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Freshmen say no to pay hike

Appropriations advice ignored by lawmakers

By DAVE SKIDMORE Associated Press Writer

election less than four months away, before the House. the House overwhelmingly approved denying a pay raise in 1997 to selves," he said. lawmakers, judges and senior Clinton administration officials.

tions Committee Chairman Bob balance the budget. He contended his Livingston, R-La., and other senior measure would save \$47 million over members, legislators cast a bipartisan, five years. 352-67, vote Tuesday night adding the pay freeze to broader spending financial demands on members of legislation expected to pass the House

"We're going to pass this make do with far less," he said. amendment so everyone can go home and beat their chest and say, 'I was example," Tiahrt said. against raising my pay," said Rep. Steny Hoyer, D-Md., a 16-year Henry Hyde, R-III., and others made veteran of Congress.

instincts," said Rep. Sherwood alter his amendment. Boehlert, R-N.Y., serving his 14th year in the House.

Jack Metcalf, R-Wash., Todd Tiahrt, servant. There are choices that they R-Kan., and Bill Luther, D-Minn., can make.' would deny a roughly \$3,000 pay raise to rank-and-file members, 267-150 to approve a second leaving their salary at \$133,600 for amendment, by Luther and Rep. Gil the fifth consecutive year.

and top Clinton administration executive branch by 500 positions to officials, including Vice President Al 2,300. Gore and the Cabinet. Other federal workers would receive a 2.3 percent

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 and crippled revenue collection. legislation, one of 13 regular spending bills, would have to be Appropriations subcommittee reconciled with a yet-to-be-written chairman Rep. Jim Lightfoot, R-Iowa. Senate version.

In pushing to a lopsided victory, the freshmen brushed aside the arguments of senior members who Senate's. 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, appropriations.'

R-Calif., an 18-year veteran.

He criticized GOP leaders for WASHINGTON (AP) - With the allowing the amendment to come

"The members need from time to a freshmen-sponsored measure time to be protected from them-

But Metcalf argued that lawmakers and other senior officials should be Ignoring the counsel of Appropria- denied raises at least until they

We all know there are unique Congress (to maintain two homes) ... but many American families have to

"We all know we must lead by

Judiciary Committee Chairman a plea to exempt federal judges from "This is just pandering to base the measure, but Metcalf refused to

Rep. Nathan Deal, R-Ga., in his second term, said, "No one affected The measure by freshmen Reps. by this amendment is an indentured

Meanwhile, the House voted Gutknecht, R-Minn. It would cut the Also affected are federal judges number of political appointees in the

> Debate on the overall bill focused on an 11 percent cut, to \$6.6 billion, in the budget of the IRS. Roughly 2,000 jobs at the agency would be

The Clinton administration warned the result would be delayed refunds

"Horsefeathers," replied who nevertheless signaled his willingness to cede ground when the House bill is reconciled with the

"I'm willing to negotiate and compromise," he said. "But ... just as the IRS demands that the American taxpayer justify every penny of their tax returns, I'm demanding that the IRS justify every penny of their

Flood aftermath

Heavy rains that fell over the weekend left this stretch of 15th Street west of town under water -- and left a Suburban flooded in the ditch. The Suburban, shown at right, can be seen above between the second and third power poles at left. According to sheriff's department reports, the Suburban is owned by Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Copple. The department was contacted Saturday when the Suburban got stuck in the ditch before heavy rains began in the area. After the rain ended, however, the vehicle was flooded, with waters nearly covering it completely. No injuries were reported, but salvage of the vehicle and opening of the road will wait until the water subsides.

Outpatient care increase health care trend

HRMC notes decrease in patients

Hospital workers hailed

for actions during crisis

By GARRY WESNER **Managing Editor**

to Hereford Regional Medical Center \$53,518 in June, which is more than during the same month last year.

But, hospital CEO Jim Robinson of the Deaf Smith County Hospital District board of directors, year-todate admissions are down and the average daily census are down.

Robinson, in making the operations reports at the meeting Tuesday night, said the declining numbers are a sign of the times.

That is a trend you're going to continue to see," he said, as more and more patients are treated on an outpatient basis.

We're going to get to the point where empty beds are desirable to have," he said.

For the year to date, the average

daily census is 18.5 patients, down three from last year. However, Robinson noted, the

number of surgical procedures last month was 70, bringing to 584 the total for the year -- a rise of 14 procedures over last year.

Increases also were noted in the number of outpatient visits, 806 in June and 7,063 year-to-date; and emergency room visits, 714 for the month and 6,268 for the year.

The number of laboratory tests and radiology and diagnostic procedures in June were down from last June, but both areas continue to show increases in the year-to-date category.

In presenting the financial report on the hospital, board secretary Larry Watts noted that total current assets are \$3,960,009 as of the end of June, which is up from last year.

Total assets were \$6,533,229 last month, which also is up.

On the revenue and expense side, Watts reported that total operating

but were offset by \$93,145 in non- month after month," rather than wide operating income, leaving the hospital swings in admissions and finances report on its Directors and Officers There were 165 patients admitted with a net gain at the end of June of between months.

Board president Mal Manchee received the financial and operating reports with joy, noting that "we're reported during Tuesday's meeting starting to see some positive figures

Managing Editor
"I can't describe for you the

pride and the admiration (I have)

as the administrator of the

Those were the words of

Hereford Regional Medical Center CEO Jim Robinson in describing

actions by the hospital during an

Robinson, speaking to the Deaf Smith County Hospital District

Board of Directors on Tuesday,

had high praise for the actions of

the hospital's employees during

"I have been in health care for

some 27 years," Robinson said. "I

have never experienced what I

Robinson described how

employees, when the electrical fire in the ceiling of the main

hospital hallway was discovered

shortly after 5 p.m., rushed to evacuate more than a dozen

The fire was sparked by an electrical short in the ceiling just

inside the main medical/surgical

wing. It was reported about 5:15 p.m. -- right after supper was served to the patients.

patients from their rooms.

experienced yesterday evening.

electrical fire there on Monday.

employees of this hospital."

Manchee commended the hospital staff for their efforts in that area.

The financial and operating reports Tuesday's regular board meeting.

Donna Kemp, director of

nursing, echoed Robinson's words

when she described the speed with

which the evacuation was carried

five minutes and you can't do that

by yourself," she said. "It takes

very few flames, but lots of smoke

from heat that melted phone lines

was complicated by the fact that

the main hallway to other wings

of the hospital was where the fire

closest to the main doors to the

wing, the others were routed

around the back way to alternate

beds in the obstetrics unit, the

Intensive Care Unit and the

the part of everybody," Robinson

noted. "To me that's pride. ... You

as board members should be very

departments throughout the

(See ROBINSON, Page 2)

Robinson said employees from

"It was a consolidated effort on

second patient wing.

Other than the two patients

and insulation.

was located.

every person in the hospital."

"We had 14 patients moved in

Robinson said the fire produced

Mrs. Kemp said the evacuation

In addition, the board received a Insurance and approved signatory cards for workers' compensation insurance accounts.

Watts also presented the board were among the items presented at with a report on the finances and operations of Hereford Health Clinic. He noted that total visits were

down in June compared with May, but that was expected due to a summer slump. Watts highlighted an expenditure

of \$18,000 for contract labor in June. Robinson explained that in talking with other hospitals, it became apparent that HRMC was the only hospital that did not pay an additional stipend to the medical head of a rural

health clinic. As a result, he said, the decision was made to pay Dr. Jesse Perales, director of the clinic, some extra

Chief Financial Officer Rodney Bailey explained that the \$18,000 expenditure included \$7,000 of back pay from last year due Perales.

Robinson explained that, in addition to seeing patients, Perales is medical director of the clinic. In addition, Physician Assistant Narin Phoung works under Perales' medical license and supervision.

Overall, Watts said, the clinic had a net loss of \$11,731 for June.

However, the clinic showed total income of \$270,052 for the fiscal year to date -- October 1995 through June -- and expenses of \$262,492, meaning a net year-to-date profit of \$7,561. All financial reports were accepted

unanimously. The board meeting ended with a

closed session during which directors discussed two offers of real estate. In one, the panel reconvened in

open session to decline an offer to purchase a small tract of land located directly behind the offices of Dr.

