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Amelia Pezina

Today's weather OUTLOOK

• Mostly clear skies •

Tonight: Mostly clear, lows near 67, southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.
Wednesday: Mostly sunny, highs around 94, southwest winds 10 to 20 mph.
Wednesday night: Mostly clear, lows near 66.



• Extended forecast •

Thursday through Saturday: Partly cloudy, highs in the mid- to upper 90s, lows in the upper 60s.

• Hereford weather •

Monday's high, 91; low, 64, no precipitation.

SEASON TICKETS

■ Deadline nearing for 99 ticket holders to reclaim their seats

Season tickets for the 2000 Hereford Whitefeather football season will be on sale until Sept. 1 at the Hereford Independent School District Administration Building, 1000 Ave. 100.

Last year's ticket holders have until Friday to claim their seats from last year. After Friday, the tickets will be available to the public.

Season ticket seats that were not purchased last year can be bought at anytime before Sept. 1.

The ticket cost \$40 and will cover five football games. For more information, call Corinne Herdage at 355-7600.

Pipeline blast may force safety action

WASHINGTON (AP) — The deaths of 11 people from a New Mexico natural gas pipeline explosion may force Congress to pass long-stalled legislation to intensify inspections of underground pipelines, a lawmaker says.

Forty-two people were killed by natural gas pipeline accidents between 1986 and June 30, according to the Office of Pipeline Safety, an agency of the National Transportation Safety Board.

"It's galling to think that more tragedies could happen while these bills sit in committee," said Rep. Jay Inslee, D-Wash., a sponsor of one of the bills.

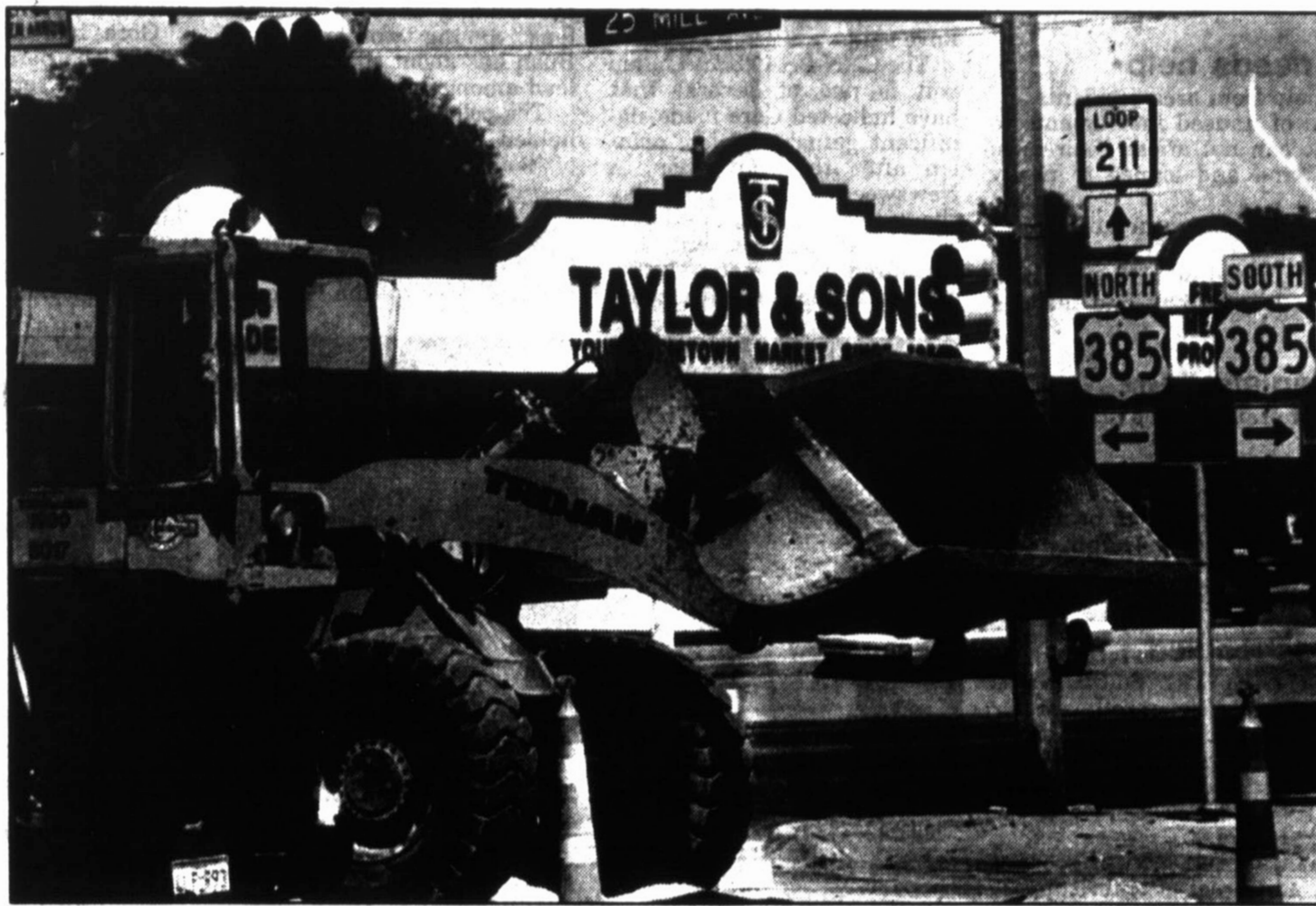
A man who died Monday in a Lubbock, Texas, hospital, was the 11th victim of Saturday's explosion of a buried natural gas pipeline near Carlsbad, N.M. Five children were among those killed when the pre-dawn explosion swept flames down the Pecos River's banks and through tents where two families were camping.

The daughter-in-law of the man who died Monday remained in critical condition in Lubbock. The woman's parents, husband and two children were among the dead.

The last major pipeline safety bill passed in 1996.

"This is the window of opportunity," Inslee said Monday. "We need to pass out a compre-

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U.S. 385 project continues

A front-end loader moves dirt Monday afternoon at the intersection of 25 Mile Avenue and Park Avenue. The work is part of the Texas Department of Transportation's rehabilitation of U.S. Highway 385. Construction crews are replacing the full length of the highway through Hereford. The project, which began in early spring, is expected to take 15 months to complete.

BRAND/Don Cooper

Commission moves swiftly

By Donald Cooper

Hereford Brand Managing Editor

If it weren't for Don Cumpton, the Hereford City Commission would have wrapped up its business Monday night in record time.

Other than the routine of approving the minutes of two previous meetings, the commissioners' only business was to cancel the Sept. 4 meeting and hear a report from Cumpton, executive director of the Hereford Economic Development Corp.

And, even Cumpton's report was brief, so the commissioners adjourned after less than 30 meetings.

Cumpton said he believes a recent trip to a dairy convention in New Mexico was successful because of contacts made in the industry.

One dairy representative has visited Deaf Smith County twice since that convention and five others have contacted the HEDC and requested informational packets, Cumpton said.

He also will meet next week with John Hafliker of Canyon to continue discussions

about a possible Swiss Girl Dairies operation being started up in Deaf Smith County.

The HEDC board last month authorized Cumpton to engage in negotiations with Hafliker about a financial package to assist in the startup of the dairy operation.

During an executive session earlier this month, the board again discussed a financial incentive package for Swiss Girl Dairies. However, when they returned to the open session, the directors voted to table the matter.

Cumpton said the board was not ready to make a decision on the request from Hafliker.

Hafliker, a former Hereford resident who now lives in Canyon, and Cumpton had talks about a package that would include a guaranteed loan to construct a dairy, operating under the name Swiss Girl Dairies, in Deaf Smith County. Hafliker has been involved in the dairy industry for several years, operating dairies in Artesia, N.M., and a small one near Canyon. He also owns a small facility in the area that is leased to an operator.

Initial proposals called for the HEDC to guarantee a possible \$3 million loan for a 2,500-head dairy cow facility.

Cumpton has said the dairy would add about \$3 million to the county's tax base, bring in 18-25 jobs and possibly open the door for more dairies and support industries to move to the Hereford area.

It was hoped the funding for the venture would be provided by local banks and would not necessarily be capped at \$3 million. Mike Schueler, president of FirstBank Southwest, met with the directors, who included Hereford State Bank President Craig Smith, to discuss possible terms for the loan.

Money would be used to purchase up to 640 acres for the dairy, construction of the complex to handle a herd of approximately 2,500 head of cattle, and to cover costs of applying for, processing and acquiring all the necessary state and federal permits, which

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BRAND/Jeff Blackmon

Graham preaches — Thousands of Panhandle residents who attended Festival 2000 heard sermons by an evangelist with a famous name. Franklin Graham, son of Billy Graham, spoke nightly at the crusade. Observers estimated 20,000 were in Amarillo's Bivins Stadium for Sunday night's finale.

Analysts expect Fed to hold line

WASHINGTON (AP) — With inflation under control and the economy growing at a healthy but less feverish pace than earlier this year, analysts expect the Federal Reserve to hold the line on interest rates today.

Since June 1999, the Fed has raised rates six times in an effort to slow economic growth enough to keep inflation under control without retarding the economy so much that it brings a recession.

Many private economists expected the central bank to repeat its June decision not to boost interest rates. Still, economists believed the Fed would issue a statement telling markets that it is still worried about inflation dangers down the road.

