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Kent Burnes' chamber-sponsored seminar to focus on poor customer service

By **CARLTON JOHNSON**
Staff Writer

When the Big Spring Spring Area Chamber of Commerce sponsors its Industry Appreciation Luncheon on Aug. 26 at the Dora Roberts Community Center, area business owners will get a chance to meet nationally-acclaimed consultant Kent Burnes.

Burnes will be the guest speaker at the luncheon, which is being held to honor members of Big Spring's manufacturing and oil and gas industries. Following the luncheon, Burnes will

teach two business seminars. The first will be from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. that evening, entitled "When Customers Count," and the second, "Sharpening Your Competitive Edge" from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Aug. 27. Both seminars will also be at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Burnes' seminars focus on a "back-to-basics" approach for all aspects of running a small business and in the past 15 years, his seminars have helped more than 45,000 entrepreneurs, business owners and managers in more than 500 communities nationwide.

According to Chamber Vice

President for Retail Development Sue Bagwell, the cost of the two-day seminar is \$85, but the chamber will pick up the first \$50 for business owners, leaving them a cost of only \$35.

Business owners who want to bring additional employees to the seminars may do so at a cost of only \$10 per employee per seminar, Bagwell said.

Burnes is the founder of California-based Burnes Consulting and is certified in the area of economic development finance. He has also received the distinction of Certified Professional Consultant to Management by the Management Consulting Institute — a

distinction that has been awarded to less than 200 consultants in the U.S.

In Burnes' "When Customers Count" seminar, business owners will learn how to build a customer service program that will work for their particular business as well as pay for itself.

Burnes' research shows customers feel that 77 percent of U.S. businesses suffer from poor customer service.

During this workshop, business owners will also learn the definition of good customer service; the top 10 rules to implementing a service program; added value services that work; programs that make employees want to be

customer friendly; how to spot and fix customer service breakdowns; and services that customers will want to pay for.

Burnes' "Sharpening Your Competitive Edge" seminar teaches small business owners how to use simple research methods to tune the critical elements of their businesses.

This seminar will show business owners how to use research as a tool in business; what some research tools and techniques are; as well as give an introduction to the platform elements of small business and how each should work in a business.

WELCOME BACK, TEACHERS



Big Spring School Superintendent Bill McQueary addresses district teachers during a welcome-back luncheon Monday at the high school cafeteria. Classes in the district resume Thursday. HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Insurance

Utah-based GEM out Oct. 1 as Blue Cross of Texas regains county's business

By **CARLTON JOHNSON**
Staff Writer

Effective Oct. 1 Howard County employees will be back under the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas insurance umbrella.

During budget discussions Monday afternoon, the county's insurance committee of County Commissioner and Chairman Bill Crooker, Commissioner Jerry Kilgore, County Auditor Jackie Olson, County Treasurer Bonnie Franklin and Justice of the Peace China Long, recommended that commissioners replace current carrier GEM Insurance of Utah with the preferred plan of Blue Cross.

According to Crooker, GEM would be requesting a 15 percent increase in the \$550,122 in premiums the county is paying this year, bringing the county's annual health insurance cost to \$643,260.

Not including dental coverage, the Blue Cross proposal carries an annual premium of \$629,255, which the county accepted along with dental coverage of \$20,638 annually.

Under dental premiums, the county will pay a premium of \$13.65 per month for its insured employees. Employees electing family coverage will pay an additional \$26.40.

Dental coverage will add \$1,719.90 to the county's monthly insurance premium.

Texas Association of Counties (TAC) representative Kellie Cruise told commissioners that TAC currently work for about 123 of the state's 254 counties and all are comfortable with Blue Cross as their health insurance provider.

According to Cruise, the 123 counties represent approximately 18,000 county employees across the state that take advantage of group health insurance.

The prescription card associated with the county's Blue Cross policy means insured employees will pay a straight \$10 for name brand drugs and \$5 for generic drugs, no percentages involved.

Under the Blue Cross preferred plan, employees covered by the employee only plan will have the \$238.74 monthly premium paid for by the county.

Employees electing to also have their child or children insured will see a premium of \$424.96, but will only have to pay \$100 with the county paying the remaining \$324.96.

The premium for employee and spouse coverage is \$484.65

AT-A-GLANCE

Specifics of the new insurance package between Howard County and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas with rates contingent on an enrollment of at least 148 employees enrolled:

- County base premium - \$629,255
- County dental premium - \$20,638
- Employee-only health premium - 0
- Employee-family health premium - \$100
- Employee-only dental premium - \$13.65 per month
- Family dental premium - \$40.00 per month
- Prescription services - \$10 brand-name drugs or \$5 for generic drugs

of which the employee will pay only \$100 again. The county will pick up the remaining \$384.65.

Employees electing employee and family coverage will pay \$100 as well of the \$673.26 monthly premium with the county picking up the remaining \$573.26.

According to Blue Cross representative Dal Watson, the company's preferred rates to Howard County are contingent on an effective date of Oct. 1, 1997, an enrollment of 154 county employees; an enrollment of no less than 146 employees; and an employer contribution of no less than 100 percent of the employee only rate.

The insurance committee that recommended the switch to Blue Cross was formed last month when commissioners decided that GEM was too slow in paying claims filed by several county employees.

According to commissioners, a total of about 790 employees and dependents are on the county's insurance policy.

When commissioners first selected GEM as its carrier two years ago it was because commissioners believed the county could save approximately \$100,000 a year on its premium, despite the cost of prescriptions for county employees increasing.

The switch to Blue Cross means the county will pay about \$6,600 more for its annual premiums during fiscal year 1997-98 than it will this year.

Howard trustees set to increase taxes again

Cite steady erosion of state aid as main reason for decision

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Howard College trustees, faced with a steady erosion of state financial aid over the past decade, are on course for their second straight tax increase in as many years.

College trustees approved the 1997-98 budget for Howard and SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf during their meeting Monday, and now must decide how to pay for the packages.

The overall financial figures are relatively unchanged from the previous year. HC will have expenditures of \$11.97 million budgeted for the coming year, while SWCID has an expenditure package of \$2.3 million.

To finance those budgets, however, it is likely trustees will have to bump taxes for the second straight year.

The junior college district's current tax rate is 20.5 cents per \$100, by far the lowest of the county's major taxing entities, but Howard College President Cheri Sparks warns a hike of a half-cent or so may be on the way when trustees hold a public hearing on the new tax rate at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday in the college board

room. Last year, trustees approved a half-cent hike in the tax rate, and Sparks said trustees have tentatively approved an increase to 21.23 cents per \$100 valuation.

Sparks cited two major reasons for the increase: A steady decline in state revenue; and an effort by the college to bring salaries more in line with state averages.

Part-time personnel salaries, in particular, have been targeted by trustees. Out of 50 community colleges in this area, Howard ranks 48th in part-time faculty salaries, Sparks said.

"We're trying to do something about that," she said. "We're trying to balance the playing

field. We still need to address salaries of our faculty. We still have a long road to climb. Faculty (pay) is still not at the level we'd like."

Also contributing to the proposed tax hike has been a slow, steady erosion in state aid. Sparks said that in the past 15 years, state aid has dropped from about 90 percent of the education dollar to about 66 percent now.