(See HOSPITAL, Page 2)

PLN study tour Saturday

(PLN) is holding its 4th annual Ag plots while conserving water and Sustainability Study Tour and Rural Fair on Saturday July 20 in Nazareth. The study tour will focus on

educating rural and urban dwellers about planned intensive grazing (often referred to as "rotational Participants need to gather by 8

a.m. at Alan Birkenfield's grazing pasture located five miles east of Nazareth on State Highway 86 (turn at Elmer's Package Store), then 1-1/2 miles north on County Road 530. At a time when drought is parching

regional pastures and forage fields, cropping, commercial composting the grazing tour will begin by addressing four pertinent questions concerning planned intensive grazing: 1.) How does planned grazing differ from other methods?

2.) Is it possible to use planned grazing during a drought? 3.) How can planned grazing improve

conditions on CRP acreages? 4.) What are the indicators of improving health as well as signs of weakness and decline in the forage resource base?

Working in small groups with facilitators, the tour will evaluate the grazing plan used during the past 12 months, gauge its results and offer

suggestions for improvements. For those interested in gardening and "urban agriculture," a demonstration on building and maintaining permanent raised bed gardens will be offered by Ken Hargesheimer and Allixandria Sherral of Llano Estacado Organic Gardeners headquarter in

Raised bed gardens can greatly

The Promised Land Network increase food production on small eliminating the need for purchased fertilizer inputs.

Registration for the tour is \$5 per person and a "country cooked" meal of grass-fed meats and farm-raised chicken will be served. In addition, grazing") and raised bed gardening. a children's tour with adult supervised learning activities will be held from 8 a.m. to noon at Bob and Theresa Birkenfield's farm. There will be a \$3 charge per child, with lunch included.

> Following the meal, informal tours of KBG organic cotton and milo strip and CRP grazing will be arranged. At 4 p.m., there will be a meeting for anyone interested in growing organic revenue for June was \$769,660. feed grains and forages to meet Texas Operating expenses were \$809,287, Department of Agriculture organic meat standards.

At 6:30 p.m., a "rural fair" will be held at the Nazareth Community Hall with craft booths, sustainable ag information, rural community resources, computer and Internet displays and free hamburgers.

The fair will conclude with a "community concert" at 9 p.m. with local singer-songwriter Andy Wilkinson of Lubbock, Admission to the concert will be \$5 per person and \$20 for families with four or more members. Proceeds from the concert will benefit the Nazareth Museum.

Co-sponsoring the tour with the PLN will be Arrowhead Mills in Hereford, First State Bank in Canyon, Great Plains Composters Association, Bob's Best Beef and Holistic Resource Management of Texas, Inc.

Opinions on how to change tax structure vary

By PAULINE ARRILLAGA

Associated Press Writer Thomas, Pat Kornegay and Sharon alternatives for Texas schools. Waite agree the time has come for property tax reform.

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, Tuesday in Harlingen.

The committee was created by

Gov. George W. Bush to gauge public held across the state through the end tax applying to markup with a opinion on property tax reform and HARLINGEN, Texas (AP) - Mitch take suggestions for funding

After public hearings in El Paso, Tyler, Corpus Christi and Harlingen, All three work in the agriculture it seems clear that most Texans agree business in South Texas and contend the property tax burden should be high property taxes have burdened 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 which held its fourth public hearing conclusions until we go to 10 more

cities." Ten more public hearings will be

return to session in 1997.

Texas currently raises about \$10 billion a year for public schools applying to the gross receipts on all through local property taxes. The business and investment income. average tax rate in the state is \$2.30 three-fifths of that levied by school

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 one alternative over another.

of September. The committee then deduction for capital investment. will report its conclusions to Bush Business activity is "the sum of all and state lawmakers, who could its internal costs, including profit," debate a new tax structure when they and would be about 40 percent of a company's gross receipts.

- Gross receipts tax - a business tax

- Sales tax - making changes in the per \$100 property value, with about current 6.25 percent state sales tax, such as expanding it to items not now

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

Local Roundup

Chance of rain still exists

Hereford recorded a high temperature of 89 degrees on Tuesday, with an overnight low this morning of 69 degrees, according to KPAN Radio. For tonight, the forecast calls for partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms, a low in the mid-60s and south winds of 10-20 mph and gusty. Thursday, look for partly sunny skies and a 20 percent chance of afternoon thunderstorms. High will be in the lower 90s with southwest winds of 10-20 mph and occasionally gusty.

News Digest

State

PADRE ISLAND NATIONAL SEASHORE - The world's most endangered sea turtle may be staging a comeback. Between 350 and 450 Kemp's ridley turtles are expected to hatch here this week.

AUSTIN - 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.

DALLAS - 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.

LEFORS, Texas - 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

WASHINGTON - Richard Lamm may be ready to debate his rival for the Reform Party presidential nomination, but Ross Perot says he hasn't really considered the prospect.

WASHINGTON - 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. WASHINGTON - Successful welfare reform must include a ban on benefits eligibility for legal immigrants, the House's Republican leadership

is cautioning President Clinton. AUSTIN - A group of Republicans, including several legislators, is aiming high in its bid to seize control of the Texas House. Their campaign

starts at the top - with Speaker Pete Laney. HARLINGEN - 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.

DALLAS - 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.

AUSTIN - 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.

UNDATED - For all its 122-year life, Texas Mexican Railway Co. did nothing but haul cargo back and forth the 140 miles between Corpus Christi and Laredo, perhaps the shortest freight line in Texas. But now, because of an asterisk in Union Pacific Corp.'s \$3.9 billion takeover of Southern Pacific Rail Corp., tiny Tex Mex has a chance to grow - and become a key competitor in ferrying goods to the lucrative Mexican market.

World/National

WASHINGTON - With the election less than four months away, the House overwhelmingly approved a freshmen-sponsored measure denying a pay raise in 1997 to lawmakers, judges and senior Clinton administration

FORT BRAGG, N.C. - Red swastikas painted in an Army barracks housing Special Forces soldiers have raised fresh concerns about race relations at one of the world's largest Army bases.

The crudely drawn, two-foot swastikas were found spray painted early Tuesday on eight doors inside a barracks for enlisted men and noncommissioned officers with the 7th Special Forces Group. Six of the rooms are occupied by black soldiers. The other two rooms are vacant.

Army investigators are trying to determine whether the incident was WASHINGTON - President Clinton's attempt to occupy the middle

ground on Cuba sanctions legislation is drawing muted praise from some NATO allies and an influential Cuban-American leader. But Republican lawmakers say Clinton is caving in to foreign pressure and coddling Fidel

WINONA, Miss. - In two apparently unrelated attacks 40 miles apart in rural Mississippi, six people were shot to death, three of them execution-style in a case that left investigators baffled and a small town

A motive was unclear in the shooting at the Tardy Furniture Company, which also left a teen-ager in critical condition. In the other attack, three Choctaw Indians were found shot to death in a parked car in what appeared

WASHINGTON - Only about one thing in politics has a shorter shelf life than a party platform. And that's a convention keynote speech. Keynote addresses at political conventions often get top advance billing, but seldom end up as more than election-year footnotes.

WASHINGTON - From Florida to Michigan to California, the same image has flickered on millions of television screens over the past five months: a dour Bob Dole, shown in faded black-and-white, contrasted with a radiant Bill Clinton and a waving American flag. Spared a primary challenge, Clinton has enjoyed a huge lead in campaign funds over Dole and, with the help of the Democratic National Committee, has kept up a steady stream of TV spots to define the campaign debate on his terms to the tune of some \$30 million.

WASHINGTON - 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.

Emergency Services

Emergency services reports for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Wednesday contained the following information.

HEREFORD POLICE

At a residence in the 100 block of Avenue I, a man and wife argued about her being unfaithful. As the argument escalated, the man allegedly bit his wife on her right bicep. The 35-year-old male was arrested for assault.

A 36-year-old male was arrested for assault in the 300 block of Irving in connection with an incident involving his wife.

At a home in the 800 block of Avenue K, two sisters got into an altercation during which one of the two suffered a bloody nose, swollen

right eye and badly bruised left eye. No one was willing to file charges and no arrests were made.

Two male subjects were reported to have taken two 18-packs of beer from a store in the 900 block of East Park Avenue.

A 59-year-old female was issued a shoplifting citation in the 1100 block of West Park for allegedly trying to steal a pack of cigarettes. A street light was broken out in the 200 block of Kibbe.