The Federal Open Market Committee, composed of Fed board members and regional bank presidents, was meeting behind closed doors Tuesday to discuss interest rate policy. An afternoon announcement was expected.

With the Fed's sixth rate increase in May, its target for the federal funds rate, the interest banks charge each other, was pushed to 6.5 percent, the highest level in nine years. In June 1999 — before the central bank starting raising rates — the funds rate stood at 4.75 percent.

Those increases boosted banks' prime lending rate, the benchmark for millions of consumer and business loans, to a nine-year high of 9.5 percent, up from 7.75 percent before the Fed's first rate increase 14 months ago.

The Fed passed up the chance to raise rates a seventh time at its last meeting on June 27-28.

Gore, Bush tied in the latest poll

By Will Lester

Associated Press Writer

Al Gore and George W. Bush targeted the battleground states of the Midwest as their campaign aides haggled over debates and a new poll of likely voters suggested the presidential race is very close.

"We said all along that it's going to be a close election," Bush communications director Karen Hughes said on CNN's "Late Edition." "We expect it to be a close, hard-fought election all the way to November."

The CNN-USA Today-Gallup poll had Democrat Gore at 47 percent, Republican Bush at 46 percent, Green Party candidate Ralph Nader at 3 percent and Reform Party candidate Pat Buchanan at 2 percent.

Hughes reiterated the Bush campaign's plans for debates, and Gore's campaign manager immediately tried to up the ante.

"We are going to participate in a record

number of five presidential and vice presidential debates," Hughes said on "Fox News Sunday." She was referring to a recent campaign proposal that the presidential candidates debate three times and the vice presidential rivals debate twice.

"We're game. We'll start this week. In fact, we'll do five times five if they'll give us the opportunity," Donna Brazile, Gore's campaign manager, said on Fox. "We'll start negotiations tomorrow."

The Commission on Presidential Debates has proposed three debates between the presidential candidates, on Oct. 3 in Boston, Oct. 11 in Winston-Salem, N.C., and Oct. 17 in St. Louis. The commission plan is for a vice presidential debate in Danville, Ky., on Oct. 5. The commission proposals are always subject to negotiations by the candidates.

Aides to the Texas governor cautioned the surge Gore has gotten in the polls after his

party's national convention last week could be short-lived.

The CNN-USA Today-Gallup poll of 697 likely voters taken Friday and Saturday had an error margin of 4 percentage points. That same poll right before the convention showed Bush 16 points ahead of Gore, 55 percent to 39 percent.

Gore's campaign chairman, William Daley, said on NBC's "Meet The Press": "We are encouraged that people obviously listened to the vice president (in his acceptance speech) on Thursday evening. ... There are issues that we've got to address, and he was specific about them. And I think that's what people reacted to."

Bush aide Karl Rove countered that Gore's convention speech could cost him support in the long run. "Al Gore launched out talking

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Local roundup

•Pen and pencil drive under way•

The Hereford Rotary Club is sponsoring a pen and pencil drive for a small school in Pakistan. Pencils can be dropped off at the First Bank Southwest through the Nov. 3 for delivery by Dr. Lamuel Salik.

•Mighty Maroon needs help•

The Mighty Maroon Band needs help from area residents. The band is seeking the donation of unused instruments to help provide horns for students who can not afford their own. The horns will be donated to the band and loaned to needy students.

Also marching season is coming up and band members need help hemming uniform pants.

Anyone with a usable horn to be donated or willing to hem pants should contact the High School 363-7620, and leave a message for the band director.

•AC offers late registration•

Amarillo College will offer late registration 6-7 p.m. Wednesday.

Course offerings include life science and lab, human anatomy and physiology, computer concepts, basic computer concepts, basic computer-aided drafting, freshman composition, principles of nutrition, U.S. history, basic algebra, weight training and conditioning, general psychology, and reading techniques.

For more information, contact Bryan Hedricks at 363-7627.

•CHIP enrollment scheduled•

The Coalition of Health Services, along with South Plains Health Providers, will hold a communitywide enrollment for TexCare Partnership/CHIP. TexCare Partnership/CHIP is an affordable health insurance program designed for all Texas families with uninsured children.

Enrollment will be 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Wednesday at South Plains Health Providers, 110 N. 25 Mile Ave.

Interested families should bring at least two months proof of income, proof of child care expense, and proof of child support payments.

For more information, call Yolanda Alaniz at 364-7688 or Denise Carreon at 364-2401.

Poll

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about populism, about class warfare, about powerful forces that were supposedly keeping us from making progress," Rove said.

The CNN-USA Today-Gallup poll is one of several that have indicated Gore made significant gains in public opinion after the convention. A Newsweek poll out Saturday showed Gore ahead at 48 percent to 42 percent, but that measured all registered voters, which tends to give stron-

ger results to the Democrats.

Gore pulled even in the CNN-USA Today-Gallup poll by building about a 20-point lead among women, while Bush has about the same size lead among men.

The poll suggested that Gore helped himself on the issues of health care, Medicare and Social Security during the convention.

Both campaigns are launching TV ad campaigns in key states to kick off the fall cam-

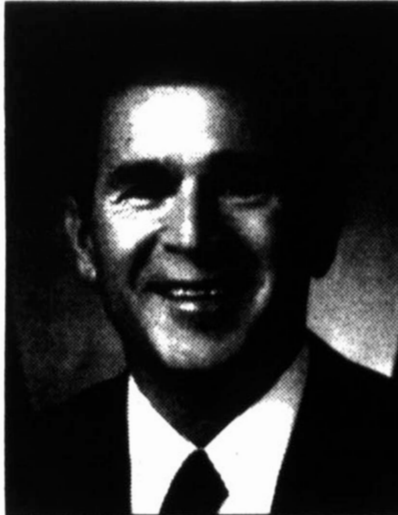
paign. While Bush aides said they planned a positive focus, they would quickly respond if attacked.

Gore had about \$6.4 million in the bank at the end of July before setting out for the Democratic National Convention and he had spent \$44 million for his campaign, according to records filed Sunday with the Federal Election Commission.

Gore campaign manager Brazile termed "ridiculous" an

editorial in a black New York City weekly, the *Amsterdam News*, that vice presidential nominee Joseph Lieberman, an Orthodox Jew, was put on the ticket to get money from the Jewish community worldwide.

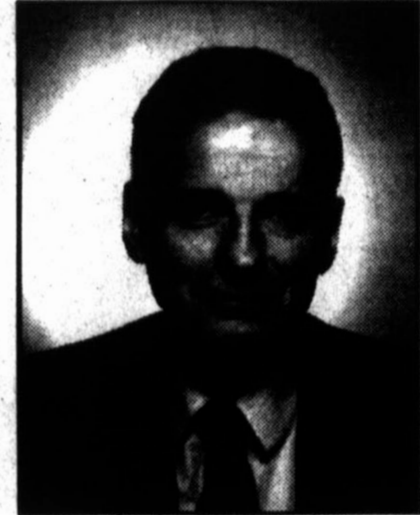
The debate picture has unanswered questions, the participation of third-party candidates among them. Bush spokeswoman Hughes told CNN "that's not something we've really had a specific discussion about at this point."



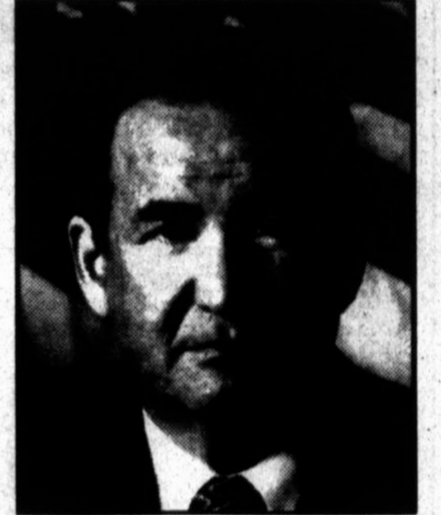
GEORGE W. BUSH
Republican
46 percent



AL GORE
Democrat
47 percent



RALPH NADER
Green Party
3 percent



PAT BUCHANAN
Reform Party
2 percent

POLL RESULTS

Some results from a poll on the presidential campaign released in the days following the Democratic National Convention. When results don't total 100 percent, the remainder either didn't know or refused to answer.

Suppose the 2000 presidential election were being held today and you had to choose between Al Gore, the Democrat; George W. Bush, the Republican; Ralph Nader, the Green Party candidate; and Pat Buchanan, the Reform Party candidate, for whom would you vote?

CNN-USA Today-Gallup — likely voters

- Gore, 47 percent
 - Bush, 46 percent
 - Nader, 3 percent
 - Buchanan, 2 percent
- (Bush led by 16 points in this poll before the Democratic National Convention. Gore had about a 20-point lead among women in the latest poll, helping him match the lead of the same size Bush had among men.)

Newsweek—registered voters

- Gore, 48 percent
- Bush, 42 percent
- Nader, 3 percent
- Buchanan, 1 percent

Voter.com-Battleground — likely voters

- Bush, 45 percent
- Gore, 40 percent
- Nader, 3 percent
- Buchanan, 1 percent

(Gore moved from 9 points down to 5 points down in the tracking poll during the week of the Democratic convention. Bush had moved from an 8-point lead to an 18-point lead in the tracking poll by the fourth day of the Republican convention.)

