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Enterprise Challenge may be golden opportunity for entrepreneurs

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Prospective entrepreneurs who have a good business idea they have always wanted to put into action, but just didn't know where to start may have found the goose that laid the golden egg with the Big Spring Enterprise Challenge Program.

The Enterprise Challenge, sponsored by Moore Development For Big Spring Inc. and the Business Development Center at Howard College, is a new program designed to assist entrepreneurs in launching a new small business or expanding an existing small business.

Everyone who participates in the challenge will gain a better understanding of how to devel-

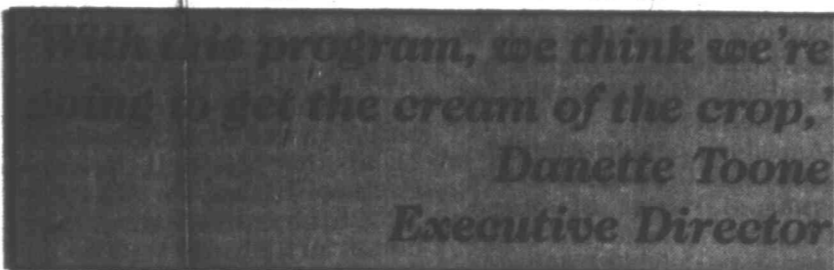
op and follow a realistic business plan.

Moore Development Executive Director Danette Toone said one of the main reasons for the program is that Moore Development will no longer be looking at start-up businesses, but did not want to leave them out.

"With this program, we think we're going to get the cream of the crop," Toone said, adding that the idea is to make the program an annual event.

Basic businesses, the target of the challenge, are defined as businesses that primarily exports its products or services outside the Big Spring area, thus, bringing new money into the local economy.

Under the rules of the challenge, entrepreneurs, to meet



this definition, must document that at least 75 percent of their company's sales would be outside Howard County. Several examples of a basic business include manufacturing, distribution, warehousing, headquarters, aviation maintenance, air cargo and food processing.

Entrants into the challenge can be either a start-up business or an existing small business with \$1 million or less in annu-

al sales.

Grants totaling \$30,000 will be awarded in the challenge. Toone said this amount could go to one business or to several depending on the merits of the plans submitted and the personal interviews conducted. Each entrant must request a specific amount of funding and fully justify that request.

Local retail or service businesses are not eligible for the

grants, but people involved in those businesses are still encouraged to attend the Enterprise Challenge Workshops and take advantage of the opportunity to get expert advice on developing a business plan.

On Aug. 1, the Small Business Development Center from Amarillo, will conduct a one-time workshop at Howard College that entrants are encouraged to attend. Following that workshop the Howard College BDC will conduct workshops of its own to answer questions about the challenge and show entrants how to develop a business plan.

Toone added it is important that entrants attend one of the orientation workshops. To obtain workshop information,

prospective entrants may call the Howard College BDC at 264-5144 or contact Pam Welch at Moore Development at 264-6032.

Brochures about the challenge have been distributed to local banks and to local CPA's for those interested in picking one up according to Toone.

Three judges from out of town, who are not affiliated with Moore Development or the Howard College BDC, will judge the business plans submitted primarily on the basis of the viability of the business as demonstrated in the business plan. The three judges will be from the Texas Department of Commerce in Austin; the Economic Development Department

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ONE INJURED



Emergency workers help a man that was injured Tuesday afternoon after a one-vehicle rollover on Highway 87 eight miles north of Big Spring. The man was the only occupant of the vehicle and was taken by ambulance to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

House candidates raking in big money

WASHINGTON (AP) — Candidates in Texas' most competitive House races are raking in the cash, fattening their accounts to spend in the final, crucial months of their campaigns.

Even as Texas' ongoing redistricting headache is calling into question whether primary and runoff results in many districts will be thrown out — and new elections called — the campaign machinery continues grinding.

Two candidates in the Dallas-Fort Worth area are proving among the more adept fund raisers so far this year, according to campaign reports filed this week with the Federal Election Commission.

The reports, which track campaign activity from April 1 through June 30, show that incumbent Democratic con-

gressman Martin Frost and former Fort Worth Mayor Kay Granger appear to have the title of top fund raisers in Texas.

The reports, which had to be postmarked by midnight Monday, will take days to trickle into the FEC's public records office and become available. Some campaigns in hotly contested races ignored requests for copies of their report in advance of its public release.

Frost, who is seeking re-election to his 24th District south of Dallas and Tarrant counties, raised just under \$400,000 in individual and political action committee contributions for the period, well outpacing GOP opponent Ed Harrison, a home builder from DeSoto. Harrison took in \$169,533 for the period.

As of June 30, Frost had a whopping \$750,999 in cash on

hand to Harrison's \$210,589.

Ms. Granger, who is the GOP nominee in the Fort Worth area's 12th District, has outpaced her rival former Fort Worth mayor Hugh Farmer, by a 3-to-1 margin. In her bid to replace retiring Rep. Pete Geren, D-Fort Worth, Ms. Granger raised \$315,376 for the quarter to Farmer's \$102,453.

But even as she's out-raising Farmer, the money is flowing out of her campaign coffers at a far faster clip. Ms. Granger spent \$198,388 during the three-month period to Farmer's \$84,082.

Others raising significant amounts of money are Republican Ron Paul, who is jousting with Democrat Charles "Lefty" Morris to capture the 14th District stretching from south of Austin to the Gulf of Mexico;

Republican Pete Sessions in Central Texas' 5th District matchup against Democrat John Poulard; and Democrat Nick Lampson, who is taking on GOP freshman Rep. Steve Stockman of Friendswood in coastal Texas' 9th District.

Paul, who has a prodigious out-of-state fund-raising network, took in \$294,723 for the quarter, spending \$238,643. Morris' campaign didn't provide its report.

Sessions raised \$241,214 to Poulard's \$98,475; outspending him \$91,405 to \$30,798.

Lampson, the former Jefferson County tax assessor, took in \$206,400 in his bid to unseat Stockman, spending \$54,211. Stockman's campaign didn't provide its report.

Judge asked to void prison system's VitaPro contract

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Like a bad dream, the state of Texas wishes the VitaPro controversy would just go away. Now.

Former prison director Andy Collins approved a five-year, \$34 million dollar deal to feed Texas prisoners a soy-based meat substitute. One pound of VitaPro and a half-gallon of water pro-

duces the equivalent of five pounds of meat product.

But prisoners didn't like it. And the attorney general's office says it was a sweetheart deal with a company that later hired Collins as a consultant after he quit his job as prison director.

The attorney general's office

has asked a judge in Huntsville to void the contract, making a trial unnecessary. State District Judge Bill McAdams is expected to rule by the end of September.

The state filed its motion for summary judgment on July 9.

"We want the contract to go away, but we're not willing to pay (VitaPro) to go away," Carl

Reynolds, general counsel for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, said Tuesday.

Reynolds said he isn't implying that the Canadian firm did anything wrong in landing the contract to supply its meat substitute to the Texas prison system.

County's rebate from sales taxes down for quarter

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Texas cities and counties recently received July sales tax rebates of \$143 million from the State Comptroller John Sharp's office, a 6.7 percent increase compared to last year.

"The fact that local sales tax refunds statewide have averaged 8.6 percent ahead of the first seven months of last year is an excellent indicator of the state's continuing healthy economic climate," Sharp said.

Texas cities received \$130.3 million in sales tax rebates for July, 7.7 percent above the \$121 million received last year. Counties received a total of \$12.6 million, a decrease of 2.8 percent from the \$13 million received last July.

Local counties also receive their share of the \$143 million allocation with Howard County receiving a rebate of \$248,950.71, a 12.39 percent decrease compared to 1995's July rebate of \$284,171.20.

Of Howard County's rebate, the city of Big Spring received \$243,275.18; Coahoma received \$2,761.23; and Forsan received a rebate of \$2,914.30. Coahoma's total was a 20.67 percent increase compared to the same period last year.

Martin County, which includes the city of Stanton, received a rebate of \$7,187.78, a

32.77 percent increase compared to last July's rebate of \$5,413.39.

Mitchell County, including the cities of Colorado City, Loraine and Westbrook, received a rebate of \$22,522.78, a 28.80 percent decrease from last July's rebate of \$31,636.76.

Colorado City received \$21,566.15 of the rebate; Loraine received \$316.66; and Westbrook received \$639.97.

Dawson County received a rebate of \$60,920.16. Of that amount the city of Lamesa received \$59,487.68 and Los Ybanez received \$1,432.48.

Scurry County, which includes the city of Snyder, received a rebate of \$105,950.70.

July's sales tax rebates included taxes collected on May sales and reported to Sharp's office in June by businesses filing monthly tax returns.

The city of Houston's \$16.9 million was the largest rebate received, a 2.2 percent increase compared to July 1995.

Cities following Houston included Dallas, \$12.3 million, a 12.6 percent increase; San Antonio, \$7.4 million, a 5.2 percent increase; Austin, \$6 million, an 8.8 percent increase; Fort Worth, \$3.4 million, a 5.4 percent increase; and El Paso, \$2.88 million, a 2.5 percent increase.

Twenty special purpose districts across the state received payments of \$3.4 million.

Big Spring man charged with burglary in incident

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Don L. Brooks, 29, of 1712 E. 15th, has been charged with a first degree felony after he allegedly broke into a man's home early Wednesday morning.

Brooks is being charged with burglary of a habitation with the intent to commit a felony. Reports indicate the suspect forced open the front door of a 22-year-old man at an apartment complex on Westover.

Big Spring Police Sgt. Victor Brake said, "This was an on-going domestic situation and the police had been called out to the scene before the suspect broke into the home. This happened around 1:20 this morning."

The two men are not related and Brooks reportedly had forced his way into the home to commit aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Brake said the weapon was a baseball bat. The victim was not hit and no one was injured.

Cotton Growers board approves new operating budget

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Members of the Plains Cotton Growers Inc. board of directors have unanimously approved a new operating budget for the 25-county producer organization.

The PCG board approved a budget of \$304,700 for its 1996-97 fiscal year, which began July 1.

In addition to approving a new operating budget the PCG board also worked through a detail agenda that included reports on the Enhanced Diapause Control Program, Federal Crop Insurance and the Plains

Cotton Improvement Program.

The board also approved PCG President Jackie Burns as the organization's representative at the upcoming National Cotton Council, Cottoi, Incorporated and Cotton Board caucus in August.

The organization elected new members to serve as the 1996-97 PCG executive committee, but how the 1996 cotton crop produces and what effect the new 7-year federal farm program will have locally is what PCG members are concerned about now.

The U.S. Department of Agri-

culture has included a late filing provision for producers who were not able to sign up for the new farm program by the July 12 cut-off date. The new deadline is Aug. 1.

USDA Farm Service Agency personnel have indicated that correspondence will be sent to those producers who did not come in during the initial sign-up period, but this will be the last chance for producers and landlords to enroll in the seven-year program. According to the PCG, approximately 95 percent of the cotton producers in the

High Plains region have enrolled in the program.

Statistics show just how dry conditions have impacted area cotton crops. In 1995, producers harvested 250,000 more acres than they did in 1994 and made 427,900 bales less. Average yields across the 25-county High Plains region dropped from about one bale per acre to only 385 pounds per acre.

So far, the 1996 cotton crop is off to a more disastrous start

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TODAY'S WEATHER

95 ▲ Highs 70
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Partly cloudy, slight chance of thunderstorms. Low around 70. Thursday, partly cloudy. High in the mid 90s.



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OBITUARIES

Nancy Leigh DeWitt

Service for Nancy Leigh Graves DeWitt, 49, Hobbs, N.M., will be 10 a.m. Thursday, July 18, 1996, in the First Baptist Church in Stanton with Duane McClure officiating. Mrs. DeWitt died Monday, July 15, following a lengthy illness.

She was born on March 17, 1947, in Presque Isle, Maine. She was raised in Stanton and married Thomas E. DeWitt on Nov. 15, 1969, in Odessa. They moved from Corpus Christi to Hobbs, N.M. six months ago.

Survivors include her husband: Thomas E. DeWitt, Hobbs, N.M.; a son: Shawn Leon DeWitt, Corpus Christi; a daughter: Stacie Lynn DeWitt, Corpus Christi; her mother: Maxine Graves O'Dell, Lubbock; her stepfather: Clayton O'Dell, Lubbock; a sister: Becky Graves Frederick, Midland; and a nephew.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Lubbock; 4314 S. Loop 289; Lubbock, Texas; 79413 or to the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements under the direction of Glibreath Funeral Home, Stanton.

Pauline Baker

Service for Pauline Baker, 63, Big Spring, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel.

She died Tuesday, July 16, 1996, in a local hospital.

Katie Smith

Service for Katie Smith, 63, Big Spring, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel.

She died Tuesday, July 16, 1996, at her residence.

Carla Dedmon

Service for Carla Dedmon, 25, Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She died Tuesday, July 16, 1996, in a Lubbock hospital.

CORRECTION

The date for voter registration cutoff for the Sept. 14 school bond election was computed incorrectly by the Big Spring Independent School District.

The last date for voter registration will be August 15.

RECORDS

Tuesday's high 96
Tuesday's low 76
Average high 96
Average low 71
Record high 112 in 1989
Record low 60 in 1935
Rainfall Tuesday 0.00
Month to date 0.29
Month's normal 0.95
Year to date 4.62
Normal for the year 9.71
**Statistics not available

Nalley-Pickle & Welch
FUNERAL HOME
24th & Johnson 267-8288
Carla Dedmon, 25, died Tuesday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

MYERS & SMITH
FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL
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Diane Wash, 42, died Monday. Graveside Services were 10 AM Wednesday, Trinity Memorial Park.
Pauline Baker, 63, died Tuesday. Services pending.
Katie Smith, 63, died Tuesday. Services are pending.

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of Texas Utilities in Dallas; and from the UTPB Center for Energy and Economic Diversification in Odessa.

According to Toone entrants in the challenge should be prepared to address the following considerations: potential for job creation; financial plan including 10 percent owner's equity; 13-year projections; efficient use of granted funds; well-developed product prototype; marketing plan; prior experience; and knowledge of facility and equipment needs.

Entrants in the Big Spring Enterprise Challenge must submit a business plan no more than 20 pages long to the Howard College BDC by Sept. 16. All plans will be screened for compliance with guidelines set by Moore development's Business Retention and Expansion Committee. Entrants will make a presentation of their plans before Sept. 30.

Judges will evaluate the applicants and select the grant recipient or recipients by Oct. 4.

Toone said results of the challenge will be presented to Moore Development's board of directors for presentation of winners at Moore Development's Annual Meeting this fall.

Winners of the challenge may only participate once every three years and people who have filed for business or personal bankruptcy protection are not eligible to receive grant awards.

People who have been convicted of a felony, or a Class A or B misdemeanor are also not eligible to receive grant awards.

Rules of the challenge also state entrants must have an acceptable credit rating and that relatives of the judges, Moore Development staff, Moore Development board, Howard College BDC staff or the Big Spring City Council are ineligible to participate.

SPRINGBOARD

IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES IN A SPRINGBOARD ITEM OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT GINA GARZA, 268 7331 ext. 238, BETWEEN 8 A.M. AND 3 P.M. All Springboard items must be submitted in writing. Mail to: Springboard, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, Texas 79720; bring it by the office at 710 Scurry; or fax it to 264-7205.

TODAY
-Line dance lessons are taught after lunch (12:45 p.m.) at the Senior Citizens Center. If you are interested call 267-1628.
-Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. 12&12 Study.
-Cub Scout Day Camp, Hughes Aquatics Base, Lake Colorado City. For more information call Sandy Wallace at 394-4310.

THURSDAY
-Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.
-Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright, has free food for area needy, 10 a.m. to noon.
-Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classed, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., 55 and older.
-Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center small cafeteria.
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-Masonic Lodge #1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster. Call Dalton Lewis, 263-8411.
-Rackley-Swords Chap. 379 Vietnam Veterans of America, 7 p.m., 124 Jonesboro Road.
-Encouragers Support Group, 5:30 p.m., the First Presbyterian Church, 7th and Runnels (enter through north door). Bring a covered dish for supper and the Senior Center's Line Dancers will demonstrate a number of line dances. Call 398-5522 or 399-4369.
-Cub Scout Day Camp, Hughes Aquatics Base, Lake Colorado City. For more information call Sandy Wallace at 394-4310.

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-Nature Walk and Sunset Tales 8 to 10 p.m., Big Spring State Park. Call 263-4931 for more information.
-American Legion Auxiliary Unit 506 will sponsor a barbecue starting at noon. Carryouts available. The cost is \$5 per plate. Call 263-2084.
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-Project Freedom, Christian support group, 7 p.m. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241.
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-Most Excellent Way, a chemical dependency support group, 7 p.m., Living Water Church, 1008 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-1424 after 5 p.m. or 263-3168 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.
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-Rackley-Swords Chap. 379 Vietnam Veterans of America, 7 p.m., 124 Jonesboro Road.
-Encouragers Support Group, 5:30 p.m., the First Presbyterian Church, 7th and Runnels (enter through north door). Bring a covered dish for supper and the Senior Center's Line Dancers will demonstrate a number of line dances. Call 398-5522 or 399-4369.
-Cub Scout Day Camp, Hughes Aquatics Base, Lake Colorado City. For more information call Sandy Wallace at 394-4310.

ON THE RUN

hour sessions are requested and can be made by calling Marcy House, 268-041.

THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY Unit 506 will sponsor a barbecue on Saturday July 20 starting at noon. Carryouts available. The cost is \$5 per plate. Call 263-2084.

THE HEART OF WEST TEXAS MUSEUM, Colorado City, announces an exhibit of antique home decor July 20 and 21 at the Mitchell County Heritage House, 25 Chestnut St. China, quilts and other home furnishings will be on display in conjunction with Railroad Trade Days, the town's antique and craft fair.

Hours of operation will be 9 a.m.-6 p.m. July 20 and 2-6 p.m. July 21. For more information, call 728-8285.

ANGELO STATE UNIVERSITY will have Preview ASU 1996 orientation sessions for new students July 26-27 and Aug. 2-3. The two-day program will acquaint new students and parents with the campus and programs.

BILL GOSSETT, FORMER longtime Big Spring resident, has been diagnosed with a brain tumor. His birthday is July 23 and all friends are encouraged to send him a card to the hospital he is staying at: Cancer Treatment Center; c/o Bill Gossett; 2408 East 81st Street; Tulsa, Okla. 74137-4210.

THE HOWARD COUNTY YOUTH HORSEMAN CLUB is sponsoring an open breed horse show on July 27. Registration is at 9 a.m. and the show starts at 10 a.m. The show will be at the HCYHC Arena in Big Spring located off the Garden City Highway (Hwy. 33).