Officers issued 16 traffic citations. DEAF SMITH SHERIFF A 20-year-old female was arrested for theft by check.

A 17-year-old male was arrested for criminal trespass. FIRE DEPARTMENT

NRECA group tours local facilities



Welcome to Hereford

Tommie Weemes, second from right, welcomes a delegation from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association to Hereford after their arrival at the airport for a tour of rural electricity users. Joining Weemes in greeting the dignitaries were Terry Bromlow, right, and Mike Carr, third from left. Also present but not pictured were Don Cumpton and Charlie Bell. The group from Washington D.C. were here as part of a multi-day tour of rural electric cooperatives and users of rural electricity.

Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative was host on Tuesday to a group of individuals who are touring rural electric facilities in Texas from the National Rural Electric Cooperative

Tommie Weemes of Deaf Smith REC led a delegation of Hereford dignitaries who welcomed the group to town on their arrival here from a

stop in Perryton. The tour was sponsored by Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, a consortium of several rural electric co-ops in the Panhandle area.

Attending from the Washington D.C. headquarters of the national association were: Zan McKelway, manager of strategic communications; Pat Gioffrey, assistant CEO of NRECA; Angela Lazear, comptroller; Cliff Humphrey, legislative representative-government relations; and Diann Trautwein, CIO representative.

Bob Bryant, president of Golden Spread, piloted the group as they visited facilities and rural electricity

They started Tuesday in Guymon, Okla., then traveled to Perryton

before their stop here.
In Hereford, Weemes and Deaf Smith REC employee Bryan McGaw chauffeured the group to Champion Feedyard, Merrick Pet Foods and Holly Sugar, three of the co-ops biggest electricity users.

They were to return to NRECA headquarters in Washington D.C. on

Pesticide bill nears House approval

By ROBERT GREENE **AP Farm Writer**

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 in raw foods. standards for raw and processed standard so as to prevent it from such as apples and tomatoes. being weakened.

getting a key new player - a lawyer

who helped Susan Smith avoid the

death penalty for killing her two

Spokane, Wash., will become a

co-counsel for the defense, Federal

Defender Quin Denvir said Tuesday.

penalty, Clarke argued that Smith did

not deserve to die for drowning her

sons by putting them in her car and

driving it into a lake. Jurors, who

convicted Smith of murder, decided

Kaczynski is charged in seven of 90 days.

she should receive life in prison.

LURLINE SMITH KENDALL

July 16, 1995

Hereford died Tuesday in Hereford

p.m. Thursday in West Park

Cemetery with Dr. Tom C. Fuller,

pastor of First United Methodist

Regional Medical Center.

Church, officiating.

Lurline Smith Kendall, 92, of

Graveside services will be at 2

Judy Clarke, a federal defender in

A vehement opponent of the death

young sons.

Unabomber defense

gets key new player

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) - The the 16 explosions connected to the

Sacramento jail.

Spokane office.

Sept. 13, 1995.

April 29, 1992.

grandchildren.

defense team for Unabomber Unabomber, and could face the death

defendant Theodore Kaczynski is penalty if convicted. He has pleaded

Obituaries

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

The bill would repeal 1958 legislation known as the Delaney clause that bans any amount of cancer-causing residues in processed to address the issue of food safety foods, such as raisins or ketchup, if comprehensively, taking into account the residues concentrate higher than the safety of the consuming public.

foods. It also would define the ingredients are allowed in raw foods

The Environmental Protection Though it says regulators should Agency had been faced with banning that is going to bring us to a rational, consider health effects without pesticide uses on raw produce in common-sense approach," said Rep.

not guilty and is awaiting trial in a

Clarke, 43, has 17 years of

experience as a federal defender.

Next month, she will become

president of the 8,000-member

National Association of Criminal

Defense Lawyers, making her the

second woman and first public

return a phone message left at her

to postpone a Friday hearing by 60 to

Clarke was traveling and did not

Denvir said he expects the judge

Burial will be under direction of

Mrs. Kendall was born on June 5.

1904, in Avoca. She married Ralph

Smith on Nov. 26, 1922. He died

April 17, 1960. She then married Joe

Kendall in January 1967. He died

in 1924. Following the death of her

first husband, she completed his term

as Deaf Smith County Clerk. She was

a homemaker, a member of the

American Legion Auxiliary and the

Eight and Forty Club and was a talented artist. She was a member of First United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by two

daughters, Martha Jane Smith on

Nov. 22, 1944, and Joan Euler on

Glenn Smith of Dimmitt and Gerald

David Smith of Panhandle; a step-

daughter, Betty Hagan of Cleburn;

five grandchildren; and eight great-

grandchildren; and several step-

King's Manor/Westgate or to First United Methodist Church.

The family suggests memorials to

Survivors include two sons, Ralph

She moved to Deaf Smith County

Gililland-Watson Funeral Home.

defender to hold that position.

weighing the economic benefits of order to carry out the zero-tolerance Henry Waxman, D-Calif., top bans on processed foods. Environ-

mentalists 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

Scientists can now detect residues in amounts far lower than what is permitted.

As a result of the law, EPA has begun singling out pesticide uses for cancellation. Chemical companies were not seeking approval for newer, possibly safer pesticides that still carried a small cancer risk.

'For the first time, we will be able preservation of the food supply, and Some levels of cancer-causing economic benefits as well," said Rep. Thomas Bliley, R-Va., chairman or the House Commerce Committee.

"What we have is a compromise

purchase or lease the former offices

to take the offer under advisement.

trustees to begin replacement of the

Letters to

the Editor

As a result of an electrical fire on

Monday evening, Hereford Regional

Medical Center experienced first-

hand the dedication, commitment and

professionalism of the Hereford

We would also like to express our

County should be proud of the

commitment these individuals

routinely display in serving our

Jim Robinson,

HRMC Administrator

Volunteer Fire Department.

hospital's fire alarm system.

Directors took no action, but decided

Robinson also was directed by

This year's budget includes \$34,000

HOSPITAL -

\$10,000 purchase price.

of Lone Star Agency.

Dear Editor:

grateful.

phone service.

community.

Clarke.

Democrat on the health and environment subcommittee.

Under the agreement, only pesticide residues that pose a reasonable certainty of no harm" would be allowed. That will be understood to mean creating a lifetime risk of developing cancer of no more than one in 1 million tougher than the current standard for raw commodities, but not as stringent as the Delaney one.

The bill would tell the government to add extra margins of safety for possible risks of nerve damage and other harm to infants and children. Regulators now look at average exposure across the population.

'On balance, we support the agreement," said Erik Olson, senior attorney for the Natural Resources Defense Council, which has fought for tougher regulation. The National Food Processors Association and Grocery Manufacturers of America also praised the agreement.

necessary after the system was damaged in an electrical fire on Monday.

Stephen Lawliss and Dr. Bruce The board also directed Robinson to seek bids on construction of a 50-Robinson said the offer was for a space employee parking lot to be built at the corner of Fourth and The board also was invited to Witherspoon.

Robinson reported to the board that two physicians have contacted him with an interest in moving to Hereford.

All members of the board were present except Jo Beth Shackelford. The others are: Manchee, Watts, Dean Crofford, Mark Collier and Boyd

for that project, which became more ROBINSON hospital pitched in to help evacuate

by the blaze.

patients and clean up in the aftermath. Board member Larry Watts, he noted, arrived for a Rural Health Clinic board meeting, then jumped in to help his West Texas Rural Telephone colleagues rewire more

Martha Rincon, director of dietary, and Gary Phipps, director of WorkSmart, Robinson noted, both grabbed mops to help clean up.

than 500 phone lines that were fused

Board president Mal Manchee interjected that he spotted Robinson These professionals moved quickly to eliminate any potential hazard to during the night pushing a mop as our patients and for this we are very

Robinson said one LVN who ended her 12-hour shift an hour late appreciation to the West Texas Rural at 8 p.m. called a few hours later, Telephone Association's crew that unable to sleep until she new her worked unselfishly to restore our patients were safe and the situation was taken care of. The residents of Deaf Smith

"You can't buy that. That's in the heart," Robinson said.

The board voted unanimously to issue a resolution thanking the hospital staff for its efforts during the fire and aftermath.

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:

1-3-18-24-30 (one, three, eighteen, twentyfour, thirty)

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

3-7-6 (three, seven, six)

THE HEREFORD BRAND

Rice will be speaker

at Thursday meeting

It was at the young age of 14 that life around immediately and I've Sonny Rice set his mind to be a horse never been the same since."