The Voter.com-Battleground poll of 1,000 likely voters was taken Wednesday and Thursday and has an error margin of 3 percentage points. The Newsweek poll of 806 was taken Thursday and Friday and has an error margin of plus or minus 4 percentage points. The CNN-USA Today-Gallup poll of 697 likely voters was taken Friday and Saturday and has an error margin of plus or minus 4 percentage points.

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would allow the dairy to begin operations.

The cost of the dairy herd, feed or any moveable inventory or equipment is not covered under this agreement.

Haffiger will be responsible for submitting plans and specifications to the HEDC and all governing authorities. The agreement calls for all contract, sub-contract, vendors and materials to come from Deaf Smith County businesses.

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Obituaries

DORIS ELLA HODGES

Aug. 19, 2000

VEGA — Services for Doris Ella Hodges, 78, of Vega were today at the United Methodist Church of Vega, with Rev. Johna Campbell, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery by Vega Funeral Home.

Mrs. Hodges died Saturday.

Mrs. Hodges was born in Wilton, Ark., and had lived in Vega for 48 years. She received a bachelors degree in business from North Texas State University at Denton. She attended Vega United Methodist Church.

She married Billie C. Hodges in 1947 in Amarillo. Survivors include her husband; two sons, Chris Hodges and Jerry Hodges, both of Hereford; and five grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Olivia's Angels, c/o BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo 79170-0001; or Memorial Park Cemetery, P.O. Box 496, Vega 79092.

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KIRK ETHRIDGE

Aug. 21, 2000

LUBBOCK — Services for Kirk Ethridge, 40, of Lubbock will be 10 a.m. Wednesday at Lake Ridge United Methodist Church with the Rev. Bill Couch officiating. Services will be under the direction of Rix Funeral Directors.

He died Monday in Lubbock.

He was born March 7, 1960, in Hereford and was a graduate of Lubbock Monterey High School and attended Austin Community College in Austin and Ball State University in Muncie Ind. He was a certified alcohol and drug abuse counselor. He was employed at the Austin Recovery Center, 1986-1993, and at the Delaware County Jail, 1995-1997. He was a member of First United Methodist Church.

He married Allison Kearney on Feb. 22, 1992, in Austin. Survivors include his wife; his mother and stepfather, Mitzi and Bob Jordan of Lubbock; his father and stepmother, John and Lou Ethridge of Hobbs, N.M.; two sisters, Kriss Ethridge of Lubbock and Kamie Ethridge of Manhattan, Kan.

He preceded in death in 1981 by a sister.

Memorials may be made to the Hospice of Lubbock, P.O. Box 53276, Lubbock 79453.

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Emergency services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for Aug. 18-21, 2000, include the following:

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Arrests

- A 34-year-old man was arrested in the 100 block of Campbell and charged with driving without a drivers license.
- A 30-year-old man was arrested in the 100 block of South Campbell and charged with possession of cocaine.
- A 38-year-old man was arrested in the 100 block of North Lawton and charged with public intoxication.
- A 21-year-old man was arrested on South Highway 385 and charged with driving while intoxicated.
- A 30-year-old man was arrested in the 100 block of Avenue H and charged with driving while intoxicated.
- A 36-year-old woman was arrested on a Potter County warrant in the 100 block of South Kingwood.
- A 19-year-old man was arrested in the 100 block of Hillcrest and charged with driving on a suspended license and various traffic offenses.

Incidents

- A 20-year-old man reported someone had poured coke on the top of his vehicle. He reported it would cost about \$10 to clean the vehicle.
- A 34-year-old man reported receiving harassing phone calls from a suspect in Dallas.
- A residence in the 200 block of North Ranger was hit by an orange paint ball. No damage was reported, just an inconvenience.
- A 22-year-old woman reported the driver's side window of her

vehicle was broken by an unknown object.

- A dog was shot by an unknown person in the 200 block of Western.
- An assault was reported in the 1000 block of Russell.
- Threats were reported in the 200 block of Western.
- Officers found property in the back seat of a police vehicle during a vehicle unit check. The property was booked into evidence.
- A junk vehicle was reported in the 400 block of Avenue D.
- A theft was reported in the 1100 block of West Park.
- A runaway was reported in the 500 block of West Gracy.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Arrests

- A 40-year-old woman was arrested and charged with four counts of forgery.
- A 46-year-old man was arrested and charged with violation of probation on a driving while intoxicated charge.
- A 29-year-old man was arrested and charged with public intoxication.
- A 27-year-old man was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated and possession of marijuana under 2 ounces.
- A 24-year-old woman was arrested and charged with violation of probation.
- A 43-year-old woman was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Aug. 19

- 1:01 p.m. Firefighters responded to a trash fire at County Road 5 and Austin Road.

Safety

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sensive pipeline safety bill now, not wait until next session."

A gasoline pipeline broke in June 1999 in Bellingham, Wash., and the ensuing fire killed three people. That accident led to an influx of proposed regulations and reports, but none has passed.

Inslee said he already has been promised a committee hearing on the issue and expects a pipeline safety bill to make it out of Congress this session.

"My concern is the type of bill that makes it out of Congress," he said. "If it doesn't have any meat on its bones, then it's not worth it."

Various versions of House and Senate pipeline safety legislation, including bills introduced by Inslee, Rep. Bob Frank, R-N.J., and Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., would require more pipeline operator training and periodic pipeline testing. The Transportation Department does not mandate rechecks once pipes are in the ground.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Texas lottery

Cash Five
The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery:
17-27-29-30-36

Pick 3
The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday, in order:
7-2-3

Lotto Texas
No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night

for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game.
The winning numbers were worth an estimated \$13 million. The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 54 were:
18-23-33-40-45-46
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Ann Landers



Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: I saw something yesterday that disturbed me enough to write to you and warn your readers.

I was returning to my car after buying groceries. In the back seat of the car next to mine were two sweet little boys, no more than 6 years old. These boys had been left completely alone in the car, in a busy parking lot of a large shopping center. The windows of the car were down, and the doors were unlocked.

The boys kept getting in and out of the car, and could easily have been hit by another vehicle. Moreover, any predator could have come by and snatched them without any difficulty whatsoever. I quickly wrote an anonymous note mentioning these points, and asked the boys if I could put it on the front seat. They said, "Daddy will be back right away."

Now, I am kicking myself for not reporting this to the police. Please remind all of your readers that no matter how inconvenient or difficult it is to shop with young children, one should NEVER leave them in a car unattended. It

takes just one moment for a tragedy to occur, and I'm sure "Daddy" would never forgive himself. — Concerned Parent in Yorba Linda, Calif.

Dear Yorba Linda: You have written a letter that should get the attention of every parent who reads this column. Your message is a vital one. Every parent who sees this should ask him- or herself, "Could the writer be talking to me?" If the answer is yes, for heaven's sake, vow never again to leave your children unattended in a car. Remember, they are your most precious possessions.

Dear Ann Landers: I have a dear friend who is highly intelligent, warmhearted and has a great many fine qualities. "Samantha" used to be a size 5, but is now a size 14. The problem is she still squeezes her ample body into size 8 dresses and slacks, and she looks like a sausage pushing out of its casing.

I have tried to talk to her about this in a tactful way, but she says in her head she will never be larger than a size 8, and that it gives her peace of mind to think this way. Her appearance is hurting her professionally (she's the talk of the office because everything she wears is so tight), and it is also hurting her personally. Men get the idea she is "easy," if you catch my drift.

Samantha has so much going for her, I hate to see her coming off like this. Her self-esteem is extremely fragile, and I know she doesn't like her body. I don't understand why she can't see herself the way others do. Is there anything I can say that will help without hurting her? — Prudent in Pennsylvania

Dear Prudy: Probably not, so I suggest that you clip this column and tell her you wrote the letter. If you cannot bring yourself to confront her directly, mail the column to her anonymously. It is a long shot, and may not work, but it's worth taking a chance. She needs to see it.

Dear Ann Landers: I found this in a 1956 edition of the Fall River, Mass., Herald News. I thought you might use it for your Gem of the Day.

Teeth is very nice to have. They fills you with content. And if you doesn't know it now,

You will when they have went. — Bryan in Warren, R.I.

Dear Bryan: Your English teacher will not be pleased with your "contribution," but your dentist will love it. Thanks a bunch.

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Shower honors infant daughter

A baby shower honoring Hallie Rains, infant daughter of Justin and Jill Rains, was held Sunday in the home of Camille Beville.

Joining Hallie and her mother in greeting guests were Terri Souter, Hallie's maternal grandmother; Julia Laing,

her maternal step-grandmother; and Shirley Rains, her paternal grandmother.

Special guests were Jo Gibson, grandmother of the new mom; Eula Garner, grandmother of the new dad; and Margaret Patterson, great-grandmother of the new mom.

Refreshments were butter cookies, banana nut bread, strawberries and summer teas.

A stroller/car seat was the gift from hostesses Camille Beville, Linda Mason, Angie Wilhelm, Susan Perrin, Nena Veazey, Paula Miller and Nancy Urbanczyk.

Vargas bride-elect honored with shower at Los Arcos

Janie Aguilar, bride-elect of Pete Vargas Jr., was honored with a bridal shower Aug. 19 at Los Arcos in Friona.

Greeting guests with the honoree were Lale Vargas, mother of the future groom; Annabell and Faith Aguilar, sisters of the bride-elect; and Virginia Campos, Grace Gamez and Teresa Munoz, sisters of the future groom.