"We had to adjust some of that cost," Sparks said. "In order to address the growing needs of the college... our costs have continued to go up."

Student tuitions and fees will remain consistent with last year's figures, Sparks added.

College trustees also fill vice president vacancy

Ken Tunstall tabbed to fill school's 3-month vacancy

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Howard College ended its three-month search for a new vice president Monday when it named Ken Tunstall VP for instruction.

Tunstall, currently director of workforce education at the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB), was selected over five other finalists for the position at

Monday's board of trustees meeting, Howard President Cheri Sparks said.

Tunstall, who officially assumes his duties in September, replaces Dusty Johnston, who resigned earlier this year to assume a similar job at a community college in Arkansas.

The college's newest vice president received his bachelor's and master's degrees from North Carolina State University and his doctorate from Texas Tech. Since that time, he has held several teaching and administrative positions, including being a professor of mathematics at South Plains College in Levelland.

As vice president for instruction, he will be responsible for coordinating the instructional program, and will oversee the college's faculty.

Sparks said Tunstall's background with THECB should be a major asset to Howard. "He's been on the cutting edge of workforce training in the state of Texas, and we feel that will be a great benefit to us," Sparks said.

In other action, trustees:

- Awarded bids for fuel, janitorial supplies and computer equipment.
- Approved changes to the employee handbook and college catalog.

County officials say tax hike not in their plans

By **CARLTON JOHNSON**
Staff Writer

The Howard County Commissioners' Court does not have the final figures worked out for the 1997-98 fiscal budget, but the projection is for a budget somewhere around \$8.7 million.

The new fiscal year begins Oct. 1.

According to County Auditor Jackie Olson, the county expects to have a beginning balance (as of Oct. 1) in its general

fund of \$1.75 million; a balance of \$400,000 in the road and bridge fund; and a balance of \$1.1 million in the equipment operating fund.

The overall carryover from the 1996-97 budget year for the county will be just over \$3.5 million.

According to Olson, the county expected revenues for the new budget to include \$5.7 million to the general fund; \$1.3 million in the road and bridge fund; and \$40,000 to the equipment operating fund.

The county is projecting an

ending fund balance (as of Sept. 30, 1996) of \$2.19 million.

Commissioners will wait until they have a final budget in place before setting the tax rate for the 1997-98 fiscal year.

The county's effective tax rate for the new year is \$0.44554, meaning the county can use the effective rate to generate the same revenue it did for the current budget year.

Last year's effective tax rate for the county was \$0.45118.

For the current budget year, commissioners took the effective tax rate and added three

percent for a 1996-97 tax rate of \$0.46471 or 46 cents per \$100 valuation.

For the 1996-97 fiscal year, the county expected \$5,116,959 in taxes to be levied, less a 5 percent estimated delinquency of \$255,848 for an estimated collection of \$4,861,111.

The county tax rate for the 1995-96 fiscal year was \$0.47495, and by commissioners deciding to go with the effective tax rate plus three percent of \$0.46471, the county's tax rate actually

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WEATHER

Tonight:



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Fri:



Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows 65-70. Wednesday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid to upper 90s. Wednesday night, partly cloudy. Lows 65-70. Extended forecast, Thursday through Saturday, Partly cloudy. Lows near 70. Highs in the 90s.

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OBITUARIES

Edward Lee Hogg, Sr.

Funeral service for Edward Lee Hogg, Sr., 86, Coahoma, will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 13, 1997, at Branon Funeral Home Chapel, Lamesa, with Rev. Brian Pinkerton officiating. Burial will be in Lamesa Memorial Park.

Mr. Hogg died Monday, Aug. 11, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

He was born in November of 1910, in Georgia. He married Vera Stamper in January of 1932, in Grayson, La. She preceded him in death in December 1990. He was a life long farmer.

Survivors include: two sons, James I. Hogg, Albuquerque, N.M., and E.L. Hogg, Jr., Lamesa; 12 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Branon Funeral Home, Inc., Lamesa.

James Bradford "Jim" Haley

Gravestone service for James Bradford "Jim" Haley, 53, St. Amant, La., was 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 7, 1997, at Carpenters Chapel with Rev. Jeff Haley officiating.

Mr. Haley died Tuesday, Aug. 5, in St. Amant, La.

He was a truck driver for Coastal Bridge Co. He was a graduate of Coahoma High School.

Survivors include: one daughter, Jessica Anne Haley, Prairieville, La., former wife, Deya Alexander, Prairieville, La.; four sisters, Margaret Hammack, Austin, JoAnn Bailey, Jal, N.M., Marie Ladner, Ethel, La., and Stella Cade, Walnut Creek, Calif.; two brothers, Robert M. Haley, French Settlement, La., and David B. Haley, Big Spring, and numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements under the direction of Orso Funeral Home, Gonzales, La.

BRIEFS

SENIOR CITIZENS ARE INVITED to attend the second annual Senior Fun and Fitness Fair from 2-4 p.m. Thursday at Dora Roberts Community Center.

Sponsored by Retired Senior Volunteer Program, the event will feature booths from community groups, information, health screenings and refreshments. Games, prizes and live entertainment are also planned.

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decreased last year by \$0.01024.

Last year was the first time in three years that county commissioners were able to lower their tax rate, considering the steady decline in the county's mineral values.

The county also has the option of adding three percent to the effective tax rate (\$0.45890) this year and would have to post a public notice and call for a public hearing on the tax rate.

This would generate a tax levy of \$5,307,855, meaning an additional \$154,528 in revenue for the county.

Without having to post a notice and call for a public hearing on the tax rate, the county could also opt for a 1 percent tax increase (\$0.44999) producing a tax levy of \$5,204,798 and additional revenue of \$51,471 or a one cent tax increase per \$100 valuation (\$0.45554). This would produce a tax levy of \$5,268,992 and additional revenue for the county of \$115,665.

REUNIONS

RESERVATIONS ARE BEING TAKEN through Saturday for the Jones Valley Reunion lunch planned for Aug. 30. Send the \$7.35 per person cost of the buffet to Reba Hicks Fortner, Rt. 1, Box 123-B, Brownwood, TX 76801-9333, or call her at (915) 643-1335 to claim a spot.

Call John Hicks, 264-0425 and Mabel Timmons Dickerson, 267-3154, for reunion information.

BIG SPRING HIGH CLASS of 1952 is seeking the addresses of the following persons:

De Wayne Adams, Don Allman, Ray Arnold, Kenneth Bryant, Glenn Bunn, Marshall Burrus, Dale Chandler, Carrol Chapman, Orville Churchill, Cecil Couch, James Daniell, Ernest Farmer, C.L. Girdner, Bobby Hammond, Robert Hayes, Jack Kelley, Steve Kornfield, Richard Prahm, Billie Shultz, Clifford Winn, and Bill Wood.

Women's names are by maiden name: Jean Anderson, Doris Jean Brown, Barbara Chapman, Gloria Chiodo, Jerry Christesson, Beula Jo Cook, Virginia Davenport, Annette Green, Peggy Jenkins, Virginia Kinney, Sue Lawdermilk, Eva McElrath, Patsy McMillan, Mary Frances Norman, Lela Patterson, Mary Delia Garcia, Concho Sarmiento, Norma Jean Rowe, Barbara Smith, Maren Tinkham, and Patsy Wilson.