An Invitation to Friends of ...

Joe Landers

Come by Hereford Senior Citizens Center on
July 27th from 1:30 until 3:00 pm

To help him and his family celebrate his... 95th Birthday!

Your friendship is his gift.

daily life.

trainer and a World Champion. He

also decided at that time that he

would one day marry a pretty young

childhood sweetheart and with a

family of his own, moved to Brenham

to train horses at Mill Creek Ranch.

ships as a cutting horse trainer and in 1986 he realized his ultimate dream -

- National Cutting Horse Association

my wants and needs. But, there was

still something missing in my life,"

'All this was supposed to satisfy

Rice, the outside winner, claimed

there was a miserable loser living on

the inside. But on Dec. 20, 1987, he

met Jesus Christ and "it turned my

In 1977 he began to win champion-

Years later, Rice, married to his

girl named Gloria Smith.

World Champion.

said Rice.

never been the same since.'

Rice, the cowboy with visions, still

lives by that creed today. The only

difference is that he has added the

creed of the Christian ministry to his

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Lifestyles

Ann Landers

'Cyber' world creates new social problems

to respond to "Shocked in Texas," who lost her husband to a cyberlover. I feel eminently qualified because I left my marriage of 20-plus years under the same circumstances.

Now, after time to reflect and much counseling (that I refused in the beginning), I realize that my marriage had other problems or I would not have been such an easy target. But I may have worked it out if the computer hadn't been so handy.

Keep telling your readers, Ann, that this new "cyber" world is creating social issues that are brand-new and catching a multitude of basically good people completely off-guard. The ability to communicate intimately without seeing one another makes even those who would have thought themselves unlikely candidates for infidelities extremely vulnerable.

Everyone has problems, and to be able to communicate and empathize with a perfect stranger makes it incredibly easy to believe that person is your "soul mate." Why waste any more time with a flawed, real-life mate, who has not met all your needs, when you have this perfect lover who wants you right now?

It's sad that so many of us, in the midst of a raging mid-life crisis, have thrown caution to the wind and gone head over heels for a "flawless" cyber soul mate. My only recommendation to "Shocked" is: Get therapy. Your husband might come to his senses, and whether he does or not, a competent therapist will help you learn from the past and deal with the future. -- Been There in California

Dear Calif.: I warned my readers several months ago that the cybersweetie contagion is destined to be a major plague in the next millennium. It appears to have arrived earlier than expected.

There is no way to inoculate oneself against romantic fantasies. I ANN LANDERS (R) COPYRIGHT 1996. can say, however, when you find CREATORS SYNDICATE, INC.

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Dear Ann Landers: I would like yourself checking airline schedules and buying new underwear, make an appointment with your minister, friend, rabbi or guru and talk things over. Your cyberspace dreamboat could wind up being nothing more than a leaky canoe.

> Dear Ann Landers: My father died 17 years ago. I am being married on his birthday. It's going to be a very elegant affair. I asked my father's twin brother to give me away, but I am now sick about my decision. "Uncle Chuck" is an alcoholic and very unreliable.

> When my father died, my uncle was very attentive, but I haven't seen him since my college graduation in 1990. He lives two hours away. I am now afraid he will show up late or drunk and embarrass me at the wedding. Since the affair is in the evening, it gives him the whole day to get drunk.

> I want to ask my stepfather to give me away, which is what I should have done to begin with. He has treated me and my sister as if we were his own.

What do you think, Ann? I need advice. -- Uncertain in Springfield,

Dear Uncertain: I think you should talk this over with your mother and ask for her help with this dilemma. She is much closer to the situation than I am and will give you the guidance you need. Meanwhile, I'll keep my fingers crossed, dear.

Drugs are everywhere. They're easy to get, easy to use and even easier to get hooked on. If you have questions about drugs, you need Ann Landers' booklet, "The Lowdown on Dope." Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$3.75 (this includes postage and handling) to: Lowdown, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562. (In Canada, send \$4.55.)

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Debbie and Buster Reedy of Canyon, along with Chuck Danley of Hereford (not pictured) will lead the music and singing at Barn Church at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at B-S Arena. Guest speaker will be Sonny Rice, world champion cutting horse trainer.

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The 36th annual Progressive Reunion is set for 11:30 a.m. Sunday in the Hereford Community Center.

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Sports

Judge warns Irvin: probation not easy

Star apologizes to family, fans

By MIKE DRAGO **Associated Press Writer**

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 nocontest 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

"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 one of his daughters. His wife Sandi and daughters Micsha, 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

"I didn't want this probation viewed as a cakewalk," Alvarez toid 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 the NFL, as is anticipated. Another \$1 million he receives annually from appearance fees and endorsements also will likely be lost.

One NFL source said Tuesday that the most likely suspension is four games, the same that running back Bam Morris received Monday after pleading guilty to felony marijuana possession.

One of Irvin's attorneys, Kevin Clancy, disagreed that his client was treated with leniency.

"You think 800 hours is easy? No. It's going to be difficult," Clancy said. "It's going to be about as tough as it is to play in the NFL.'

If he stays clean during his probation, Irvin's record could eventually be cleared.

His problems began with a March 4 bust at a motel room where police found Irvin, a former teammate and two topless dancers. They also found 10.3 grams of cocaine, more than an ounce of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

The dancers, Angela Beck and Jasmine Nabwangu, were also indicted after the bust. Alfredo Roberts, a former Cowboys tight end, was present that night but not indicted.

Topless dancer Rachelle Smith, who knew Irvin but was not in the motel room on March 4, testified Friday about frequent sex and drug parties attended by the football



Major League tourney champs

The Astros won the post-season tournament of the Kids Inc. Major League. The Astros' players are: (front row, left to right) Edward Villarreal, Michael Calaway, Marcus Smith, Eric Sanchez, Eric Gallardo, (second row) Corey Cagle, Santos Garza, Daniel Zuniga, Jacob Armendariz and Brody McBride. The coaches (back, left to right) are Edward Villarreal, Ray Zuniga and Amos Gallardo.

Denison, Marsh take shooting title

teamed up to win the two-man subjunior competition at the District 2

Denison also placed fifth individually in the sub-junior age division. The District 2 Trap Shoot, held at

the South Plains Gun Club, included competitors from eight counties. Besides Marsh and Denison, Deaf Smith was represented by Jerry Baird,

Deaf Smith County 4-H shooters Bobby Sims, Austin Aycock, Chris Drew Denison and Cody Marsh Diller, Harry Hoffman, Tyler Keeling, Landon Noland, Steven Sims, Ben Sublett, Josh Stubbs, Trap Shoot held Saturday in Lubbock. Bryan Vasek, Payton Ward, Linden Duggan and Aaron Landers.

> The Deaf Smith County Shooting Sports club will host an invitational Trap Shoot Saturday at the Hereford Gun Club. Shooting starts at 10 a.m. There will be a concession stand.

Members of the local club will be selling raffle tickets for a chance to win a shotgun, to be given away during the Town and Country Jubilee in August.

This is the main fund-raiser which will finance members' trip to San Antonio for the 4-H state competition July 24-27.

Babe Ruth stars fall in tourney

Hereford's 13-year-old Babe Ruth League All-Stars lost both its games at the the state tournament, being held at the North Randall baseball

The Hereford team played Randall Sunday and fell 16-9. On Monday, Hereford lost to Andrews 20-1 although Andrews scored 11 runs in the sixth (last) inning, making the score look worse than the game.

The loss knocked Hereford out of the double-elimination tournament. The Hereford bats that worked so well in two routs of Canyon the week before didn't work at the state tourney, coach Toby Torres said. "Nobody hit," he said.

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Torch nears Atlanta

Olympic Torch headed toward metro now known as the Trail of Tears. Atlanta today after stopping along the Trail of Tears.

The relay began in Franklin this morning and arrives early Thursday in Stone Mountain, just east of Atlanta. It will enter the Atlanta city limits Thursday night.

Scheduled stops today included Newnan, Fayetteville, Jonesboro and McDonough.

tribes praised the relay as a symbol of peace when the run stopped in New Echota, the former capital of the Cherokee Nation.

