Page 3 THE BATTALION

Texas man performs ritual to predict weather 'spirits'

United Press International

POST, Tex. — Two days after crop ning begins a man dressed in rug-ed buckskins and a full feathered eaddress rises at dawn, gathers a nall bundle of sticks and builds a campfire

He drops dried grass on the flicking flames and watches the billow-

I will do a dance and drive the il spirits out and evoke help from wind spirits and rain spirits," nk A. Runkles says. 'At the end of that we'll wind it

with a little act of kneeling and nting an eagle feather in the dition the wind comes from.

And the folks who gather today to atch the man they call "Chief" "We've tried to l pe the smoke is blown from the possible," he said.

House calls' to Capitol urged

east or northeast, a sign of a bumper

If it is from the north or northwest crops will be average and if from the west or southwest farmers checking the may expect parched fields and bad Runkles said. crops. A southeast wind means a poor crop.

Runkles said the dance is an au-thentic Comanche ceremony that has been done in West Texas since early in the century. Old-timers and newspaper accounts say it's been correct 94 per cent of the time.

until they reach their 14th birthday.

Two other major groups involved in the malpractice issue, the Texas

Trial Lawyers Association and the

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Cottage

Although the Indians who inhab-ited the Cap Rock vanished long ago Runkles said he was able to piece

together the ceremony from various urces. "We've tried to be as authentic as decided to have this Indian entertainment they called on me

He calls the sunrise ceremony taba'na yaan'e. In 1906 an Indian gave a man

named J.A. Wilbourn the idea of checking the wind each March 22, Through the years the annual test

was performed by several persons, but without the colorful dances and costumes Runkles uses An avid student of Indian lore, Runkels said the Chamber of Commerce five years ago asked him to do the old ceremony.

"Because of the accuracy of this thing, they thought it was a good idea to sponsor it and have a local breakfast. "I have been doing this around

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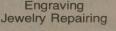
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AUSTIN — Hundreds of doctors re asked to make "House calls" to e Texas Legislature today in an efat to influence action on a medical mapractice bill the Texas Medical ociation (TMA) contends is too to file claims and permits persons

The TMA sent bulletins to each tor in the state, asking them to verge on the Capitol for today's sion. TMA officials say the maltice bill needs revision in at st six major areas, and debate on e proposed changes could take

peaker Bill Clayton warned a good long debate."

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Texas doctors seek bill revision The malpractice bill, approved Texas Hospital Association, agreed last week as a compromise by the to the compromise state Affairs Committee, sets a W. Page Keeton, chairman of an \$500,000 limit on malpractice interim committee which studied claims, establishes a general two-year statute of limitations for adults the malpractice problem, said yesterday the House bill would not have any significant impact on malunder 12 to file malpractice claims

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