

Rangers score five in ninth for win

Alicea completes comeback in Texas victory

PHOENIX (AP) — Luis Alicea knew what his winning hit meant.

"It was a heart-breaking loss for them, but I think it'll mean momentum for us," Alicea said after his two-run single capped a last-inning rally, sending the Rangers to a 6-4 victory over the Arizona Diamondbacks on Thursday night.

The Rangers rallied for five runs in the ninth, tying it at 4 on a two-run triple by David Segui.

But manager Johnny Oates felt the key was a two-out solo homer in the eighth by pinch-hitter Scott Sheldon. It was a breakthrough against Brian Anderson, who had only allowed three hits and retired 15 of the previous 16 batters.

"We had a lot of contributions," Oates said. "It was big to come out here right after the break and beat a first-place ballclub. But Shelly hit that home run, and that got us started."

"I was just trying to see it as good as I can, and relax," said Sheldon, who had just one homer in 22 previous at-bats. "All the simple things. I was able to get enough of it to go out. You like to think that it does spark the club."

Jay Bell, 0-for-20 coming in, drove in four runs with two homers and an RBI single as Arizona built a 4-1 lead, but

the Diamondbacks bullpen blew a save chance for the third time in four games.

Handed a three-run lead by Anderson, Byung-Hyun Kim (2-4) walked Rusty Greer leading off and hit Rafael Palmeiro with an 0-2 pitch with one out.

Frank Catalanotto hit an RBI single and Segui, batting for Gabe Kapler, followed with a triple that dropped below the glove of a diving Steve Finley in center.

Mike Lamb was intentionally walked, and pinch-hitter Dave Martinez walked with two outs. Alicea then singled to right.

Jeff Zimmerman (2-4) won despite allowing an RBI infield single to Bell in the eighth, and John Wetteland pitched a scoreless ninth for his 22nd save.

Bell hadn't homered or driven in a run in nine games before his solo shot in the third off Rick Helling. After Tony Womack's third-inning single, Bell hit an opposite-field homer, giving him 11 this season.

It was Bell's first multihome game of the year and the seventh of his career. He had been homerless in 43 at-bats since connecting off Cincinnati's Pete Harnisch.

"It doesn't matter what I do offensively," Bell said. "What matters is if we win. We just let this one get away."

Arizona third baseman Matt Williams, and first baseman Erubiel Durazo were activated from the disabled list before the game. Both went 1-for-4.

Anderson, beaten by the Reds on July 3 for his first home loss in 20 starts since Sept. 19, 1998, allowed four hits in eight innings, striking out six and walking none. It was his second straight no-decision in games he left with

the Diamondbacks leading.

"I felt I was a step ahead all night long, and it was probably the best fastball I've had in a while," Anderson said. "I knew I had some pretty good juice, and I just tried to use that to our advantage."

Helling, who gave up seven hits and four walks, left after a leadoff walk to Bell in the seventh.

Helling escaped a bases-loaded jam in the fourth when Travis Lee struck out on three pitches and Anderson hit into

a forceout.

Notes: The Diamondbacks put INF Danny Klassen on the DL and optioned OF Rob Ryan to Triple-A Tucson. Ivan Rodriguez's hitting streak ended at 11 games.

TIGERS MAUL ASTROS, 8-2

Reynolds hammered in Houston loss

DETROIT (AP) — Woeful is no longer an apt description of the Detroit Tigers. But it now fits the Houston Astros perfectly.

Dean Palmer hit three run-scoring singles and Brian Moehler gutted out a complete-game victory as the Tigers started the second half of the season with an 8-2 win Thursday night over Houston — the Tigers' first-ever win over the Astros.

The Tigers have won seven of 10 overall and 12 of 18. Thursday's win moved them into third place in the AL Central standings, a half-game ahead of Kansas City.

"We're just trying to climb the ladder, get to third place and see what we can do from there," Moehler said. "Though 14 1/2 games behind first-place Chicago, at least Detroit (39-46) now more resembles the team manager Phil Garner thought he had coming out

of spring training. Not the one that started 5-17 and 9-23.