About 15,000 Cherokee who lived in north Georgia and parts of Alabama, Tennessee and North Carolina were forced from their homes 158 years ago by federal and state troops. Their 800-mile trek to

FRANKLIN, Ga. (AP) - The a new reservation in Oklahoma is

"As many of you know, fire is sacred to the Cherokee," said Joyce Dugan, principal chief of the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians. "It seems only fitting that a flame that means peace and has been all over the world should make its way to the Cherokee homelands."

. Earlier Tuesday, the torch was carried down an 18-inch-wide stretch Leaders from three Cherokee of red carpet into downtown Dalton the heart of America's carpet

> Carl Bouckaert, chief executive officer of carpetmaker Beaulieu of America, lit the city's Olympic caldron before a crowd of 3,000 at a downtown park.

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Rodeo money-winning leaders through July 14

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TEAM ROPING (HEELING)

1, Allen Bach, Toltec, Ariz., \$38,317. 2, Rich Skelton, Llano, Texas, \$36,458. 3, Steve Northcott, Odessa, Texas, \$32,326. 4, Kory Koontz, Sudan, Texas, \$28,807. 5, Dennis Gatz, Modesto, Calif., Matt Tyler, Corsicana, Texas, \$28,158.6, Nick Sarchett, Scottsdale, \$28,807. 6, Speedy Williams, Ariz., \$26,853. 7, Joe Day, Howe, Texas, \$26,567.





Sampras, Graf skip Olympics

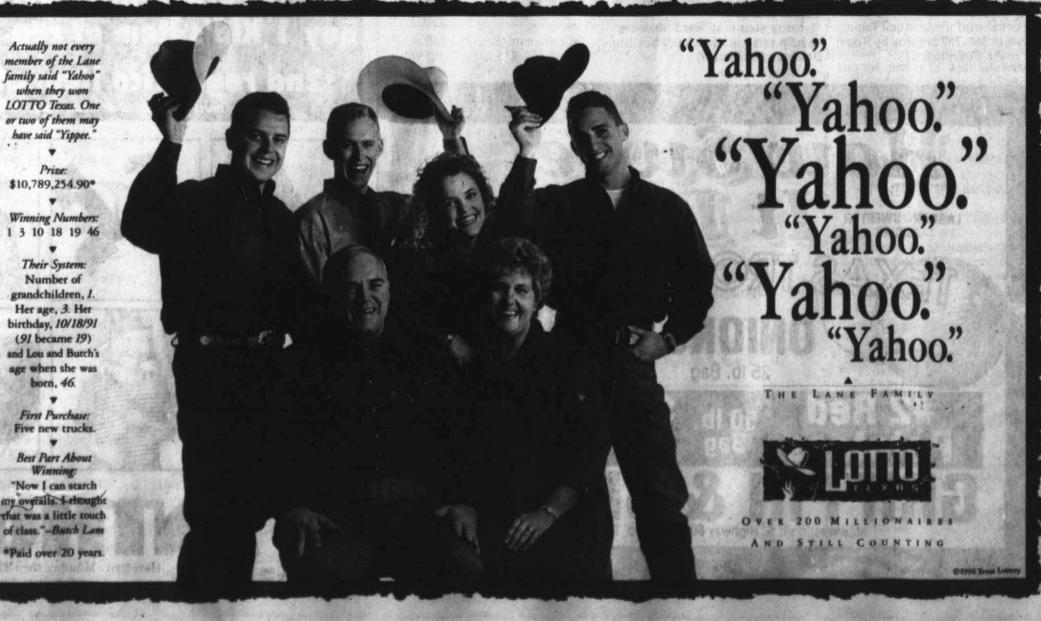
ATLANTA (AP) - Pete Sampras won't be making up for a mediocre season at the Olympics. Steffi Graf won't be adding to her impressive collection of championships, either.

. The two top-ranked tennis players in the world withdrew from the Atlanta Games on Tuesday with injuries. Three days before the games begin, Graf pulled out with a knee problem, while Sampras cited a strained right Achilles tendon.

"This is a very unfortunate time to suffer an injury," said Sampras, whose year has included grief - his coach, Tim Gullikson, died of cancer on May 3 - and disappointment, with no major championships. His streak of Wimbledon titles ended at three when he lost to Richard Krajicek in the quarterfinals.

"I was really looking forward to competing at the Olympics. After I lost at Wimbledon, I was determined to make up for it by winning a gold

A substitute was not selected, but the American men's team remains strong with Andre Agassi, MaliVai Washington - who lost to Krajicek in the Wimbledon final - and Richey



Brewers join 20-run club after rout of Tigers

By BEN WALKER AP Baseball Writer

Add Greg Vaughn and the Milwaukee Brewers to growing list of teams of going on run rampages 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 Langston, lost again for California. through it. I probably shouldn't have Abbott (1-12) remained winless sometimes, but who's to say? I think I learned a lot from that."

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 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."

Rangers 6, Angels 2 Jim Abbott, getting another chance

to start because of an injury to Mark

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

stopped Boston's six-game winning 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. out three times for the Mariners.

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 146 home runs.

Alex Rodriguez hit his 20th home run for Seattle. Ken Griffey Jr. struck

at Fenway Park and New York to cover second base on a steal attempt, Rockies grab 7th straight victory

By The Associated Press

pitchers got.

"I was asking them the whole game, 'Where's the seven-spot that you've been giving everybody runs - four earned - in six innings. 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 run without getting a hit in the ninth. at least seven runs. They share the major league record with the 1938 New York, Yankees.

"It was enough to win," Freeman

San Francisco is streaking the other way. The Giants have lost 19 of 23 and at 40-52 are the only NL ninth for the victory. 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."

Brit Open needs more Americans

LYTHAM ST. ANNES, England (AP) - There are countless reasons why more Americans don't play in the British Open, but Davis Love says he's yet to hear a really good one.

"If you're going to call yourself a world-class player, you can't skip this one," said Love, who will be in his 10th British Open when play begins Thursday. ,

"You know to have so few Americans come over to try and qualify is embarrassing," Love added. "The guys that do come - they recognize what it means. ... I think worldwide, winning this tournament would make you more recognized around the world than probably any other."

"If I could only win one major, this would be the one."

The 32-year-old American doesn't have a victory in any of the four majors and will be branded until he does as the "best player never to have won one."

He missed a putt on the final hole in this year's U.S. Open to finish tied for second with Tom Lehman, a stroke behind winner Steve Jones.

"It affected me a while and I thought about it all the time, but you go on," Love said. "That's why there's four of them a year ... I'm not going to give up after letting one get

He had been close before. He tied for fourth in the '95 U.S. Open and was second in the '95 Masters. But he's never done well in Britain, a 24th-place tie his best seven years

New Mexico State hit with probation

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.

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

Mark Leiter (4-9) allowed five Mets 6, Phillies 3

Marlins 3, Astros 2

Quilvio Veras drew a bases-loaded walk from Todd Jones (6-2) with two outs in the ninth at Joe Robbie Stadium. Florida scored the winning

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

Cardinals 5, Reds 4

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

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

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

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 8-2 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

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) inning with his 22nd homer, 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

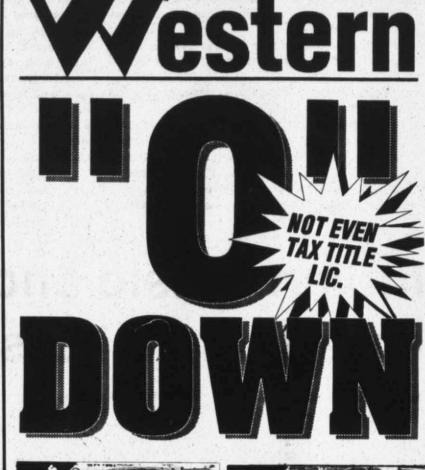
Padres 10, Dodgers 1

consecutive start.

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 uncarned runs.