THE 73RD ANNUAL Howard/Glasscock Old Settlers Reunion is Saturday, Aug. 3 in the East Room of the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Registration, a barbecue lunch and bingo will be at the coliseum in conjunction with the second Big Spring Antique Show. That night, the Old Settlers Dance will be at the Dora Roberts Community Center with the Pete Jenkins Band playing. Cost for the luncheon is \$6 for persons between the ages of 12 and 65 and \$3 for those under 12 or over 65. Tickets to the dance are \$5 per couple and \$3 per individual.

THE FOURTH ANNUAL JONES VALLEY REUNION is scheduled for Aug. 31 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Kentwood Community Center, 2805 Lynn Dr. Reservations must be turned into Reba Hicks Fortner; Route 1 Box 123-B; Brownwood; 76801-9333 and her phone number is (915) 643-1335. Reservations are due no later than Aug. 13 and the charge is \$7.10 per person with lunch being served at noon.

Bring old photographs and mementos to share with others. Local contacts are John Hicks, 264-0425 or Mabel Timmons Dickerson, 267-3154.

THERE WILL BE A WOMEN'S RETREAT sponsored by Wesley Methodist Church on Aug. 30 and 31. There will be a free meal served at 5:30 p.m. The retreat costs \$10 and will feature Sharon Sandhop of God's Windows. For information call 263-3326 or 264-0734.

THE SANDS PARENT-TEACHER Organization Council is making a community-wide cookbook. This project will be the major fundraiser for the coming school year. The money raised will be used for college scholarships to be given at graduation. If you have a favorite recipe for the cookbook, please send to: Alison Foster; Rt. 1, Box 78A; Ackerly; 79713.

TEXAS LOTTERY CASH 5: 1, 3, 18, 24, 30
PICK 3: 3, 7, 6

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents during a 24-hour period ending 8 a.m. Wednesday:

• **ANGELA DAWN WELLS**, 32, of 1611 Harding, was arrested on outstanding local warrants.

• **MARSHA ELIZABETH STURDIVANT**, 37, of 1300 Harding, was arrested on outstanding local warrants.

• **CARL EUGENE NEWELL**, 41, of 3604 Parkway, was arrested on outstanding local warrants.

• **PEDRO ROMERO**, 29, of 603 Douglas, was arrested on outstanding local and Howard County warrants.

• **CAREY WAYNE ALEXANDER**, 40, of 1300 Jeffrey Rd., was arrested for no insurance.

• **JOEL ALVAREZ**, 30, of 508 1/2 W. Eighth, was arrested for public intoxication.

• **BOBBY RAY LAWSON**, 25, no address given, was arrested for public intoxication.

• **JASON DEAN DANIEL**, 19, of Abilene, was arrested for public intoxication and outstanding local warrants.

• **RUSSELL LEE HENRY**, 18, of Route 1 Box 504 Moore Rd., was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

• **ASSAULT BY THREATS** in the 1600 block of Lark.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** in the 900 block of Goliad, 1900 block of N. Highway 87 and 4200 block of Muir.

• **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** in the 1500 block of W. Fourth.

• **THEFTS** in the 1100 block of N. Lamesa, 1300 block of Stanford and 500 block of N. Birdwell.

• **INVESTIGATING SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES** in the 200 block of Benton, 1600 block of Martin Luther King Blvd., 500 block of N. Gregg, 800 block of Gregg, 1300 block of College, 4000 block of W. Highway 80, 4200 block of Dixon, 1000 block of Stadium, 3200 block of Avenue C, 500 block of Main, 200 block of W. Fifth, 1000 block of Goliad, 1500 block of E. Fourth and 1700 block of Johnson.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCES** in the 3300 block of W. Highway 80, 600 block of McEwen and 100 block of N.W. Fourth.

• **DISTURBANCE/FIGHT** in the 700 block of W. Interstate 20 and 3300 block of W. Highway 80.

• **ASSAULTS** in the 500 block of Owens, 4100 block of Muir, 600 block of State and 1500 block of Lincoln.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following incidents during a 24-hour period ending 8 a.m. Wednesday:

• **LARRY DEAN SIMMONS**, 37, of HC 61 Box 460A, pleaded guilty in district court to felony driving while intoxicated. He was sentenced to a Substance Abuse Felony Punishment Facility, put on probation for six years, fined \$2,000 and ordered to pay \$124.50 in court costs.

• **KENNETH WADE GAMEL**, 32, of 1507 1/2 Scurry, pleaded guilty in district court to revoking his probation and had been on probation for felony driving while intoxicated. He was sentenced to one year in a Substance Abuse Felony Punishment Facility, put on probation for five years, fined \$500 and ordered to pay

\$124.50 in court costs.
• **RANDALL WAYNE CONNER**, 32, of 2511 Larry, was transferred from the Big Spring Police Department after being arrested for aggravated sexual assault of a child. He was released on a \$10,000 bond.
• **DOG PROBLEM** on Walters Road.
• **MINOR ACCIDENT** on Howard Road.
• **LOOSE LIVESTOCK** on West Robinson Road.
• **DEAD CAT** on Oak Road.

MARKETS

Oct. cotton futures 72.50 cents a pound, down 30 points; Aug. crude oil 22.12, down 26 points; Cash hog steady at \$1 higher at 60 cents even; slaughter steers steady at \$5 cents even; July live hog futures 60.55, up 30 points; Aug. live cattle futures 67.85, down 7 points. Courtesy: Delta Corporation.

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ATT	56 +1/2
Amoco	67 1/2
Atlantic Richfield	119 +1/2
Atmos Energy	26 1/2
Boston Chicken	27 + 1/2
Cabot	24 + 1/2
Chevron	56 1/2 nc
Chrysler	28 1/2 + 1/2
Cifra	1.29-1.33
Coca-Cola	46 1/2
De Beers	31 1/2 + 1/2
DuPont	75 1/2
Exxon	86 - 1/2
Fina	52 1/2
Ford Motors	31 1/2 + 1
Halliburton	55 1/2 + 1
IBM	94 1/2
Laser Indus LTD	12 1/2 - 1/2
Mesa Ltd. Prt	3 1/2 nc
Mobile	11 1/2 - 1/2
Norwest	33 1/2 + 1/2
NUV	9 1/2 - 1/2
Pepsi Cola	31 1/2 - 1/2
Phillips Petroleum	42 1/2 nc
Polaris	26 1/2 - 1/2
Rural/Metro	33 1/2 + 1/2
Seas	44 1/2 + 1/2
Southwestern Bell	47 1/2 - 1/2
Sun	28 1/2 nc
Texaco	86 1/2 - 1/2
Texas Instruments	44 1/2 - 1/2
Texas Utils. Co	42 1/2 nc
Unocal Corp	32 1/2 - 1/2
Wal Mart	22 1/2 nc
Amcap	12.51-13.27
Euro Pacific	24.08-25.53
I.C.A.	21.85-23.18
New Economy	16.11-17.09
New Perspective	16.72-17.74
Van Kampen	14.22-14.93
Prime Rate	8.25%
Gold	383.30-383.80
Silver	4.92-4.95

Cotton

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than the 1995 crop. Estimates of up to one million acres being switched from cotton to alternative crops are being made.

In 1995 the High Plains area planted 3,621,900 acres of cotton; harvested 3,274,900 of those acres; averaged 385 pounds of cotton per acre; and yielded a total production of 2,629,300 bales in 480-pound net weight bales of cotton.

TEXAS BRIEFS

Town to offer free land to encourage population growth
LEFORS (AP) — As a way to entice people to move to this Panhandle community, city officials are offering free land. But the Lefors City Council delayed final approval Tuesday night, saying it wants to make sure everything is legal. Lefors, about 50 miles northeast of Amarillo, is almost in the center of Gray County. It once was the smallest county seat in Texas, before losing the courthouse to Pampa in 1928. Mayor R.M. Jones said the council decided to delay implementation of the land give-away promotion to "make sure that it is all legal and everything is above board" and "to make sure there are no entanglements with anybody." The council expects to hold a workshop and call for a special meeting later this month or early August to vote on it.

Judge allows Tilton's wife to name church as defendant
DALLAS (AP) — Can a preacher become so controlling that in the eye of the law, he and his church are one and the same? The estranged wife of the Rev. Robert Tilton thinks so. Leigh Valentine Tilton won a judge's permission Tuesday to name the Word of Faith World Outreach Center as a defendant in their divorce suit.

The ruling came on the second day of a divorce hearing in Dallas involving ownership of the church's former parsonage and other property in the north Dallas suburb where the Tiltons lived.

Tilton took the parsonage designation off the house in January after a failed reconciliation attempt. He says the church no longer has a parsonage. He's now living on a \$450,000 dollar yacht in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and commuting to the church.

Mrs. Tilton, 39, accuses her husband of alcohol and physical abuse, as well as abusing his position of power at the church. She testified that he treats the church's money and property as his own and was unfaithful to her.

Suspect arrested in Michigan student's murder
DALLAS (AP) — A 23-year-old man is in an Oklahoma jail awaiting extradition to Texas after his arrest in the slaying of a Michigan State University student who was spending the summer in Dallas.

Kano Jamal Stevenson was arrested Tuesday in Oklahoma City on a charge of first-degree murder in connection with the death of Nikki Marie Blatter, 22, an intern at Texas Instruments, Dallas police said. The engineering arts student was found dead on Friday in her apartment bedroom in the Lake Highlands section of northeast Dallas.

The Dallas County medical examiner's office said Tuesday that Miss Blatter died of strangulation and incised wounds on her neck.

Stevenson knew Miss Blatter casually in Dallas and had left the city for Oklahoma shortly after her murder, Dallas police said.

First house OK'd under new conservation plan
AUSTIN (AP) — A single-family home lot overlooking Lake Austin is the first tract of land approved for development under the Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan for endangered species.

The Balcones plan protects the lot's owners, a Waco physician and his wife who intend to move to Austin, against liability under the Endangered Species Act if the golden-cheeked warbler is inadvertently encountered during or after construction.

In return, the couple paid a \$1,500 fee and signed a contract agreeing not to clear vegetation when the warblers might be nesting.

The real estate agent for owners Philip and Beatriz Sanger said they plan to build a house of 2,500 to 5,000 square feet on the 3.5-acre tract.

DPS says licensees involved in 23 incidents

AUSTIN (AP) — Texans licensed to carry concealed handguns have been involved in 23 reported incidents, including two shooting deaths and two suicides, according to the Department of Public Safety.

Advocates of the state's concealed carry law say the statistics prove the predicted horror stories wrong.

"If you have facts, then the public can make accurate decisions," Rep. Ray Allen, R-Grand Prairie, said after a hearing Tuesday before a House Public Safety subcommittee. Allen was a sponsor of the concealed carry law.

The panel is keeping tabs on the law, its impact and the way the DPS is handling enforcement of the measure.

Nina Butts, president of the board of directors for Texans against Gun Violence, said the group remains concerned.

"Two people are dead, not counting the suicides," she said. "We would be against it even if there were no shootings. We feel the importance of the law is to promote the sale of guns, and in a society that is already ridden with violence, we don't need to be teaching the young people of Texas that part of being a grown-up is carrying a gun."

Two permit holders have been charged in shooting deaths. One was cleared earlier this year. The other faces a charge of murder.

THE LAW

— Adults 21 or older can apply for a license to carry a concealed handgun if they are a resident of Texas for at least six months, have not been convicted of any felonies, are not charged with any serious misdemeanors or felonies, have not been convicted of serious misdemeanors in the last five years, are not chemically dependent or of unsound mind and have not been found to be delinquent in child support payments.

— Numerous places, including schools, election polling places, courts and government offices are off limits to concealed handguns.

— Private businesses have the right to ban handguns, and any business that makes 51 percent or more of its money from alcohol sales is off limits.

— Some government entities have taken steps to ban concealed guns on their properties, as well.

PERMITHOLDERS

— As of Monday, there were 81,645 permitholders, 481 applications denied and 9,296 applications pending.

PENDING ISSUES

— Making clear where the guns can be banned.

— Clarifying who can ban the guns.

— Dealing with liability issues facing employers and business owners if they ban concealed guns. One idea would limit liability for business owners and employers who do not ban concealed guns and impose strict liability on those who do.

Lt. Col. Dudley Thomas said in the 23 reported incidents, 15 licensees had been arrested and charged with a total of 19 crimes, including driving with a concealed gun while intoxicated, carrying concealed guns in prohibited places and firing illegal shots.

Licensees would have to be convicted before their permits could be revoked, Thomas said. In the shooting deaths, Gor-

don Reid Hale III, 42, of Grand Prairie was cleared of wrongdoing in March after shooting to death delivery driver Kenny Taval, 33.

The two men got into an argument after Taval's side mirror grazed Hale's pickup on a Dallas road on Feb. 21. A grand jury found that Hale used justifiable force.

In the other death, auto repair shop owner Pete Nickolas

Kanakidis faces a charge of murder in the death of Alejandro Cruz Arroyo, 25.

According to the Houston Police Department, Arroyo drove two other men to Kanakidis' repair shop in River Oaks on May 30. Kanakidis had fired one of the men and reportedly planned to fire the other man that day.

Police said the two men beat up Kanakidis and ran from the shop. Kanakidis then got his gun from his truck and shot Arroyo, who was backing up his vehicle. Kanakidis told police he thought Arroyo was going to run over him.

No information was available about the two suicides. Thomas said both involved handguns.

Thomas said of the arrests, one involved a Garland man who shot 40 rounds into a creek within the city limit. Allen said the licensee, who was not named, believed he was outside the city limits taking target practice.

Another incident involved a licensee who thought he was conducting legal target practice on public land but was actually trespassing on private property. Law enforcement agencies have recorded 67 shots fired by concealed gun licensees in reported incidents.

"Of the 67, 49 involved (two) people who thought they were in the woods target practicing," Allen said.

Irvin apologizes, now awaiting NFL's decision

IRVING (AP) — Now Michael Irvin awaits judgment from the NFL.

While he gets away from football and training camp to reorganize his life after apologizing for his part in a scandal involving drugs and topless dancers, the Dallas Cowboys wide receiver has a decision by NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue hanging over his head.

Sources say Irvin could be suspended for at least four games, costing him more than \$400,000.

The NFL hasn't said when Tagliabue's decision will come down but it was expected either

late this week or next week.

Irvin apologized Tuesday to everyone he knew, including his late father, for his mistakes.

Agonizingly, he faced almost as many cameras and reporters as Cowboys owner Jerry Jones did the night he fired Tom Landry. More than 30 minicams and 100 media members watched as Irvin talked without notes about his mistakes. There were no questions.

"I hurt to the bone," Irvin said while members of his family including his mother, Pearl, and wife, Sandi, and his two daughters looked on. Baby Chelsea, still being bottle fed,

provided the only light moment for her moist-eyed father, who was interrupted several times by her jabbering.

It gave the grim Irvin his only chance to smile.

Irvin even apologized to his late father, who died while he was a senior in high school.

"I'm not the man my father was," Irvin said in a barely audible whisper.

"There's no getting around it," he said. "I was wrong. I was wrong."

The star receiver was 40 minutes late for his own press conference at the Cowboys' Valley Ranch headquarters hours after

a judge sentenced him to four years' probation and 800 hours of community service for his no-contest plea to a felony cocaine possession charge.

"I'd like to apologize to my family," Irvin said. "I shall work on being a better father. I shall work on being a better husband."

The center of a scandal involving topless dancers, allegations of drug and sex parties and a murder-for-hire plot, Irvin said he will not report to Cowboys training camp when it opens today in Austin. Instead, he said, he was going to Miami to be with his wife and children.

Agreement on tax reform could be hard to come by

HARLINGEN (AP) — Mitch Thomas, Pat Kornegay and Sharon Waite agree the time has come for property tax reform.

All three work in the agriculture business in South Texas and contend high property taxes have burdened their livelihoods. The problem is, all three have a different opinion on how the tax structure should be changed.

The situation presents a quandary for members of the Citizens' Committee on Property Tax Relief, which held its fourth public hearing Tuesday in Harlingen.

The committee was created by Gov. George W. Bush to gauge public opinion on property tax reform and take suggestions for funding alternatives for Texas schools.

After public hearings in El Paso, Tyler, Corpus Christi and Harlingen, it seems clear that most Texans agree the property tax burden should be reduced, they just can't agree on how.

"There's certainly consensus that there's a need to change the property tax system," said Texas Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer, chairman of the committee. "But we certainly aren't going to come to any con-

clusions until we go to 10 more cities."

Ten more public hearings will be held across the state through the end of September. The committee then will report its conclusions to Bush and state lawmakers, who could debate a new tax structure when they return to session in 1997.

Texas currently raises about \$10 billion a year for public schools through local property taxes. The average tax rate in the state is \$2.30 per \$100 property value, with about three-fifths of that levied by school districts.

The committee is exploring three options to replace the school property tax, as well as the possibility of a combination of alternatives:

— Business activity tax — a business tax applying to markup with a deduction for

capital investment. Business activity is "the sum of all its internal costs, including profit," and would be about 40 percent of a company's gross receipts.

— Gross receipts tax — a business tax applying to the gross receipts on all business and investment income.

— Sales tax — making changes in the current 6.25 percent state sales tax, such as expanding it to items not now taxed.

About 90 people attended the Harlingen hearing, although not everyone testified. Of those who did, most did not state their support for one alternative over another.

Thomas, a cattle rancher from Raymondville, was one of the few who appeared knowledgeable about the proposed reforms.

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1996 **Property Tax Rates in** Sands CUSD

This notice concerns 1996 property tax rates for Sands school district. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the school district used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the school district can set before it must hold a rollback election. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes and state funds by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:	
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 1,185,115
Last year's debt taxes	\$ -0-
Last year's total taxes	\$ 1,185,115
Last year's tax base	\$ 82,302,156.94
Last year's total tax rate	\$ 1.44 /\$100
This year's effective tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted taxes	\$ 1,174,259
(after subtracting taxes on lost property)	
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 84,800,120
(after subtracting value of new property)	
- This year's effective tax rate	\$ 1.38473/\$100
x 1.03 = maximum rate unless the school district publishes notices and holds hearing	\$ 1.42627/\$100
This year's rollback rate:	
Last year's adjusted operating taxes	\$ 1,174,259
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 84,800,120
- This year's local maintenance and operating rate	\$.38473/\$100
x Student enrollment adjustment	\$ -0-
- This year's adjusted maintenance and operating rate	\$ 1.38473/\$100
+ \$0.08 cents = this year's maximum operating rate	\$ 1.46473/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ -0- /\$100
+ Rate to recoup loss certified by commissioner of education	\$ -0- /\$100
- This year's rollback rate	\$ 1.46473/\$100
For a school district with additional rollback rate for pollution control, insert the following lines:	
+ Additional rate for pollution control	\$ -0-
- Rollback tax rate	\$ -0-

EDITORIAL

Quote of the Day

"Hope is merely disappointment deferred"

-W. Burton Baldray

The opinion expressed is that of the Editorial Board of the Big Spring Herald unless otherwise noted. Other opinions are those of the respective columnist or writer.