Please call Joy Hester at 263-1755 for any information concerning the above persons.

SPRINGBOARD

IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES IN A SPRINGBOARD ITEM OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT GINA GARZA, 263-7331 ext. 238, BETWEEN 8:30 A.M. AND 2 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
•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.

•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, 7 p.m.; Spanish services.

•Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., 615 Settles.

•Narcotics Anonymous, 6:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

•Beginning line dance class will be taught at 9 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-1628 for more information. All ages welcome.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at the VA Medical Center on fourth floor.

•MS group, 6:30 p.m., Canterbury South. Call Diane at 263-0148.

•Mental Health Center's Family Education and Support, 5:30 p.m., 319 Runnels. Call Shannon Nabors, 263-0027.

WEDNESDAY
•Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room. Call Archie Kountz, 267-3821.

•Line dance classes, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, following lunch. For more information call 398-5522 or 267-1628. All ages welcome.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. 12&12 Study.

•West Side Community Center fall registration, 1 to 4 p.m., West Side Day Care. Call 263-7841.

THURSDAY

•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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•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.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting, 615 Settles. 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at Scenic Mountain Medical Center cafeteria.

•American Legion Auxiliary Post 506, 7 p.m. Call 263-2084.

•Masonic Lodge No. 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

•2nd Annual Senior Fun & Fitness Fair, sponsored by Big Spring Retired & Senior Volunteer Program, 2 to 4 p.m., Dora Roberts Civic Center. Senior citizens are invited for free ice cream, live entertainment; games, prizes and health screenings.

Texas Lottery PICK 3: 4,6,2 CASH 5:14,15,34,37,39

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price/Percentage. Includes Medical Alliance, Mobil, Norwest, Phillips Petroleum, etc.

N. Goliad, was arrested on a charge of theft over \$50/under \$500.

•SHELBY DUGAN, 25, 1408 Lancaster, was arrested on local warrants.

•ROD LEE PUGA, 35, 611 Nolan, was arrested on local warrants.

•NORMAN WEBB, 33, 710 Galveston, was arrested on a charge of DWI.

•HARASSMENT was reported on the 900 block of E. 12th.

•ASSAULT was reported on the 1900 block of Lamesa Highway.

•THEFT was reported on the 1200 block of 11th Place, the 900 block of Willia, the 1800 block of Gregg and the 400 block of Birdwell.

MARKETS

Oct. cotton 74.48 cents a pound, up 77 points; Sept. crude oil 19.94, up 25 points; Cash hogs steady at \$1 higher at 56; cash steers steady at \$1 higher at 64; Aug. lean hog futures 80.20, down 20 points; Aug. live cattle futures 65.75, up 10 points.

courtesy: Delta Corporation. Noon quotes provided by Edward D. Jones & Co.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price/Percentage. Includes Index 8083.01, Volume 149,815,530, ATT, Amoco, etc.

RECORDS

Monday's high 97
Monday's low 74
Average high 92
Average low 69
Record high 107 in 1952
Record low 60 in 1974
Precip. Monday 0.00
Month to date 01.31
Month's normal 0.48
Year to date 15.77
Normal for the year 11.13
**Statistics not available

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Monday and 8 a.m. Tuesday:

•STEVEN CROFT, 40, 702 Bell, was arrested on county warrants.

•JOE CORREA, 38, 903 E. 15th, was arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid.

•ROY CERVANTES, 18, 105

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Monday and 8 a.m. Tuesday:

•EVIE DWAYNE KEELING, 36, Dallas, was arrested on Dallas County warrants.

•GREGORY PAUL BODIN, 24, P.O. Box 3084, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana.

•DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported on Merrick Road.

CORRECTION

In Monday's "On the Street" feature on Page 1, Sherry Phillips was incorrectly identified. Phillips owns the Merle Norman Studio in Big Spring Mall.



Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The Howard County Junior College District (Howard College) will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in 1996 by 7.98 percent. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property.

The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, August 19, 1997, 12:30 pm at the Board Room in the Dora Roberts Student Union Building on the Howard College Campus 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX.

Table with 2 columns: FOR the proposal: Don McKinney, Harold Davis, Dr. P. W. Malone, Adrian Randle, Rob Ethridge, Dr. Charles Warren, Michael Flores. AGAINST the proposal: None. PRESENT and not voting: None. ABSENT: None.

The statement above shows the percentage increase the proposed rate represents over the effective tax rate that the unit published on August 3, 1997. The following table compares taxes on an average home in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average home this year. Again, your individual taxes may be higher or lower, depending on the taxable value of your property.

Table with 3 columns: Item, Last Year, This Year. Includes Average home value, General exemptions available, Average taxable value, Tax rate (per \$100), Tax.

Under this proposal taxes on the average home would increase by \$6.69 or 15.13 percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would increase by \$0.0073 per \$100 of taxable value or 3.56 percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

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State board to dismiss cases rather than administer discipline

AUSTIN (AP) — The board that regulates nursing home administrators in Texas is about to dismiss dozens of cases rather than impose discipline on administrators accused of running problem homes, according to a published report.

The cases are being closed by the Texas Board of Nursing Facility Administrators, which will be abolished at the end of the month and its duties turned over to another agency.

A three-member board committee has continued to recommend dismissal of some disciplinary cases this summer rather than hand them off to the new state office that will oversee the state's 2,700 nursing home administrators, the Austin American-Statesman reported today.

One case that has been recommended for closures involves an administrator who ran a home where four people died after staff members failed to notify a doctor when the residents' health took a turn for the worse.

The Fairview Nursing Home in Bonham had so many life-threatening problems that a trustee had to take over in 1993.

Another administrator was accused of failing to ensure that residents did not wander to a highway or to protect them from assault by other residents.

Another administrator was accused of running a nursing home where residents had severe bed sores and were bathed only sporadically.

The committee took the action Monday to close 47 of the 64 cases

on the panel's agenda. Meeting behind closed doors in a Dallas hotel, the committee recommended further investigation in 13 cases and discipline in four.

"My feeling is we have a job until Aug. 31, and until someone tells me otherwise, I think it's our responsibility to fulfill it," said Mike Sims, a Waco nursing home administrator and chairman of the board.

"We'd probably be criticized either way — if we didn't do anything or if we did something."

If the board goes along today with the the committee's recommendations, the new Department of Human Services office taking over regulation of nursing home administrators could not reopen the case unless new evidence is presented, officials said.

The board was eliminated on a vote by the Texas Legislature after legislators heard about widespread problems with the board, including its inability to take action against administrators it was supposed to govern.

The newspaper reported last September that the board had failed to discipline any administrators from September 1993 through August 1996 despite hundreds of complaints filed against administrators.

State Sen. Mike Moncrief, a Fort Worth Democrat and sponsor of the law to scrap the board, questioned why cases are being recommended for closure without review by the Department of Human Services.

"In view of their lack of taking any action against bad actors in

the past, I would be very nervous about them closing cases without at least a DHS review," he said.

Another criticism leveled at the board is the makeup of the board since five of its nine members are nursing home administrators.

After the federal government

told the state that the board's lopsided composition violates federal law, Moncrief wrote the bill that changes the board's membership to three nursing home administrators, three public members and three geriatric health professionals.