Refreshments were mini blueberry muffins, crab puffs, tortilla roll-ups, fresh fruit with dip, sausage bills, crab dip and crackers, ham and turkey sandwiches, chocolate strawberries, mints, mock champagne and coffee.

The serving table was covered with a white linen cloth and centered with a silk arrangement in the bride-elect's chosen colors of white, black and burgundy. Appointments were in crystal and silver.

A Kenmore dishwasher and 12-piece cookware set were gifts from hostesses Yolanda Vargas, Virginia Campos, Grace Gamez, Teresa Munoz, Alice Hall, Lale Vargas, Trisha Ledezma, Hilda Vargas, Dolores Gonzalez, Annabel Aguilar, Yolanda Aguilar, Susana Renteria, Sally Garcia, Delia Villapando, Margie Garcia, Sonia Rodriguez, Becky Aguilar, Jackie Padilla, Susie Hernandez, Jeannette Marquez, Mary Garcia, Blanca Juarez, Judy Montez, Toni Gonzalez and Helen Quintero.



Janie Aguilar (left), bride-elect of Pete Vargas Jr., was feted with a bridal shower Saturday at Los Arcos in Friona. Joining her in greeting guests was her future mother-in-law, Lale Vargas.

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Infant daughter of Justin and Jill Rains, Hallie, was the guest of honor at a baby shower held Sunday in the home of Camille Beville. Pictured with the mother and daughter are (front from left) Eula Garner, grandmother of the new dad; Shirley Rains, mother of the new dad; Julia Laing, stepmother of the new mom; Margaret Patterson, great-grandmother of the new mom; (back from left) Terri Souter, mother of the new mom; and Jo Gibson, grandmother of the new mom.

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Denise Batenhorst of Umbarger accepts the 2000 B.L. Smith Jr. Academy of Honor in Agricultural Credit Scholarship from Ralph W. "Buddy" Cortese, right, Farm Credit Bank of Texas board chairman. The West Texas A&M graduate will use the \$3,000 scholarship from the bank as she pursues her master's degree at Texas A&M University this fall.

Farm Credit scholarship goes to West Texas A&M graduate

Special to the Brand

AUSTIN - West Texas A&M University graduate Denise Batenhorst was awarded the 2000 B.L. Smith Jr. Academy of Honor in Agricultural Credit Scholarship from the Farm Credit Bank of Texas recently. Batenhorst, who was raised in Umbarger, graduated summa cum laude from West Texas A&M University in May with a bachelor of science degree in agriculture business and economics. In September, she will begin her graduate studies toward a master's degree in agribusiness at Texas A&M University in College Station. As an undergraduate student at West Texas A&M in Canyon, she founded and was charter president of the university's agribusiness club, and was inducted into Alpha Zeta Agricul-

ture Fraternity, Mortar Board and Alpha Chi Honor Society. During her senior year, she served as student body vice president and president of the Student Senate and was a delegate to the Texas A&M University System Chancellor's Student Advisory Board. Her most distinguished honor was being elected West Texas A&M Woman of the Year Finalist in both her junior and senior years. Batenhorst's career goal is to work in the commodity trading industry, ideally in a commodity exchange. The Academy of Honor in Agricultural Credit Scholarship is awarded through a college or university to a graduate student specializing in agricultural studies. The \$3,000 scholarship bears the name of this year's inductee into the Academy of Honor in

Agricultural Credit - B.L. Smith Jr. of Paducah. Smith, a former chairman of the Farm Credit Bank of Texas Board of Directors, was honored for his contributions to the field of agricultural credit during his 35 years in Farm Credit leadership positions. He is a Texas A&M University alumnus. The Farm Credit Bank of Texas presents the Academy of Honor award and scholarship on behalf of its affiliated Federal Land Bank Associations, Federal Land Credit Associations and Production Credit Associations. The associations are borrower-owned lending cooperatives that provide financing to farmers, ranchers, rural land and homeowners, and agribusinesses.

Williams feted with shower

Brandi Williams, bride-elect of Kirk Self, was honored with a bridal shower on Aug. 5 at the E.B. Black House. Guests were greeted by the honoree; Bev Williams, mother of the bride-elect; Maureen Self, mother of the prospective groom; Marge Wallace, grandmother of the bride-elect; Vi Pohlmeier, grandmother of the future groom; and Nikki Davis and Jamie Self, sisters of the future

groom. Refreshments consisted of chocolate covered strawberries; fresh fruit, sausage balls, fancy breads and cookies, miniature cupcakes, punch and coffee. The table was covered with a white lace tablecloth. The centerpiece was an arrangement of peace lilies with lilac-colored summer flowers. Appointments were in crystal and

silver. An outdoor grill was the gift from hostesses Carolyn Fry, Jo Lee, Betty Deckard, Shirley Wilson, Alice Lockmiller, Christine Evans, Hilda Perales, Sue Hollingsworth, Pam Fogo, Leota Kelso, Gayle Binder, Corky Campos, Peggie Fox, Nicky Walsler, Linda Minchew, Terri Souther, Jan Dudley, Melba Dillard, Teresa Munoz, Kathy Haney and Carolyn Hiltbrunner.

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Girl Scout membership drive to kick-off with all-day event

The Hereford Girl Scout organization is beginning the registration drive for the 2000-2001 membership year. The kick-off event will be an all-day registration from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Aug. 26 in Dameron Park. Membership is open to all girls ages 5-17 and the registration fee is \$7 per girl or adult. Financial aid is available. In Girl Scouts, girls discover the fun, friendship and power of girls together. The first level of Girl Scouts is called Daisies, and

it is for girls who are 5 years old. Brownies is the second level and includes first, second and third grade girls. The next level is for girls in fourth-sixth grades and is called Juniors. The Cadette Girl Scout level includes girls in seventh-ninth grades while the Senior level involves girls in 10th-12th grades. The mission of Girl Scouting is to inspire girls with the highest ideals of character, conduct, patriotism, and ser-

vice that they may become happy and resourceful citizens. The Girl Scout Promise and Law and the four program goals make up the foundation for all activities in Girl Scouting. The four program goals are: developing values, relating to others, developing full individual potential and contributing to society. For further information about the Girl Scout program, call 364-5787.

LOOKING BACK

Today in History

By The Associated Press
Today is Tuesday, Aug. 22, the 235th day of 2000. There are 131 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Aug. 22, 1485, England's King Richard III was killed in the Battle of Bosworth Field, ending the War of the Roses.

On this date:
In 1762, Ann Franklin became the first female editor of an American newspaper, the Newport, R.I. "Mercury."
In 1775, England's King George III proclaimed the American colonies in a state of open rebellion.
In 1787, inventor John Fitch demonstrated his steamboat on the Delaware River to delegates of the Continental Congress.
In 1846, the United States annexed New Mexico.
In 1851, the schooner "America" outraced the "Aurora" off the English coast to win a trophy that became known as the America's Cup.
In 1902, President Theodore Roosevelt became the first U.S. chief executive to ride in an automobile, in Hartford, Conn.
In 1950, Althea Gibson became the first black tennis player to be accepted in competition for the national cham-

ionship.
In 1956, President Eisenhower and Vice President Nixon were nominated for second terms in office by the Republican national convention in San Francisco.
In 1968, Pope Paul VI arrived in Bogota, Colombia, for the start of the first papal visit to Latin America.
In 1989, Black Panther co-founder Huey P. Newton was shot to death in Oakland, Calif.
Ten years ago: President Bush signed an order calling up reservists to bolster the U.S. military buildup in the Persian Gulf.
Five years ago: Congressman Mel Reynolds, D-Ill., was convicted in Chicago of sexual misconduct involving an underage campaign volunteer. Reynolds was sentenced to five years in prison; he was later convicted of lying to obtain loans and of illegally siphoning campaign money for personal use, and sentenced to six and a-half years in federal prison.
One year ago: Hurricane "Bret" rumbled ashore on the Texas Gulf Coast with winds over 100 mph. A China Airlines jet burst into flames at Hong Kong's new airport, killing three people and injuring

more than 200. Art dealer Leo Castelli died in New York at age 91.
Today's Birthdays: Nazi-era filmmaker Leni Riefenstahl is 98. Blues singer John Lee Hooker is 83. Author Ray Bradbury is 80. Heart surgeon Dr. Denton Cooley is 80. General H. Norman Schwarzkopf is 66. ABC newsman Morton Dean is 65. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Carl Yastrzemski is 61. Actress Valerie Harper is 60. Football coach Bill Parcells is 59. Singer Kathy Lennon (The Lennon Sisters) is 58. CBS newsman Steve Kroft is 55. Actress Cindy Williams is 53. Musician David Marks (The Beach Boys) is 52. Country singer Holly Dunn is 43. Rock musician Vernon Reid is 42. Country singer Collin Raye is 40. Rock singer Roland Orzabal (Tears For Fears) is 39. Rock musician Debbi Peterson (The Bangles) is 39. Rock musician Gary Lee Connor (Screaming Trees) is 38. Singer Tori Amos is 37. Country singer Milla Mason is 37. Rhythm-and-blues musician James DeBarge is 37. Tennis player Mats Wilander is 36. Rock singer Layne Staley (Alice In Chains) is 33. Singer Howie Dorough (Backstreet Boys) is 27.

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SPORTS

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Lady Herd wins sixth

■ Volleyball team wins five of six at Pampa tournament but loses to Dumas in three sets

The Hereford Lady Whiteface volleyball team took five out of six in this past weekend's Pampa varsity volleyball tournament.