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

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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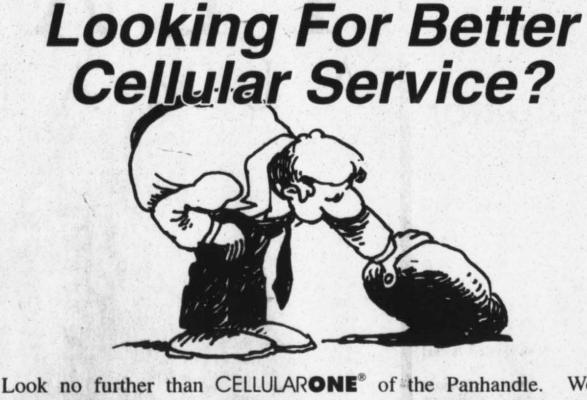
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Sorting Out Campaign Finance Reform

f I were going to give a title to the campaign finance reform legislation under consideration in the Senate now, I would call it "The Incumbent Protection Act of 1996," because that is what its limitations on expenditures

Campaign finance reform is one of those seemingly simple issues that becomes complicated on closer examination

We should not limit campaign contributions across the board in the way that currently is being suggested. Any limit of this kind, voluntary or otherwise, would favor incumbents because it would inhibit the right of a challenger to go out and raise more campaign funds than an incumbent who already enjoys greater name recognition. Challengers would have no way of overcoming that very real disadvantage. We want to level the playing field, not

That said, there are a number of common-sense prin-

ciples I believe can be invoked in order to strengthen the current campaign finance law and make it more equitable.

* I support the idea of requiring that 60 percent of a congressional candidate's campaign funds be raised from individuals within his or her home state. This rule would ensure that the people of each state have the ultimate say in the outcome of their congressional elections.

* I support limiting the use of personal wealth to finance campaigns. Right now there are no limits on the amount of personal wealth a candidate can spend on his or her own political campaign. Such candidates also are entitled to go out and raise campaign contributions, after the fact, and repay themselves. This is inherently inequitable. I think we can fairly, and constitutionally, set a limit on the amount for which such candidates can be reimbursed for up-front expenditures from their personal pocketbooks.

* I support limiting political action committee (PAC) donations to the same amount as individuals are entitled to donate to a candidate. The vast majority of PACs are cooperative, grassroots efforts within a specific group, or company, such as a teachers' association, a union or a taxlimitation group. Most people who contribute to PACs give small amounts of money. If someone wants to participate in the process, they should be encouraged.

* I support the idea of doing away with the congressional franking privilege for mass mailings during election years. I do not use and have never used the franking privilege for mass mailings at any time. It is, "frankly," an advantage for incumbents provided at taxpayer expense which should be canceled.

Campaign finance reform is a work in progress. But this is a plus - not a weakness. The ability to fine tune and improve the political process while preserving our basic democratic institutions is one of the great strengths of

Texas Mexican railway becomes key competitor

By The Associated Press For all its 122-year life, Texas

Mexican Railway Co. did nothing but haul cargo back and forth the 140 miles between Corpus Christi and Laredo, perhaps the shortest freight line in Texas.

But now, because of an asterisk in takeover of Southern Pacific Rail Corp., tiny Tex Mex has a chance to grow - and become a key competitor

Mexican market.

'This merger was an opportunity Industries Inc., which bought 49 or a death blow," Larry Fields, Tex percent of Tex Mex a year ago. Mex's president, told the Texas Journal of the Wall Street Journal. "As it turned out, it was an opportunity for us."

Why? The Texas Railroad Commission, shippers, and chemical companies and refineries up and down the Gulf Coast opposed the paper products from Corpus Christi giant acquisition, saying the new railroad's 11,000 miles of Texas track would choke any competition.

The Surface Transportation Board, the new federal agency that oversees rail deals, disagreed. It approved the

takeover two weeks ago.

But the board threw the state a bone: Tex Mex got rights to run trains along 420 miles of Union Pacific's track from Corpus Christi right through Houston and ending in Beaumont.

The extra length triples Tex Mex's Union Pacific Corp.'s \$3.9 billion run. But more important, it gives Tex Mex the opportunity to pick up goods from Mexico in Laredo, haul them to Beaumont and then send them to in ferrying goods to the lucrative points north and east along track owned by Kansas City Southern

> And, of course, the plan would work in reverse, as well, with goods going from Beaumont south to Mexico.

Currently, Tex Mex runs about 48,000 rail cars a year, mostly carrying grain, waste material and

up to the Mexican border in Nuevo Laredo. From there, the cargo usually is picked up by a Mexican train and often ends up in Mexico City or Guadalajara.

Kansas City Southern and Transportacion Maritima Mexicana, a Mexican transporation company that owns the other 51 percent of Tex Mex, say they have even bigger plans for the Mexican market. The two companies have joined to bid on a section of Mexico's public railway system, which is scheduled to be auctioned off to private bidders early next year. They have their eyes set on tracks that start - fortuitously enough in Nuevo Laredo.

"With the increased importance of Mexico to the Texas economy,' says a railroad commission spokesman, "the success of that railroad is absolutely critical.'

Indian music and dance show to entertain visitors during Olympics

By LILLIE-BETH BRINKMAN The Daily Oklahoman

ANADARKO, Okla. (AP) - Look for Tom Mauchahty-Ware of Anadarko and his musical group this summer at the Olympics in Atlanta. He'll either be strumming the

blues on his guitar, playing his Indian flute or dancing in traditional costume with friends and family. The U.S. Olympic Committee has

invited Mauchahty-Ware's American Indian Music and Dance Show to entertain visitors during the Olympics tell them where he learned the in downtown Atlanta. His group will entertain visitors twice a day from July 29 to Aug. 3 on the Southern Crossroads stage.

dances from their history.

Barbara Warner with the Indian Affairs Commission in Oklahoma to follow in the footsteps," he said. City said she doesn't know of any "If I touch people and let them enjoy other Indian group in Oklahoma what I'm doing, it's more important invited to perform.

"It's a big deal," she said.

But Mauchahty-Ware said neither the exposure nor the money the group receives performing around the country is as important as giving credit to the tribal elders who taught him the art of music and making sure the show is historically accurate,

down to the dances and costumes. "I don't think the public deserves an announcer who will walk up there and tell them a lie," he said. "I believe the guy in charge of the show should look them right in the eye and dances.'

Mauchahty-Ware, 47, learned flute-playing from his uncle, the renowned Doc Tate Nevaquaya, who Visitors to that stage may see died earlier this year; and the late performances by his blues band, Everett Cozad, among others. He also Tommy Ware and the Blues Nation; tipped his hat to what he learned solos of his flute playing; or tribal about the blues by listening jazz dancing featuring mostly Kiowa and greats such as Muddy Waters and Comanche Indians, demonstrating the B.B. King, whose style his blues band

> "I feel real good that I'm just able than the paycheck."

He said he has always wanted to

be a part of the Olympics somehow, and is excited about this summer's

opportunity. Mauchahty-Ware's flute-playing has been featured in soundtracks such as for the television movie "Son of the Morning Star," an ABC miniseries. His tapes are sold in several places throughout the country.

He has performed all his life and started his son, now 13, dancing with him almost as soon as he could walk. including his brother, perform with said.

"It's a natural thing in our family to be in tribal attire." Mauchahty-Ware said. "It's very important for Native people to be who they really are, rather than brownskin people in society.'

He said it bothers him to see Hollywood films portraying all Indian tribes the same or mixing one tribe's music with another's costume and another's language.

"All of us know the difference. The Indian people now the difference, but Hollywood can pull the wool over people's lives," he said, adding things are improving a little.

He said that in the Old West, all Indians didn't say "How"; they didn't start scalping people, but the French did; they didn't instantly become warriors when they came of age; and it was impossible to see 30 Indians felled by one six-shooting gun, as portrayed in many old

His dance show seeks to enlighten

about how real Indians lived.

Westerns.

'We use comedy to let the public Other members of his family, laugh about it," Mauchahty-Ware

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Parents save son from alligator

By TOM WELLS

Associated Press Writer CORAL GABLES, Fla. (AP) -Helio and Maria Teixeira didn't think Saturday. twice when they saw their 7-year-old son fall from his bicycle into the jaws of an alligator - they jumped in and wrestled the boy away.

jumping on the gator's back and loose.' wrenching at its jaws. "I took the mouth of alligator and tried to open it, but it was impossible. Then it went under water. It was our worst

Alexandre, in stable condition children escaped injury. Republicans

AUSTIN (AP) - State Republicans not only want Pete Laney's gavel, they want his seat in the House of Representatives.

gavel, seat

Laney, D-Hale Center, has served almost 24 years in the Legislature and is expected to seek his third term as Speaker.

If Republicans can win a majority in the House, they'll be able to name their own speaker. Democrats now have an 86-64 advantage in the

Laney's bid for reelection is one of 27 races the GOP says is winnable this fall.