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Quote of the Day

"It is well to lie fallow for a while."

-Martin F. Tupper

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OUR VIEWS

Settles project makes a positive difference

Here we go again, reminding you of your opportunity to become involved in helping improve the image of downtown by participating in the Settles Hotel window project.

More than 100 windows — 30 of them by Scenic Mountain Medical Center alone — have been purchased for installation by Bill and Darlene Hipp's Quality Glass.

Tommy Churchwell's project was the brunt of some jokes and snickering when he first went public with a plan to improve the image of this community's most visible structure — and by so doing, improve the image of the community as well.

But it's an idea that has caught on and one that certainly makes the building more attractive than an idea we earlier championed that would have turned the Settles into a towering tombstone after closing in the windows with cement.

Churchwell's idea helped provide some impetus for an even bigger project — the restoration of the first two or three floors of the Settles into a facility that will serve as an attractive magnet to the downtown area rather than a sore thumb.

A group has been formed to look into the various aspects of the project. The City of Big Spring, owners of the building, have asked Lubbock architects Parkhill, Smith and Cooper to provide an estimate as to the cost of the renovations and some money has already been received from within the community to help spruce up the Settles.

In addition, the city is also working to strengthen its ordinances so that it will be easier to take down the eyesores — not only in downtown, but around the entire community as well.

The Settles Hotel project is one in which all of the community's residents can participate and make a positive difference in the appearance of our community — not only to ourselves, but to those who visit our community as tourists, as prospective employees and as prospective employers.

Together, we can make a positive difference through the Settles Hotel project — and we can do it in the immediate future.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to address some of the comments made by Mr. Bill Crooker in the newspaper article on Tuesday, Aug. 5. I find it very insulting for Mr. Crooker to think he can get away with using this forum to address his personal vendetta.

Mr. Crooker, I don't know and don't care why you are no longer serving on the Board of Trustees of West Texas Centers for MHMR, and I don't think you should use the center to further the success of your own agenda. Have you asked the constituents of the district in which you serve what they think about funding for WTC for MHMR? I don't think so!

I live in your district and actually voted for you in the most recent election. Is Shelly Smith making too much money? I don't know. Is Shelly Smith qualified for the job she has? I don't know. Do you make too much money? Are you really qualified to be in your position?

To top it all off, you suggest that the \$5400 budgeted to the Corral should be continued because it helps people in the Big Spring community. Did you not spend some of your time recently in some of the homes staffed by center employees? Were you so disappointed in them that you don't feel they also help people living in our community? The center employs about 200 people locally and provides services to about 380 people within this county. Many of these people have been given, for the first time, an opportunity to become productive members of society because of the services they are receiving.

Mr. Crooker, you have the right to your opinion but you don't have the right to punish others because of your "basic

disagreement with management." It's time to move on!

JAMIE SCOTT
Big Spring

TO THE EDITOR:

Re Our Views in the July 23 edition of the Herald.

As a proud American, and the wife of a retired military man, I commend you for the article. I still get a lump in my throat and tears in my eyes when I hear our national anthem. Perhaps Ted Turner should stop messing with our old movies and spend more time listening to country music. I think Merle Haggard's "Fighting Side of Me" would be a great one for him to start with. I agree with him on one point, America is beautiful, but our national anthem is not broken, it does not need fixing!

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Clinton's legacy: Foreign policy blunders

By CHARLEY REESE
Syndicated Columnist

I've heard folks say President Clinton wants to find his place in history. Well, he's found it. He will be remembered for two of the greatest foreign policy blunders in the latter half of the 20th century. And that's not even counting the sleaze that permeates his administration.

One blunder is the expansion of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, which will queer relations with Russia and could lead to catastrophic results.

The other is his cowardly failure to prevent Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu from scuttling — deliberately in my opinion — the Middle East peace process.

Let's look at what Netanyahu has done before the most recent bombing. He has announced the following unilateral decisions by Israel, which are nonnegotiable:

1. Israel will keep 60 percent of the West Bank.
2. Israel will control 100 percent of the water in the West Bank.
3. Israel will retain control of 100 percent of Jerusalem, including the large areas of the West Bank that Israeli officials annexed.
4. Israel will build new or expand old settlements anytime and anywhere it pleases.
5. Israel will decide how much, if any, of the West Bank it will withdraw from, and when and if.
6. Israel will build new roads on Palestinian land in the West Bank connecting Jewish settlements and forbid Palestinians to use them.

Now, all of that, according to Netanyahu, is nonnegotiable, so when he occasionally claims he's ready to negotiate I wonder about what. Who will pick up the garbage?

Background point to the above: Palestinians are entitled to 100 percent of the West Bank and Gaza and to 100 percent of its water and to East Jerusalem. The Israeli settlements under international law are illegal. President Jimmy Carter was brave enough to call them illegal, for which he received the ire of the Israeli lobby.

Israel, by virtue of having

taken the West Bank, Gaza and the Golan Heights by military conquest in 1967, is not legally entitled to an inch of it. The fact that most American politicians are too gutless to say so does not change international law or the facts of history.

Now for the suicide bombing. It's terrible. It's always terrible when innocents are killed in political quarrels. Just this past week 115 Algerians were killed, but I doubt you'll see color pictures of their funerals in your newspaper. All lives are equal, but some members of the press consider some lives to be more equal than others.

As of this writing the bombers have not been identified. There is some evidence, according to both Israelis and Palestinians, that they came from outside the country. But what was Netanyahu's reaction? Collective punishment for all Palestinians in the country.

He sealed off their areas, preventing workers from going to their jobs and farmers from taking their produce to market. He stepped up blowing up their houses. He arrested more than 150. He has withheld their tax

money. He has caused a severe economic crisis among people already economically injured by Israeli policies.

And, of course, Netanyahu blames Yasir Arafat for the terrorism, but Israel retains control of all but about 5 percent of the area in which Palestinians live, so that hardly seems reasonable. The bombing occurred in Jerusalem, which is 100 percent under Israeli control. Netanyahu has also demanded Arafat with a list of demands which, if Arafat met them, would cause a civil war among Palestinians.

And what has Clinton done while the hope for peace goes up in flames? He's maintained the Clinton doctrine, which is to tell the Palestinians to do whatever the Israelis tell them to do.

Only Clinton can save the peace process, and he's too yellow to do it. Yep, history will remember him all right — as the most foreign-policy-impaired president in the 20th century.

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GOP revolution and counterrevolution

By NANCY BENAC
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WASHINGTON — The Republican Revolution was never supposed to work this way.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich fending off GOP coup attempts. His top lieutenants being chastised for failing to defend him aggressively. Democrats smirking.

Gingrich has reasserted his authority, at least for now. His forces can indeed point to progress on topics ranging from overhauling welfare to balancing the budget.

But how did the vaunted GOP revolution, which began with such momentum and moxie, move along such a perilous path?

In a way, the first signs of trouble can be found in the impressive dimensions of the Republican electoral victory in 1994, when the GOP took both chambers of Congress for the first time in four decades.

"Newt! Newt! Newt!" Gingrich's adoring followers chanted as they anointed him speaker in January 1995.

In those heady early days, the Republican zealotry alienated many Americans — even some GOP members of Congress.

At the time, it hardly seemed to matter.