The team won all three games on Friday against Canyon, River Road and Perryton. On Saturday, the team beat Randall and Pampa but lost to Dumas in three sets. The Dumas loss hands the Lady Herd their first loss of the year (6-1).

Hereford lost the first set to Dumas 15-8 and forced a third set winning the second set 15-5. The Demonettes dominated the third though winning it 15-10. Juniors Kali Hall and Michelle Bernhardt led the team in the Dumas game with six kills each while senior Pam Klein added four of her own.

The Lady Whitefaces easily took care of Pampa on Satur-

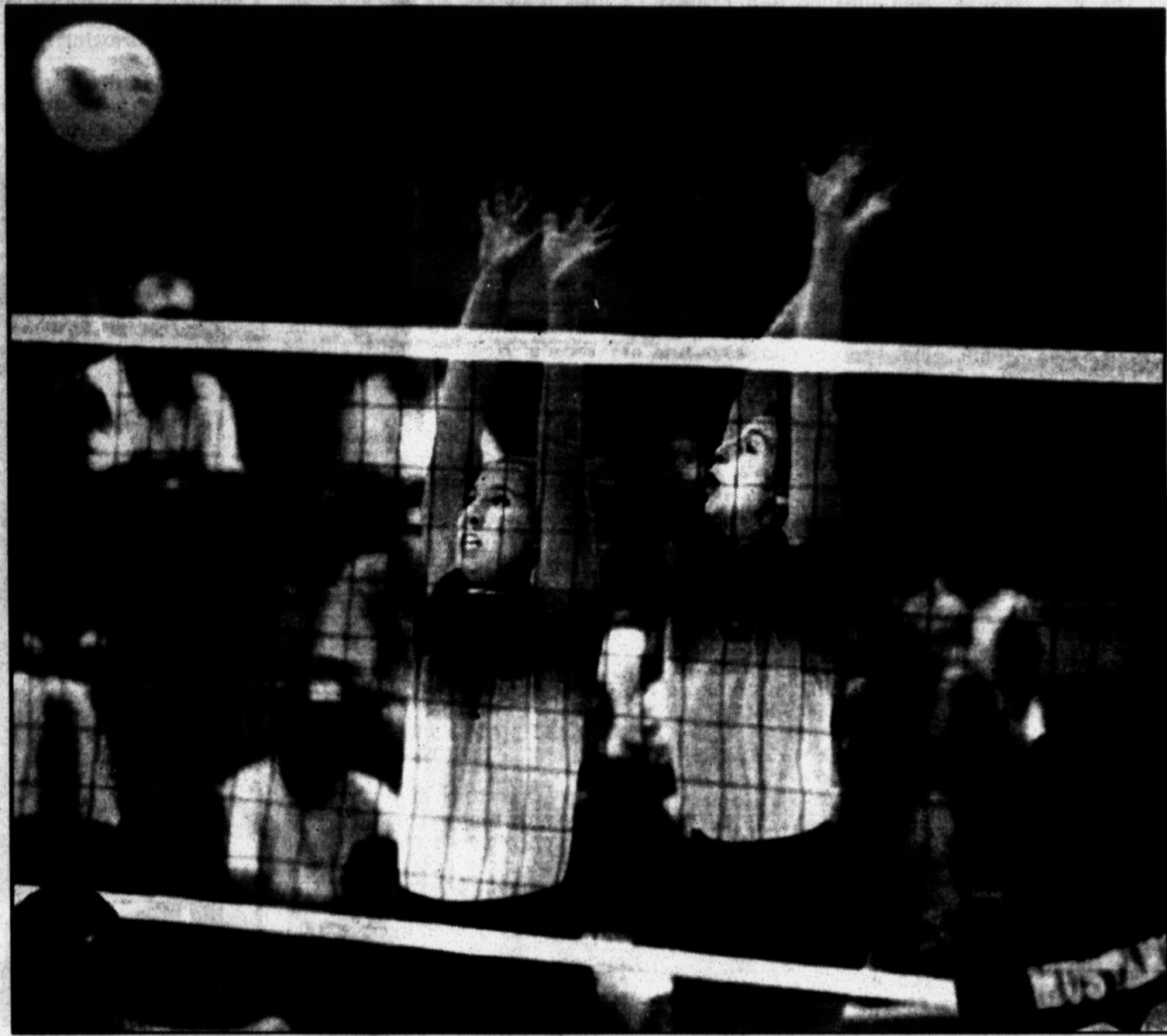
day defeating the Lady Harvesters 15-4 and 15-6. Big hitting sophomore Sarah Griffin and Hall each had seven kills during the match. Bernhardt also helped close the door on Pampa with five kills of her own.

Against Randall, the team played a three setter defeating the Raiders 12-15, 15-12 and 15-1. Griffin totaled 13 kills against Randall, and Bernhardt had 10 kills.

Ashley Gonzalez led the service game with 17 successful serves including three aces. Bernhardt also hit 13 successful serves with three aces, and sophomore Catherine Beville hit 12 good serves and one ace.

The Lady Whitefaces host Odessa Permian and Amarillo High tonight at 5 p.m. at the junior high school gym.

BIG BLOCKERS



At the net—The Lady Whitefaces (6-1) look to get back on track after losing their first game of the year Saturday to Dumas in a tournament in Pampa. The team hosts Amarillo High and Odessa Permian at 5 p.m. at the junior high gym. Sophomore Sarah Griffin and senior Pam Klein (above) go up for the block in their match against Lubbock Coronado last Tuesday.

BRAND/Julius Bodner

DEAD LEGS

■ Campo plans to take it easy on his tired team this week

IRVING, Texas (AP) — For a team built on speed, the Dallas Cowboys look like they've slowed in the pre-season which included a 13-hour flight to and from Japan.

The bad news is they have one more preseason game left Thursday night against St. Louis. The good news is coach Dave Campo will take it easy on them the rest of this week and next to make sure everyone is strong for the Sept. 3 opener against Philadelphia.

"The next two weeks, we're going to be backing off the hitting, making sure we're not going too long in practice but getting enough done that we're comfortable to be ready

to go against Philadelphia," Campo said Monday.

The purpose of training camp is to teach players the majority playbook, then be able to use pieces of it each week. Trial and error is the only way to know which plays do and don't work, and all that testing leads to weariness.

Campo sees it as a necessary evil.

"We're in a normal situation," he said. "Once you break training camp, you're going from a teaching mode of getting everything in, to preparing for your first ball game. Part of it is getting the legs back."

Larrimore, one of the team's faster players, said the

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Rangers fall, 12-3

NEW YORK (AP) — Orlando Hernandez couldn't have asked for an easier way to break his longest personal losing streak.

New York scored six unearned runs in the third inning and Hernandez (9-10) won for the first time in five decisions as the Yankees beat the Texas Rangers 12-3 Monday.

"I've been saying for the last couple of outings, I feel good," he said. "Everyone hates to lose. It's good to win."

Since beating the New York Mets on July 7, Hernandez endured the longest losing skid of the major league career. He had also spent nearly three weeks on the disabled list with back spasms and a sore right elbow.

"I think it's pretty much touch right now and I think one more start should do it," Yankees manager Joe Torre said.

What made Hernandez's task easier was a six-run third triggered when Rangers shortstop Royce Clayton booted a potential double-play ball that left the bases loaded with no outs.

"They're like sharks," Rangers manager Johnny Oates said. "You give them a taste of blood, they come after you."

With Clay Bellinger on second after an infield single and a throwing error by Rangers starter Brian Sikorski (1-1), Luis Polonia walked and Derek

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Houston holds off Sosa and Cubs

Reds' Larkin reaches 2,000 hits

Russ Davis got the scouting report on Armando Almanzar before he ever saw the Florida reliever.

"While I was warming up in the tunnel, I heard (Giants announcer) Jon Miller say he was one of the best coming out of the bullpen," Davis said. "I just went in with a clear mind."

Batting for Marvin Benard, Davis hit Almanzar's first pitch for his first career grand slam, helping NL West-leading San Francisco beat the Marlins 6-0 Monday night.

Davis had only one hit in his previous 21 pinch-hit tries. His shot in the eighth inning sent the Giants to their seventh win in eight games.

"It's been a long time. Pinch-hitting is not my game, but I gave it my best effort," he said. "If I can come up with a big hit every now and then, I'll be happy."

In other NL games, Atlanta defeated Colorado 7-4, Milwau-

kee beat Arizona 16-8, Montreal downed Los Angeles 4-1, San Diego slipped past New York 5-4 in 10 innings, St. Louis beat Pittsburgh 7-4, Houston topped Chicago 5-4 and Cincinnati defeated Philadelphia 7-4.

Mark Gardner pitched 6 2-3 scoreless innings for the Giants. Felix Rodriguez and Robb Nen finished San Francisco's 10th shutout, tying Boston for most in the majors.

"When you're pitching good, you feel good," Giants manager Dusty Baker said.

Ellis Burks singled home a run in the fourth, giving him nine RBIs in three games.

Braves 7, Rockies 4
Todd Helton reached the .400 mark, then slipped back two points as Colorado lost to Atlanta at Coors Field. Helton singled twice in his first three at-bats, but made outs in his last two trips to leave him at .398. He extended his hitting streak to 13 games and became the first player to get to .400 this late in a season since George Brett did it on Sept. 4, 1980.

