com

## Device May Increase Gas Mileage

BOSTON - National Fuelsaver Corp. of Boston has developed a low cost automotive accessory called the Platinum Gas Saver which is guaranteed to increase gas mileage while meeting all emission standards.

With a simple connection to a vacuum line, the Gasaver adds microscopic quantities of platinum to the air-fuel mixture entering the engine.

Platinum has the unique ability to make non-burning fuel burn. With platinum in the flame zone, you increase the percentage of fuel burning in the engine from 68% of each gallon to 90%.

Since unburnt fuel is pollution,

this 22% of each gallon would normally burn when it reaches the platinum of the catalytic converter.

Unfortunately, the converter's platinum burns this fuel outside of the engine, where the heat and energy produced from burning this fuel cannot be harnessed to drive your vehicle.

But when the Gasaver adds platinum to engine combustion, 22% more of each gallon burns inside the engine so that, in theory, 22% fewer gallons are required to drive the same distance.

After studying this process for five years, the government concluded: "Independent testing shows greater fuel savings with

the Platinum Gas Saver than that claimed by the developer."

In addition to this study, the Gas Saver has received patents for cleaning out carbon and raising octane, making premium fuel unnecessary for most vehicles.

Joel Robinson, the developer, commented: "We have sold over 400,000 Gas Savers. To our surprise, as many people buy the Gas Saver because it extends engine life (by cleaning out the abrasive carbon deposits) as buy it to increase gas mileage or raise octane."

For further information call: 1-800-LESS-GAS 1-800-537-7427

## Government Produced Test Data

The government studied fuel saving test data on vehicles made by several auto makers using the Gas Saver. This is the data they produced from a fleet of 15 identical 5-liter vehicles.

Vehicle Number	Miles/gal. without Gas Saver	Miles/gal. with Gas Saver	Percentage Increase
1	12.0	17.8	48.3%
2	11.3	16.6	46.9%
3	14.1	20.7	46.8%
4	13.0	18.8	44.6%
5	12.2	17.1	40.2%
6	9.6	13.3	38.5%
7	13.3	17.9	34.6%
8	9.8	13.1	33.7%
9	14.3	18.4	28.7%
10	10.8	13.9	28.7%
11	14.1	17.6	24.8%
12	15.8	17.5	10.8%
13	14.4	15.9	10.4%
14	13.1	14.0	6.9%
15	12.9	11.3	-12.4%
Average	12.7	16.3	28.3%

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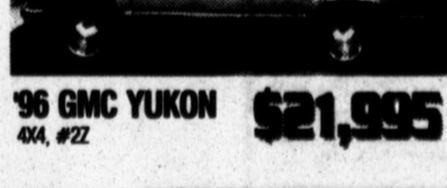
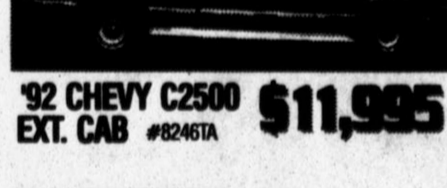
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