"We're more in line with what I thought we could do," Garner said. "Our pitching is middle of the pack, and that's where I thought we'd be. Our offense is starting to do things I thought it could do.

"On balance I see us coming to the ballpark expecting good things to happen."

The Astros, meanwhile, dropped to a major league-worst 30-58 with their fifth loss in seven games and 18th in 24.

"I hate to see that in the first game of the second half," Astros manager Larry Dierker said. "If we'd have come out and won the game, we might get the feeling we're ready to get going again (after winning two of three from Kansas City before the break)."

Rich Becker hit two doubles and scored three runs for the Tigers, 0-6 against the Astros in interleague play in 1998 and 1999.

Palmer batted just .200 (8-for-40) with an 0-for-12 skid during a nine-game road trip that preceded the All-Star

break. So he came back and took some extra batting practice before the game.

"I hit early," Palmer said. "I've felt bad the last week and straightened it out a little bit."

Moehler (6-5) gave up 11 hits and two runs in his first complete game of the season. Helped by three double plays, he won for the fifth time in seven decisions. He walked two and struck out one.

"I wasn't fooling them by any means," Moehler said. "But you make a pitch when you have to, and I felt like I did tonight."

Moehler is 4-1 with a 3.04 ERA in seven starts at Comerica Park.

"Every time we get a guy on he made a good pitch to get a double play," Houston's Craig Biggio said. "The double play was his friend today. That's part of how our season's been going."

Shane Reynolds (6-6) lasted just 51 pitches and 3 1-3 innings, allowing seven runs and seven hits.

"I don't know if I've ever seen Shane get hit that hard,"

Dierker said. "He didn't give up home runs, but practically everyone that came up hit the ball hard. That's not him. He had a real long rest. Maybe he was just not sharp with his control."

Reynolds lost his third straight decision and hasn't won in five starts since beating Colorado on June 13.

"I felt fine," Reynolds said. "I've been throwing off the mound every single day since my last start just trying to find the right feeling, the right arm slot."

"I thought my stride was too long. Maybe I was out there thinking about the stride and striding too far instead of just throwing the ball."

The Tigers chased Reynolds in a four-run, five-hit fourth that gave them a 7-1 lead and included Palmer's third RBI single.

"They came out swinging real aggressive and they put the bat on the ball real well and hit the ball well," Biggio said. "It's just one of those nights where we just got beat."

Hereford roperties for fifth

Wilson sets time of 9.3 seconds in calf roping

Hereford calf roper Rodey Wilson tied for fifth place in the first go-around of the youth rodeo finals held in Shawnee, Okla.

Wilson tied with Cutter Parsons of Marana, Ariz. The two each received winnings of \$469.53.

SECOND GO-ROUND Breakaway Roping
1. Carly Jo Beamon, Avondale, Colo., 2.3 seconds; 2. Jill McFadin, Uvalde, Texas, 2.5; 3. Lindsay Williams, Mahan, Ark., 2.7; 4. (tie) Audra Magee, Byers, Colo., Rebecca Morris, Pleasant Hill, Mo., and Lyndie Swink, Stigler, Okla., 3.2.

Calf Roping
1. Tyler Pittman, Corinth, Texas, 8.5 seconds; 2. Matt Klaus, Mounds, Okla., 9.3; 3. Tony Sauter, Blanchard, Okla., 9.0; 4. Jade Thompson, Ratliff City, Okla., 9.2; 5. (tie) Clay Long, Midland, Texas, and Matt Taylor, Selma, Okla., 9.3.

Barrel Racing
1. Janae Ward, Addington, Okla., 15.771 seconds; 2. Jessica Peak, Trinidad, Colo., 16.124; 3. Emily Parsons, Marana, Ariz., 16.180; 4. Selma Bergerson, Washburn, Texas, 16.238; 5. Lacey McCarthy, Dade City, Fla., 16.257; 6. (tie) Kelli Smith, Hobbs, N.M., and Leslie Howells, Sulverde, Texas, 16.261.

Steer Wrestling
1. Marty Eakin, Amarillo, Texas, 4.9 seconds; 2. (tie) Johnny Ashar, Morrilton, Tenn., and Timothy Jack Hall, Opp, Ala., 5.4; 4. Edward Bryant, Aracoooc, La., 5.5; 5. (tie) Joseph Gernert, Mission, Texas, and J. Clay Shura, Douglas, Ariz., 5.8.