Charles C. Williams
Publisher

John H. Walker
Managing Editor

OUR VIEWS

Busy summer to get even busier

Back in the spring, we started publishing a feature each Friday called "Weekend Ticket." Its purpose was to keep people informed of the weekend activities in and around the community. Its secondary purpose was to put the proverbial sock in the mouths of those who are always bemoaning the fact "there's nothing to do here."

Thus far, we've listed an average of six events each weekend -- and those are of events we have publicized in the newspaper. We know, after the fact, that there have been other activities of which we were not informed.

But if you think it has been busy thus far, get ready for a fast couple of weeks!

This weekend is the Junior Rodeo at the Rodeo Bowl, next weekend is the Comanche Warrior Triathlon and the following weekend are the boat races, the 73rd annual Howard/Glasscock Old Settlers Reunion, the second Big Spring Antique Show and the Forsan All-School Reunion -- just to name a few.

If you are more than a casual observer, we suggest you get involved. Call the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce at 263-7641 to volunteer your services.

Regardless of whether you are an observer, a participant or a volunteer, your efforts on behalf of the activities within this community help make them a success -- and Big Spring a better place to live!

YOUR VIEWS

Family expresses thanks to VA staff for care of loved one

TO THE EDITOR:
My children and I want to express our deep appreciation to Dr. Lo and the nurses at the Big Spring Veteran's Hospital during our loved one's final days.

The nurses spent many extra hours beyond their normal duty and Dr. Lo did everything possible to help ease the suffering. They knew exactly what to do and how to carry through the proper treatment for the lung disease.

Special thanks to all the nurses in ICU for the loving care, patience and medical needs for Arvill, as well as given to the family.

Dr. Lo is an asset to this hospital and it would be a great loss to all if he were ever forced to leave.

We would appreciate your printing this information to show the citizens of this area the benefits of having the Veteran's Hospital here, dedicated nurses, and an outstanding doctor who performs not only medical knowledge, but also with a feeling of apathy for his patients.

BARBARA MADDUX
PAM LAURENCE
DAVID AND MIKE MADDUX
PECOS

Reader enjoyed Gospel Opry at Comanche Amphitheatre

TO THE EDITOR:
This is just a note to thank all those who performed for the Lord last night (Friday, 7/12) at the amphitheater in Comanche Trail Park. There was great talent and God used it in a mighty way.

This was the first time my wife and I had availed ourselves the privilege of going to the Big Spring Gospel Opry, and we were thoroughly taken by the caliber of talent God had provided.

I must say that the number of people in our community who did not take time to come hear this great gospel singing was a disappointment to my wife and I.

We would like to encourage all of you who love gospel singing to come out to the amphitheater.

LLOYD CLAXTON
BIG SPRING

Editor's column over book banning was out of line

TO THE EDITOR:
Your July 10 column blasting the Lindale, school board for removing 32 books from an advanced-placement English reading list was out of line. I had read the Lindale article in the Herald a few days before and briefly wondered what would be offensive about "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn," "The Scarlet Letter," and other titles mentioned. Then I thought that at least the Lindale parents are keeping in touch with what goes into their children's minds!

As a seventh grade reading teacher, I see some reading material offered by book clubs that would not want to recommend to my students. Some of the books have supernatural, occult, ghost, or horror themes.

Maybe the parents in Lindale are denying their juniors and seniors freedom of choice by being the "mind patrol" and by almost joining "Adolph Hitler's minions." Good for them! If more parents would become involved in their children's education, achievement scores would increase, and discipline problems would decrease. This has been proved by several studies by reputable researchers.

Parents have a responsibility to monitor their children's activities and to make some decisions for them. What child would "decide" to go to the dentist or to get up everyday at 7 a.m. to attend classes?

If I were an interested but timid parent, sarcastic remarks like those in your column would make me hesitate to question my child's teacher about areas of concern.

I feel that parents should be aware of all aspects of their children's education. We are fortunate to have a good school system in Big Spring, but in many districts students are being taught some ideas that might conflict severely with traditional family values.

Go ahead and poke fun at our government leaders and politicians. Rake our criminal justice system over the coals. But let's realize that parents need to be encouraged and not lambasted!

JEAN SLATE
BIG SPRING



Idaho county takes serious approach to teen pregnancies

There's no contesting the fact we have a teen pregnancy problem in Howard County.

In 1994, there were 446 total births in Howard County. Of that total, 85 were to teen mothers (one to a girl user age 15), or 19.1 percent.

Here, as in other communities, the discussion centers around several issues:

- How to battle the teen pregnancy problem;
- What to do with pregnant teens;

- Keeping single-parent mothers in school;
- What to do with the newborns/infants/toddlers, etc.;
- How to keep welfare costs under control.

There are other issues as well, but those come to mind as I write this column.

Gem County, Idaho, located about 25 miles northwest of Boise, has come up with a solution of sorts -- pregnant teens are charged under a 1921 Idaho law stating that "any unmarried person who shall

have sex with an unmarried person of the opposite sex shall be found guilty of fornication."

At 83 pregnancies per 1,000 population, Gem County's teen pregnancy rate is consistently among the highest in the state of Idaho. Even with that, it still is just three-fourths of the national average. Last year, teenagers accounted for 12 percent of all births last year.

According to Gem County prosecutor Douglas Varie, the old law is a strong tool to use in the war against teen pregnancy and the accompanying social woes.

Varie told The Wall Street Journal, "The cost isn't just in welfare. A male child of a single teen mother is three times more likely to go to jail as a child with two parents."

Thus far, a half-dozen teens have been accused under the law and most have pleaded guilty to the misdemeanor charge, which carries a maximum penalty of six months in jail and a \$300 fine.

One of the teens, 15-year-old Amanda Smisek, claimed her innocence at her May trial. The judge disagreed, finding her guilty, sentenced her to 30 days in jail, suspended, plus parenting classes.

If Smisek stays in school and graduates and keeps her job, her record will be wiped

Varie is not just targeting the teens, but the over-18 male

friends of the under-age girls -- called "uncles" here in Big Spring.

Varie explained that "The law says girls under the age of 18 can't consent. Otherwise, how would you have statutory rape? A 14-year-old girl just can't say 'well, I wanted to.'"

According to the Journal, the cases have created a miniboom of youthful defendants at the courthouse.

One of the males, an unnamed 19-year-old, is up on his second charge of lewd and lascivious conduct. The young man pleaded guilty to fathering the child of a 15-year-old but denies the second involvement.

Another, 22-year-old Michael Hopkins, was also been charged with lewd and lascivious conduct after his 15-year-old girlfriend applied for assistance through Medicaid.

Under the law, he could get a life sentence. If his sentence is lighter than that, he would, at the very least, be forced to register as a sex offender.

Michael's mother, by the way, was pregnant with him when she was 17.

Does the program work? Who really knows ... and how will we know any program works until the teen pregnancy numbers drop.

My wife says there is enough of a stigma attached to a pregnant teen without being hauled

into court.

I disagree.

When I was a sports writer in San Angelo, a sophomore at Lake View High School played basketball until school officials became concerned for her health and that of her baby. After the baby was born, she returned to school as if nothing had happened.

While practicing or playing a game, a manager held the baby. Teammates, schoolmates, fans, parents and school officials all "ooohed" and "aaahed" over the infant.

All of those actions made what had happened to her OK.

By her senior year, the child was a toddler and was still around school activities ... still being cared for by student managers while her mother competed in athletic events.

There was a time when pregnant teens -- along with the males that helped impregnate them -- weren't allowed to stay in school. In Greenville, Miss., they were allowed to graduate during the summer ... and they were even listed as "summer graduates" in the yearbook.

Until we stop making it "OK" for teens to have babies out-of-wedlock, the problem won't go away.

(John H. Walker is managing editor of the Herald. Letters in response to this column may be sent in care of this newspaper.)

Giving up on equality before the law

By PAUL CRAIG ROBERTS
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The Supreme Court's July 1 decision to let stand the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals' colorblind Hopwood decision, which struck down the University of Texas Law School's unconstitutional racial quotas, has brought the liberal's antipathy for equality before the law out of the woodwork.

Circuit Judge Jerry Smith's ruling forbidding university admission privileges based on race shook the academic world. The ruling rejected "diversity" as an excuse for racial privilege and authorized punitive damage awards for white victims of reverse discrimination.

Carl Cohen summarized Hopwood's significance in the June issue of Commentary: "Today, diversity remains the shield of legitimacy for outright favoritism, the talisman with which institutionalized preference by race has been justified without (until Hopwood) apparent fear of constitutional attack."

Equality before the law, once a liberal icon, is no longer valued by liberals. Columnist Anthony Lewis condemned Hopwood's colorblind reading of the Constitution's Equal Protection Clause as "puritan absolutism." Howard University law professor Frank H. Wu dismissed equal standing before the law as an abstraction. Theodore Shaw of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund criticized the "radical view" of colorblind legal decisions.

Liberals would like to limit Hopwood to the Fifth Circuit -- Texas, Mississippi and Louisiana -- while keeping the rest of the country ensconced in racial quotas. If the Republican Congress had courage or sense, it would respond to the national disdain for quotas by enacting Hopwood as a federal statute. Instead, the GOP deceives the public by drafting anti-quota bills that it refuses to bring to a vote.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich has backed away from his promise to pass the Dole-Canady bill, which would prohibit quotas in the federal government. Gingrich now prefers a more limited approach that would keep "good" quotas.

Even Republican presidential candidate Bob Dole is backing away from his own stand against quotas. The popular California Civil Rights initiative, a referendum on the state ballot in November, is modeled after the 1964 Civil Rights Act. The CCRI would prohibit race and gender quotas in state and local government and in public education.

In some polls as many as two-thirds of California voters favor CCRI, but in his recent visits to the state, Mr. Dole refused to renew his previous endorsement.

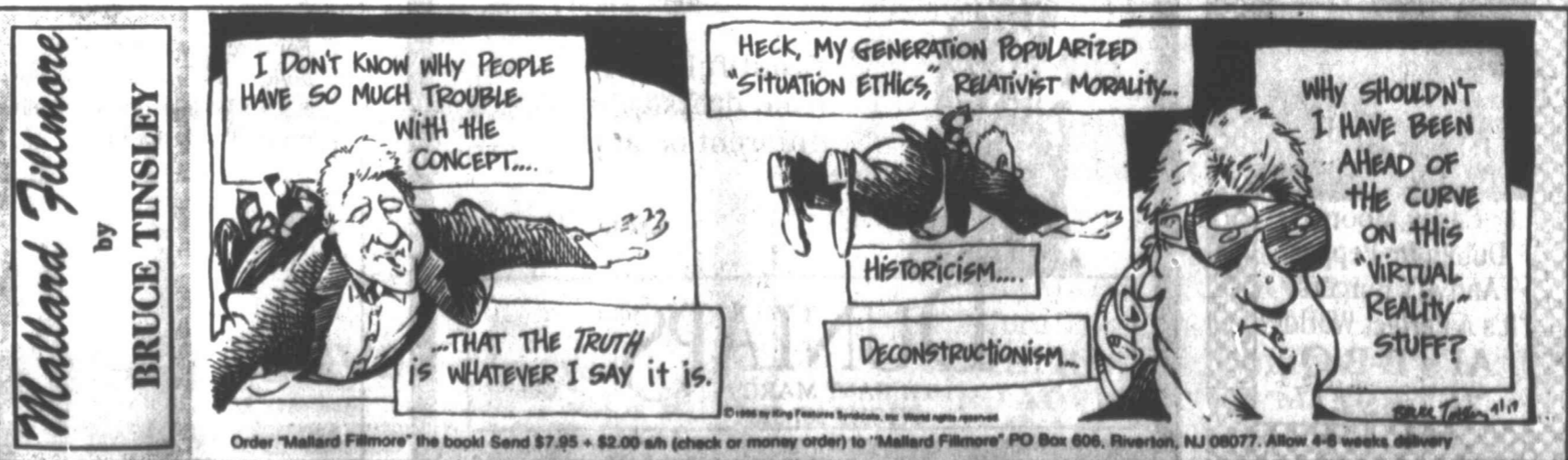
Counting on Republican duplicity, others are using gutter tactics to discredit CCRI in order to perpetuate racial quotas. Editorial cartoons depict

CCRI supporters as arsonists who burn black churches, and Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., is actively claiming that CCRI is designed to harm women's rights.

It used to be that equality under law was the heart and soul of liberal society. Today the emphasis is on achieving equal group outcomes, not equal opportunity for individuals. Race and gender quotas are the tools that are being used to reconstruct a society.

In the United States, a major revolution has occurred. Citizens with equal legal rights have been replaced by groups whose rights are assigned on the basis of race and gender status. It is a sign of the revolution's thoroughness that the political class is unable to articulate the basic principle of equality before the law in opposition to quota privileges.

Unless the popular sentiment against quotas can be translated into public policy, the democratic precept of self-rule will be lost also.



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With election nearing, House votes to forgo giving itself pay raise

WASHINGTON (AP) — With the election less than four months away, the House overwhelmingly approved a freshman-sponsored measure denying a pay raise in 1997 to lawmakers, judges and senior Clinton administration officials.

Ignoring the counsel of Appropriations Committee Chairman Bob Livingston, R-La., and other senior members, legislators cast a bipartisan, 362-67, vote Tuesday night adding the pay freeze to broader spending legislation expected to pass the House today.

"We're going to pass this amendment so everyone can go home and beat their chest and say, 'I was against raising my pay,'" said Rep. Steny Hoyer, D-Md., a 16-year veteran of Congress.

"This is just pandering to base instincts," said Rep. Sherwood Boehlert, R-N.Y., serving his 14th year in the House.

The measure by freshmen Reps. Jack Metcalf, R-Wash., Todd Tiahrt, R-Kan., and Bill Luther, D-Minn., would deny a roughly \$3,000 pay raise to rank-and-file members, leaving their salary at \$133,600 for the fifth consecutive year.

Also affected are federal judges and top Clinton administration officials, including Vice President Al Gore and the Cabinet. Other federal workers would receive a 2.3 percent raise.

The pay freeze was added to a bill providing \$11 billion in fiscal 1997 for the Internal Revenue Service, Treasury Department, White House and other government agencies.

Once passed by the House, the broader legislation, one of 13 regular spending bills, would have to be reconciled with a yet-to-be-written Senate version.

In pushing to a lopsided victory, the freshmen brushed aside the arguments of senior members who contended that freezing congressional pay would eventually drive the non-wealthy from Congress.

"We're leaving the House to people who either were born with a silver spoon in their mouth ... or couldn't get better jobs in the first place," said Rep. Jerry Lewis, R-Calif., an 18-year veteran.

He criticized GOP leaders for allowing the amendment to come before the House.

"The members need from time to time to be protected from themselves," he said.

But Metcalf argued that lawmakers and other senior officials should be denied raises at least until they balance the budget. He contended his measure would save \$47 million over five years.

"We all know there are unique financial demands on members of Congress (to maintain two homes) ... but many American families have to make do with far less," he said.

Judiciary Committee Chairman Henry Hyde, R-Ill., and others made a plea to exempt federal judges from the measure, but Metcalf refused.

Report shows U.S. drifting on foreign policy

WASHINGTON (AP) — Warning of a post-Cold War drift in U.S. foreign policy, a non-partisan report recommends focusing on five "vital" interests ranging from avoiding nuclear attack to preventing the emergence of a hostile power in Europe or Asia.

Likening the end of the Cold War with the conclusion of the two earlier World Wars, the report warns that today's partisan split between the White House and Congress "now approaches open warfare."

"The confusion, crosscurrents and cacophony about America's role in the world today is strikingly reminiscent of two earlier experiences in this century: the years after 1918 and those after 1945," the report said.

Drafted by a coalition of think tanks, universities and Republican and Democratic lawmakers, the report was to be released today. A copy was provided to The Associated Press on Tuesday.

The report by the Commission on America's National Interests criticizes implicitly, though not by name, both the Bush and Clinton administrations.

"We have seen five years of ad hoc fits and starts" in foreign policy. "If it continues, this drift will threaten our values, our fortunes and indeed our lives," the report said.

The report was produced under the auspices of the Nixon Center for Peace and Freedom, the Rand Corp., and Harvard's Center for Science and International Affairs.

Commission members included former Clinton administration adviser David Gergen, former Bush administration national security adviser Brent Scowcroft, and Sens. John McCain, R-Ariz., Bob Graham, D-Fla., and Sam Nunn, D-Ga.

The report identifies five "cardinal challenges" for the next president in foreign policy:

- Coping with China.
- Preventing the loss of control of weapons of mass destruction.
- Maintaining sound partnerships with Japan and the European allies.
- Avoiding a collapse of Russia.
- Maintaining the U.S. world leadership position.

It also divides U.S. interests into a range of categories from "vital" to "secondary." The assessments don't always match those of the Clinton administration.

For example, in the wake of the terrorist attack last month on U.S. troops in Saudi Arabia, senior administration and congressional officials said the United States has a "vital" interest in maintaining the free flow of oil from the Persian Gulf.

That goal is not explicitly listed among the commission's five

vital interests. Instead, the commission lists the prevention of a regional hegemony in important localities such as the Persian Gulf as an "extremely important" but not vital interest. Among the vital interests listed in the report is preventing "catastrophic collapse of major global systems" such as trade, finance and energy.

Most of the vital or extremely important interests listed in the report revolve around preventing or suppressing undesirable events such as nuclear, chemical or biological attack, terrorism, the rise of hostile powers, massive and uncontrolled immigration to the United States.

The report rates "just important" the goal of promoting pluralism, freedom and democracy in strategically important states. Enlarging democracy in less important states is rated a secondary goal.

Compromise reached on new pesticide bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — A new pesticide bill that proponents said would end an unworkable strict and outdated law while guaranteeing special protection for infants and children was nearing approval in a House committee.

The new momentum for a pesticide bill followed a bipartisan agreement Tuesday that joined farm-state lawmakers wanting to ease regulations and those wanting stricter controls.

The agreement paved the way for action as soon as today in the House Commerce Committee.

The bill would create a single, health-based standard for regulating all pesticides in foods, ending the current system that has different standards for raw and processed foods. It also

would define the standard so as to prevent it from being weakened.

Though it says regulators should consider health effects without weighing the economic benefits of crops, the bill would let that standard be weakened in some cases.

Moreover, the bill would force regulators to weigh the special risks of cancer, nervous system damage and other harm caused by exposure of children and infants to pesticides, incorporating specific recommendations made in 1993 by the National Academy of Sciences.

It also would require the government to weigh the risk of breast cancer and reproductive harm in women.

The bill would repeal 1958 legislation known as the Delaney

clause that bans any amount of cancer-causing residues in processed foods, such as raisins or ketchup, if the residues concentrate higher than in raw foods.

Some levels of cancer-causing ingredients are allowed in raw foods such as apples and tomatoes.

The Environmental Protection Agency had been faced with banning pesticide uses on raw produce in order to carry out the zero-tolerance bans on processed foods. Environmentalists and others sued and won when EPA tried in 1988 to work around the standard, which was created when the ability to detect cancer-causing ingredients was limited.