A Republican group has spent about \$10,000 to send out 15,000 letters to voters in Laney's district of 12 West Texas counties. The district has voted heavy Republican in recent national elections.

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Tuesday, suffered about a dozen puncture wounds, a punctured lung and two broken ribs in the attack

His father was unhurt, and his 110-pound mother had a hand heavily damaged where the alligator bit her.

"I put my hands into the mouth, "It's instinct, not a matter of and he took my hand and tried to pull thinking," Helio Teixeira said of me," she said. "Then he let me The family, tourists from Sao

Paulo, Brazil, was bicycling along the Shark Valley trail in Everglades National Park when the accident occurred. The father and two other

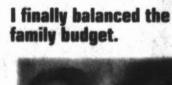
"We were just 10 or 15 meters (about 30 to 45 feet) along when our son fell off his bike," the boy's mother said. "His sister saw it and seek Laney's yelled 'the alligator is coming!" She said Alexandre told her h She said Alexandre told her he

could feel the alligator press down on him, hold him tightly and then finally release him after taking him under

Park authorities said they believed it was the first time a visitor had been attacked by an alligator since the park was established in 1947. The 15-mile Shark Valley trail was closed to cyclists and hikers pending an investigation.

The trail offers glimpses of Everglades sawgrass meadows and a wide array of wildlife, including deer, egrets, soft-shelled turtles - and lots of alligators.

Park ranger Warren Griffith said rangers have identified the alligator they believe was involved in the attack and will keep it under surveillance. He said the gator so far has not demonstrated unusual or aggressive behavior.







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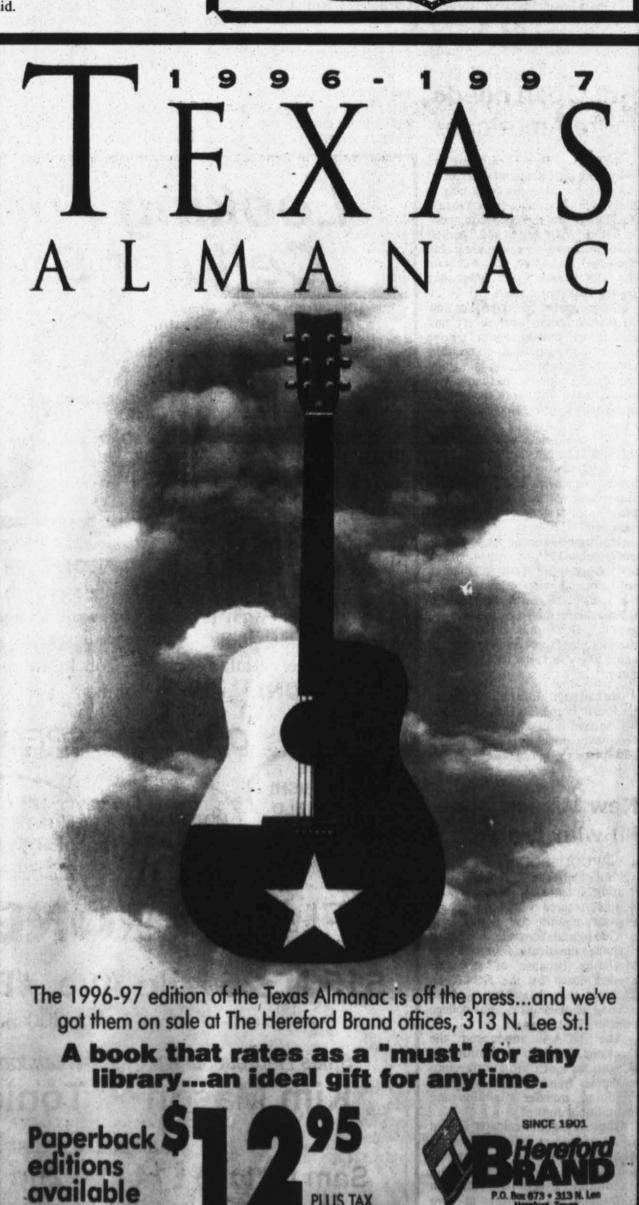
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Report Card

on the Health of Mothers and Children for the State of Texas

TDH Mar support of lands	1988 Past State Population 16,667,291	1994 Current State Population 18,378,185	2000 Goal (est.) State Pop. 20,344,813	Grade	Comments
Health Indicators	live births 303,314	live births 321,088	live births (est.) 336,500		
Women receiving adequate prenatal care.	52.5%	67.7%	65%	A+	Has exceeded the year 2000 goal!
Pregnant teenagers. (13-17 years of age.)	39.2 per 1,000 females 13-17 yrs.	41.5 per 1,000 females 13-17 yrs.	38.5 per 1,000 females 13-17 yrs.	F	This must stop; conference requested.
Repeat births to teen mothers. (13-17 years of age.)	15.5%	13.1%	14.0%	A+	Has dropped below year 2000 goal!
Mothers who breastfeed at the hospital.	49.6%	54.3% (1993 figures)	75% 50% breast- feeding at 6 mo.	В	Shows promise.
Babies born in Texas who are low birth-weight. (babies weighing less than 5.5 lbs at birth)	6.9% of all births	7.0% of all births	6% of all births	C	Not working up to potential.
Babies who die in the first year of life.	9 deaths per 1,000 live births	7.1 deaths	7 deaths per 1,000 live births	A	Good work— almost there.
Children (ages 1-5) tested and diagnosed with anemia in the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Nutrition Program.	'45.2% (based on 1991 figures)	20.5% (based on 1995 figures)	15%	В	Has made great progress in this area.
Immunized 2-year-olds.	41.6% (of those in 1989-90 state survey)	55%	90%	C	Working hard — needs improvemen

= Excellent

= Good

= Passing

Record of subject progress furnished by the Bureau of Women & Children, PRISM.

Additional comments: Even though infant mortality is improving, needs to work harder at overcoming obstacles resulting in low birth-weight babies.

Health of women, children shows improvement in six major areas

and the records evaluate more than just reading, writing and arithmetic. A new Texas Department of Health (TDH) report card, which highlights the health of the state's women and children, shows improvement in six of eight key areas.

Health indicators with good grades show that more mothers received an adequate number of prenatal visits, the immunization rate for young children is up, fewer infants died before their first birthday and repeat pregnancies among teen-age mothers decreased in 1994 compared with figures from 1988. This six-year span is used for comparison with the goals set for the year 2000, which is six years from 1994.

The percentage of pregnant women in Texas receiving an adequate number of prenatal visits rose from 52.5 percent to 67.7 percent. This figure exceeds the goal for the year" 2000, which is 65 percent.

Infant mortality dropped from 9 deaths per 1,000 live births in 1988 to 7.1 deaths per 1,000 live births in 1994. Goal for the year 2000 is 7 deaths per 1,000 live births.

And the number of repeat pregnancies among teen mothers fell from 15.5 to 13.1 per 1,000 total population. The 1994 figure also exceeds the goal for the year 2000 of 14 per 1,000 total population.

TDH programs that identify children at nutritional risk also show

AUSTIN -- Report cards are in. a decrease of more than 50 percent in mothers fell. Goal for the year 2000 the rate of anemia in these children within four years. The rates dropped from 45.2 percent of children ages 1 to 5 diagnosed with anemia in the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Nutrition Program in 1991 to 20.5 percent in 1995. Anemia in children, usually caused by inadequate nutrition, can slow brain growth and

cause learning difficulties.
Following the intense immunization initiative Shots Across Texas, the levels for the basic immunization series rose from 41.6 percent of 2year-old children born 1987-88 to 55 percent in 1994.

An even more encouraging figure came from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in 1995 that put the Texas immunization rate for children from 19 to 35 months at 71 percent. The U.S. level was estimated to be 75 percent during the same time.

Recommendation for the year 2000 is to increase immunization levels for the basic series among 90 percent of children under age 2 and 95 percent of children in licensed child care facilities and grades K-12.

On the other end of the chart, the increase in the number of teen-age women age 13 to 17 who are pregnant is one area that needs critical attention. The state rate for teen make Texans aware of health pregnancy increased rom 39.2 per 1,000 female teens in 1988 to 41.5

is 38.5 per 1,000 female teens. Teenage mothers are at a higher risk for having a low birth-weight baby than other women.

