

'The most efficiently run lottery in the country'
Lottery hands state \$80 million

The Associated Press

AUSTIN — By turning over many jobs to private business instead of building a big bureaucracy, the Texas Lottery was able to hand the state Treasury an \$80 million surplus Monday, Comptroller John Sharp said. Sharp said the lottery has been so efficient, other states are looking at Texas in setting up their own gambling games. "We still get calls anytime there's a lottery starting up anywhere in the country," Sharp said. "There's no question it's the most efficiently run lottery in the country."

law, 15 percent was allowed for administrative costs. But Sharp said the lottery, which employs only about 180 people, spent only about 8 percent on administration. The difference was the \$80.9 million check written to the Treasury. "It would have been a lot easier to hire 1,000 employees," Sharp said. Instead, the lottery utilized private companies for as many services as possible. Rather than create its own transportation fleet to send tickets to retailers, Sharp said, the Texas Lottery used UPS. The same went for its communications system and advertising campaigns. The lottery began selling instant-win, scratch-card tickets on May 29, 1992, with the pick-six-number lotto game beginning about five months later.

The comptroller's office had projected that the lottery would generate \$461 million profit during the 15 months between the start-up of instant ticket sales and the end of the 1992-93 budget cycle, which arrives Tuesday. Sharp said that with the \$80.9 million surplus and the final transfer of lottery proceeds on Tuesday, he expects lottery profits for the 15-month period to have topped \$800 million. Projections for 1994-95 are \$1.1 billion in profits. The comptroller's office next month will turn over the lottery to a new, independent board with commissioners to be appointed by Gov. Ann Richards. Sharp said he believes his office did its job in getting the game off the ground so quickly.

Juror replaced as testimony continues in Denny trial

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LOS ANGELES — An ailing juror was replaced by a substitute as medical testimony continued Monday in the trial of two men accused of assaulting truck driver Reginald Denny at the outbreak of last year's riots. The excused juror, a white woman in her 60s, called in sick at the beginning of the trial's second week. She was replaced by a Hispanic who was one of six alternates, giving the jury four whites, three blacks, four Hispanics and an Asian-American.

Juror identities haven't been revealed, but the panel's racial makeup became an issue because the Denny attack, by blacks on a white victim, has been compared with the beating of black motorist Rodney King by white policemen. As a news helicopter broadcast the scene, Denny was battered nearly to death on April 29, 1992, at the outbreak of three days of rioting that followed acquittals in the King case. Two defendants were convicted in a subsequent federal trial. Damian Williams, 20, and Henry Keith Watson, 28, face charges of attempted murder, assault and robbery for attacks on Denny and others at Florence and Normandie avenues.

Fire destroys Ellis truck stop; causes \$1 million in damages

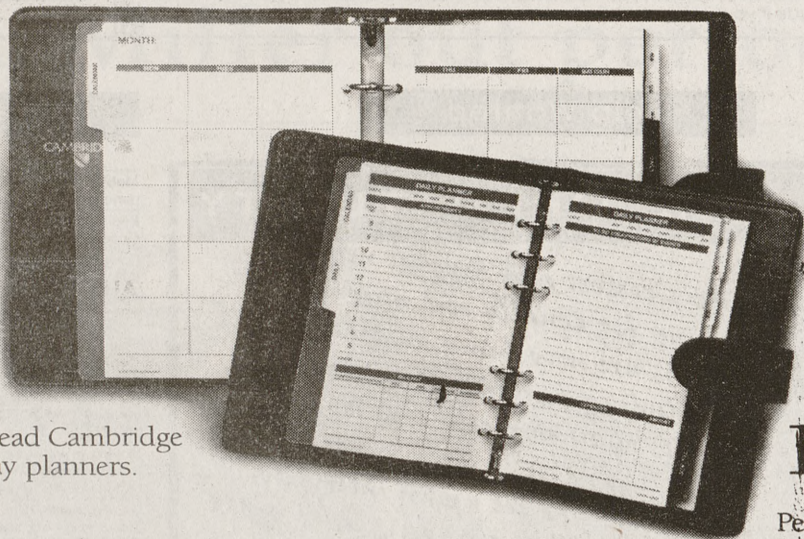
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DALLAS — A huge blaze destroyed a popular Ellis County truck stop, causing nearly \$1 million in damage, authorities say. Investigators say they had not determined the cause of the fire at the Knox Fuel Stop on the eastern split of Interstate 35 between Dallas and Hillsboro. Red Oak's volunteer firefighters were alerted around 9:15 p.m. Saturday, but by the time they got there, smoke was billowing from the building. The blaze was brought under control by 2 a.m. with the help of several other rural fire departments. "The whole building was a total loss," said Lt. D.J. Phillips of the Red Oak Fire Department. "There were no fuel tanks or anything like that involved. We did lose three semis that were inside the truck shop." Two firefighters suffered heat related injuries. Both were taken for treatment at Baylor Medical Center in Waxahachie. Phillips said the damaged areas included a restaurant, convenience store, truck stop and truck repair shop. Firefighters frequently stopped there to drink coffee and talk after responding to a call.