Working at a dizzying pace, the Republicans muscled nine out of 10 items on their "Contract with America"

through the House during their first 100 days and sneered at the word "compromise."

"We are the least likely group to have our knees buckle," declared Rep. Roger Wicker of Mississippi, head of the 73-member freshman class.

Oh, those freshmen. With their unyielding conservatism. They gave the revolution its passion.

But soon, they began to give Gingrich fits. He had rewarded their loyalty by conferring unprecedented power, and they used it to push the leadership to the right and their agenda forward.

"Some places, frankly, they moved a little faster than they should," Gingrich himself lamented, singling out the effort to cut environmental regulations among other issues.

Rep. David McIntosh of Indiana labeled it "constructive tension between the freshmen and the leadership as they move slower on some of these issues."

The tensions only grew. The end of 1995 brought a budget standoff between the Republicans and the White House that led to two partial shutdowns of the federal government as Congress' majority party protested presidential vetoes of money bills.

The shutdowns, a record 27 days, were a PR disaster for the Republicans and produced new GOP schisms and backbiting. Gingrich implicitly blamed the freshmen for pushing him into a corner. He told them he

had loaded up the budget bills with veto bait only "to get your vote."

With the arrival of 1996, GOP legislators started to get nervous about their re-election prospects. They wanted a record of accomplishment to take home to voters.

GOP moderates grew bolder about deserting their leaders, conservatives more restive. The two groups took turns defying their leaders.

Republican leaders lined up against increasing the minimum wage but angered some conservatives by retreating after moderates broke ranks and demanded a vote.

The House leadership narrowly avoided humiliation when the GOP balanced-budget plan squeezed through by a five-vote margin after 19 Republicans — 16 of them freshmen — opposed it because it didn't cut deficits quickly enough.

On Election Day 1996, the GOP majority in the House shrank to its slimmest margin by either party in almost half a century.

No more Newt Gingrich, "genuine revolutionary." Now it was Newt Gingrich seeking "common ground" with Clinton.

Discontent with Gingrich became more open within GOP ranks. One member called him "damaged goods" because of his poor public image and admitted violation of House ethics rules.

Gingrich managed to retain the speaker's chair but the Republicans seemed to lose

their footing as Congress convened in 1997.

No headstrong first 100 days for this Congress.

Weeks were dominated by internal dithering over Gingrich's ethical problems, how to punish him, how he would pay his \$300,000 penalty. A chastened Gingrich, trying to govern with a smaller GOP minority, moved left to glean votes from moderates and liberals.

The freshmen of 1994 — now sophomores — grew indignant and impatient.

They were tired of "wasting time" and "naming bridges," in the words of Arizona's Rep. Matt Salmon, one of the rebels.

GOP leaders negotiated a balanced-budget agreement with Clinton, and conservatives grumbled it cut taxes too little and allowed too much spending.

Finally, after Gingrich caved in to the White House last month by removing GOP additions to a disaster relief bill, charges of ineptitude mingled with questions about his ideological purity.

The disarray culminated in a foiled coup, with Gingrich emerging last week to declare: "The line of authority is to me."

There is no guarantee the authority will remain unchallenged as Gingrich tries to do the dealing necessary to govern.

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Harmon provides Tiger home course advantage at Winged Foot

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

MAMARONECK, N.Y. — Tiger Woods' caddie, Fluff Cowan, was checking out possible pin positions on the second green at Winged Foot for this week's PGA Championship when Butch Harmon called to him.

"Fluff, six more up and one to the right," Harmon said. "That's it there," he said, stopping Cowan as he counted his paces to a spot beneath the towering tree that hangs over the left side of the green.

Cowan held the flagstick over an imaginary hole as Woods practiced chipping to it from the rough.

"Oh man, that one's a killer," Harmon said about the pin position.

PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

Never more than a stride away from Woods at any time during the nine-hole practice round on Monday, Harmon, the famed teacher whose father was the professional at Winged Foot for 33 years, was giving his prize pupil the benefit of his experience.

On each hole, Woods tossed balls into the sand and practiced blasting out of the massive bunkers.

"Better watch that takeaway," Harmon said as Woods hit from the greenside bunker on No. 3. "Keep it steep."

A steep arc gets the ball high and over the deep lips of the bunkers at

Winged Foot.

"And notice how the sand is not so deep," Harmon pointed out to Woods. "It'll pop right out of there."

Harmon, who grew up on the course while his father was the professional from 1945-78, was greeted with constant calls of "Hey, Butch" followed by a smile and a warm handshake.

"It feels good to be here," Harmon said. "It's like going home."

Harmon's homecoming could be a big advantage for Woods this week. He knows every corner of the course and will be able to help his young student through a frustrating week when par is likely to be a very good score.

The rough is up at Winged Foot — the PGA says to 4 1/2 inches, but it was more like a half-foot in many places —

and the fairways have been narrowed. As always, the fairways and greens are guarded by towering trees and massive bunkers.

The greens are narrow targets with extremely fast and severely sloped contours. Big greens, course architect A.W. Tillinghast thought, "leads to slovenly golf."

It will take extremely lean and mean golf to get under par this week at Winged Foot. Missing the fairway led to real adventures on Monday.

Brad Faxon's tee shot on the first hole landed in the right rough, and it took a half dozen people five minutes to even find the ball.

Jose Maria Olazabal drove into the rough on No. 4, about 210 yards from the green, took a powerful swing at

his second shot and was only able to advance the ball about 80 yards as tangled grass flew everywhere.

On the fifth hole, Olazabal tried to pitch back to the fairway from the left rough, but bounced the ball through the short grass into the right rough.

Woods hit his tee shot on the first hole down the middle, played his approach to the green, then wandered off into the rough. He tossed a ball into the tangled grass and watched it disappear from sight. He tossed another ball and it too vanished.

"I could hit it if I was going that way," Woods with a laugh, taking a stance that aimed back down the fairway toward the tee, which was the way the grain of the grass was growing.

Irvin showing love for football

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — If there was any doubt about Michael Irvin's desire to play football this year, he erased it by professing his love for training camp.

He loves everything about it, the two-a-days, the heat, the sweat, the grueling conditions.

"Training camp is very important. I'm one of those guys who loves the strain of it," Irvin said Monday. "Last year, I didn't really have training camp because of my suspension. Me having a training camp this year should make a big difference."

Irvin appears more determined than ever to have a productive year on the field and a quiet year off it.