Team Roping
1. Shane Powell, Sulphur Springs, Texas, and Justin Lovell, Grapeland, Texas, 5.8 seconds; 2. Lance McFarland, Fritch, Okla., and Travis Newberry, Ada, Okla., 5.8; 3. (tie) Brady Brock, Springtown, Texas, and Kyle Crick, Krum, Texas, and John Ward Woodson, Striveport, La., and Scott Ledoux, Vinton, La., 5.9; 5. John Leeaman, Sidney, Neb., and William Larimore, Greeley, Colo., 6.3; 6. Phillip McCoy, Beggs, Okla., and Chris Chivers, Barton, Ark., 6.6.

Saddle Bronc
1. Ty Gray, Ketchum, Okla., 7.5; 2. Zach Dikson, Farmersville, Texas, 7.3; 3. Steven W. Smith, Adrian, Mo., 7.2; 4. (tie) Justin Foltyn, El Campo, Texas, and Jarrod Bennett, Meeker, Okla., 7.1; 5. Jesse Dawson, Shepherd, Mich., 7.0.

Goat Tying
1. (tie) Kelle Singleton, Medina, Texas, and Keasie Lynn Matthews, Jasper, Texas, 8.1 seconds; 2. Wesley Riley, Denton, Texas, 8.2; 4. (tie) Kristi Lee, Dorie, Texas, and Emily Smith, Post, Texas, 8.4; 5. (tie) Margaret Jameson, Colorado City, Texas, and Kelsey Russey, Chandler, Ariz., 8.5.

Saddle Bronc
1. Sean Preter, Fulton, Mo., 7.8; 2. Marty Eakin, Amarillo, Texas, 7.2; 3. (tie) Clayton Zibel, Wann, Okla., and J.W. Todd, Hombeck, La., 6.8; 5. (tie) Clint Roberts, Tipton, Calif., and Brad Harter, Aldo, Texas, 6.7.

Pole Bending
1. Mary Fisher, Wills Point, Texas, 20.107 seconds; 2. Tessa McMullan, Bronte, Texas, 20.148; 3. Jessica Cherry, Pleasanton, Texas, 20.187; 4. Angie Burnett, Roshamon, Texas, 20.291; 5. Tisha Burress, Muskogee, Okla., 20.274; 6. Brittany Pazzi, Victoria, Texas, 20.284.

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FIRST GO-ROUND Breakaway Roping
1. Ashliin Houston, Tucson, Ariz., 2.4 seconds; 2. Ashley Sultemeier, Melrose, N.M., 2.5; 3. (tie) Tessa McMullan, Bronte, Texas, and Heather Cave, Geneva, Fla., 2.7; 5. Tana Fellhauer, Fowler, Colo., and Kelsey Russey, Chandler, Ariz., 2.9; 6. \$473.75 each.

Calf Roping
1. Price W. Phillips, Marham, Texas, 8.0 seconds; 2. (tie) Derrick T. Younger, Louisburg, Kan., and Trent Turner, Tugue, Texas, 8.9; 3. \$912.97 each; 4. Adam Gray, Seymour, Texas, 9.2; 5. (tie) Rodey Wilson, Hereford, Texas, 9.3, and Cutter Parsons, Marana, Ariz., \$489.53 each.

Barrel Racing
1. Janae Ward, Addington, Okla., 15.937 seconds; 2. Janina Beam, Hallsville, Texas, 16.180; 3. Emma Chapman, Lafayette, Ga., 16.216; 4. Cassie Sheffield, Bixbee, Ariz., 16.250; 5. Tisha Burress, Muskogee, Okla., 16.260; 6. Ashley Sultemeier, Melrose, N.M., 16.284; \$421.12.

Steer Wrestling
1. J.W. Todd, Hombeck, La., 3.9 seconds; 2. Joshua Duncan, Mesquite, Texas, \$1,105.44; 3. Eric D. Ketcher, Tulsa, Okla., 4.1; 4. \$621.81; 4. Jonathan Cogger, Grand Chenier, La., and E.P. Luchinger, Atoka, Okla., 4.2.