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A nickel for your thoughts: Are pennies worth the hassle?

WASHINGTON (AP) — First, they mess with the dollar, trying to get Americans to use an oversized quarter. Then they start printing \$100 bills that look like play money. And now they talk about doing away with the penny.

Benjamin Franklin would have been appalled. "A nickel saved is a nickel earned?" Would your loved one murmur, "A dime for your thoughts?" There has been a U.S. penny since 1792 and it hasn't gone the way of its mates in Australia and New Zealand.

"Future of the Penny" was the subject of a hearing Tuesday called by Rep. Michael Castle, R-Del. Sure, he denied that he wanted to do away with the penny, but you could tell he didn't mean it.

"We have no legislation in hand and no present intention of offering any on this subject," insisted Castle, chairman of House Banking and International Monetary Policy Subcommittee.

But two minutes later he dropped the other penny loafer. "The time will come (when) it will no longer make practical or economic sense to continue producing a coin that does not circulate and whose costs outweigh its benefits."

Incredible! Can Congress also replace "One a penny, two a penny, hot cross buns. If you have no daughters, give them to your sons?"

Castle, of course, is the man who last week introduced a bill calling for no fewer than 50 new designs for the quarter, commemorating each of the states.

Americans love pennies. They hoard so many of them.

In the past 30 years, the General Accounting Office's J. William Gadsby testified, the U.S. Mint put 288 billion pennies into circulation and it estimates that only 132 billion are in use.

What happened to the rest? Well, they are in jars and sacks, they've been made into bas relief bracelets picturing the Golden Gate Bridge. They hang from ears, rest in loafers, get flattened on railroad tracks, are thrown into fountains, end up in fuse boxes and roll down grades.

The penny's status has fallen so low, stores leave them out in help-yourself boxes. Does anybody bend down to pick up a penny anymore?

"We checked whether there was any validity to the point being raised that it probably costs more than a penny to make a penny," said Gadsby.

Not so. It costs 0.8 cents, counting transportation and other overhead such as costs of retirement for employees in civil service, the GAO calculated.

Four surveys between 1990 and 1995 indicated the majority of the public either supported retaining the penny or believing the penny was useful.

Asked her opinion, Eleanor Brookes of Silver Spring, Md., said: "I like them. It always makes me feel I'm getting a bargain when something is 98 cents instead being rounded off to a dollar."

Said speech and hearing pathologist Janice Heller Bass: "Of course they would round out prices to a higher sum. What would happen to these wonderful sale prices, \$12.98, \$7.99, \$5.46? That's supposed to make you think you're paying less than you are actually paying.

The hearing attracted mostly lobbyists. "Americans for Common Cents" and the American Zinc Association were represented. The latter's interest is understandable: a penny, the copper of old, is 97.5 percent zinc.

Only Castle and two other congressmen showed up for the hearing.

Harris Poll shows large Clinton lead

NEW YORK (AP) — Another poll is out showing President Clinton with a large lead over likely Republican challenger Bob Dole.

Clinton led by 22 percentage points, 53-31 percent, among registered voters in a Harris Poll released Tuesday.

In a Harris Poll a month ago, Clinton led by 17 points among registered voters.

The new Harris survey pegged support for a third-party bid by Ross Perot at 16 percent and for Richard Lamm, the former Colorado governor, at 5 percent. Perot and Lamm are vying for the nomination of Perot's Reform Party.

The nationwide poll was conducted by telephone July 9-13 among 1,005 adults, including 871 registered voters.

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U.S. envoy says NATO backs effort to unseat Serb leader

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — Saying he has "the full backing of NATO" for his mission, U.S. envoy Richard Holbrooke met with the most powerful man in the Balkans today in an attempt to unseat the Bosnian Serb leader.

Holbrooke was sent to the region by President Clinton, who is eager to see Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic, who has been charged with war crimes during Bosnia's 3-year war, removed from office.

Holbrooke met today with Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic, the region's most powerful politician.

Milosevic has abandoned Karadzic, his former ally, in an effort to placate the international community. He is the only regional leader strong enough to have Karadzic arrested and delivered to the U.N. war crimes tribunal.

But the Serbian president seems unlikely to act because he fears a backlash by national-

ists in Serbia — as well as the damaging testimony Karadzic could deliver about Milosevic's role in the Bosnian war.

For now, the international community seems ready to settle for Karadzic's removal from political office. The Bosnian peace accord, drafted in Dayton, Ohio, bans war crimes suspects from political office.

"Our goal is to implement completely and fully the Dayton agreement," Holbrooke said as he arrived at the Belgrade air-

port. "Bosnian Serbs are not in compliance."

Because Milosevic signed the accord on behalf of the Bosnian Serbs, "we want to talk with President Milosevic about what can be done to keep the peace process moving," he said.

Holbrooke, an investment banker who served as U.S. envoy last year and into early this year, returned to public life at the request of Clinton and the State Department after efforts to sideline Karadzic stalled. He

began his Balkan tour on Tuesday with a trip to Sarajevo.

Before leaving Sarajevo today, he said that "we got the full backing of NATO" for efforts to end "serious non-compliance by the Bosnian Serbs."

He would not say whether NATO had changed its stance on capturing war crimes suspects — NATO officials have said troops will detain suspects they come across but will not search them out.

Holbrooke also refused to

elaborate on suggestions that he may threaten Milosevic with economic sanctions if Karadzic refuses to leave the political stage.

"I can't say," he said. "We don't know what will happen."

Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovic said he had told Holbrooke in a meeting that "the peace agreement has been almost completely successful in the military sense, while it was almost a total failure in the political sense."

Netanyahu assures Jordan on peace

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) — After Benjamin Netanyahu's first meeting with an Arab leader since becoming prime minister of Israel, his counterpart came away feeling reassured.

"I sense that there is a sincere commitment from Prime Minister Netanyahu when it comes to making peace," Jordanian Prime Minister Abdul-Karim Kabariti told reporters after a 1-hour talk Tuesday with the new Israeli leader.

Kabariti said Netanyahu pledged to honor agreements with the Palestinians and pursue peace with his neighbors.

The unexpected late-night meeting came amid a flurry of diplomatic activity two days before Netanyahu's planned visit to Egypt for talks with President Hosni Mubarak.

Earlier Tuesday in Cairo, Mubarak and Kabariti met separately with Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk Sharaa — suggesting Egyptian-Jordanian mediation efforts to restart Israel's stalled peace talks with Syria.

Netanyahu said Israel and Jordan agreed that Mubarak has "an important role, not only

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*Abdul-Karim Kabariti
Jordanian Prime Minister*

in leading the Arab world, but also in seeking to cement and broaden the circle of peace."

Netanyahu's election has raised concern among Israel's Arab peace partners that his hard-line policies could stop the Middle East peace process. Arab leaders say Netanyahu's stated opposition to trading land for peace was unacceptable.

But Kabariti said Netanyahu assured him Israel "will respect the (Israel-PLO) agreement and that the Israeli government is sincere and willing to fulfill the agreements that were signed, and I think that this is fair enough for the time being."

"We both feel that we are committed to the agreements signed

by Israel and Jordan, the agreements (with) the Palestinians, the Egyptians, and we hope that others will follow very soon."

The two leaders would not say whether Kabariti brought a message from Syria.

Egypt broke ranks with the rest of the Arab world in 1979 when it signed the first Arab peace treaty with Israel. Since then, however, relations have remained somewhat cool.

Egypt is now leading the campaign to slow normalizing ties with the Jewish state. Israel, it says, must come to terms with all its Arab neighbors, including Syria.

Last month, Mubarak, with backing from Syria and Saudi

Arabia, put together the Arab world's first summit in six years to forge a united Arab stand toward Netanyahu's government.

The summit's message was clear: political and trade relations with the Arab world will be tied to progress in the peace talks; and the land-for-peace formula is not negotiable.

Jordan signed its own peace treaty with Israel in 1994, and has taken a wait-and-see attitude toward Netanyahu.

Netanyahu said his Jordanian visitor had "many important things to say" and thanked him for his insights on the peace process. He did not elaborate on what was discussed in the meeting.

The Palestinians are concerned by Netanyahu's statements that he would only meet with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat if he believed it was vital, and by his refusal so far to commit to withdrawing Israeli troops from the West Bank city of Hebron as stipulated in the Israel-PLO agreements.

Northern Ireland's politicians fire abuse after riots

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — After a week of riots, Northern Ireland's polarized politicians returned to peace talks Tuesday and spent the day denouncing each other as hars, law-breakers, killers and hypocrites.

Mostly, they avoided each other and talked to the press.

The British, with their own bad blood to settle with the Irish government, called it a success that no one walked out.

Irish Foreign Minister Dick Spring, who sharply criticized British and police officials last week, arrived to meet Sir Patrick Mayhew, the British minister responsible for governing Northern Ireland.

Peace talks began June 10 on finding a way to govern Northern Ireland that balances the Protestant determination that the province remain linked to Britain with the desires of Catholics who want stronger ties to the Irish Republic.

The talks had stalled from the beginning because many Protestant politicians oppose former U.S. Sen. George Mitchell as chairman.

Mitchell said he was convinced progress still is possible. "An end to the talks could condemn the people of Northern Ireland to a renewal of widespread sectarian violence," he said in a statement issued jointly with co-chairmen Gen. John de Chastelain of Canada and former Finnish Prime Minister Harri Holkeri.

"There was a clear consensus (among the participants) to continue with the talks and to do so with a sense of urgency and increased determination," the mediators said.

Last week's widespread vio-

lence, capped by a car bomb that wrecked a rural hotel, threatened to end the process before it was even begun. Each side said its No. 1 item was to challenge the other side's right even to be at the same table.

Much of the recrimination centered on the role David Trimble, head of the pro-British Ulster Unionist Party, played in the unrest.

Trimble is a member of the Orange Order, a powerful Protestant fraternal group that launched protests and demonstrations after police blocked a march through a Catholic neighborhood in Portadown, 25 miles southwest of Belfast.

Trimble was a highly visible presence at the barricades around Drumcree Church, where the march was stopped. Frustrated marchers threatened police by name, and Orangemen blocked streets and roads throughout Northern Ireland.

When police backed down Thursday and forced the march through, Catholic fury spilled into the streets.

John Alderdice, leader of the Alliance party, which draws Protestant and Catholic voters, said Trimble's party bore much of the blame for the past week's fear and bloodshed.

"It does appear that the Ulster Unionist Party wants to kid themselves that they were calling on people to break the law, and yet at the same time it wasn't really breaking the law," Alderdice said.

Much of Tuesday's hostile exchanges focused on a pledge that Mitchell had each party leader make soon after the talks began — that they would pursue "exclusively peaceful and democratic methods."

Catholics, the Irish government and some Protestants said Trimble was a hypocrite for refusing to negotiate with a former IRA prisoner who led protests against the march, while openly meeting with a reputed gunman on the Protestant side.

Trimble admitted meeting Billy Wright, dubbed "King Rat" by some tabloids, but only to plead that Wright and his "loyalist" allies not break their cease-fire.

"Was it irresponsible to say that?" Trimble asked.

Seamus Mallon, deputy leader of the Social Democratic and Labor Party, which represents most Catholics, said he found it "quite incredible" that Trimble should consult "someone who is responsible for so many deaths, whose hand has destroyed so many families in the north of Ireland, and who has made it perfectly clear he is opposed to

the whole process of peace and to any cease-fires."

Trimble's party colleague, Ken Maginnis, said his boss "has never promoted violence, he has never killed anyone, which is more than can be said for certain other party leaders."

By that, Maginnis meant leaders of the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party — which has been barred from the talks because the Irish Republican Army broke its 17-month cease-fire — and two small "loyalist" parties which represent pro-British paramilitary groups from poor Protestant areas.

Robert McCartney, one of Northern Ireland's top lawyers and leader of his own United Kingdom Unionist Party, said Trimble's "questionable" judgment had undermined arguments for refusing to talk to Sinn Fein.

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- ◆ The first pizzerias in the United States opened in New York City in 1895.
- ◆ More children's books have been published during the 1900s than in all the previous centuries combined.

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Big Spring Herald

Wednesday, July 17, 1996

Organizations seeking recipes for community-wide cookbooks

By KELLIE JONES
Features Editor

Do you like to cook and create new recipes? How about collecting cookbooks? If so, then look no further than the Northside Community Center's Community Cookbook.

Organizers are currently seeking recipes for the book from Big Spring and Howard County residents. The profits from the sale of the books will benefit the community center and its many projects. The center provides financial and social services to neighborhoods of Big Spring's north side in an effort to develop stable, fiscally independent and

socially responsible family units, according to Christine Brockman, board member.

All recipes must be written on an official recipe collection form. You can send two to three of your favorites and they must be received by Aug. 10. Brockman said the cookbooks will then go on sale in early December, just in time for Christmas gift giving. Brockman estimated the cost of the books to be between \$10 and \$15 each.

Recipe forms may be picked up three locations: First Christian Church, 911 Goliad; Blum's Jewelers, Big Spring Mall; and the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, 215 W. Third.

Individuals, organizations and businesses may also advertise in the cookbook by purchasing full page, half page, one-third page and one-quarter page ads at rates ranging from \$100 to \$20. Contact Brockman at First Christian Church for more information.

Meanwhile, the Sands Parent-Teacher Organization Council is making a community-wide cookbook. The project is a major fund raiser for the upcoming school year. The money will be used for college scholarships to be distributed at the 1997 graduation ceremonies.

If you have a favorite recipe, send to: Alison Foster; Route 1 Box 78A; Ackerly; 79713.

MARTIN COUNTY REUNION GAMES



Throwing on his knees, David Butler tosses his flying disc toward the tire target during the games section of the Martin County Old Settlers Reunion Saturday morning.

Listen to what others are saying

We all do it. I would bet that you have done it at least once today. That is talk when you should have been listening. How many times have you hung up the telephone and not been able to recall what the conversation was really about? Have you interrupted someone else's story to tell a better story about yourself? If you find that you are a little more prone to talk when you should be listening read on.

As human beings we are born



Dana Tarter
Extension Agent

to communicate with each other. Our ability to use language enables us to send messages to others, to convey our ideas and wishes to the people around us. In addition to sending messages, we expect others to understand and act upon our messages in an appropriate manner. In families, communication is the tool we use to handle disagreements, to make decisions, and to set up rules. It plays a key role in drawing family members closer together or in pushing them apart.

Communication is the process of sending and receiving messages, or exchanging information. It requires two or more individuals and it may be verbal (an exchange of words) or nonverbal (including body language, expressions, tone of voice).

Although the elements of

communication are relatively simple, putting it into practice is much more difficult. Research suggest that communication can be improved if one gives feedback, establishes eye contact, and is generous with praise. Saying what you feel and think about something which bothers you, rather than attacking the other person for it, contributes to sound communication. Some common mistakes made in communication include interrupting, arguing over the facts, blaming each other, attacking personalities, making the other person feel guilty, and sending mixed messages saying one thing while your facial expressions or gestures say the opposite.

Good communication is largely a matter of good listening, but good listening takes considerable skill. We often think we

are hearing the other person, when in actuality we are not. It is important to remember that the goal of effective communication is not agreement, but understanding. You have communicated well if you have heard and been heard. Understanding is different from being believed or agreed with, but it is essential to communication, and communication is essential to working our conflicts or disagreement.

To sum it all up, good communication means that we listen to what others say, we send a clear message in what we say. We respect what others say, and if we don't agree, we are able to listen when we need to listen, talk when we need to talk and come to a solution or decision on which both parties can agree.

IN THE BAG

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From the Steel Packaging Council, which promotes food that comes in cans, a free pack of 10 recipe cards featuring canned foods at their best. The packet includes a variety, from Pineapple Cranberry Salsa to a Pumpkin Cheesecake.

For a free copy, send your name and address to: Canned Food Recipes, Steel Packaging Council, P.O. Box 991, Pittsburgh, Pa., 15230-0991.

For tea lovers, a catalog featuring 80 specialty teas, iced tea accessories and baked goods to eat with tea. For a free copy of the catalog, from Stash Tea, call 800-800-TEAS.

Tips from Land O'Lakes for cooking with kids:

- Choose a time when you don't have to rush.
- Include kids when you plan the meal and do the shopping. Show children pictures of foods from cookbooks or magazines to help them choose recipes.
- Teach children where ingredients come from and how the cooking process works.
- Let older kids take turns being "head chef" while you act as assistant.
- Don't expect a culinary masterpiece and be prepared for spills.
- Let the child be the first to taste the finished product.

Cook's Illustrated is offering a free pamphlet with recommendations on buying good kitchen equipment. The magazine tested 12 commonly used kitchen items, including knives, blenders, toasters, and bread machines, and it describes the results. You get a trial issue of the magazine along with the pamphlet. To order, call toll-free 800-764-7882.

A survey by the Calorie Control Council finds 61 percent of Americans say they need to lose weight and 38 percent of those say they need to lose 10 pounds or more.

But, having learned from experience, fewer are dieting — 24 percent in 1996 compared with 37 percent a decade ago. Instead most people are cutting down on high fat foods and sugar (95 percent), using reduced-fat foods (93 percent) and exercising (88 percent).

Diet soft drinks are the most popular low-calorie product, slurred down by 62 percent of those who count calories.

Exercise tip from the National Wheat Council: "You don't need to be an Olympian to enjoy the benefits of exercise. Medical research shows even 30 minutes of moderate activity a day can make a difference. Crunched for time? Squeeze in 10 minutes of activity three times throughout the day."

After exercising, refuel "with a bagel and a glass of juice or a bowl of cereal and a banana. These high-carb combos will pump up your energy level — without the fat."

American workers are going home again

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Working couples may be leading the trend of the growing number of people who are abandoning the traditional corporate life for the work style of earlier days — the home office.

COUPLES

Reasons vary as to why working from home is so attractive to dual-income earners. But the most often cited is that working from home allows the work-at-home spouse to be more available to small children. In actuality, this is an illusion.

Working from the house does allow parents to be more available to children. But it puts a heavy burden on the worker. It is impossible to talk on the phone or to concentrate on detail work with small children under foot.

Children inevitably have some major need, or get into a squabble with each other, the minute the telephone rings. Customers and potential clients, even those who have children of their own, are put off by the perception that you are only half listening to their needs or concerns.

Focused concentration is also difficult when you are constant-

ly being interrupted. That's why most businesses are still reluctant to allow their employees to telecommute. Another reason for employer hesitancy is that managers want their employees there when they want to talk with them, call a spontaneous meeting or when they perceive a customer crisis. Having some employees at the job site while others are at various locations takes a greater planning effort for managers.

Still, working from home can work. It just takes commitment and detailed planning on the part of the worker and the manager.

If you want to telecommute, do your homework. Look into companies where the arrangement has worked. Study how they communicated with each other. How do managers handle on-site employee resentment, "Why can't I work from home, too." How do they manage staff meetings or getting work back and forth?