Andruw Jones went 4-for-4 for the Braves. He hit his 27th homer, doubled and drove in three runs. Chipper Jones added his 28th home run.

Expos 4, Dodgers 1
Dustin Hermanson came within one strike of a shutout, pitching Montreal to a win at Dodger Stadium.

After the game, Los Angeles manager Davey Johnson said he would have arthroscopic surgery Tuesday morning to repair a tear in his left rotator cuff. He said he expects to be back in the dugout later that night for the game against the Expos.

Brewers 16, Diamondbacks 8
Tyler Houston homered twice and drove in five runs as Milwaukee stopped Arizona's seven-game winning streak.

The visiting Brewers hit three homers in an eight-run second. Houston had a three-run shot and Mark Loretta and Richie Sexson also connected.

Loretta had three hits and drove in three runs. Milwaukee got 19 hits, 10 for extra

bases.

Padres 5, Mets 4, 10 innings
Pinch-hitter Dave Magadan drew a bases-loaded walk from Dennis Cook with two outs in the bottom of the 10th inning and San Diego beat New York.

Cook (6-3) walked five in 1 2-3 innings, and gestured at plate umpire Gerry Davis as he walked off the mound.

Magadan, batting for pitcher Trevor Hoffman (4-4), took five pitches in drawing the winning walk.

Astros 5, Cubs 4
Sammy Sosa hit his major league-leading 43rd home run,

a 457-foot shot off the lights in left field, for the Cubs in their season-high sixth straight loss.

Houston starter Scott Elarton (14-4) won his fifth consecutive decision. He left after eight innings with a 5-3 lead and reliever Octavio Dotel walked the bases loaded with no outs in the ninth.

Joe Slusarski took over and earned a save by getting Ricky Gutierrez to ground into a double play and retiring Mark Grace on a fly ball.

Reds 7, Phillies 4
Barry Larkin got his 2,000th

career hit and Dmitri Young launched an upper-deck grand slam as Cincinnati won at home.

Tomas Perez hit three doubles and drove in three runs for Philadelphia.

Larkin's milestone hit was an RBI double during a six-run third. He waved to the crowd as the 21,558 fans stood and chanted his name.

Cardinals 7, Pirates 4
Slumping Jim Edmonds hit a three-run homer to lead St. Louis over Pittsburgh at Busch Stadium.

Texas

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Jeter hit a potential double-play grounder to Clayton who bobbled the ball while trying to throw to second.

Texas was ahead 1-0 at the time.

"I screwed up the play," Clayton said. "It's not a play that requires much effort."

Sikorski got two out but then walked Tino Martinez on four pitches, forcing in the tying run.

Jorge Posada hit a two-run single for a 3-1 lead, and Luis Sojo, Scott Brosius and Bellinger followed with consecutive RBI singles. Before the inning ended, 11 Yankees batted.

"I left a couple of pitches up to Posada. For some reason, I didn't get the ball down," said Sikorski, who beat the Yankees 5-0 last Wednesday in his major league debut.

Posada capped the a three-run fourth with his 23rd homer; a two-run drive that made it 9-1. Sikorski allowed nine runs — just three earned — and nine hits in 4 1-3 innings.

Posada, who drove in four runs, thought the Yankees' second look at Sikorski was decidedly clearer.

"I think we saw the ball," Posada said. "That game in Texas, it was a 5 o'clock start and it was tough to see the ball. Today I think we took a little better approach because it wasn't the first time we were facing him."

Hernandez allowed three runs and six hits in seven innings as the Yankees improved to 8-1 against Texas this year with their 11th win in their last 12 games against the Rangers, including last year's playoffs.

"I've been saying for the last couple of outings, I feel good," he said. "Everyone hates to lose. It's good to win." Jeter and Glenallen Hill each hit their 11th homers for New York. Hill has 11 in 56 at-bats since joining the Yankees on July 20.

Rafael Palmeiro hit a solo homer, his 31st, and Rusty Greer hit his sixth to account for the Rangers' first two runs.

Texas added another run in the seventh when former Yankee Ricky Ledee singled and scored on Mike Lamb's triple to left, a ball lost in the sun by Polonia.

Notes: The game was a makeup from the teams' season-opening series, when the Yankees' home opener was postponed because of the threat of bad weather. ... Game time was pushed back to 1:05 p.m. EDT from 12:05 because the Rangers played Sunday night game in Boston and arrived in New York at 2 a.m. ... The Rangers, 1-4 on their eight-game road trip, allowed 10 or more runs for the 21st time this season, matching the club record set in 1998. ... Bernie Williams missed his third straight game with a slightly strained right side of his rib cage, and Bellinger started in center for the second straight day. ... Bellinger has reached base seven straight times in his last two games with four hits and three walks. ... Bellinger's three hits were a career high.

Dallas

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hard work will pay off later.

"It's getting our legs stronger," he said. "Once we get to rest, everyone will be ready."

The Cowboys will need fresh legs to get the most out of their offense — and defense. The new offense is based on timing routes while the defense has many undersized guys expected to use a quick burst to compensate for less bulk.

"We need to get our legs back because our game is going to be won with speed," Campo said. "We've got to be at a maximum there."

Running back Emmitt Smith has yet to play in a game because of foot and leg injuries. He won't play in the preseason finale Thursday night against St. Louis, either.

Campo said he's not worried about making his debut in the new offense — which is a form of the system Dallas used during its 1990s heyday — in the opener.

"I think Emmitt understands the offense," Campo said. "I think what he needs is to come in next week and get enough snaps (in practice) where he feels comfortable with the game plan and what were doing against Philadelphia."

"I have no doubts that Emmitt will be ready to go. The timing will be there."

Offensive lineman Erik Williams and tight end David LaFleur are also awaiting their preseason debuts.

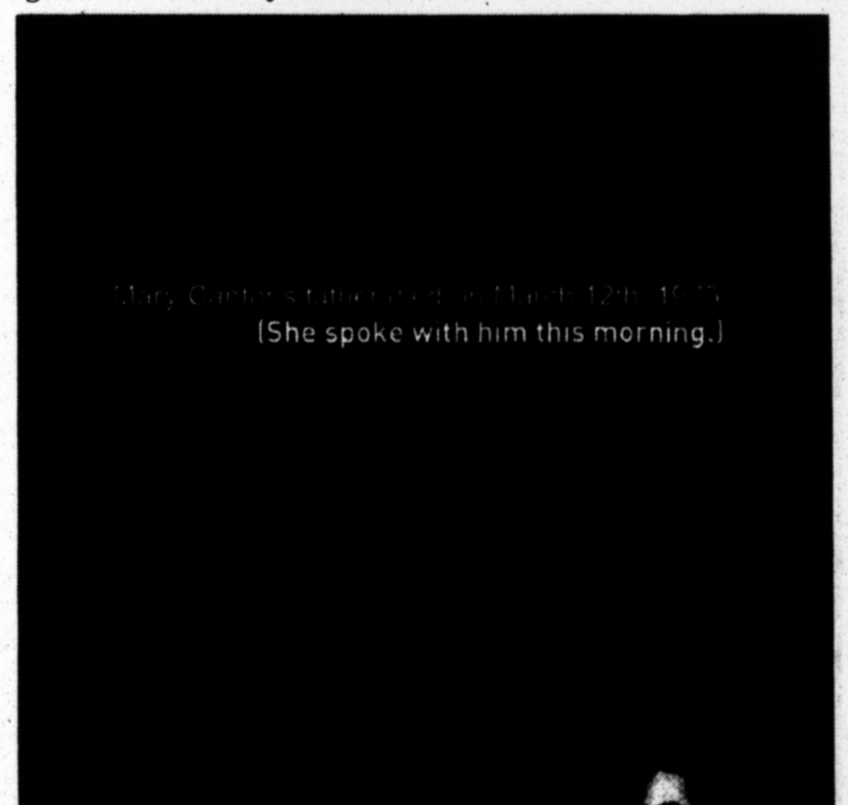
Williams missed the first month of camp while thinking

about retiring. He returned last week and Campo said Williams would play most of the first quarter with the first-team Thursday.

LaFleur, recovering from two strained groin muscles, was to practice Tuesday and Wednesday and may play against the Rams. Quarterback

Troy Aikman is looking forward to having him this season.

"It's a question of how much he can play with the pain he's experiencing," Aikman said. "Assuming he can play close to his level with the injury, we need him."