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Team Roping
1. Garret Tonozzi, Fruita, Colo., and Justin Harnreich, Fort Morgan, Colo., 6.5 seconds; 2. Kyle Robinson, Lamar, Okla., and Aaron Spears, Whiteside, Okla., 6.6; 3. Troy Bryant, Laverne, Okla., and J.L. Linnis, Cleo Springs, Okla., 6.9; 4. (tie) Joe Parsons, Marana, Ariz., and Paul Brashears, Cave Creek, Ariz., and Dustin Morgan, Whitesboro, Okla., and Cody Lowrie, Smithville, Okla., 7.6; 5. \$488.90; 6. Tanner Grimes, Kaufman, Texas, and Casey Martin, Paris, Texas, 7.4; \$382.84.

Saddle Bronc
1. Andrew Meadows, Jones, Okla., 7.9; 2. (tie) Yancy D. Cody, San Angelo, Texas, Zach C. Dishman, Besant, Texas, Rose Ericsson, Byers, Okla., and Steven W. Smith, Adrian, Mo., 7.4; 3. \$365.42 each; 4. William C. Lowe, Olathe, Kan., 7.3; \$116.33.

Goat Tying
1. Suzanne Montoro, Winnemucca, Nev., 7.5 seconds; 2. (tie) Carly Jo Irion, Cave Creek, Ariz., Johna Reeves, Bay City, Texas, Jodi Gray, Seymour, Texas, and Wendy Sprout, Pearce, Ariz., 8.2; 3. \$516.17 each; 4. (tie) Brianna Brooks, Booker, Texas, and Kristi Lee, Dorie, Texas, 8.5; \$302.68.

Saddle Bronc
1. (tie) Rowdy Bailey, Welch, Okla., and J.W. Todd, Hombeck, La., 7.6; \$592.29 each; 3. Brad Harter, Aldo, Texas, 7.5; \$283.70; 4. Marty Eakin, Amarillo, Texas, 7.1; \$253.80; 5. Justique Hughes, Lexington, Okla., 6.9; \$190.35; 6. Clint Roberts, Tipton, Calif., 6.9; \$105.75.

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SPORTS

Griffey, Maddux key in Thursday wins

Injured players return to action to help their team win

(AP)—The All-Star break did wonders for the health of several injured All-Stars.

Four All-Stars who missed Tuesday night's game in Atlanta came through in their teams' victories Thursday night.

Greg Maddux pitched seven strong innings in Atlanta's 6-3 win over Baltimore; Ken Griffey Jr. homered twice as Cincinnati routed Colorado 15-6; Barry Bonds hit his 29th homer in San Francisco's 4-2 win against Oakland; and Manny Ramirez returned from the disabled list with a home run as Cleveland beat Pittsburgh 4-3 in 10 innings.

In other interleague games, it was San Diego 2, Seattle 1 in 10 innings; Detroit 8, Houston 2; Philadelphia 8, Toronto 5; Boston 4, New York Mets 3; Tampa Bay 6, Montreal 4; Minnesota 5, Chicago Cubs 1; St. Louis 13, Chicago White Sox 5; Florida 11, New York Yankees 9; Milwaukee 5, Kansas City 2; Texas 6, Arizona 4; and Los Angeles 4, Anaheim 3 in 10 innings.

Showing absolutely no ill effects from a shoulder injury, Maddux outpitched Mike Mussina, and Bobby Bonilla singled in the tiebreaking run in the seventh inning for Atlanta.

Maddux (11-3) allowed three runs, eight hits and two walks to earn his second consecutive win after two straight defeats.

"Once the shoulder got loose, it stayed loose," Maddux said.

Griffey hit a pair of two-run homers, and Elmer Dessens pitched a career-high 7 1-3 innings for Cincinnati. Griffey tied for the major league home run lead at 30 with St. Louis' Mark McGwire, who also missed the All-Star game and was placed on the disabled list Thursday with a sore right knee.

Dessens (2-0) also got caught in the middle of a beanball battle, hitting Colorado star Larry Walker three innings after Griffey was drilled in the back by Rockies starter Pedro Astacio (7-6).