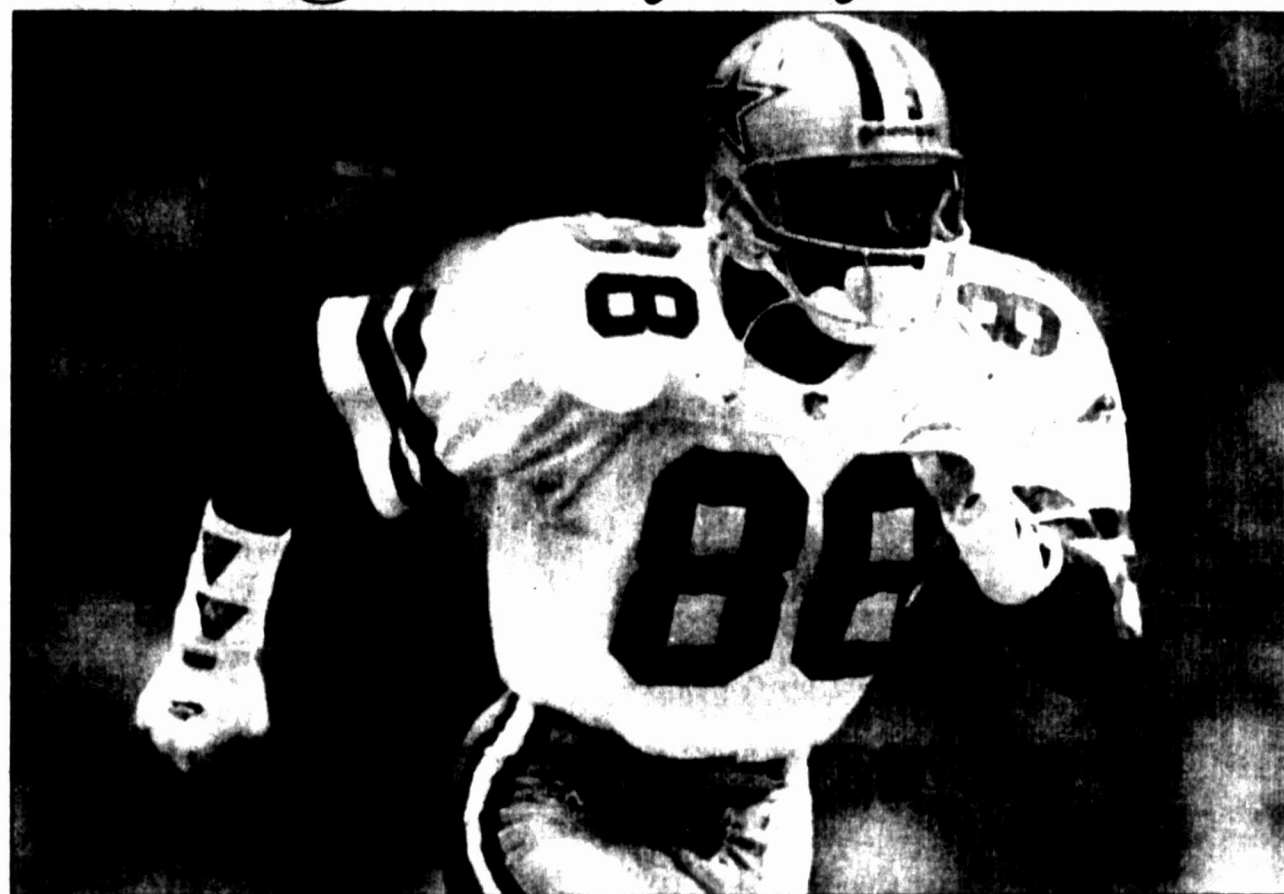
In 1995, Irvin had his biggest year as a pro, catching 111 passes for 1,603 yards and 10 touchdowns as the Cowboys won the Super Bowl.

Then the trouble hit.

He pleaded no contest to cocaine possession charges that led to his five game NFL suspension at the start of last season.

When he finally got to play, he caught 64 passes for 962 yards, missing 1,000 yards for the first time in six years. And he still gets riled about losing the second-round playoff loss to Carolina.

"You always say to yourself, 'We should have played better,'" Irvin said. "You watch the film and say, 'We were one



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After having earlier questioned whether he really wanted to play football this season, Michael Irvin has erased any doubts with his work during the Dallas Cowboys training camp in Austin.

or two plays away from being where we wanted to be."

"Our goal is to make sure that the plays that cost us the game last year don't happen this time around. That's what you work on."

Irvin has largely shunned the media during this year's camp. He refuses to answer any questions about his off-the-

field turmoil.

"Those things I won't address," Irvin said. "I think anything I talk about outside of football really distracts this football team, and I'm not willing to distract this football team any more than I have."

But Irvin said he supports owner Jerry Jones' efforts to clean up the team's tarnished

image, including the installation of surveillance cameras in the players' dorm at camp.

"I think those cameras help," Irvin said. "I wish those cameras would have been in there in the past. They might have helped situations like mine."

"I think all the steps Jerry has taken are helping the team."

Cowboys make first cuts; focus now on Cunningham

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — The Dallas Cowboys have now focused the spotlight squarely on free-agent kicker Richie Cunningham after cutting his only competition in training camp on Monday.

Gone is free agent Danny Knight, who was 2-for-2 on field goal attempts. He had hit from 30 and 34 yards but drew criticism for the 34-yarder — in a 16-10 loss at New England on Friday — because the kick was low.

Coach Barry Switzer called it a "low 2-iron with a duck hook on it."

Cunningham has missed two — from 45 and 33 yards — and made one from 45 yards.

"It was a situation where we started to run out of time," said Dallas kicking coach Steve Hoffman. "I thought that if we kept splitting kicks, then we weren't going to see any of

them be ready.

"Since Richie has a little more game experience, I thought he might have a little better chance at holding up."

Hoffman said, however, that Cunningham, who has been to training camps with Dallas in 1994 and Green Bay in 1996, has a lot to prove.

"He's got to convince some people that he can make these kicks in a game. If he doesn't, we'll be forced to look for another kicker," Hoffman said.

Former Cowboys kicker Eddie Murray, who is 41, worked out for the team before training camp and has indicated he's interested in playing for Dallas.

Cunningham said, "There's still a long way to go. There's still two more games."

"It makes it a little bit easier to come out here and just concentrate on kicking field goals and getting the reps and concentrating on what I've got to do."

Also cut on Monday were Pat Fitzgerald, a rookie free agent out of Northwestern, and fourth-year linebacker Rico Mack, who had been waived by St. Louis.

SHOCK WAVES: Serious injuries to Jacksonville quarterback Mark Brunell and Carolina quarterback Kerry Collins prompted a number of questions Monday about shortening the preseason.

When owner Jerry Jones was asked about a proposal to lengthen the regular season to 18 games and shorten the preseason to two, he said he doubted it would pass.

Jones is a member of the NFL's Competition Committee, which would have to sign off on the proposal.

"We need the preseason games for preparation for when the season starts and you have to evaluate talent," Jones said. "You have to use judgment in how you protect your

players as you move on into the season.

"I really don't see us shortening the preseason and going to an 18-game schedule."

Quarterback Troy Aikman said he was sad to see two friends get injured. Brunell is out with a season-ending knee injury. Collins will miss several games with a broken jaw. Both happened in exhibition games.

"They're two good friends of mine and you hate to see them go down, especially because of the impact that they have on their respective organizations," Aikman said.

Aikman said he doesn't want the regular season lengthened to 18 games, but wouldn't mind shortening the preseason.

"I think 16 games is all anyone's body can handle," Aikman said. "I would, however, favor shortening the preseason. If we had to be ready to play two weeks ago, we would have done it."

Gil breaks out of Fenway jinx in topping Bosox

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Benji Gil turned to Domingo Cedenio during batting practice and told him, "I've never gotten a hit here."

Then Gil went out and got three.

"It's a funny game," the Texas shortstop said Monday night after hitting a three-run homer and adding two singles to lead the Rangers to an 8-3 victory over the Boston Red Sox.