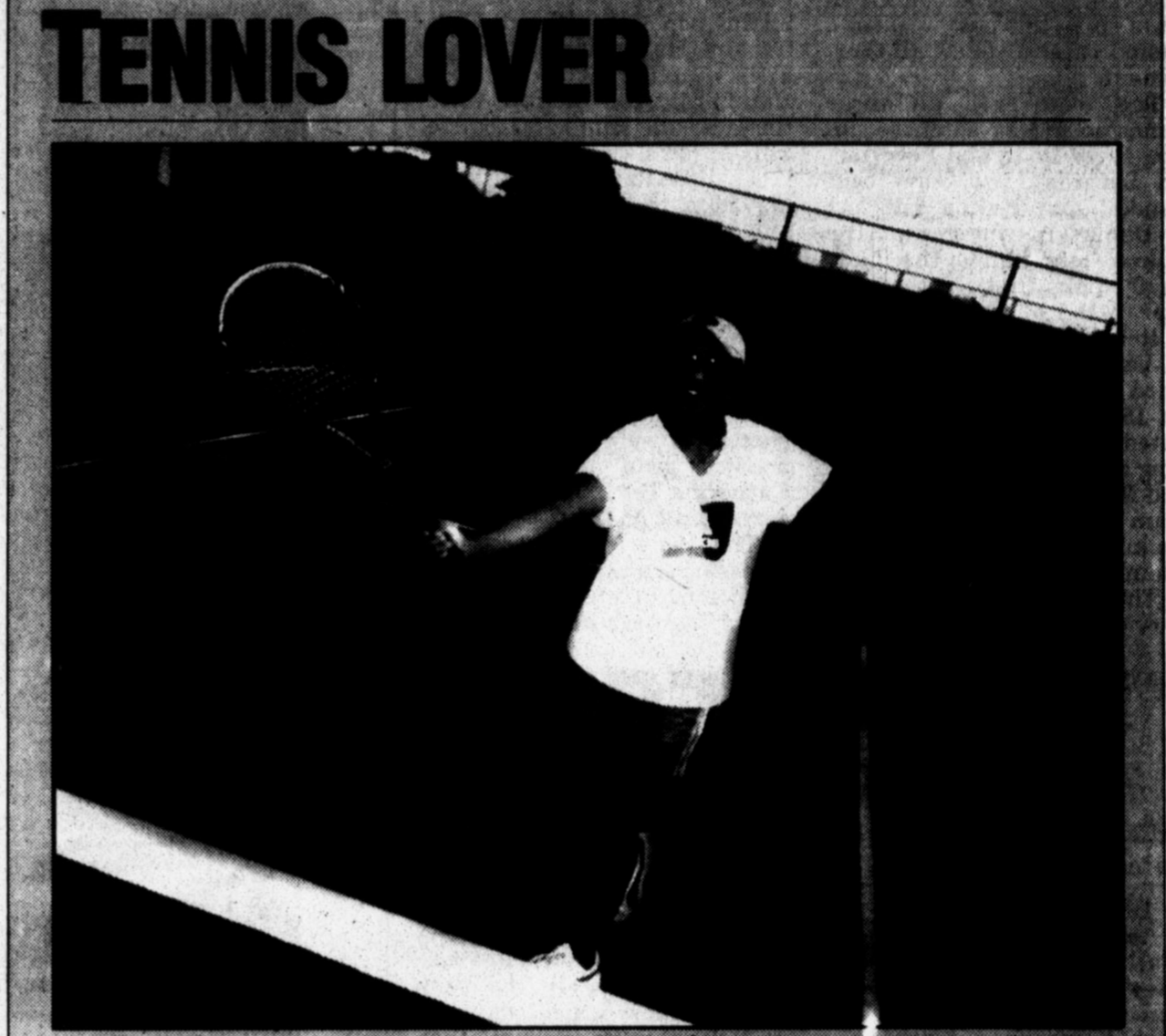


Mary Campo's husband died in a plane crash in 1993. (She spoke with him this morning.)

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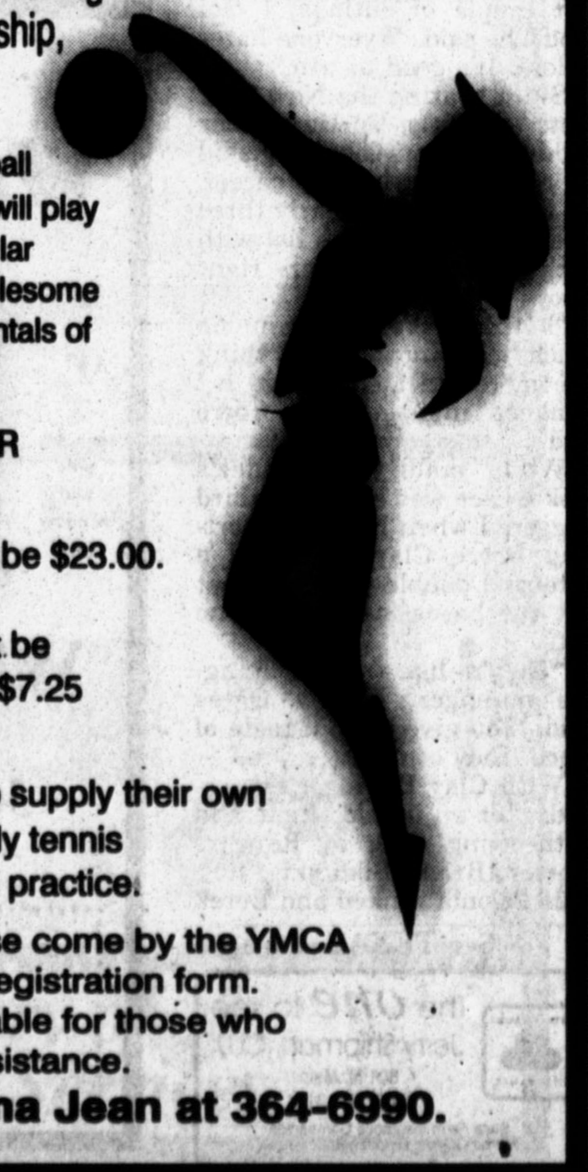
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Television schedule for Wednesday, August 23. Columns include time slots (12:30 to 5:30) and program titles such as 'Body Etc.', 'Address Monitor', 'Days-Lives Passions', 'Movie: P.U.N.K.S. (1999) Randy Quaid, Tim Redwine.', 'Movie: Two Rode Together (1961) James Stewart.', 'Movie: One Life to Live', 'Movie: The Matrix (1999) Keanu Reeves, Laurence Fishburne.', 'Movie: America, America (1983) Sissy Spacek, Frank Wolff.', 'Movie: The Dollmaker (1984) Jane Fonda, Levon Helm.', 'Wild Discovery', 'ER', 'JAG', 'Per Tu Amor', '20th Century', 'Fantasy Island', 'Full House'.

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Television schedule for Wednesday, August 23. Columns include time slots (7 AM to 12 PM) and program titles such as 'Barney', 'Kids', 'Today', 'Bear', 'DadWorld', 'Good Morning America', 'Early Show', 'Magic Bus', 'Sportscenter', 'Movie: Journey to the Center of the Earth', 'Movie: The Siege (1998) Denis Washington.', 'Movie: The Siege (1998) Denis Washington.', 'Movie: An American in Paris (1951) Gene Kelly.', 'Movie: Living in a Big Way (1947) Wallace', 'Northern Exposure', 'Designing', 'Sports', 'Chip', 'Thornberry', 'Fred Up', 'Mummified', 'Charlie'.

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Agency sets open house

South Plains Health Provider is holding an open house for the community as part of the National Health Center Week activities. Community, migrant and homeless health centers across the nation are planning special activities this week in recognition of the 35th anniversary of the nation's health center program, which now serves as family doctor for one out of every 10 uninsured Americans. Open house at South Plains Health Provider will be 9-10 a.m. through Friday at the center, 110 S. 25 Mile Ave., Suite A. Refreshments will be available each day, and participants will have an opportunity to

meet the clinic staff members. Health centers like South Plains Health Provider have a 35-year track record of providing communities with access to high-quality, cost-effective health care. Eleven million Americans, including 7 million people of color, 4.5 million uninsured patients, more than 600,000 farmworkers, and more than 500,000 homeless people across the United States turn to health centers for primary care services. Among the services offered by South Plains Health Provider are prenatal care and counseling, childhood immunizations, treatment of diabetes and heart condition, as well as dental care

and pharmacy drug assistance. An uninsured patient receives care at a health center for less than a dollar a day, or about \$350 each year, and because community-based needs and demands drive health centers, three-fourths of their funding comes from sources other than the federal government. One of the goals of National Health Center Week this year is to call attention to a congressional initiative that would, over the next five years, double the reach of health centers to care for more low-income working families, minority populations and rural residents who represent a disproportionate number of America's uninsured.

These health centers serve all who seek their care regardless of ability to pay. Health centers bill Medicare and Medicaid as well as private insurance for patients with insurance coverage. Unlike other providers, they charge those not covered by public or private insurance on a sliding fee scale based on income. The bottom line is that no individual or family is turned away or denied medical care because of income. Health centers are staffed by multi-disciplinary teams that include board-certified physicians, dentists, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and social workers.

Jones protesting his innocence

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS News digest HUNTSVILLE — Condemned prisoner Richard Wayne Jones acknowledges setting fire to the body of a murdered Tarrant County woman 14 years ago but insists he wasn't responsible for the 17 stab wounds that killed her. Jones was set for lethal injection this evening for the abduction and death of Tammy Livingston, 27, from Hurst. "If they execute me, they're executing me for nothing more than helping destroy evidence," Jones, 40, said in a recent death row interview. Jones would be the 30th Texas prisoner put to death this year, the fourth this month and first of two this week. Another convicted murderer, David Gibbs, was set to die Wednesday evening for the rape-slaying of a Conroe woman, one of two women killed in a 1985 attack.