"If I get a chance to face that pitcher, I'd rather try to decapitate him," Griffey said, speaking in general terms. "You don't like things coming at you, so they don't like things coming at them."

Griffey, who had a sore knee, scored four times and recorded his 45th career multihomer game — his fifth this season. Larkin, Sean Casey and Pokey Reese added homers as the Reds extended Colorado's season-worst losing streak to eight.

Bonds, who missed six of eight games before the All-Star break, homered leading off the fourth against Mark Mulder (5-5).

Giants manager Dusty Baker said Bonds, who missed six of eight games before the All-Star break, is clearly recovering from a slightly fractured right thumb.

"He said he was still feeling it some," Baker said, "but it was a lot better than when he left (for the break)."

Russ Ortiz (5-8) relieved starter Joe Nathan after a scoreless, but shaky, first inning and allowed one unearned run on four hits in six innings. Robb Nen pitched the ninth for his 18th save in 23 chances, allowing Eric Chavez's 14th homer.

Ramirez, who missed the All-Star game because of a strained left hamstring, went 2-for-4 in his first game since May 29, when he was hurt running to first base against Anaheim.

"It was just good to see him out there. Then he ends up hitting a home run, and that sparked us a little bit, too," teammate Kenny Lofton said after singling home the winning run in the 10th for Cleveland.

Ramirez struck out in the first and homered in the

fourth, a 419-foot drive to left-center off Todd Ritchie. Ramirez left for a pinch-runner in the eighth after a bloop single.

"We haven't seen him out there in awhile, and I think the guys got kind of excited about it," Lofton said.

Steve Karsay (2-5) pitched a scoreless 10th for the win.

Padres 2, Mariners 1
Phil Nevin scored from second on shortstop Carlos Guillen's fielding error with two outs in the bottom of the 10th at San Diego.

With two outs, Brett Tomko (4-3) walked Nevin and Bret Boone. Wiki Gonzalez hit a routine grounder to Guillen, who let the ball bounce off the heel of his glove and into center field.

Phillies 8, Blue Jays 5
Curt Schilling earned his 100th victory with Philadelphia, and rookie Pat Burrell hit a three-run homer at Toronto.

Schilling (5-5) has won four of six starts. He gave up three runs on three homers, including Carlos Delgado's AL-leading 29th. Tony Batista homered twice for the Toronto, giving him 26.

Toronto's Chris Carpenter (7-8) gave up eight runs and 10 hits in 7 2-3 innings.

Red Sox 4, Mets 3
At Boston, Brian Daubach's two-out double in the ninth highlighted Pedro Martinez's return from the disabled list.

Daubach's double off Armando Benitez (2-4) hit the base of the right-field wall, scoring Manny Alexander and Jose Offerman. Offerman reached on an error by shortstop Melvin Mora on what could have been the game-ending double play.

Martinez struck out 10 and allowed two runs in seven innings in his first start in 18

days.
Devil Rays 6, Expos 4
Gerald Williams hit a two-run homer during a three-run fifth inning for host Tampa Bay.

Vinny Castilla had an RBI

single in a two-run seventh as the Devil Rays won for just the fourth time in 12 games.


Vladimir Guerrero hit a two-run homer and Chris Widger added a solo shot for the Expos.

Twins 5, Cubs 1
Brad Radke won at home for the first time in almost a month, and Jacques Jones hit a two-run homer.
Radke (6-10) gave up five hits and one run.

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Panhandle writers group celebrates 80th birthday

Special to The Brand
AMARILLO — Panhandle Professional Writers Association celebrates its 80th anniversary by honoring mystery writer D.R. Meredith, historical romance writer Jodi Thomas and historical writer Frances Clegg-Ferris during its bimonthly meeting next weekend at the Amarillo Senior Citizens Center, 1217 S. Tyler.

Meredith, Thomas and Clegg-Ferris also will be featured speakers for the day's program.

Any writer, published or unpublished, new or advanced, is welcome to attend. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. Saturday. Admission is free to the meeting, but lunch costs \$7.