Once you have gathered pertinent information, don't just go in and dump the whole mess on your manager's desk. Analyze the information and summarize your recommendations into a "pros and cons" list. What are the advantages of allowing an employee to work from home? What are the disadvantages? Be honest and thorough.

Then figure out how you can overcome the disadvantages, as well as additional paperwork for your boss.

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Create and suggest alternatives to these challenges. Compile all of your data, along with a one-page summary of the pros and cons with your suggestions. Put the summary on top.

Now you are ready to present your proposal to your manager. Schedule a meeting with your boss to discuss your request. You will need at least one hour. Your goal is to be able to discuss the whole proposal before your manager puts it away in the pile of "things to read when I have more time."

Suggest that there is nothing to lose by giving the idea a home trial of one to three months. Don't overreact if your manager says, "no." Remember, the organization has policies and procedures it has followed for years. The company is not in business to give you what you want. If it does allow the trial, it will cause extra work on the employees who operate on site

If you get your trial run, give it everything you have. Turn in perfect work. Always be available by phone, fax or modem. Get an answering machine or subscribe to the telephone company's message line service. Never pick up the phone while a child is crying. Care for the child and then call the party back within five minutes.

If your boss gets the impression that you are not available, not producing quality work or are sloughing off, you will have flunked the trial. And should have.

For a free copy of "10 Tips for Balancing Work & Family", send a self-addressed envelope with postage to: "He Works/She Works", 720 Turkey Oak, Naples, FL 33963.

Jaine Carter, Ph.D., and Jim Carter, Ph.D., are a dual-career couple, management consultants. They specialize in helping people balance work and family.

Interesting salsas to brighten summer tables

Scrpps Howard News Service

Cooks and chefs all over the country are combining fruits and vegetables, herbs, citrus juices and vinegars in zesty salsas and relishes.

Low in fat, high in color and with interesting textures, salsas have become a subcategory in New American food.

The salsa craze is in high gear this summer with fresh produce at prime quality. All the chopping takes awhile, but it's fun to work with novelties — slightly sticky tomatillos; crisp jicamas; leafy, pungent cilantro.

Feel free to create a salsa with anything from avocados to

cantaloupe, peaches to cactus paddles, but these recipes can serve as inspiration. They're from a great little book called "Good Gifts From the Home — Salsas, Chutneys & Relishes" by Linda Ferrari.

HAWAIIAN SALSAS

- 1 cup finely diced fresh pineapple
- 1/2 cup finely diced kiwi
- 1/2 cup finely diced lychee nuts
- 1 green bell pepper, finely diced
- 1/4 cup minced red onion
- 1 red jalapeno, minced
- 1/3 cup shredded fresh coconut (or rinse and drain packaged sweetened coconut)

Please see SALSAS, page A8

TIPS 'N' TRIVIA

Characteristics of the cat

(NAPS)—Feline facts:

- A cat's body has about 244 bones compared to the 208 bones a human has.
- A cat's tail often indicates its mood. When a cat holds its tail high it is usually a display of confidence and contentment. An extended tail means the cat is stalking and a tail being thrust from side to side warms you the cat is angry.
- Cats use their paw pads, which are extremely sensitive, to investigate the texture, size and shape of an unfamiliar object.
- Whiskers serve as wind detectors and contribute to its spatial perception of the source of an odor. Never trim or cut them.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Free tubal ligations

Planned Parenthood is now offering free tubal ligations and free vasectomies for all eligible women and men. Call for an appointment at 263-8351. Limited time only.

Old Settlers Reunion Aug. 3

The 73rd annual Howard/Glasscock Old Settlers Reunion is Saturday, Aug. 3 in the East Room of the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Registration, a barbecue lunch and bingo will be at the coliseum in conjunction with the second Big Spring Antique Show. That night, the Old Settlers Dance will be at the Dora Roberts Community Center with the Pete Jenkins Band playing.

Antique exhibit this weekend

The Heart of West Texas Museum, Colorado City, announces an exhibit of antique home decor Saturday and Sunday at the Mitchell County Heritage House, 25 Chestnut St. China, quilts and other home furnishings will be on display in conjunction with Railroad Trade Days, the town's antique and craft fair.

Hours of operation will be 9 a.m.-6 p.m. July 20 and 2-6 p.m. July 21. For more information, call 728-8285.

Blood pressure checks

The RSVP Volunteers at Malone & Hogan Clinic will be doing free blood pressure checks from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 2 to 4 p.m.

THE LAST WORD

Nothing is so lovely as Spring...long and lovely and lush.

—Gerard Manley Hopkins

In nature there is nothing melancholy.

—Samuel Taylor Coleridge

Democracy is measured not by its leaders doing extraordinary things, but by its citizens doing ordinary things extraordinarily well.

—John Gardner

Our major obligation is not to mistake slogans for solutions.

—Edward R. Murrow

SUPPORT GROUPS

MONDAY

- Al-A-Teen, 7:30 p.m., 615 Settles.
- Turning Point A.A., 8-9 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.
- TOPS Club (Take off pound sensibly), weigh-in 5:30 to 6 p.m., Carriage Inn, 501 W. 17th, meeting starts at 6 p.m. Call 263-1340 or 263-8633.
- Project Freedom, Christian support group for survivors of physical/emotional/sexual and/or spiritual abuse. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241 for dates/times of upcoming groups.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.
- Survivors of Suicide will meet on June 17, 1996, 7:30 p.m. at Memorial Hospital and Medical Center in Midland. The speaker will be Jim Trice, M.E.D., LCDC, who will be speaking on "Tools for

Recovering." For more information please call 915-685-1566.

TUESDAY

- Encouragers Support Group (formerly Widow/Widower support group) first and third Tuesdays each month, 5:30 p.m. First Tuesday meetings are at a local restaurant. Third Tuesday meetings are at First Presbyterian Church, Eighth and Runnels (enter through patio), followed by dinner at a local restaurant. For more information call 398-5522 or 399-4369.
- Support for MS and Related Diseases, 6:30 p.m. second Tuesday of each month, Canterbury South. Public invited. Call Leslie, 267-1069.
- Al-Anon, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.
- Seniors' diabetic support group, 2 p.m., Canterbury South. Call 263-1265.
- Compassionate Friends support group for parents who have experienced death of a child, 7:30 p.m. first Tuesday in February, April, June, August, October and December in the Family Life Center Building,

First Baptist Church, 705 West Marcy. Enter by southeast door. Call 267-2769.

- VOICES support group for adolescent victims of sexual abuse, incest, rape, date rape, any other crime of indecency. 3:45 p.m. Call Rape Crisis/Victim Services, 263-3312.
- Diabetes support group, second Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom.
- Cancer support group, first Tuesday of each month, 7-8 p.m., VA Medical Center room 213. Call Beverly Rice, 263-7361 ext. 7077.
- "The Most Excellent Way" drug and alcohol support group meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m., Cornerstone Bookstore, 1909 Gregg. Call 263-3168 or 267-7047 from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m., after 5 p.m., call 267-1424.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. closed meeting.
- Family Education and Support, sponsored by Howard County Mental Health Center,

meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Corral, 611 E. Third followed at 7 p.m. by the monthly meeting of the Big Spring Alliance for the Mentally Ill.

- Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas will have Sharon Beam, who is a licensed professional counselor intern specializing in play therapy for children, adolescent counseling and women's issues, available for clients at the First Presbyterian Church, Runnels and 8th St. Appointments for counseling services are made by calling 1-800-329-4144.
- Salvation Army drug education program, sponsored by Permian Basin Regional Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, 7 p.m., Salvation Army building, 308 Aylford.
- Battered women support group, 2:30 p.m. Call 263-3312 or 267-3626.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.
- A.D.A.P.T. non-profit support and learning organization about attention deficit disorder, learning disorders and dyslexia. Meets second Thursday of

September, October, November, January, February, March, April and May, Cerebral Palsy building, 802 Ventura, Midland.

- Grief Support related to the death of a loved one. Call Nurses Unlimited, Inc., at 264-6523.
- Arthritis & lupus support group meeting will be May 16 at 6:30 p.m. at 2301 W. Michigan in Midland. For further information please call Chelye Tanberg at 686-9882, Katie Clark at 682-5822 or National Osteoporosis Foundation at 202-223-2226.

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Salsas

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1/4 cup minced macadamia nuts or chopped almonds
1 tablespoon vegetable oil
2 tablespoons passion fruit liqueur
Yield: 3-1/2 cups
Prep time: 30 minutes
Standing: 15 minutes
Mix all ingredients, tossing lightly. Let the salsa sit at room temperature 15 minutes for flavors to blend. Serve with grilled fish or chicken or ham. Good with deep-fried wontons stuffed with shrimp.

Variations: Substitute one banana sprinkled with lime juice for the lycheenuts, if desired. Or use seedless grapes instead of canned lychees. Also, rum may be used instead of passion fruit liqueur; you may substitute toasted sesame seeds for nuts and add a teaspoon sesame oil instead of a tablespoon vegetable oil.

JICAMA AND CHILE SALSA
1 medium jicama, peeled, diced
1 large Anaheim chili, seeded, diced
1 red jalapeno, seeded, minced
2 tomatoes, seeded, diced
1 yellow bell pepper, diced
1 cup diced Persian melon
4 figs, peeled, chopped
3 sliced green onions
1 garlic clove, minced
1 tablespoon fresh lemon thyme
1/4 cup rice vinegar
1 tablespoon walnut oil

2 tablespoons tequila
Salt, pepper
Yield: 3 cups
Prep time: 30 minutes
In a bowl, combine the jicama, chilies, tomatoes, pepper, melon, figs, onions, garlic and lemon thyme (or 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme plus lemon zest). Whisk together the vinegar, oil and tequila; toss with the jicama mixture, adding salt and pepper to taste. May be served immediately with anything crispy: deep-fried chicken, fish, shrimp or vegetables.

CACTUS SALSA
1 large Anaheim chile pepper, diced
2 small jalapenos, seeded, minced
1/2 pound cactus leaves, needles and quills removed
2 tomatillos, papery husks removed, diced
2 green onions, diced
2 garlic cloves, minced
1/4 cup chopped cilantro
1/4 cup frozen limeade concentrate or orange-juice concentrate
1/4 teaspoon each salt, pepper
Yield: 2-1/2 cups
Prep time: 30 minutes
Prepare the peppers and transfer them to a bowl. Put the cactus into boiling water for 1 minute and plunge into cold water. Drain and dice. Add to the peppers. Add the tomatillos, onions, garlic and cilantro; toss together. Mix in as much of the undiluted limeade as you like and season with salt and pepper to taste.

Spice up vegetables with some easy sauces

Scripps Howard News Service

When it takes only one minute to make a sauce, why serve vegetables with the same old dab of butter and sprinkling of salt and pepper. That's right. One minute. That's all the time it takes to microwave an Herbed Butter, Mustard Sour Cream Sauce or Sweet and Sour Apricot Sauce. If you have a lot of time — say three minutes — you can microwave a hollandaise.

These sauces work equally well on frozen vegetables or vegetables fresh from the garden. Both cooked, of course.

Frozen vegetables have zapping directions right on the package. For fresh vegetables, allow six to seven minutes of microwaving time on high per pound. Be sparing with the water. The water that clings to the vegetables after washing is usually enough. If you like your vegetable soft, add another tablespoon or two of water and increase the microwaving time a minute or so.

For even cooking, cut the vegetables into uniform size pieces. Don't salt. Put the cleaned vegetables right on the serving dish if it's microwave safe. Cover with waxed paper or plastic wrap.

Set the oven for half the microwaving time. When the buzzer goes off, turn the dish or stir the vegetables, and reset the microwave to finish. Remove and let stand, covered, five minutes per pound of vegetables. While the vegetables stand, make the sauce.

If the vegetables seem a little too crisp after the standing period, zap them for another minute.

Now for those one-minute sauces:

MUSTARD SOUR CREAM SAUCE
1/4 cup dairy sour cream
1 tsp. chopped green onions or chives
2 tsp. Dijon mustard
1/4 tsp. each seasoned pepper or lemon-pepper and prepared horseradish.
Combine all ingredients in microwave-safe container. Cover with waxed paper and microwave at medium or 50 percent power for one minute, or until heated. Makes about 1/3 cup. Serve with 1 1/2 cups cooked green beans, asparagus, broccoli, carrots or mixed vegetables. Serves 3.

SWEET AND SOUR APRICOT SAUCE
1/4 cup apricot preserves
1 T. EACH orange juice and vinegar
1 tsp. soy sauce
1 tsp. prepared mustard
Combine all ingredients in microwave safe container. Cover with waxed paper and microwave at medium or 50 percent, one minute or until heated. Makes about 1/3 cup.
Spoon over 1 1/2 cups hot cooked carrots or a 10-ounce package of frozen carrots, cooked.

HERBED BUTTER FOR VEGETABLES
1/4 cup each frozen chopped onions and butter
1 T. lemon juice
1 tsp. dried basil, crushed
Dash pepper
Combine onions and butter in microwave safe container. Microwave, covered with waxed paper, at high, one minute. Add remaining ingredients. Makes about 1/4 cup.
Spoon over 1 1/2 cups frozen cooked carrots or cauliflower.

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Got an item?

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Big Spring claims two titles at UGSA tourney

HERALD Staff Report

Big Spring claimed two state titles Tuesday at the United Girls Softball Association state tournament in Odessa.

The Div. IV all-stars won their third straight state title with a 7-5 victory over Andrews, while Big Spring held on to take a 4-3 win in the Div. II title game.

Big Spring narrowly missed sweeping all four divisions; Lovington took an 8-6 victory in the Div. III championship game, while Big Spring dropped a 3-1 decision to Lovington in the Div. I title game.

In the Div. IV championship game, Big Spring built a 7-0 lead in the fifth inning, then survived a five-run fifth by Andrews to take the title. Heather James pitched a complete game to earn the win.

Coach Gilbert Cobos praised the play of his defense, saying that Honey Belew, Melissa Mouton, Jessica Cobos, Melissa Martinez, Shana Earnest, Jackie Martinez and Mandy Morrow all had fine defensive efforts.

Jessica Cobos was named MVP of Div. IV, and James, Morrow, Melissa Martinez and Earnest were named to the all-tournament team.

The Big Spring Div. II all-stars found themselves in a 3-1 deficit against Lovington before rallying for the victory. In the sixth inning, Big Spring loaded the bases for Erica Stewart, who promptly drove in three runs with a double.

Big Spring then retired Lovington in order in the seventh for the victory. Bridget Cain was the winning pitcher, striking out 10 and allowing

only two hits in her complete-game effort.

Cain was the Div. II MVP, and Ashley Lang, Tracy Padilla and Vanessa Ochoa were named to the all-tournament team.

It was Div. II's first state title since 1994.

Div. III all-tournament selections from Big Spring were Nicole Yanez, Monica Rubio and Juanita Valdez.

Big Spring's Div. I all-stars narrowly missed earning the fourth straight state UGSA title despite a fine pitching effort from Alex Watkins.

"We lost it on errors ... and we just couldn't get the bats going," manager Janet Abner said. "But Alex did a real find job of holding them down."

Big Spring scored its lone run when Neisha Heinis came home on a double steal.



Audra Bingham, center, and four of her Coahoma teammates were named to the Texas Sports Writers Association Class A-2A all-state softball team.

Bingham, 4 others all-state

HERALD Staff Report

Five members of Coahoma's Class 2A state runner-up softball team received all-state recognition by the Texas Sports Writers Association.

Senior pitcher Audra Bingham, junior third baseman Tori Elmore and freshman centerfielder Cassie Tindol were named to the TSWA's Class A-2A first team. Sophomore catcher Shana Earnest was named to the second team, while junior first baseman Stephanie Stone received third team recognition.

The Bulldogettes finished the season with a 21-11 record and advanced to the Class 2A title game, where they dropped a 6-4 decision to Blooming Grove.

It marked Coahoma's first appearance in the state championship game.

High Plains Rodeo kicks off Thursday

By STEVE REAGAN
Sports Editor

Last month, local residents got to see some of the best stars in pro rodeo's galaxy.

Thursday, they can see some of the sports' future stars. That's when the High Plains Junior Rodeo Association kicks off its first-ever Big Spring event.

The event, which will be held at the Rodeo Bowl, will begin at 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday and conclude with a Saturday performance beginning at 6 p.m.

For fans unfamiliar with High Plains Rodeo, it is very

similar to the annual 4-H event. "They're so similar that there's hardly any difference," organizer Andy Middleton said. "They're both good organizations."

The High Plains organization consists of about 500 members who compete in rodeos in Texas and New Mexico and is open to any boy or girl age 19 or under.

Middleton said that about 300 competitors from Texas and New Mexico are expected for the Big Spring rodeo, which is the last regular season event before the High Plains Final.

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Judge to Irvin: Probation no cakewalk

DALLAS (AP) — It was a stern warning from the judge to Michael Irvin: Probation will be no cakewalk, and even one mistake could mean prison time.

State District Judge Manny Alvarez sentenced Irvin to four years' deferred adjudication, a \$10,000 fine and 800 hours of community service Tuesday, a day after Irvin's no-contest plea to a felony cocaine possession charge.

Irvin struck the deal with prosecutors as his trial entered its fourth week with testimony from a topless dancer about drug and sex parties involving the wide receiver.

Alvarez said he had heard enough evidence to find Irvin guilty on the cocaine charge and warned of stiff punishment if he gets into further trouble.

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"If you come back before me ... I will find you guilty of this offense and you're looking at 20 years in the penitentiary," Alvarez told Irvin.

Asked if he understood, Irvin replied, "Yes, sir."

Irvin appeared subdued at the hearing and left carrying his one of his daughters. His wife Sandi and daughters Miesha, 6, and Chelsea, 8 months, were with him in court for the first time during the trial.

Later, at the Cowboys' Valley Ranch headquarters, Irvin apologized to his family and the team's fans.

"There's no getting around it," he said. "I was wrong. I

was wrong." "I'd like to apologize to my family. I shall work on being a better father. I shall work on being a better husband."

Irvin declined to answer questions from reporters and said he was going to Miami to spend time with his family rather than reporting to the Cowboys' training camp, which begins today in Austin.

The judge ordered Irvin to spend about seven 40-hour weeks performing such chores as roadside trash pickup or serving meals at an AIDS hospice.

"I didn't want this probation viewed as a cakewalk," Alvarez told reporters after the sentencing. "It's not going to be fun for him."

"He needs to get out there and be treated like any other

probationer, and if that means painting a house or picking up trash at the zoo or working at the recycling center ... then that's where he starts."

Dallas sports talk shows have been jammed with callers complaining that Irvin got off easy because of his stature as a sports star.

But attorney Peter Lesser, former president of the Dallas County Criminal Bar Association, on Tuesday said that first-time drug offenders almost never get prison time in Dallas.

"He's paid a very high price, and anybody who says he hasn't is a sadist at this point," Lesser said.