Crime Stoppers

On Tuesday June 22 at 4:45 a.m. a University Police Officer was assaulted in the Reed McDonald Building on the Texas A&M University campus. The officer parked his vehicle at the end of the loading dock driveway, entered the building, and began checking it for any suspicious activities. When the officer rounded the corner, a light flickered in front of him, and he was immediately struck in the forehead with an unknown object. The suspect exited the west end loading dock door. The suspect is described as a white male, in his 20s, 150-170 pounds, light brown hair, and wearing a navy blue T-shirt and blue jeans. This week the Texas A&M University Police and the Brazos County Crime Stoppers need your help to identify the person responsible for this assault. If you have any information, call Crime Stoppers at 775-TIPS. When you call, you will be given a special coded number to protect your identity.

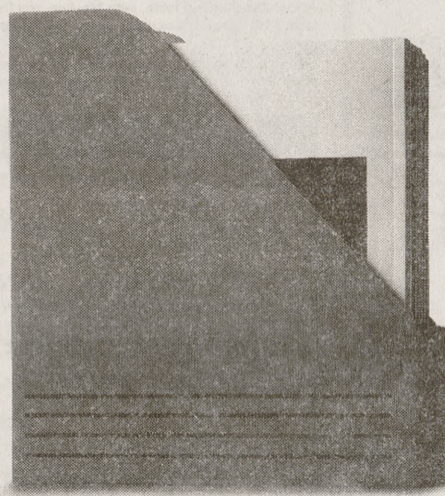
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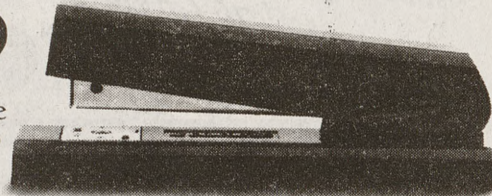
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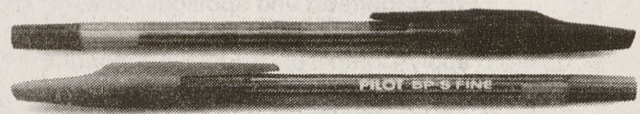


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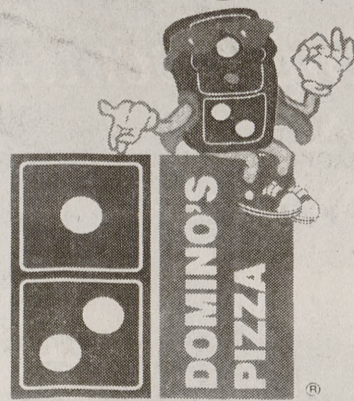
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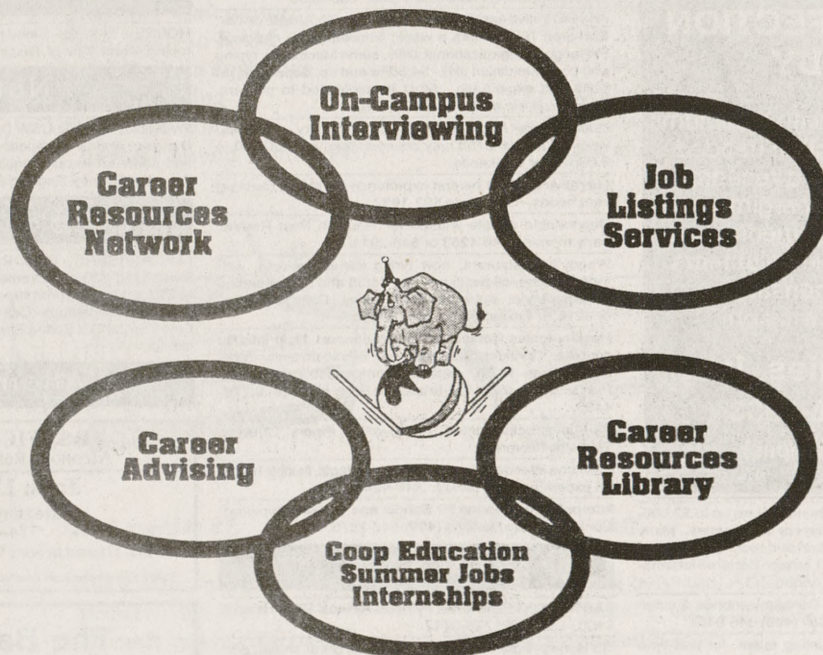
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