Gil's homer over the screen above the Green Monster was his first hit ever in Fenway Park, breaking an 0-for-21 slump. His three hits were as many as he'd had in the previous 17 games.

"They found holes," he said when asked to explain his newfound hitting prowess. "That's about it."

Darren Oliver (9-10) scattered nine hits to earn his sixth victory in his last seven decisions. He walked none and struck out five, throwing 83 of his 119 pitches for strikes for his second complete game this season and the third of his career.

"I don't know what his ceiling is. He just seems to get more confident and better," Texas manager Johnny Oates said. "His fastball was as good in the ninth as it was in the first."

In other American League games, New York blanked Minnesota 11-0, Seattle routed Milwaukee 11-1 and Toronto beat Detroit 8-2.

In the National League, it was Atlanta 2, Florida 1; Los Angeles 2, Chicago 1; Montreal 6, San Diego 3; Cincinnati 7, San Francisco 4; and Houston 8, New York 3.

John Valentin homered in the first inning to give Boston a 1-0 lead. But a stiff wind blowing out to left proved dangerous as Red Sox knuckleballer Tim Wakefield (6-14) added to his major league lead in losses.

In the second, Juan Gonzalez singled, Will Clark walked and Jim Leyritz hit an RBI single. One out later, Fernando Tatis doubled to score Clark, then catcher Bill Haselman couldn't handle a knuckler and Leyritz came home on the passed ball.

The Red Sox closed to 3-2 on Valentin's RBI single in the third. After Gil's three-run homer, Wilfredo Cordero

MAJOR LEAGUES

tripled and scored on Jesus Tavarez' groundout to make it 6-3.

Yankees 11, Twins 0

Chad Curtis made Joe Torre's decision easy.

His status once in doubt with Tim Lincecum returning from a hamstring injury, Curtis sealed his spot as the Yankees' everyday left fielder with a career-best five hits.

Curtis is 10-for-16 in his last three games and has seven straight hits, including his first career grand slam Sunday in New York's 9-6 victory over the Twins. He is hitting .318 with seven homers and 33 RBIs in 52 games with the Yankees after hitting .206 in 22 games with the Indians.

Andy Pettitte allowed five hits in eight innings.

The Yankees, who had a season-high 21 hits, moved within 4 1/2 games of first-place Baltimore in the AL East.

Mariners 11, Brewers 1

Jamie Moyer limited Milwaukee to three hits in seven innings and Jay Buhner drove in four runs as Seattle routed the visiting Brewers to move into a first-place tie with Anaheim in the AL West.

Buhner's 27th homer, a three-run shot, capped a five-run sixth inning that gave Seattle an 11-1 lead. Dan Wilson went 3-for-5 with three RBIs, Ken Griffey Jr. was 3-for-4 with two RBIs, and Alex Rodriguez went 2-for-5 with two RBIs.

Moyer improved to 12-4. Cal Eldred (11-12) lost his second straight start, allowing six runs and nine hits in five innings.

Blue Jays 8, Tigers 2

Pat Hentgen pitched eight strong innings and Benito Santiago hit a grand slam as Toronto routed visiting Detroit.

Hentgen (13-7) allowed seven hits, struck out two and walked one in winning his fourth straight decision. The right-hander, who leads the AL with eight complete games, is 6-0 against the Tigers the past two seasons.

Joe Carter and Carlos Delgado hit consecutive homers off Kevin Jarvis (0-2) in the sixth.

SPORTS BRIEFS

From staff and wire reports

Aguirre shines in Triple Crown Series

J.J. Aguirre says he hopes to be able to bring the kind of power he showed during the Triple Crown World Series in Fort Collins, Colo., to his play as a member of Big Spring High School's baseball program next spring.

"It was a tremendous experience ... I had a lot of fun," Aguirre said. "I didn't have the best batting average of anyone on the team, but did have the best slugging percentage. Hopefully, I can hit a little better next year when the high school season begins. And I'd sure like to hit with that kind of power this next season."

Aguirre and his teammates from the Mickey Owen Baseball School select team ran into somewhat of a buzz saw during the Triple Crown series when forced to play in the event's Under-18 Division because one of its players was over the age of 16.

As a result, they were forced to play the nation's top-ranked Under-18 Wichita, Kan.,

Indians in the opening round and dropped a 12-2 decision.

But in a second game, they issued the Wichita squad only its fifth loss of the season, taking an 8-1 win.

In their other two games in Fort Collins, the Mickey Owen squad dropped a 16-9 decision to a Missouri squad and suffered a 20-12 loss to Fort Collins host squad.

Aguirre played in almost all of the Mickey Owen team's eight-game trip — they played four games en route to the tournament — and was an impressive 11-of-19 in the four games in which he batted.

Included in those 11 hits were three home runs, two triples and three doubles. He was credited with seven runs batted in and drew four walks.

BSHS season ticket sales under way

Season football tickets for Big Spring High School Steers games will continue through Friday for those who held season tickets last

year. The tickets are priced at \$20 per book for the five-game package. Ticket window hours are from 8:30 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. on Fridays.

Any tickets not purchased by current season ticket holders will be made available to the general public Aug. 18-29.

Community pep rally set for Aug. 28

This year's Big Spring High School Community Pep Rally has been scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Aug. 28 at the Comanche Trail Park amphitheater.

The rally, sponsored by both the Big Spring Steers Booster Club and the Lady Steers Booster Club, will be an opportunity for the public to meet members of the football and volleyball teams and their trainers and managers.

In addition, members of this year's band, cheerleaders, student council and Key Club at BSHS will be introduced to the public.

Sanders to be a Cowboy on Sundays

Bad back and all, Deion Sanders plans to be in a Dallas Cowboys uniform on Sundays and in a Cincinnati Reds uniform the other six days of the week until the end of the baseball season.

The Dallas Morning News reported today that Sanders he'll be with the baseball team through their final game in September, even though his contract allows him to leave once the team is mathematically eliminated.

In turn, Cincinnati already has told Sanders he can play in the Cowboys' four regular-season games that conflict with the baseball schedule, Bowden said Monday.

Bowden said Sanders wants to finish the baseball season in part because he is chasing the National League and major league stolen base title and because Sanders feels this has been his best baseball season.

Sanders has 55 stolen bases, 11 more than his closest rival in the National League.