Thomas will speak at 10 a.m. on "Let's Spotlight on the Plot Line." Thomas will share her expertise in weaving plots and subplots within

a work, as well as her methods for developing scenes. Clegg-Ferris will speak from 11:20 a.m.-12:10 on research opportunities in the writing of historical fiction.

Meredith will open the afternoon session at 1:15 p.m. with "Doing Murder? Don't Stop With One." She will discuss how to create an amateur sleuth and develop a series character, supporting cast and the right setting for a mystery.

Meredith is known for her unique ways of doing in her victims and has created three highly acclaimed mystery series set in the Texas Panhandle. "The Sheriff and the Branding Iron Murders" and "The Sheriff and the Folsom Man Murders" won the "Oppie" for Best Mystery of 1984 and 1985 respectively and were selections of the Detective Book Club. Her latest books, "Murder by Volume" and "By

Hook or by Book," featuring female sleuth and paleopathologist Megan Clark were released this year.

Clegg-Ferris has written 37 family histories published in the "Families of Fisher County" and has conducted extensive historical research in West Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico. Her historical fiction is based on first-hand accounts and original data.

Thomas just celebrated the release of her 15th novel, "To Wed in Texas," which made The New York Times and USA Today bestseller lists. In 1998, Thomas received the Career Achievement Award from Romantic Times for her contributions to women's fiction.

For more information, call Nan Rinella, publicity chair, at 359-6181 or visit PPW's website at http://users.arn.net/~ppw or call "IN TOUCH" line at 376-100, code 1247.

Christian bikers plan Friona rally

FRIONA — The Christian Motorcycle Association (CMA) is organizing motorcycle rally July 30 at Calvary Baptist Church.

CMA chaplain Terry Ohlman of Lubbock will lead the bikers worship service, with music to be provided by the CMA.

A rally such as this helps the local church interest local bicyclists in the church's pro-

gram. At the rally last year, three young men made a public declaration of faith in Christ. The attendance was double the normal average attendance and organizers expect a bigger response this year.

The afternoon activities will feature cycle games. At last year's rally, several of the church's octogenarian members were given cycle rides.

An offering for CMA missions will be taken at the service, with the proceeds to be used by the CMA to supply Bibles to foreign countries or for supplying motorcycles, bicycles and sometimes a horse to Third World pastors so they can extend their range of work.

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LEGAL NOTICES Notice of Intent of Open Bids Deaf Smith County Commissioners Court will open sealed bids for the sale of a 1985 Chevrolet 1/2 Ton Pickup in open court at 9:00AM, Monday, July 24, 2000. Details may be obtained by phoning 806-363-7090 at Commissioners Precinct #1 barn. Equipment is available for inspection at the Precinct #1 barn. Deaf Smith County Commissioners reserve the right to refuse any and all bids.

County bingo players score

Special to The Brand Players who frequented the two licensed bingo charities in Deaf Smith County won \$103,202 during the first quarter of this year, according to the director of Charitable Bingo in Texas. The charitable organizations in the county with an annual license to conduct charitable bingo reported the following attendance for the quarter: Elks Lodge No. 2269, \$4,658; San Jose Catholic Church, \$2,355. Additional information concerning all charitable organizations licensed to conduct bingo games in Deaf Smith County is available upon request. The \$103,202 won locally is part of the \$106.1 million in prizes that bingo charities across the state paid to winners. That includes \$82.7 million for regular bingo prizes and \$15.9 million in prizes for pull tab bingo games. "Bingo means big fun in Texas," Billy Atkins, director of Charitable Bingo in Texas, said. "Our players will tell you how much fun it is to play and win prizes. On top of that, bingo gives Deaf Smith County non-profit organizations a welcome financial boost so they can continue their charitable activities in their community." Players in Dallas County bingo halls won \$13.6 million during the first quarter, the most in the state. Tarrant County placed second with \$12.6 million, followed by Harris County, with \$9.5 million. In the first week of June, local government in Deaf Smith County received \$2,578.74 in prize fees covering the first quarter of 2000, Atkins said. The payments cover prize fees collected by Charitable Bingo organizations from winning players in Deaf Smith County for January, February and March of this year. Cities and counties that imposed the gross receipt tax on a local-option basis prior to January 1, 1993 receive quarterly payments of up to 2.5 percent of the prizes won by bingo players in their jurisdictions. The state also receives a 2.5-percent share of the prize fees. The Texas Lottery Commission last week allocated the following prize fees among Deaf Smith County units of government: Deaf Smith County, \$2,578.74. The payments were part of the \$2.4 million in prize fees allocated to Texas cities and counties this month. In total, 66 county governments received \$1.3 million in prize fees, and 116 city governments received \$1.1 million. The largest single allocation of prize fees for the first quarter was \$189,478 to Dallas County. The remainder of the top five area: Tarrant County, \$163,349; Harris County, \$127,796; Bexar County \$105,857; and City of Dallas, \$103,615.