Irvin stands to lose \$102,647 per game if he is suspended by

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Brewers latest to score 20 in a game

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Add Greg Vaughn and the Milwaukee Brewers to growing list of teams of going on run rumpages this season.

Vaughn, leading the majors with 88 RBIs, hit a grand slam and drove in five runs as the Brewers overwhelmed the Detroit Tigers 20-7 Tuesday night at County Stadium.

The Brewers became the fifth team to score 20 runs, joining Minnesota (who also did it against Detroit), Montreal, Texas and the Chicago White Sox. Not since 1950, when it also happened five times, have so many clubs reached the 20-mark.

Vaughn has hit 28 home runs, the most for the Brewers since he hit 30 in 1993. Slowed by shoulder problems, he totaled 36 homers and 114 RBIs in the last two years.

"When you play hurt, it's a situation where you just can't do it. If I could walk, I was going to try and play," he said. "There probably was a time when I should have sat down and given my body a rest. But I tried to play through it. I probably shouldn't have sometimes, but who's to say? I think I learned a lot from that."

In other games, Cleveland beat Kansas City 10-4, New York stopped Boston 9-5, Toronto topped Baltimore 6-0, Chicago downed Minnesota 11-2, Texas defeated California 6-2 and Oakland beat Seattle 12-5.

Jose Valentin, John Jaha and Matt Mieske also homered in the Brewers' highest-scoring game since they set a team record with 22 runs on Aug. 28, 1992, against Toronto.

Milwaukee had 18 hits, with Valentin getting four and Jaha three. Cecil Fielder, Chad Curtis and Melvin Nieves homered for Detroit.

The game was tied at 2 before Vaughn's second career slam highlighted a seven-run fourth inning. He added an RBI single

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during a four-run sixth, and Milwaukee made it 17-2 in the seventh.

"It's frustrating. Guys go out and give 110 percent, but it's hard to show it when you're 27-65," losing pitcher Brian Williams said. "Regardless of that, I don't think anyone's going to stop playing."

Indians 10, Royals 4

Albert Belle hit his 31st home run, tying for the major league lead, and Cleveland won at Kansas City.

Belle's 225th career home run put him one behind Earl Averill for the most in Indians history. Eddie Murray drove in four runs and moved past Mel Ott into eighth place on the career RBIs list with 1,863.

Jack McDowell (8-6) improved to 5-0 lifetime at Kauffman Stadium. Chris Haney (8-7), who beat the Indians with a complete game July 1 at Jacobs Field, was tagged for seven runs and 13 hits in 4-2-3 innings.

Yankees 9, Red Sox 5

Darryl Strawberry doubled home the go-ahead run in the fifth inning at Fenway Park and New York stopped Boston's six-game winning streak.

Jimmy Key (7-6) beat Roger Clemens (4-9) for the second time this month. But unlike their meeting July 1 at Yankee Stadium, which New York won 2-0, this was no pitcher's duel.

Key gave up four runs in five innings. Clemens allowed six runs in six-plus innings.

Rangers 6, Angels 2

Jim Abbott, getting another chance to start because of an injury to Mark Langston, lost again for California.

Abbott (1-12) remained winless since May 2, giving up five runs in seven innings. Darren Oliver (8-3) pitched

seven strong innings and helped out a Texas rotation that had a 6.67 ERA in its previous 15 games.

Blue Jays 6, Orioles 0

Juan Guzman pitched the second shutout of his career, holding Baltimore to five singles at Camden Yards.

Guzman (9-6) walked none and lowered his ERA to 2.99 in his first shutout since 1993. Toronto sent the Orioles to their sixth loss in seven games.

The Blue Jays hit eight doubles, one short of the team record. Seven of them came against Mike Mussina (11-7).

Manny Alexander, at shortstop for the Orioles while Cal Ripken is at third base, had a tough night in the field. He was charged with an error for failing to cover second base on a steal attempt, and also dropped the ball while trying to turn a double play.

Ripken went 0-for-4 and is hitless in eight at-bats since moving to his new position.

White Sox 11, Twins 2

Robin Ventura hit two home runs and Wilson Alvarez struck out a career-high 12 in only seven innings as Chicago won at the Metrodome.

Ventura connected for a solo shot in the eighth and a three-run drive in the ninth. He has 21 home runs this season and three multi-homer games.

Harold Baines hit his 316th home run, tying George Brett for 61st place on the career list.

Athletics 12, Mariners 5

Mark McGwire hit his 31st homer and Scott Brosius also homered as Oakland overcame a 4-0 deficit at the Coliseum.

The A's homered in their 12th straight game and lead the majors with 148 home runs.

Alex Rodriguez hit his 20th home run for Seattle. Ken Griffey Jr. struck out three times for the Mariners.

Rockies don't roll lucky seven, but they still knock off Giants

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Marvin Freeman only wanted the same thing his fellow Rockies pitchers got.

"I was asking them the whole game, 'Where's the seven-spot that you've been giving everybody else?'" he said of his bench.

Eric Young and Andres Galarraga homered Tuesday night as Colorado beat San Francisco 5-3 and extended its winning streak to seven.

But it was the first time in 12 home games that the Rockies failed to score at least seven runs. They share the major league record with the 1938 New York Yankees.

"It was enough to win," Freeman said.

San Francisco is streaking the other way. The Giants have lost 19 of 23 and at 40-52 are the only NL West team under .500.

"The whole damn year has been like this," Giants manager Dusty Baker said. "They aren't doing enough to beat us. We are doing enough to get beat."

In other games, Florida beat Houston 3-2, St. Louis beat Cincinnati 5-4, New York beat Philadelphia 6-3, Atlanta beat Montreal 3-2, Pittsburgh beat Chicago 10-5 and San Diego routed Los Angeles 10-1.

Freeman (7-5) improved to 4-1 in his career against the Giants, giving up three runs and six hits in six innings. Bruce Ruffin got three outs for his 14th save.

Mark Leiter (4-9) allowed five runs — four earned — in six innings.

Marlins 3, Astros 2

Quilvio Vera drew a bases-loaded walk from Todd Jones (6-2) with two outs in the ninth

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at Joe Robbie Stadium. Florida scored the winning run without getting a hit in the ninth.

The Marlins, who set a team record with 24 hits Monday night, loaded the bases when Greg Colbrunn walked with one out, Charles Johnson walked with two outs and pinch-hitter Andre Dawson was hit by a pitch.

Yorkis Perez (3-3) pitched the ninth for the victory.

Cardinals 5, Reds 4

Ron Gant homered and Tom Pagnozzi drove in two runs as visiting St. Louis stretched its winning streak to fifth.

Run-scoring singles by Pagnozzi and Gary Gaetti off Jeff Shaw (2-4) put St. Louis ahead 4-3 in the seventh and Gant hit his 15th homer in the eighth.

Donovan Osborne (9-5) allowed six hits in six innings, and Dennis Eckersley got three outs for his 15th save.

Mets 6, Phillies 3

Mark Clark (10-6) won his sixth straight, settling down after falling behind 2-0 in the first at Shea Stadium. Clark (10-6) held the Phillies to one run over the next seven innings, and John Franco finished for his 20th save.

Curt Schilling (3-4), who had won seven consecutive decisions against New York, pitched his first complete game since June 7, 1995 but dropped to 3-2 against the Mets.

Bernard Gilkey drove in three runs for New York.

Braves 3, Expos 2

In their last home game

before a 18-day road trip that makes room for the Olympics in Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium, the Braves won on Chipper Jones' run-scoring single in the ninth off Tim Scott (3-5).

Atlanta extended its winning streak to five and took a nine-game lead over the second-place Expos in the NL East. Montreal has lost nine of 11.

Mark Wohlers (1-1) wasted a 2-1 lead in the ninth, allowing an RBI single to Mike Lansing.

Pirates 10, Cubs 5

Jeff King hit a three-run home run and Mark Johnson had a two-run homer to help visiting Pittsburgh stop a four-game losing streak.

King gave the Pirates a 3-0 lead in the first against Jaime Navarro (7-9) in the seventh, but Chicago's Sammy Sosa countered with another three-run homer in the bottom half, his league-leading 30th.

Denny Neagle (11-4) won his third consecutive start.

Padres 10, Dodgers 1

Bob Tewksbury (8-5) allowed one run and five hits in six innings, and visiting San Diego capitalized on four errors — two by pitcher Ramon Martinez — to score four unearned runs.

Martinez (7-4), who committed only three errors in 30 starts last season and none in his previous 12 outings this year, was charged with eight runs and seven hits in five innings, but just four runs were earned.

Tim Worrell, the younger brother of Dodgers reliever Todd Worrell, got his first major league save, allowing two hits in three shutout innings.

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BASEBALL

American League

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	67	34	.662	—
Baltimore	47	44	.516	10
Toronto	42	51	.452	16
Boston	41	50	.451	16
Detroit	38	55	.408	20 1/2

Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	58	37	.608	—
Chicago	54	39	.581	2
Milwaukee	45	47	.489	10 1/2
Minnesota	43	49	.467	12 1/2
Kansas City	40	54	.428	16 1/2

West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	54	39	.581	—
Seattle	50	41	.548	3
Oakland	46	46	.500	8 1/2
California	45	46	.479	9 1/2

Monday's Games
Boston 5, New York 6
Baltimore 9, Toronto 6
Minnesota 16, Chicago 6
Kansas City 6, Cleveland 3
Detroit 10, Milwaukee 9
California 10, Texas 7
Seattle 5, Oakland 1

Tuesday's Games
Oakland 12, Seattle 5
New York 9, Boston 5
Toronto 6, Baltimore 0
Chicago 11, Minnesota 2
Cleveland 10, Kansas City 4
Texas 6, California 2
Milwaukee 20, Detroit 7

Wednesday's Games
Chicago (Triple 9-5) at Minnesota (Robinson 9-3), 1:15 p.m.
Detroit (Olivares 4-6) at Milwaukee (McDonald 10-3), 2:05 p.m.
New York (Gooden 9-4) at Boston (Gordon 7-4), 7:35 p.m.
Toronto (Hanson 8-11) at Baltimore (Mercier 3-6), 7:35 p.m.
Cleveland (Hershiser 9-5) at Kansas City (Belcher 7-5), 8:05 p.m.
California (Finley 9-7) at Texas (Hill 9-5), 8:35 p.m.
Seattle (Wagner 2-2) at Oakland (Wadell 6-2), 10:35 p.m.

Thursday's Games
Minnesota (Aguilera 2-4) at Cleveland (Oses 5-1), 7:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Wells 5-9) at Boston (Sele 4-5), 7:05 p.m.
Detroit (Nitzkowski 1-1) at Toronto (Hentgen 9-6), 7:35 p.m.
New York (Rogers 6-4) at Milwaukee (Karl 8-5), 8:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Appier 7-7) at Chicago (Fernandez 9-6), 8:05 p.m.
Oakland (Wengert 3-7) at Texas (Pavlik 12-2), 8:35 p.m.
Seattle (Meacham 0-1) at California (Bostie 10-3), 10:05 p.m.

National League

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Montreal	50	34	.594	—
New York	45	40	.524	5
Florida	43	50	.462	16
Philadelphia	40	52	.435	18 1/2

Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	51	42	.548	—
Houston	49	46	.516	3
Cincinnati	42	46	.477	6 1/2
Chicago	43	50	.462	8
Pittsburgh	41	52	.441	10

West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Los Angeles	50	45	.526	—
Colorado	46	44	.545	1/2
San Diego	46	46	.500	1
San Francisco	43	52	.451	4 1/2

Monday's Games
St. Louis 6, Cincinnati 3
Atlanta 5, Montreal 4
Florida 15, Houston 5
New York 7, Philadelphia 5
Chicago 12, Pittsburgh 2
Colorado 7, San Francisco 3
Los Angeles 1, San Diego 0, 10

Tuesday's Games
Pittsburgh 10, Chicago 6
San Diego 10, Los Angeles 1
Florida 3, Houston 2
St. Louis 6, Cincinnati 4
New York 6, Philadelphia 3
Colorado 5, San Francisco 3

Wednesday's Games
St. Louis (Andy Benes 7-6) at Cincinnati (Portugal 6-5), 12:35 p.m.
Philadelphia (Mullford 7-6) at New York (Jones 8-6), 1:40 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Darwin 7-9) at Chicago

(Trachsel 7-6), 2:30 p.m.
San Francisco (O.Farnez 4-10) at Colorado (Wright 0-0), 3:05 p.m.
Houston (Reynolds 11-5) at Florida (L.Letter 9-6), 7:05 p.m.
San Diego (Hamilton 10-4) at Los Angeles (Valdes 10-5), 10:35 p.m.

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Thursday's Games
Colorado (Riz 11-6) at San Diego (Sanders 1-3), 6:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Mizbe 1-4) at Florida (Brewer 7-6), 7:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Jarvis 3-1) at Pittsburgh (Lester 2-3), 7:35 p.m.

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RUNS—ElMartinez, Seattle, 85; Balle, Cleveland, 78; Knoblauch, Minnesota, 77; Phillips, Chicago, 76; Rodriguez, Seattle, 74; G.Vaughn, Milwaukee, 72; RAlomar, Baltimore, 71.
RBI—G.Vaughn, Milwaukee, 88; M.Vaughn, Boston, 86; F.Thomas, Chicago, 85; Balle, Cleveland, 85; ElMartinez, Seattle, 78; Buhner, Seattle, 78; RPalmero, Baltimore, 78.
HITS—Molitor, Minnesota, 124; M.Vaughn, Boston, 125; Knoblauch, Minnesota, 123; Lofon, Cleveland, 122; RAlomar, Baltimore, 120; Rodriguez, Texas, 118; F.Thomas, Chicago, 116.

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HITS—Johnson, New York, 128; Bichette, Colorado, 128; Grudzielinski, Montreal, 123; Burks, Colorado, 122; Finley, San Diego, 118; Lanius, Montreal, 114; Piazza, Los Angeles, 114; Orsison, Atlanta, 114.

DOUBLES—Finley, San Diego, 29; Lanius, Montreal, 27; Baggett, Houston, 26; Burks, Colorado, 26; H.Rodriguez, Montreal, 25; Casilla, Colorado, 25; Daulton, Houston, 25; Bichette, Colorado, 25; Javier, St. Francisco, 25.

TRIPLES—Johnson, New York, 14; Grissom, Atlanta, 7; Finley, San Diego, 7; Morandini, Philadelphia, 5; Lankford, St. Louis, 5; DeShields, Los Angeles, 5; Viscione, New York, 5; DeWitte, Florida, 5.
HOME RUNS—Sosa, Chicago, 30; H.Rodriguez, Montreal, 25; Sheffield, Florida, 25; Piazza, Los Angeles, 25; Klesko, Atlanta, 24; Burks, Colorado, 24; Bonds, San Francisco, 24.

STOLEN BASES—E.Young, Colorado, 32; LJohnson, New York, 31; DeShields, Los Angeles, 30; McRae, Chicago, 27; Henderson, San Diego, 24; Larkin, Cincinnati, 23; 6 are tied with 20.

PITCHING (11 Decisions)
Smoltz, Atlanta, 15-4, 7.98, 2.06; Neagle, Pittsburgh, 11-4, 7.33, 3.07; Gardner, San Francisco, 8-3, 7.27, 3.73; Hamilton, San Diego, 10-4, 7.14, 4.63; Reynolds, Houston, 11-5, .687, 3.60; Ritz, Colorado, 11-5, .687, 4.53; Ivaldi, Los Angeles, 10-5, .687, 3.16; Givens, Atlanta, 10-5, .687, 2.53.

STRIKEOUTS—Smoltz, Atlanta, 158; Nomo, Los Angeles, 143; Kile, Houston, 132; P.JMartinez, Montreal, 129; Faasero, Montreal, 125; Reynolds, Houston, 124; Stottlemyre, St. Louis, 114.
SAVES—Spiranelli, Cincinnati, 24; Tolworell, Los Angeles, 23; Bottalico, Philadelphia, 21; Wohlers, Atlanta, 20; Franco, New York, 20; Hoffman, San Diego, 18; Nan, Florida, 18.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS—Signed WR Hayward Jeffries. Extended the contract of DE Wayne Martin for five years.
TAMPA BAY BUCCANERS—Agreed to terms with T.Jason Odom, S.Eric Austin, and DT Jason Mantel to three-year contracts.
WASHINGTON REDSKINS—Signed RB Stephen Davis and LB Jeremy Asher.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE
CALGARY FLAMES—Signed C Ravel Yalubov and F Marko Juntenun.
FLORIDA PANTHERS—Re-signed C Stu Barnes to a multiyear contract.
TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS—Signed D Mark Pomyk.
WASHINGTON CAPITALS—Signed C Mikka Elo to a three-year contract and G Marc Seliger to a two-year contract.

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Poll: Americans avoiding Olympic hype

NEW YORK (AP) — Whether they're shopping for cold cuts, sneakers or temporary tattoos, most Americans say they are not lured by an Olympic tie-in, according to an Associated Press poll.
Only 10 percent say they are more inclined to use products of companies that advertise themselves as proud sponsors of the U.S. Olympic team. Three percent are less inclined, and 86 percent say Olympic sponsorship makes no difference.

"When almost every other ad that you see is touting some kind of Olympic affiliation, after a while it's just not special," said Jim Andrews, vice president of IEG Marketing, a Chicago company that tracks corporate sponsorship.
He said an estimated 180 brands are promoting an Olympic affiliation. The corporations get tickets for their clients and lots of other types of marketing value, but to advertise in such a cluttered field, "they are having to spend more and more money rising above the noise," Andrews said.
Some of the big sponsors pay \$40 million for the honor, so naturally "they are being more and more aggressive to make that sponsorship known," said Stephen Disson, president of the D&F Group.
In the poll, 66 percent agree that commercial participation is a necessary way to help pay for the Games. But 29 percent think the Olympics have become too commercial.

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Switzer apologizes for his role in rift

IRVING (AP) — Dallas Cowboys coach Barry Switzer said he made a mistake in his handling of the racially charged incident that led to his strained relationship with quarterback Troy Aikman.

"I made a mistake, and I'm man enough to admit it," Switzer said Tuesday.

Switzer said he recently apologized to Aikman for his role in the controversy. It happened during Super Bowl preparations in January when there were allegations that Aikman singled out black teammates for criticism.

Former defensive assistant John Blake, now head coach at Oklahoma, contended in a private meeting with Switzer that Aikman's conduct had threatened to become a divisive influence.

"I'm not dwelling on what

our relationship has been the last two years, and neither is Barry," Aikman said. "I feel good about where we are going into camp. I'm going in open-minded as he is, and hopefully we don't go through some of the things we've been through in the past."

"I told Troy that I made a mistake, but it was an honest mistake," Switzer said. "I was concerned about Troy."

"I should have told those who brought it to me, because they were concerned, that in the heat of competition, things are said between players and players, coaches and coaches, and players and coaches that when the competition is over, it is resolved."