Jones, with a criminal past that included theft, burglary and robbery convictions and a parole violation that returned him to prison, was on parole for about 4 1/2 months when he was arrested for killing Livingston Feb. 19, 1986. In rulings Monday, both the U.S. Supreme Court and the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles refused to halt the punishment. Small crowd protests Boy Scouts' gay policy IRVING — Protesters who marched in front of Boy Scouts of America offices across the country said they were looking for a conversation and not a confrontation over the organization's policy barring homosexuals from its ranks. "We're disappointed," Dave Rice, a former Scout leader in Petaluma, Calif. "We don't like confrontation. We like to sit down, shake hands and discuss a solution that's mutually beneficial." Rice and about a dozen other protesters delivered a 55,000-signature petition to Boy Scout headquarters in Irving on Monday. A secretary who refused to give her name said she would forward the petition to the organization's president, who was out of town.

Rallies in 36 cities in 21 states were scheduled Monday in protest of the Boy Scout policy, but they did little to budge the group's stance. Gregg Shields, spokesman for The National Council of the Boy Scouts of America, said homosexuality runs counter to their oath requiring Scouts to be "morally straight." "We recognize the rights of all people to hold opinions different than ours," he said. "We stress that we are a private organization and that no one is forced to be a Boy Scout. People who share our values and beliefs are welcome to join." In June, the Supreme Court agreed, ruling 5-4 that the group was allowed to bar homosexuals. 15 evacuated at Chambers County well blowout ANAHUAC — An erupting natural gas well that prompted continued evacuations of more than a dozen people is now partly plugged as crews try to fully contain the blowout. Well control experts warned that the well that was being drilled in a Chambers County rice field near Anahuac may resume spraying flammable gas at full force without warning. It was partially plugged Monday by collapsing sand.

The Texas Department of Public Safety ordered about 30 families to evacuate from within a two-mile radius of the well after it blew out Saturday, spewing about 12 million cubic feet of gas and light oil per minute. "We reduced the evacuation area to a mile about 2 p.m. Monday and allowed about half the families to return home," DPS spokesman Richard Vasser told the Houston Chronicle. Elsewhere ENGLISH ONLY: State Rep. Rick Noriega, D-Houston, and other Hispanic leaders scheduled a news conference Monday afternoon to express their concern over a child custody case in which a Houston judge barred a mother from speaking Spanish to her daughter. A Montgomery County judge is expected to decide this week if the judge is biased and should be removed from the case. ... FREE SPEECH: An arts and cultural organization takes San Antonio to court Monday, arguing city officials violated its right to free speech by cutting off funding in 1997. Lawyers for the Esperanza Center, whose sponsorship of a gay and lesbian film festival sparked criticism, say the group was targeted because of that sponsorship.



MILITARY POLITICS

■ Bush, Gore disagree over 'Star Wars' plan and nuclear weapons, but both candidates have proposals to help out military personnel

By Calvin Woodward
Associated Press Writer

Disagreeing over a missile defense shield and nuclear arms, presidential candidates George W. Bush and Al Gore are tangling over sky-high strategic questions in their military policies. But neither has forgotten about the soldier on the ground.

From the earliest months of his candidacy, Republican Bush has proposed a \$1 billion a year pay raise over and above the increases that military personnel have been seeing in their checks. And Democrat Gore has weighed in with proposals of his own to improve the soldier's life.

Outlining his ideas Monday to the Veterans of Foreign Wars convention in Milwaukee, the Texas governor accused the Clinton-Gore administration of letting morale and manpower slip and got a standing ovation with his vow: "I will give our military a clear sense of mission."

Gore, who unlike Bush is a veteran of a foreign war —

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Vietnam — was addressing the group today.

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Some military analysts don't necessarily think that is a bad thing, regarding food stamps as just another item on a long list of military benefits.

But it has become a mark of shame, and both Gore and Bush say conditions must be

improved so that soldiers no longer need to depend on the coupons.

Gore also says the number of active service members receiving the vouchers has dwindled by two-thirds in a decade, to about 6,000, reminding everyone that food stamps in the military date back well before the Clinton-Gore administration.

In the main, the debate over defense policy has turned on the size and timing of a national missile defense system, with Bush pushing for an ambitious and quick deployment and Gore preferring a limited system that could

be negotiated with the Russians — partners in a treaty that forbids such missile shields. In all, Bush has proposed spending \$20 billion more over five years for weapons research and development.

As well, Bush has proposed reducing the nation's nuclear weapons stockpile and suggested he would do so even if the Russians don't follow suit. Gore says unilateral cuts could upset the nuclear balance.

On other issues: Bush would raise military pay by \$1 billion a year for five years on top of the \$76 billion increase approved by Congress and signed by President Clinton this month. Bush says the typical soldier would earn about \$750 more in the first year from his plan. Gore supported the 3.7 percent pay increase enacted this month; his position on further increases is unclear.

Gore and Bush generally favor re-enlistment bonuses and higher pay for people with

special skills.

Gore says more pre-emptive diplomacy would limit the need to send soldiers to new crises abroad. Bush says he would review overseas deployments with the aim of reducing the number of troops on foreign soil.

Bush proposes spending \$310 million to speed the improvement of schools on or near military bases. He favors unspecified increases in housing allowances or renovations to ensure service members "no longer have to tolerate substandard housing."

Gore says he would ensure "all military members and families live in adequate, affordable housing," by expanding the Clinton administration's effort to improve services. He would "put the private sector to work building, owning, and managing housing for the military," and spend more on employment services and continuing education for military spouses, child care and steps to improve health care.

Cheney touting education

WASHINGTON (AP) — Dick Cheney will spend the next couple of days promoting George W. Bush's education plan and use his nights to raise money for House Republicans during a West Coast campaign swing that opens Tuesday.

Cheney, the Republican vice presidential candidate, and his wife Lynne, start with a visit to a Redlands, Calif., school with a testing program similar to one begun by GOP presidential candidate Bush in Texas, where he is governor.

Scores at the Kingsbury Elementary School have improved under the program, which uses standardized tests to hold schools accountable for student performance, said Robert Hodges, superintendent of the Redlands school district.

"Our students score above the national average — we were below national three years ago," he said.

Following up on Bush's visit to California two weeks ago, Cheney will fly the GOP flag around the edges of Los Angeles County, hitting San Bernardino, Bakersfield and Santa Barbara before a one-day stop in Oregon.

Angry Russians charge bungling in sub rescue try

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MOSCOW — Stunned Russians are in mourning for the 118 sailors who died in the submarine Kursk. Distraught relatives demanded to be taken to the spot in the Barents Sea where the bodies remain trapped as plans were announced for a national day of mourning on Wednesday. The Russian media on Tuesday

voiced the outrage of many people that their government left it to Norway to announce that all aboard the submarine are dead. President Vladimir Putin's administration has been hit by a wave of public anger over its slow, often bungled handling of the rescue effort.

• **Debby becomes hurricane** •

PHILIPSBURG, St. Maarten — Islanders and tourists scrambled to prepare for Hurricane Debby as the storm gained strength and threatened to make landfall Tuesday in the Caribbean. The storm, with maximum sustained winds of 75 mph, swirled west-northwest toward Antigua and Barbuda in the northern Leeward Islands, at speeds near 20 mph. Battering waves and 4 to 6 inches of rain were expected in the path of the storm, which emerged with unnerving suddenness over the weekend and became the first hurricane of the storm season to threaten landfall. In the U.S. territory of Puerto Rico, there were fears of a direct hit on the capital, San Juan, which could bring life-threatening flash floods and mudslides.

• **TWA Flight 800 crash still probed** •

WASHINGTON — Four years after an explosion destroyed TWA Flight 800 and killed all 230 aboard, federal investigators are taking what they hope will be a final look into the mystery of what happened. The National Transportation Safety Board was opening a two-day meeting Tuesday to review the evidence collected in its investigation. What has become apparent in the long, costly probe is that the Boeing 747 was destroyed by an explosion that originated in its central fuel tank on July 17, 1996, shortly after takeoff from New York en route to Paris.

• **Ford halting production at three plants** •

DETROIT — Ford is shutting down truck plants in three states so it can cannibalize 70,000 tires intended for new vehicles and use them as replacements for the Firestone models being recalled. The unprecedented move by the nation's No. 2 automaker came even as a safety advocacy group filed a lawsuit to force Bridgestone/Firestone Inc. and Ford Motor Co. to widen the recall. Plants in St. Paul, Minn.; Edison, N.J.; and Hazelwood, Mo., will be closed from Aug. 28 to Sept. 8 so tires used on Ford Explorer/Mercury Mountaineer sport utility vehicles and Ford Ranger pickups can be sent to Ford and Lincoln/Mercury dealers.

• **Koreans demand Japanese reparations** •

TOKYO — Decades of antagonism resurfaced Tuesday as North Korea and Japan started talks on setting up official ties, with the North demanding compensation for wartime aggression and Tokyo pressing for information on suspected abductions. The negotiations come amid an unprecedented series of diplomatic overtures by communist North Korea. But the blunt exchange of demands is a fresh reminder of how difficult it will be for the old enemies to reach an understanding.

• **Cancer-free McCain leaves hospital** •

PHOENIX — Sen. John McCain was resting at home after cancer surgery with some good news: The melanoma from his temple and upper arm didn't spread, his doctors said. Pathologists completed the final review of the tissues around the cancers Monday and found no sign the skin cancer had spread, according to Todd Harris, a McCain spokesman. McCain, 63, was released from the Mayo Clinic Hospital and was resting comfortably at his Phoenix home, a statement released by his Senate office said. Doctors found the melanoma after McCain left the Republican National Convention to have biopsies performed at Bethesda Naval Hospital near Washington on Aug. 4.

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