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTES DAILY CRYPTOQUOTES — Here's how to work it: AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different. 7-14 CRYPTOQUOTE BPI A O Z M P J M N W B I U O S J J Y C J J F M P W E I U W B B W Z S W Z B J N Z C N I I D P I U U P J X E Y H W N U B A I Z Y P W U C N I I D P I U — A J Z B O W S Z I Yesterday's Cryptoquote: WE ARE TOLD THAT WHEN JEHOVAH CREATED THE WORLD HE SAW THAT IT WAS GOOD. WHAT WOULD HE SAY NOW? — GEORGE B. SHAW

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"The Sky is Calling" children to the Summer Reading Club at the Deaf Smith County Library, as Jessie Ann Davis and Clara Fugate presented a planetarium program. The presentation was the final activity for the year.

'TEXAS Originals' shows off talents

Special to The Brand CANYON — The TEXAS Company will showcase its many diverse talents at the 33rd Annual Scholarship Production of "TEXAS Originals." This year's benefit show will be performed twice Aug. 6 in the Branding Iron Theatre on the campus of West Texas A&M University. There will be a 2 p.m. matinee and a gala performance at 7:30 p.m., followed by scholarship awards ceremony. Scholarships will be awarded to selected company members of the musical drama TEXAS on the basis of their contribution to the show, financial need, and academic achievement. "Texas Originals" began as a fund-raising vehicle to assist outstanding TEXAS Company members as they continue their education and careers. The overall mission of the production is to display the various talents of company member, offer a high quality evening of entertainment to the community, and raise scholarship funds for exceptional company members. "TEXAS Originals" is made up of 22 diverse acts that accentuate excellence in dance, acting, vocal, and instrumental performance. In addition to the show, the "TEXAS Originals" Art Gallery will be on display in the lounge of the Branding Iron Theatre, showcasing original works of art created by members of the TEXAS Company. Admission is by donation only. Advance tickets are available for a \$15 donation per patron, which includes dinner at 6:00 p.m. in the Mary Moody Northern Hall atrium located east of the Branding Iron Theatre, and admission into the 7:30 p.m. gala performance. The dinner menu includes fried chicken, rice pilaf, dinner salad, dessert, and drink. For more information or advance ticket purchases, please contact Nance McClendon at 655-2181 or Mark A. Barela at 655-5433. Donations can also be mailed to "TEXAS Originals," 1514 5th Avenue, Canyon 79015, or presented at the performance. "TEXAS," the nation's top outdoor drama plays at 8:30 p.m. nightly, excepts Sundays, in Palo Duro Canyon State Park's amphitheater.