"I should have said to Blake, 'Get the hell out of here. The players will handle that, and it will all work out.'"

Ripken is no Brooks Robinson — yet

BALTIMORE (AP) — When it comes to playing shortstop, Cal Ripken sets the standard for excellence.

No shortstop played in as many consecutive games at the position, none hit as many homers and no shortstop other than Ripken went 95 straight games without an error.

Now that Ripken has been moved to third base, he finds himself in a position where he is being compared with others — most notably, Brooks Robinson.

Robinson was arguably baseball's finest fielding third baseman. He was also the most popular Baltimore Orioles player in franchise history, at least until Ripken came along.

Ripken broke into the majors as a third baseman in 1981 before being moved to shortstop by manager Earl Weaver on July 1, 1982. That started a streak of 2,216 games at shortstop by Ripken, a string that

ended Monday night when manager Davey Johnson moved Ripken to third base.

Johnson is trying to get a look at backup shortstop Manny Alexander, who has spent his entire major league career playing behind the most durable player in baseball history.

The switch was presented to Ripken as a temporary move, but it might turn out to be permanent if Ripken continues to play the position as brilliantly as he did Monday against the Toronto Blue Jays.

In his very first chance, Ripken dove to his right to snare a sharp grounder down the line by Charlie O'Brien. Ripken then righted himself and delivered a perfect strike to first base while on his knees.

"Cal played great at third. You almost knew his first chance was going to a Brooks Robinson-type play," Johnson said.

Ripken shrugged off the comparison. After all, he reasoned, Robinson made plays like that from 1955 to 1977.

"It's a little premature, isn't it? No one deserves to be mentioned in the same breath as him until you've accomplished the things he's accomplished," Ripken said.

True enough, but give Ripken credit for adapting quickly to a position he hadn't played in 14 years. He took infield practice before the game and then walked out to third base for the first time since he was 21 years old.

The Blue Jays were well aware of this, so the first two batters attempted, unsuccessfully, to drop bunts down the line.

"Thirty minutes isn't a whole lot of preparation," Ripken said. "I didn't get a chance to come in and field bunts, and the first inning they were try-

ing to test me, which is good strategy."

The Blue Jays couldn't get one ball by him. Ripken handled all five chances without a glitch and even started a 5-4-3 double play in the eighth inning of Baltimore's 8-6 win.

"He's just a special player," Johnson said. "He's a great shortstop and put on a clinic at third. He made it look easy, and it's a remarkable individual who can do that. He's in a class all by himself."

At shortstop, anyway. Given the option, Ripken would prefer to return to the position in which he's played the last 14 All-Star games.

"I have to believe everyone at their word when they say this is being done because they want a chance to look at Manny," he said. "When the trial period is up, we're going to have to deal with that and see what the decision is."

NMSU forced to sever junior college connections

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — All but one of the 15 players in the starting lineups of New Mexico State's last three NCAA tournament teams were junior college transfers.

That formula for success will have to change drastically for coach Neil McCarthy because of sanctions handed down by the NCAA on Tuesday that ban NMSU from offering scholarships to junior college transfers for two years.

The NCAA announced the sanctions after an investigation into allegations of violations into academic fraud, ethical conduct, recruiting, transfer eligibility and institutional control.

The investigation centered around a pair of former assistant coaches who allegedly provided test answers and papers for players to gain fraudulent eligibility through correspondence courses at two schools in the Southeast.

This year's recruiting class at New Mexico State includes four juco transfers. They'll be the last to receive scholarships

until 1998-99.

McCarthy hopes the new crop will further the tradition of those who took the Aggies to NCAA tournaments for three straight years, beginning in 1992, and have helped McCarthy compile a 229-114 record in 11 seasons at Las Cruces.

Over the last six seasons, the coach has brought in 34 players from junior colleges. Most notable were current Chicago Bulls guard Randy Brown and point guard Sam Crawford, who averaged 12.8 points and 8.8 assists over two seasons and led the Aggies to the round of 16 in 1992.

Other notable juco transfers have included Malcom Leak, Eric Traylor, Rodney Walker and Thomas Wyatt. Most fit the McCarthy mold: quick, seasoned athletes who can jump right in and master the coach's demanding, full-court trapping defense.

The coach did not return telephone messages left by The Associated Press at his home and office Tuesday.

As part of the NCAA sanctions, the last three tournament appearances will be vacated from the Aggies' record. The team will also be on three years' probation, a year more than the school imposed on itself after an internal investigation ended last September.

School president J. Michael Orenduff said he would not appeal the NCAA sanctions and tried to put a positive spin on what could be viewed as a harsh blow to the program.

"We will not be barred from television. We will not be barred from postseason play. Aggie basketball is again alive and well," Orenduff said.

He applauded school officials for moving swiftly to address the problems. The NCAA Committee on Infractions said the quick response saved NMSU from further penalties.

The investigation began in 1994, focusing on two former assistant coaches accused of providing test answers and papers for players to gain fraudulent eligibility through correspondence courses at

Southeastern College of the Assemblies of God in Lakeland, Fla.

The infractions committee report blamed McCarthy and former full-time assistant Gar Forman for not exercising institutional control over the program.

But the report placed most of the blame on restricted-earnings coach Chris Nordquist, "who assumed he was expected to establish eligibility without regard for NCAA or institutional rules."

Nordquist, who teaches and coaches girls basketball at Channel Islands High School in Oxnard, Calif., could not be reached for comment Tuesday. He was at NMSU from 1989 through the 1994-95 season.

The committee report alleges Nordquist completed course work, took tests and wrote papers for six players who needed credits from the Florida school to become eligible at New Mexico State. The violations began in 1991 and continued through 1993, the report says.

Austin braces for beginning of Cowboys' camp

AUSTIN (AP) — From the Catholic university where the Dallas Cowboys train to the strip club just down the street, Austin is bracing for sheer mayhem when the world champions arrive today for their monthlong training camp.

It's been a zany year for the Cowboys since they left Austin last August.

There have been lawsuits from and against the NFL, drug suspensions, Michael Irvin's no contest plea to cocaine possession charges and, oh yeah, a Super Bowl victory.

But don't expect Austinites to hold the team's off-field drama against the Cowboys. If anything, it may generate more interest.

"There may be some people

who disagree with the way Michael Irvin and the team have conducted themselves, but they're the Cowboys. They're the Super Bowl champs, and everyone will welcome them here," said Christine Scott, a student at St. Edward's University.

"The Michael Irvin ordeal will probably bring more people out to camp, just out of curiosity," she said.

"People don't care about the stuff off the field," said Mike Beck, a 30-year-old engineer who lives across the street from St. Edward's. "They just want to see the Super Bowl champions. I am not a fan, but I'm interested to come out and see what's going on."

St. Edward's University is a

private school with strong ties to the Catholic church. The same priest who founded St. Edward's also founded Notre Dame. But school officials have never wavered in their support for the Cowboys despite the team's recent rash of problems.

"I don't think the typical fan puts a link between what happened with Michael Irvin or any other player and St. Edward's any more than I think the fans put the link between the Cowboys winning the Super Bowl and them training at St. Edward's," said John Lucas.

"Like everyone, we hope that Michael gets things straightened out personally," Lucas said.

Local retailers are eager for

the onslaught of business the Cowboys bring.

"We're ready," said John Castillo, of Rosie's Tamales, a block away from St. Edward's. "I wish I could go and serve the players tacos on the field, but we'll be too busy serving people in here."

Irvin's plea agreement on Monday ended a courtroom drama that included allegations of strip searches, drug-filled parties and a murder-for-hire plot — all somehow connected to Irvin and topless dancers.

But the manager of Expose, a topless dance club less than a mile from St. Edward's and a frequent night spot for members of the Cowboys in the past, says the case doesn't figure to hurt his business.

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WANTED!!! 100 people to lose up to 10lbs., 30 days. GUARANTEED. 1-800-310-9426.

Help Wanted 085

LITTLE CAESARS PIZZA is now accepting applications for employment. Applicants must be 18 or older with good references. Please apply in person at Gregg & 22nd between 1:00pm-4:00pm.

LOOK HOMEOWNERS Unlock the equity in your home. Debt consolidation, home improvements, purchase, credit problems & bankruptcy okay. Reasonable rates & fees. Arkansas Fidelity Mortgage, Corp. Call 1-800-590-2362 or 501-223-9000.

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Scenic Mountain Medical Center, 153 bed facility has an immediate opening for maintenance technician. Experience preferred in general maintenance including light plumbing, light electrical and general mechanical repair. High school diploma or GED required. Must have clean driving record. Must be willing to relocate to Big Spring area. HVAC, electrical or plumbing license a plus. Includes benefits and 401K plan. Applications may be picked up at the switchboard between 7:00am-9:00pm for your convenience. EOE. No phone calls please.

NEED MAN for part time maintenance/managerial position in local laundromat business. Start \$7.00 per hour up to 35 hours per week. Mechanical skills a must. Info and application at 1208 Gregg.

OPERATOR with loader experience & CDL & Class C license. Call 267-8171.

PAID TO SHOP, mystery shopping, up to \$24 hourly plus freebies in your local area. Nation's largest recruiter! Programs FREE catalog. 1-800-767-CHAD

PIZZA INN Now hiring full-time & part-time cooks & drivers. Must be 18 and have valid driver's license, NO PHONE CALLS.

POSTAL JOBS: 3 positions available. No exp. nec. For info call 1-818-764-9016 ext. 1093.

PROCESSORS for HUD/FHA refunds. \$3000 per month. Will train. call 1-210-697-3208.

Pl/Ft. People needed to be a Mystery Shopper for local stores. Great pay. FREE product! Call now 818-759-6542.

Skeeter-Machen Well Service needs operators, derrick hands, and floor hands with 2 yrs experience. Apply in person at 2206 Garden City Hwy., Midland, TX.

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Apply in person at STEERE TANK LINES INC., 1200 ST. Hwy 176. Phone # (915) 263-7656.

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TREY TRUCKS now hiring. Experienced transport drivers, class A CDL with haz mat. Apply in person. 1300 E. Highway 350.

URGENT!!! Need 49 People to lose 5-100lbs. WORKS FAST! All natural, Doctor approved. Lose weight and learn how to make money too. CALL NOW. 1-913-363-4046.

Wanted - Owner Operators/Drivers. Power only fleet. Deliver trailers loaded and empty, get paid for delivering empty trailer! Call for information 1-800-543-6482.

WARNING!! DON'T LOSE to home assembles, envelope stuffing, or other scams. For real home jobs call now! 1-800-550-3781 ext. 912 or 800-677-1207 Pin # 1076.

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Jobs Wanted 090

ADOPTION: A LIFETIME of love and happiness awaits newborn with a young, loving, financially secure suburban couple. Our hearts long for a child to love and cherish. Please help us fulfill our dream of becoming parents. Legal/confidential, expenses paid. Call Melanie and Steven at (800)210-7656.

DATE TONIGHT! CHOOSE Someone special. All Welcome and Also record your Own Personal Ad! Singles Date-line. 1-900-443-0024 Ext. 73 \$2.95/Min. 18+ Telcraf. 360-577-1000.

EARN UP TO \$10,000 giving "The Gift of Life", as a surrogate Mother. Call Reproductive Options for details. 1-800-880-6496.

EXPERIENCED YARD MEN, Will mow grass, weed eat, edge, trim trees, haul trash, etc. Has good references. Please call Kirk at 394-4833, or Greg at 394-4795, leave message.

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LOANS

Loans 095 AVOID BANKRUPTCY Free debt consolidation app. W/Credit Services. 1-800-263-8985.

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Call or come by Security Finance 204 S. Gollad 267-4591 Phone applications welcome.

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Farm Equipment 150 FOR SALE: Hesston 14ft. hydro swing swather and John Deere Round Baler. Phone: 399-4559.

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Auctions 325

SPRING CITY AUCTION
2000 W. 4th
7:00pm

THURSDAY, July 18TH
7:00pm

Glassware, pocket knives, hunting knives, new hand tools, drug store items, costume jewelry, pictures, lamps, air mattresses, whips, straw hats, new weed eater, grisswald cast iron skillets, salt & pepper sets, corner tables, sofa tables, day bed, maple table with chairs, coffee table, twin bed, 2 chairs, end tables, 5 gallon water dispenser, old wood dining table, T.V.'s, stereo's, small air conditioner, refrigerator, coin operated washers, chest freezer, 2 draw file cabinet, drafting tables, 2 wire displays, carpet, cutting torch, hammer, bicycles, exercise bike, exercise machine, 2 wall lockers, pipe wrenches, motorcycles, Honda moped, 100 Kawasaki, power tools, bench grinder on stand.

LAST AUCTION UNTIL AUGUST 8TH

LOTS AND LOTS OF OTHER ITEMS ADDED DAILY

NO MINIMUM-NO RESERVE

Robert Pruitt, Auctioneer
TXS-7759 263-1831

Computer 370

FOR SALE: Packard Bell computer, monitor, speakers, Canon bubble jet color printer, computer desk and chair, \$2,000.00. Call 267-4605 after 5:00.

Dogs, Pets, Etc 375

AKC CHINESE PUGS: Now taking deposit. Balance in 5 weeks. Only 3 left. \$200. Serious inquiries only. Call 263-3927.

FREE KENNEL CLUB BREEDER REFERRAL SERVICE: Breeder you find reputable breeders/quality puppies. Puppies rescue information. 263-3404 daytime.

HUGE WOLF HYBRIDS. Beautiful puppies. Gentle companions. Very protective. Large variety. Amazing bargains. Video available. For information phone 501-679-4234.

Kittens to give away. Call 263-7831.

TAKE TIME OUT FOR YOURSELF READ

Garage Sale 380

BACK YARD SALE: Friday only. 1703 Alabama. 8:00am-7 Small appliances, clothes, toys, Barbie Stuff, collectibles, household miscellaneus.

BIG BLUE BARN SALE: Saturday, July 20, 8:00am-7 6802 E. Robinson Rd. Midway. 2 man Bass boat with 2hp motor, water beds, mattress and box springs, clothes plus etc. Lots of odds and ends.

ESTATE SALE: (Katherine Lamb) Dining table & 6 chairs, china cabinet, living room, bedroom furniture, refrigerator, Zenith T.V., iron, glassware, kitchen items, ladies clothes. 800 Scott. Friday-Saturday.

GARAGE SALE: 2504 N. Birdwell. Kids clothes (girls)-miscellaneous. Saturday, 8:00 to 10:00.

GARAGE SALE: 115 Broughton, (North Lamesa Hwy) Saturday. 9:00am-5:00pm. Lots of miscellaneus.

GARAGE SALE: Saturday, 8:00am-7 303 Wood, Coahoma. Furniture, patio door, tools, clothes, small appliances, kids saddle, lots more.

GARAGE SALE: 14th & Gollard. Friday & Saturday. 8:00am-7 Lots of miscellaneus.

GARAGE SALE: Wednesday & Thursday. 2603 Carleton Dr. Female adult & baby clothes, wood floral crafts, some furniture, tapestries items & misc.

GARAGE SALE: 2525 Chanute. Saturday 8:00am-7 Christmas train, organ girls bike, refrigerator, & lots of miscellaneus.

GARAGE SALE: South Salem Rd (Sand Springs) Saturday, 8:00am-7 Down drist A/C, stove, washer/dryer, lots of other good stuff.

JULY 19TH 6-10PM, SAT. 9-12AM. Val Verde off Midway Exit. 6th house on right. Trailer, furniture, clothes all sizes, much more misc.

Found Pets 381

FOUND: Female Pekinese Sheltie mix. Answers to the name Rudy. Please call 393-6445.

Hunting Leases 391

OZONA, TX. excellent hunting lease for family or large group, good cover, lots of game, big deer. Call 210-257-2522.

Lost & Found Misc. 393

LOST: My mothers diamond wedding ring set at Wal-Mart. REWARD! 264-7144.

Miscellaneous 395

ADVERTISING WORKS WITH BIG TYPE YOU JUST PROVED IT!

Miscellaneous 395

DIABETICS (USING INSULIN) Did you know Medicare (or Insurance) covers most supplies? Save money - call 800-633-2001. Liberty Medical-Satisfaction Guaranteed. No H.M.O. Members. Mention 12060.

FOR SALE: Body by Jake hip & thigh machine. \$100 neg. Call 394-4795, leave message.

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RACE CAR, trailer, shop tools, refrigerated air conditioner, Misc. parts. Come by 1503 S. Main.

SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY BENEFITS - Have you filed for your benefits and been denied? We can help! Free initial consultation. F.M. Blake Associates. 1-800-786-9024.

VIDEO GAMES FOR SALE: Nintendo \$10, Sega \$15. Call 263-4645.

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We can match your budget on wedding cakes, permanent wedding florals (personal & church decor); Also, rental floral for our Arch, Atras, Etc... Budget plans. Call now for appointment!

Hours: 9:00am-12:00noon
3:00pm-6:00pm

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REAL ESTATE

Acres for Sale 504

10.35 ACRES. Get away on CR 2330 Utilities. \$113/mo.-8.64% interest. Call FOREST AMERICA GROUP 1-800-275-7376, Mon.-Fri. 9-5.

FOR SALE: 900 Acres pasture on North Midway Road. Good water 1 1/2 mile of paved frontage. Call 267-3547 or 263-7201.

Business Property 508

ANTIQUES ETC. offering new spaces for lease in our comfortable, serviceable shopping environment in high traffic north Midland. Open 7 days a week. Call Dan Haller, 915-682-9257, 10:30am to 6:00 pm.

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Paint & Frame Business at 1601 Scurry. All or part, equipment, real estate.

2 bedroom, 1 bath. Good commercial location. Near House. \$26,900.

Also...
2 bedroom, 2 bath Home, wonderful location, \$80,000. 3 bedroom home, No place can beat it, \$90,000.

2 bedroom, 1 bath, also has upstairs with lot of room. \$50,000. This is special.

2 bedroom, 1 bath. Location is the best thing about this house. \$15,000.

Call 263-3514 or 263-8513 or, come by 1601 Scurry.

RESTAURANT FOR LEASE Willow Park Inn, Snyder, Tx., 915-573-1961, ask for Jackis.

RETAIL STORE for lease approximately 3,000 square feet located at 119 E. 3rd. Call 263-6514, owner/broker.

TWO STORY - THREE APARTMENTS, some furniture and appliances. \$17,500.00 cash only. 263-3081 after 4:00.

Houses for Sale 513

3-2 den, fireplace, fans, central A/C, double carport, storage, tile fence, call. Close to schools. \$39,000. Call 263-6810.

ZERO DOWN IF YOU OWN YOUR LAND. We may be able to help with your meter loop, septic or well. You must have good credit. Call for details at NATIONWIDE HOUSING SYSTEMS. Call 915-520-5850 or 800-456-8944.