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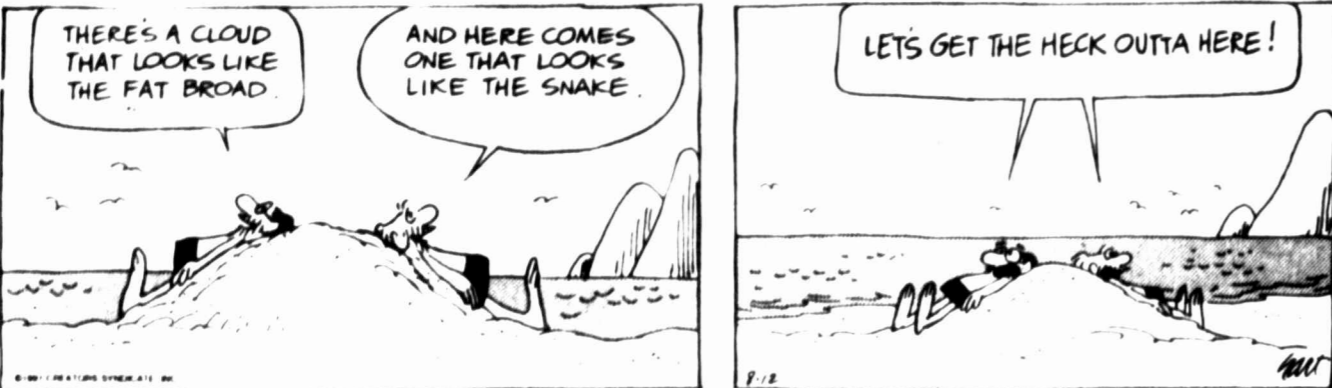
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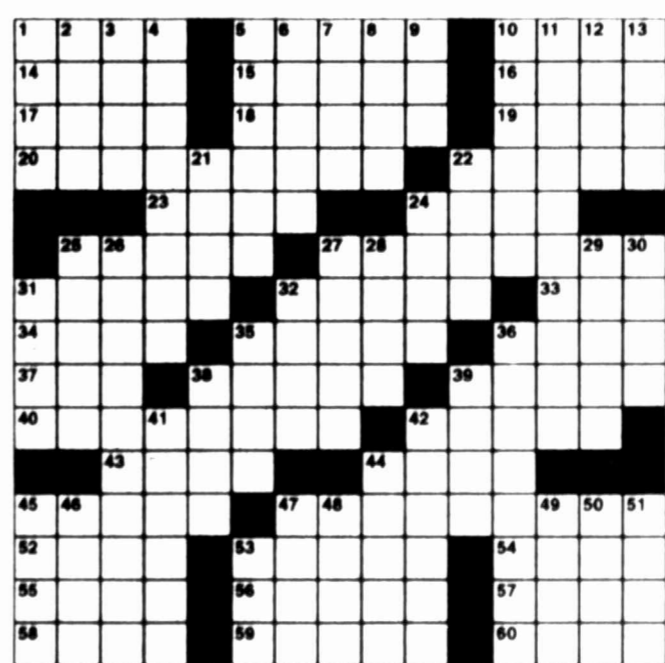
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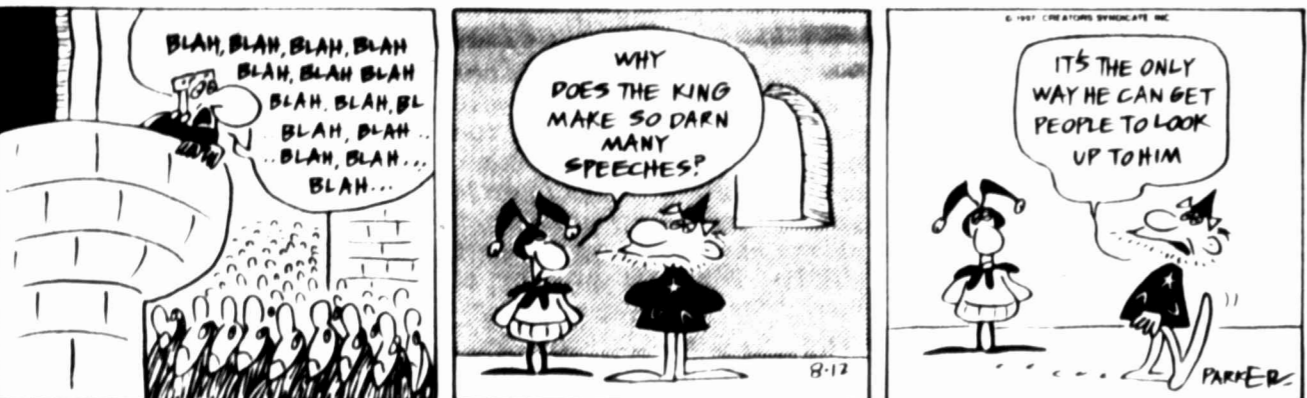
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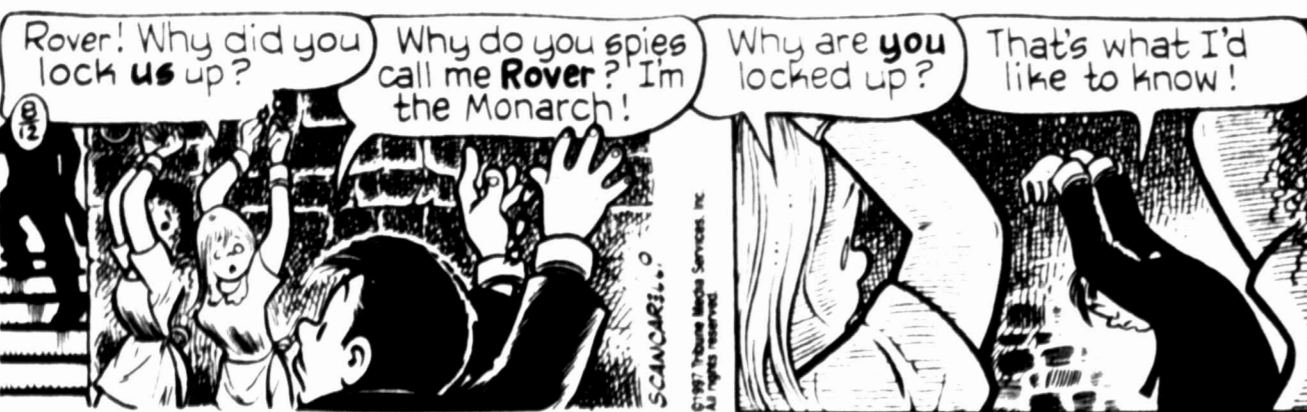
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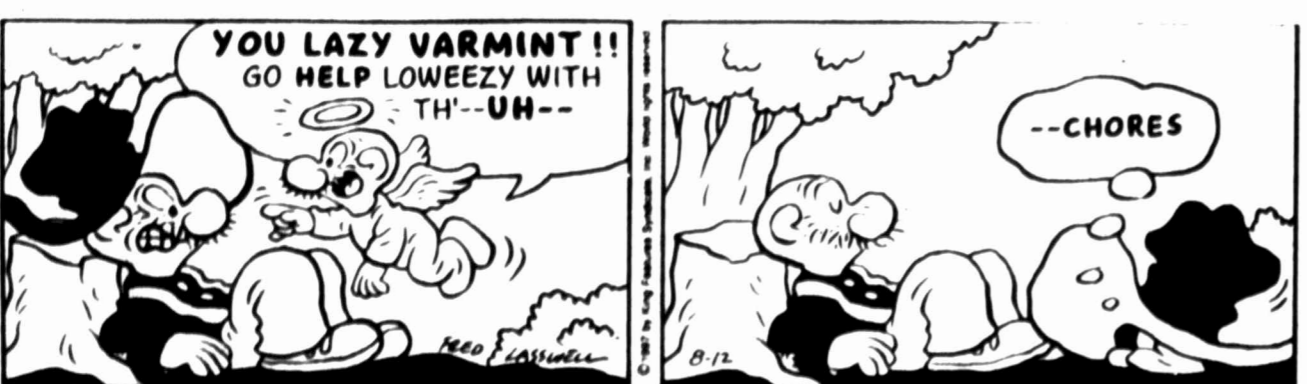
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