Estate tax repeal now facing death

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate sent President Clinton a Republican bill today that would eliminate estate taxes over the next decade in defiance of a veto threat and Democratic criticism that it is tilted toward the rich. Nine Democrats joined most Republicans in the 59-39 vote to pass the bill, which would completely eliminate the estate tax by 2010 at a cost of about \$105 billion in government revenue. The vote was well short of the two-thirds necessary to override a veto. Senators had attached amendments providing billions of dollars in other tax breaks, including repeal of the 102-year-old telephone tax, but those were all deleted on a 53-45 vote. GOP leaders said they wanted to force Clinton to make a clear decision on an estate tax repeal bill free of other complications. The nine Democrats breaking ranks with the president were Sens. Patty Murray of Washington, John Breaux of Louisiana, Max Cleland of Georgia, Dianne Feinstein of California, Robert Torricelli of New Jersey, Ron Wyden of Oregon, Mary Landrieu of Louisiana, Blanche Lincoln of Arkansas and Charles Robb of Virginia. GOP Sens. Lincoln Chafee of Rhode Island, James Jeffords of Vermont, Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania and George Voinovich of Ohio voted against repeal. The Senate then immediately began debating the next big Republican tax cut: a 10-year, \$248 billion measure slashing income taxes for millions of married couples, including 25 million who pay more than they would if single. Votes are expected next week on that bill. Earlier, the Senate balked at adding another popular provision to the bill. An amendment by Sen. Spencer Abraham, R-Mich., to suspend the 18.3-cent-a-gallon federal gasoline tax until after the November elections was defeated 59-40. Abraham said the temporary tax reduction was needed to lower high fuel prices. Opponents said it would jeopardize money for road building and other transportation projects. Republican supporters said the estate tax, which reaches a top rate of 55 percent, hinders investment and job creation, forces millions of people to do costly estate planning and particularly hurts farmers and small businesses. "No family, no farm and no business should have to worry about this sort of thing," said Sen. William Roth, R-Del.

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Facts About The BIBLE BY JOHN LEHTI

WE DO IT EVERY NIGHT OF OUR LIVES, WITHOUT EVEN THINKING ABOUT IT—BUT, IN BIBLICAL TIMES, IT COULD HAVE A VERY SERIOUS CONNOTATION!



THE TAKING OFF OF A SHOE IN BIBLICAL TIMES WAS THE SIGN A MAN USED TO SHOW THAT HE WAS NOT WILLING TO MAKE A DEAD BROTHER'S WIDOW HIS WIFE—THIS WAS A LEVIRATE DUTY WHICH ENABLED THE DEAD MAN'S NAME TO BE KEPT ALIVE IN ISRAEL, FOR THE FIRST SON OF THIS UNCLE WOULD BE COUNTED AS THE DEAD MAN'S SON AND WOULD RECEIVE HIS INHERITANCE. BOAZ, A NEAR-KINSMAN OF THE WIDOW RUTH (RUTH 4:1-14) WISHED TO MARRY HER BUT THERE WAS A NEARER KINSMAN TO WHOM THE PRIVILEGE BELONGED. HOWEVER, THIS MAN WAS UNWILLING AND, IN THE PRESENCE OF TEN ELDERS AS WITNESSES, HE TOOK OFF HIS SHOE AND GAVE IT TO BOAZ, SHOWING HE DIDN'T WISH TO "STAND IN THE SHOES OF THE DEAD MAN," THUS BOAZ WAS FREE TO MARRY RUTH AS NEXT OF KIN, WHICH RESOLVED THE MATTER HAPPILY—HOWEVER.....



...IT DIDN'T ALWAYS WORK OUT AS EASILY AS THAT! THE LAW, AS STATED IN DEUT. 25:15-10, HELD THAT A BROTHER OR NEAREST OF KIN WAS DUTY-BOUND TO TAKE HIS BROTHER'S WIDOW TO WIFE IF HE HAD TO CARE FOR HER IN HER OLD AGE. NOW, IF A MAN REFUSE TO TAKE HIS BROTHER'S CHILDLESS WIDOW AS A WIFE, HE MUST APPEAR BEFORE THE ASSEMBLY OF THE TRIBE AND "LOOSE HIS SHOE FROM OFF HIS FOOT, AND SPIT IN HIS FACE," BECAUSE THE CULPRIT WOULDN'T DO HIS DUTY TO HIS DEAD BROTHER BY GIVING HIM A LIVING SON! HIS NAME WOULD THEN BE KNOWN THROUGHOUT ISRAEL AS "THE HOUSE OF HIM THAT HATH HIS SHOE LOOSED." SO TO REFUSE THIS DUTY WAS A MARK OF SHAME TO THESE ANCIENT PEOPLE—BEFORE A MAN DID THAT, HE'D BETTER TO—IN THE JARGON OF TODAY'S YOUNG PEOPLE—"COOL IT WITH THAT SHOE, MAN!"

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