CORONADO HILLS
Some recent renovations, 3BR, 2 Bath 2 car garage, formal living or hobby rooms, open living arrangement, corner lot, tile fence, storage building, 99's. Call for an appointment.
263-2433 Owner/Agent

BARGAIN HOMES: Foreclosed HUD, VA, S&L, bailout properties. Low Down. Fantastic savings. Call 1-800-513-4343 Ext. H-22435.

BRAND NEW in Coronado Hills, 4 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage, huge living room with built in entertainment center, lawn, sprinkler, mini blinds, and large country kitchen. Open house Saturday and Sunday. Call 1-915-520-8948 for showing.

Cash for your house or equity regardless of condition. (800) 794-5864.

Houses for Sale 513

FOR SALE OR POSSIBLE LEASE
3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage, fenced yard, fireplace nice neighborhood. Call 915-893-2267.

HISTORIC SETTLES Ranch house, 2 stories on 1-1/2 acres, 3 car garage & a carport. Small 1 bedroom guest house. Central air/heat. Full basement. 287-1000/267-8838.

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HOMES FOR PENNIES ON THE \$11 Thousands of government foreclosed/repossessed properties being liquidated now! Call free 7 days for lists in your area, (800) 396-4247 Ext. 1069.

HOUSE FOR SALE in the Coahoma ISD area. Large 3 bedroom, 2 bath double wide on large double lot. Call 394-4472 and leave message or call after 5:00pm.

KENTWOOD-2714 CAROL
3/2 with 2 living areas, double garage, new air cond./heat, shake roof and beautiful yard. \$74,900. Call 267-6094.

LOW MOVE IN COST. 3 bedroom, 1 bath how with office that could be 4th bedroom. Refrigerated air, central heat. Call Joe Hughes, Home Real Estate, 263-1284 or/real home 353-4751.

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4 BEDROOM, 2-BATH, garage, barn, fenced, \$350.00/mo, 15yrs. Real neat 2-bedroom, fenced, \$250/mo, 1-bedroom, garage, nice house, nice yard, \$200.00/mo. 264-0510.

SPACIOUS DREAM home overlooking canyon. Beautiful garden room. \$70's. Call 263-6525 or Home Real Estate.

WAS 27, NOW 16 HOME SITES LEFT in Coronado Hills!! Very competitive pricing! Don't be fooled by others misleading ads. Know your true bottom loan & payment up front.
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Mobile Homes 517

1997 Doublewide with central air in cost home for the money. 3 bedroom 2 bath, veggie island kitchen, Glamorous extra large bath with separate shower, walk-in closets storm windows. Must see to appreciate. \$1995.00 down \$346.72 fixed 11.25% apr. Homes of America, Odessa, Tx. 1-915-363-0881, 1-800-725-0881. Se Habla Espanol

1997 Fleetwood doublewood #1 home in America. 5 year warranty, garden tub, extra large closet. \$1595 down \$249.32 month 360 months 9.25% v.a.r.a.p.r.360 months. Homes of America, Odessa, Tx. 1-915-363-0881, 1-800-725-0881. Se Habla Espanol

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LOOKING for more space? Check this one out. Triplewide. It even comes with a deck, built in large kitchen, morning room sliding glass doors endless living area. Rock fireplace. Only \$2995.00 down \$468.00 month. 9.25% v.a.r.a.p.r.360 months. Homes of America, Odessa, Tx. 1-915-363-0881, 1-800-725-0881.

Lowest price 4 bedroom on the market. #1 home in America upgrade carpet, hugh room large utility, freezer space, garden tub and walk-in closets. \$1995.00 down, \$346.00 month, 240 months, 11.25% apr. Homes of America, Odessa, Tx. 1-915-363-0881, 1-800-725-0881. Se Habla Espanol

USED DOUBLEWIDE 1993 Redman Shadowridge 28x80 4 bedroom, 2 bath with all appliances, air and fireplace. Buy this trade in before we bring it to our lot and save a double set up fee. Call Bob or Donna for details at 915-520-5850 or 800-456-8944.

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USED SOLITAREI Original Model home 2 Bedroom 2 bath with front kitchen. This one is must to see today! Homes of America, Odessa, Tx. 1-915-363-0881, 1-800-725-0881.

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Set up in park. Singles only. Phone 264-9349.

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ONE BEDROOM furnished apartment. Clean. Water paid. No pets. References required. \$250.00 + deposit. 267-5420.

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Security Deposit Required.

Unfurnished Houses 533

2/BEDROOM, 1/BATH, no pets. 1505 Owens. 267-3841, or 556-4022.

2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath. 304 E. 5th. Call 267-3841 or 556-4022.

3 BEDROOM, 1 BATH. Stove & refrigerator. 804 Holbert. \$300/month, \$150/dep. Call 263-7848.

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5 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, large living room, dining room, privacy fence, central heat/air, refrigerator/stove furnished, washer/dryer connection. \$700/month. 2524 Gunter. Call 263-3461.

FOR RENT: Country living, close to Coahoma schools, clean large 2 bedroom. Call 267-7659.

LARGE 1 bedroom apartment duplex. Washer-Dryer connections, walk in closets. \$225 plus utilities. See at 611 Runnels. C-21 McDonald Realty. 263-7816.

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NICE, CLEAN 3-bedroom, 1-bath, central air/heat, new carpet and paint, located at 4207 W. Hwy 80. \$300.00/month + \$200.00/dep. References required. 267-1543.

SELL OR RENT: Four Bedroom, Three Bedroom, Two bath, Also 1984 Lincoln Town Car. Call 267-3905.

UNFURNISHED 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. Deposit & references required. Call 263-2085.

TOO LATES TO Classify 627

GARAGE SALE: Women's clothing large sizes, tapes, videos, light fixtures, misc. Friday & Saturday. 8-7 102 Lincoln Ave.

FOR SALE: 1988 Ford Econoline 1/2T Van with conversion. Loaded, 77,700 miles. Asking, \$6,000.00. Sealed bids accepted through July 31, 1996. Call 263-9276.

FOR SALE: HOUSES TO MOVE. 1 bedroom, & 2 bedroom, wooden. 803 & 905 Gregg & 207 W. 8th. Make offer. Call 267-7853.

FOR SALE: Like new king size foam mattress set. \$100.00. 267-4232.

GARAGE SALE: Friday and Saturday, 7:30 - 7:25 p.m. school clothing, misc. home decorating items, steel reloading, bicycles, lots of miscellaneous. Colorado Rd. East of City, Midway area.

GARAGE SALE: 2701 Cindy Lane, Friday 7-8. 10 Speed, 3 speed bikes, new lawn mower, mini frig, Xmas centerpieces, etc.

HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR THURSDAY, JULY 18:
You will find reasons to pull back and reflect often this year. One thing is for sure: You might not have all the answers at your fingertips. Though it is nice to trust people, take the opinions of others with a grain of salt. Your career — a boss in particular — is demanding. Everyone wants things his way. Buckle down, and resign yourself to hard work. Networking is enjoyable, and you will find yourself easily connecting with others. If you are single, new flirtations are fun and effortless. If attached, keep the path of communications an open and active road. VIRGO is stimulating.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Withdraw, look inside and make needed decisions at work. Confusion surrounds your professional situation. Pause to understand the surrounding influences. Concentrate on quality and effectiveness. Tonight: Do what you must.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A misunderstanding could mar your day. Stay in sync with choices that affect your daily life. Brainstorming helps get around a problem. You have the solutions, if you are open to alternatives. Follow your inner voice. Tonight: Go in search of fun.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) There is lingering perplexity around a recent change. Partnerships and financial matters are up in the air. Once you sort through a problem, you will want to resolve it quickly. Evaluation takes you in a new direction. Tonight: Head home for some downtime.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You do not see eye-to-eye with another. Listen carefully to his ideas, but state clearly if you don't agree. Others place unusual professional demands on you. Focus on one item at a time. Listening is strategic at this point. Tonight: Customized to suit your desires.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) A tendency to go overboard defines the day. Only one person can get hurt, and that is you. Be your own best friend: Avoid self-destructive behavior. Awareness is important in making the right choice. Money clearly plays a role. Tonight: Exercise a little discipline.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Say little. Others are opinionated and confused. Listen, consider and evaluate. News is exciting. A partner may not be aware of how his words translate. Be generous, and don't take comments personally. Peace of mind is the happy outcome. Tonight: Be an escape artist.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Get work done. An offer may be worth discussing and fantasizing about. But it is a no-no if it places undue stress on your funds. Consider money ventures with care. Focus on goals and other avenues to personal fulfillment. A friend gives you plenty of feedback. Tonight: Accept a dinner invitation.

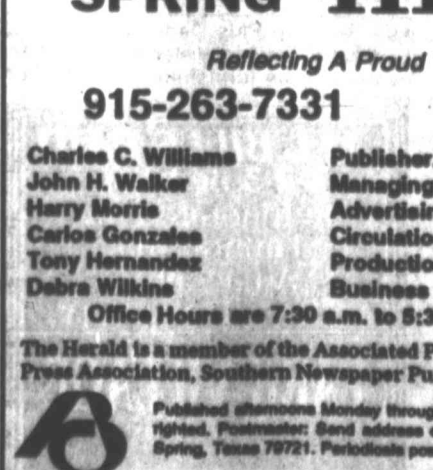
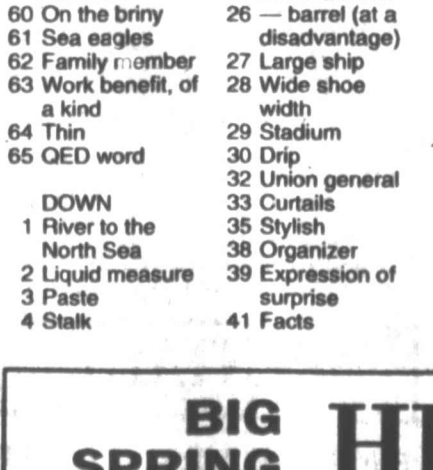
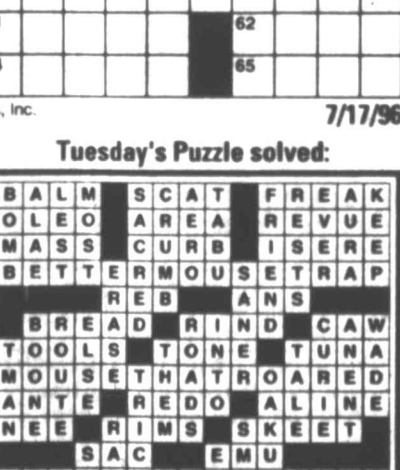
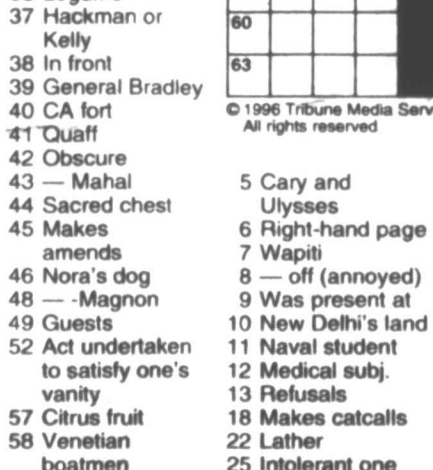
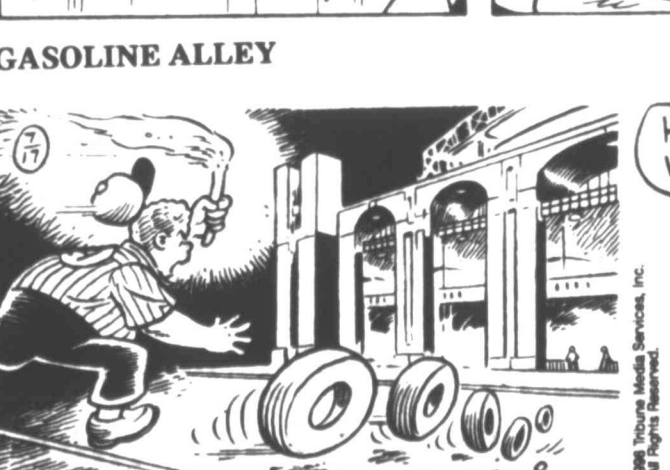
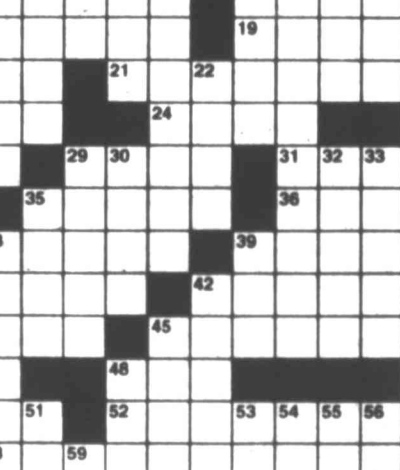
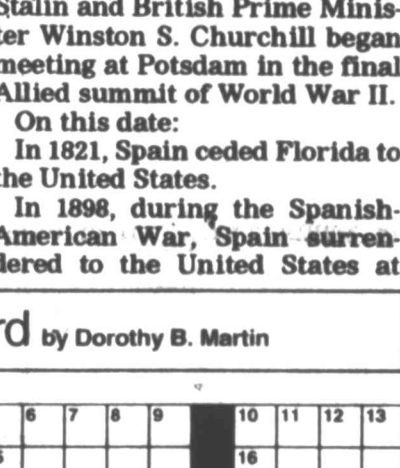
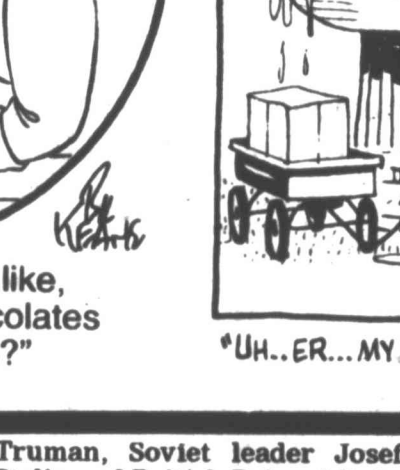
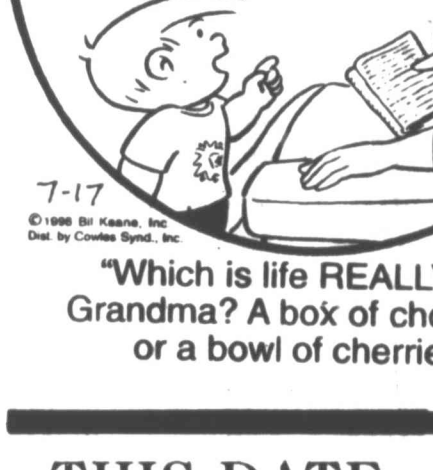
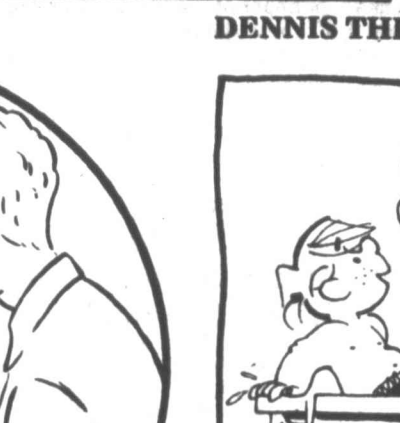
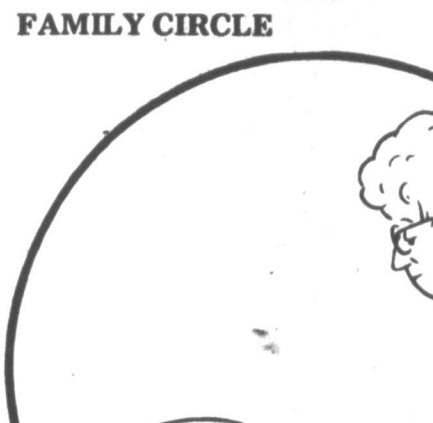
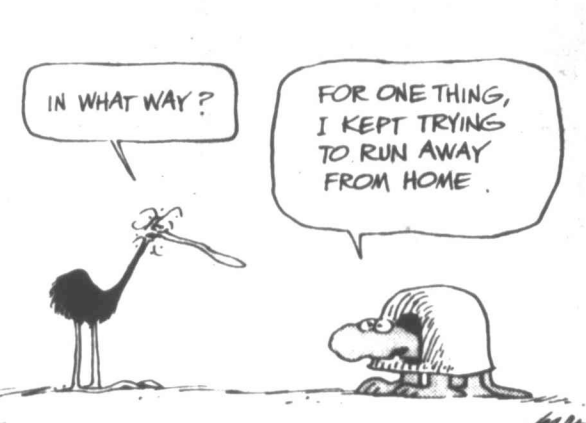
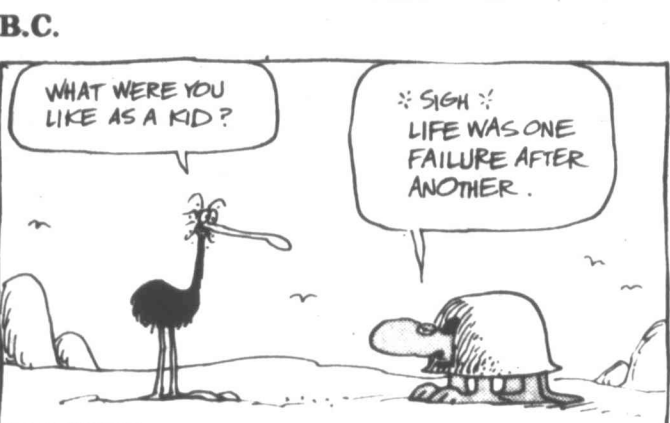
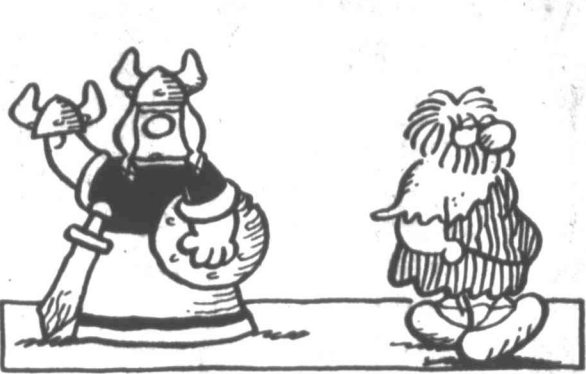
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Take cover while you still can. Arguments and chaos come from out of nowhere. It seems that no one understands but you. Remember, opinions are just where another is coming from. Vanish, if possible. Take a long walk at lunch. Tonight: Strike an ostrich pose.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Much goes on that isn't clear. Even the process of clarification is difficult. Your best bet is to keep priorities at the top of your list. Allow today's happenings to float off you. Recognize your limits, and keep events in context. Tonight: Blow off steam with a friend!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Maintain a high profile. You find some of today's events stunning, but you need to consider the source. Listen to your instincts with everything except a money matter. Don't make any decisions. A loved one wants more from you. Tonight: Work late.

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