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Battle lines drawn as state embraces revised districts

By Dave McNeely
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Secretary of State John Hanahou on Thursday ordered that Texas Senate elections be held Nov. 3 under different districts than those used for the March primaries, sending some candidates scrambling.

The Republican Party of Texas announced that it will appeal Hanahou's order in federal court in Austin today, and at least one Senate candidate said he would do the same.

Hanahou, the state's chief elections officer, ordered the state to use Senate districts mapped out by the Legislature early this year instead of a map drawn by a federal court in December and used for the March 19 primaries.

Despite cries of foul from the GOP, which had fought the suit that led to the court-ordered plan in the first place, Hanahou said he had no choice. He stated that a three-judge federal court in Austin imposed its map in a temporary order that applied only to the primaries.

Further, he quoted from a Jan. 10 opinion from the Austin court in which the judges refused to announce their order mandating that the state use the court's plan.

"This court in no way intends to limit the efforts of the Legislature in adopting acceptable permanent redistricting plans at any time it sees fit."

The Legislature's plan — known as SB 1 — was drawn in a special legislative session in January and has since been cleared by the U.S. Justice Department and a three-judge federal court in Washington. Both entities ruled late last month that the plan does not discriminate against minorities. That approval led to Hanahou's announcement Thursday.

SB 1 "is the only plan in effect at this time under which to hold the November elections," Hanahou said. "I have no authority to give."

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Republicans to appeal use of Legislature's map for fall Senate elections

HOT TIME AT AQUA FEST

Fans line up early for food, Dolly Parton

By Chuck Lindell
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A carefree run was brewing from above and metal seats were roasting them from below, but Joyce Larsh and her daughter Linda Clemens didn't care how hot it was Thursday afternoon. They were at Austin Aqua Festival's opening night on service business.

"We're here for Dolly," Larsh said.

Mother and daughter, who still bemoan the cancellation of Parton's television show three years ago, lined up at the gates a half-hour early. Once inside, they made a beeline for the Mega Stage and a good seat — and then waited 4½ hours for their idol to appear.

Another early bird for Dolly was Amy Hartline, 19, who admits to owning a suitcase full of Parton memorabilia and almost every album. "I want to be in the music business, just like Dolly," Hartline said. "She inspired me."

Parton may have been the festival's biggest attraction Thursday, but the food booths had their share of fans — although Aqua Fest senior captain Ronnie Taylor said Mankin was among the fastest-moving indications at the parade station.

"There's all the people and the moving and the going fast," said Marie Deagberry, checking out the sausage wraps and fajitas despite dietary concerns.

Festival officials weren't thrilled by Thursday's attendance, but neither were they discouraged. "It's a medium crowd," said Gonzalo Furtilla, vice commander of gate sales. "I've seen better."



Caleb Shelato, 9, gobbles a turkey leg on the first day of Aqua Fest, the three-weekend celebration of Auditorium Shores. Shelato, who is from Andrews, near Midland, was on vacation in Austin with friends. **Staff photo by Paige Brooks**

Bush takes tougher line on Bosnia

By Don Oberdorfer
Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — President Bush on Thursday denounced the "one policy of ethnic cleansing" practiced by Serbia in the former Yugoslav republics and promised to gather humanitarian aid backed by military force if needed to victims of the ethnic fighting.

Bush's statement, made in Colorado as he ended a two-day campaign swing, responded to growing political pressure for action against the terror reported from Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Shortly before the presidential statements, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee passed a non-binding resolution calling for some of the steps that Bush announced.

Jewish groups express sympathy over ethnic cleansing of a people who once supported them. **A4**

The president has been buffeted all week by accusations from Capitol Hill, the Bill Clinton campaign and outside groups that he has been too slow in responding to the latest reports of atrocities, which include reports of ethnic genocide in Serbian-run instrument camps.

Clinton — the Democratic nominee who has called for U.S. action on each of the previous two days — praised Bush's statement as a step in the right direction.

Bush cautioned that the "complex, convoluted conflict that grows out of war-torn Bosnia-Herzegovina" is not a simple matter.

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Mexico approves saliva test for AIDS

Firm hoping to sell kit directly to public

By James E. Garcia
Cox News Service

MEXICO CITY — A U.S. company announced Thursday that it would begin distributing a saliva test for AIDS virus to laboratories across Mexico.

Mexico becomes the first country to approve the commercial sale of the product, called OraSure, although 15 others are testing the product. Other tests for the human immunodeficiency virus are performed on blood rather than saliva.

OraSure, which detects antibodies to the HIV-1 strain of the virus, was developed by a group of researchers at Epitope Inc., a company based in Beaverton, Ore., and will be sold in Mexico by Mexican Medical Corp.

Epitope is awaiting approval from the Food and Drug Administration to sell OraSure in the United States.

A representative of Mexican Medical Corp. noted concerns by some AIDS experts that marketing a saliva-based test for the virus could spark fear among the general public that the virus can be transmitted through saliva.

"We don't want that. We don't want to scare people," he said.

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To weed out smog, EPA takes on mowers

By Matthew L. Wald
New York Times News Service

To most people, it is a lawn mower, but to the Environmental Protection Agency it is an "uncontrolled mobile source," that becomes part of the suburban swarm, adding measurably to smog on a summer's day. And the time has come, the agency says, to clean it up, along with weed eaters, leaf blowers, chain saws and a lot of other off-road, gas-powered machinery.

A lawn mower can easily spew as much smog-causing hydrocarbon into the air in an hour as a modern car, experts on pollution say, even though the car has 30 times as much horsepower.

Chain saws are worse: The California Air Resources Board says a chain saw operated for two hours emits as many hydrocarbons as a new car drives 1,000 miles.

That is because modern cars have microprocessors that can precisely control an engine's mix of fuel and air; injectors to break the fuel into droplets of optimal size; and catalytic converters to catch anything that passes through the engine unburned.

Lawn mowers and other outdoor machines have all the pollution control equipment of a '97 Chevy — without a muffler.

Nobody is certain how many lawn mowers are in use or what their emission levels are after a few years without being tuned up, but an EPA study late last year suggested that in areas that are already in violation of smog rules, nearly 20 percent of volatile organic compounds and nearly 30 percent of nitrogen oxides come from "non-road sources." Mixed with sunlight, those two chemicals **See Armed, A17**

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Investigators outline similar clues in abduction, yogurt shop slayings


By Kimberly Garcia
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Police investigating the killings of four teen-age girls at a yogurt shop have four reasons to question three men who have been charged with kidnaping an Austin woman, the lead investigator said Thursday.

One of the suspects in the abduction, Alberto Cortes, resembles a composite drawing of a man seen in a car outside the yogurt shop at the time of the slaying last year.

The description of a car seen at the yogurt shop — a white, older model Chevrolet — is similar to a white, newer model Ford used in the kidnaping.

An FBI profile predicted the killers of the four teen-agers lived near the yogurt shop. The kidnap suspects have friends and family in that area.



Cortes **Hernandez** **Saavedra**

Police investigating the deaths **See Similar, A10**