Also, the number of Texas infants delivered at low birth weight -- under 5.5 pounds -- increased slightly during the same time period, rising from 6.9 percent to 7 percent. Babies born with a low birth weight often need expensive medical care and are at high risk for developmental

"Better health outcomes don't just happen," said Dr. David R. Smith, Texas Commissioner of Health. "They ar the result of many people and organizations working together for concrete improvements.

Women who get early and regular prenatal care, for instance, are more likely to take care of themselves during their pregnancy and have healthier babies.

Another indicator is the percentage of mothers who breast-feed their newborns at the hospital. The numbers rose from 49.6 percent in 1988 to 54.3 percent in 1993, the last year for which statistics are available in this area.

'We need to do more than just problems," said Dr. Smith. "We need to educate the public about what they

per 1,000 in 1994 despite the fact that can do to be healthier and to have repeat pregnancies among teen healthier children."

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For a surprisingly simple yet beautiful dessert, try this recipe for Peach Melba Pie. It's a fresh blend of peaches and raspberries that was a winner in last year's contest at the

Maryland State Fair. For further information about entering the refrigerated pie crust championship, contact the fair entry department.

PEACH MELBA PIE 1 pkg. Pillsbury Refrigerated Pie

4 cups sliced fresh or frozen peaches, thawed, drained

1 cup fresh or frozen unsweetened raspberries, thawed, drained 1 cup sugar

6 tablespoons cornstarch l teaspoon grated orange peel

2 tablespoons raspberry-flavored liqueur or orange juice 1 tablespoon cold butter, cut into

small pieces Milk Sugar

Melba Sauce

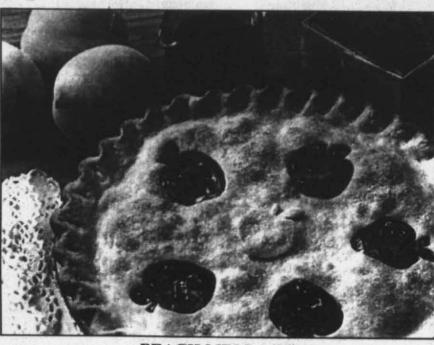
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LOS ANGELES (AP) - Alison LaPlaca, who played the quirky nurse Catherine Merrick on NBC's "The John Larroquette Show," for two seasons, says she's leaving.

"I have truly enjoyed playing the role of Catherine over the last two seasons. But having explored all of the aspects of Catherine the current storyline allows, I felt it was an appropriate time to move on," LaPlaca said in a written statement issued Saturday.

LaPlaca, who said she will return to the show for at least one episode of the new fall season to explain her departure, described her p. ting as amicable.

She said she turned down several offers for series.



PEACH MELBA PIE

2 tablespoons sugar

1/2 teaspoon grated orange peel tablespoon raspberry-flavored liqueur or orange juice

1 quart (4 cups) vanilla ice cream

Heat oven to 350 degrees F. Prepare pie crust according to package directions for two-crust pie

using 9-inch pie pan. In large bowl, combine 4 cups peaches and 1 cup raspberries. In small bowl, combine 1 cup sugar, cornstarch and 1 teaspoon orange peel; mix well. Add to fruit mixture, toss gently. Pour into pie crust-lined pan. Drizzle 2 tablespoons liqueur over filling; dot with butter. Top with second crust and flute; cut slits or decorative cutouts in several places. If desired, brush top crust with milk; sprinkle with small amount of sugar.

Bake at 350 degrees F. for 1 hour 15 minutes to 1 hour 30 minutes or

until golden brown. Cool. Meanwhile, in blender or food processor bowl with metal blade. combine all sauce ingredients; blend until smooth. To remove seeds, strain raspberry mixture into bowl, pressing with back of spoon; discard seeds.

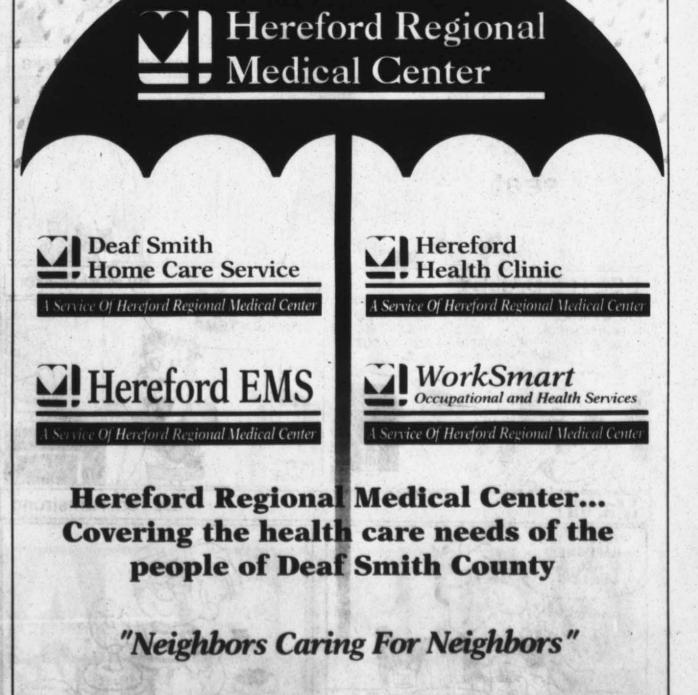
Refrigerate. To serve, top each serving with ice cream; drizzle with melba sauce. If desired, garnish with fresh raspberries and mint leaves.

8 servings.









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Hedgehogs, iguanas, tarantulas now trendy pets

By ALICE GREEN

Valley Morning Star HARLINGEN, Texas - You yearn for animal companionship, but cats and dogs seem so ... passe

How about a hedgehog, a hissing cockroach, a tarantula or an iguana? Those are just a few of the trendy new pet species that supposedly make wonderful companions.

Sugar gliders are the new rage, says Lyford resident Beverly Oakes, who sells them from her home.

'They're small and compact," she said. "You can take them anywhere and they're easy to care for.'

Similar to flying squirrels, sugar gliders are about the size of chipmunks. They're originally from Indonesia and Australia, Oakes said, and they are cousins to the koala bear. They carry their babies in a pouch like a kangaroo.

Sugar gliders get their name from their love of sap and a gliding membrane that stretches from their wrists to their ankles. In the wild, these nocturnal tree-dwellers cut notches in the eucalyptus tree bark and lick up the sap.

"They can be kept in a medium-size bird cage, something about two feet high," Oakes said. "Height is more important than width. They're very curious and playful. They like to climb and play with cat toys.'

Oakes especially loves being able to carry the gliders around with her wherever she goes. She carries them in zip-up purse pouches.

'I take them everywhere," she said, "shopping and to restaurants or the movies. They travel well, too."

Oakes feeds the gliders fresh fruits and vegetables, and she gives them one peanut a day for protein.

"They're very sweet and docile," she said, "and they're social as well. They really bond to whoever spends time with them. The more you handle them, the more attached they get to you and become a better pet.

Oakes raises and sells them for

\$225, but says they are not costly to maintain.

At Noah's Ark Petland in Harlingen, prairie dogs are a popular item these days.

"They really have been selling," said employee Debra Matlock. "I have one myself and they're great

Prairie dogs are sociable like real dogs, although they look more like chubby squirrels.

"They're very lovable and they have a lot of personality," Matlocksaid. "They love being with people. They don't like to be by themselves. They thrive on attention."

When a prairie dog is frightened, Matlock said, they make a barking sound like a small dog. And when they're happy, they make a laughing "hee-hee" noise.

But Matlock cautions that prairie dogs should not be free to run around unsupervised.

"They're chewers," she said. "They'll chew your furniture and electrical cords, so you have to watch

Prairie dogs can be kept in a large cage and fed fruits and vegetables, grass hay or fresh grass.

Prairie dogs sell for about \$150. Another animal that's weaseling into the unconventional pet market is the hedgehog - a cute but prickly

little creature that warms up well to "People are getting them now because they're a novelty, but they're very sweet," Matlock said. "And when they know and trust you, their quills lay down and you can hold and

pet them. Matlock said the quills don't hurt but they kind of prick, and that can be startling at first.

Hedgehogs can be kept in an aquarium-type cage, minus the water of course, but they like to have a little house to nest in, Matlock said. They eat dry food made especially for them and they also like certain types of worms as treats.

Over at Moreno's Feed and Pet Store in Weslaco, hedgehogs are a popular item.

"We've been selling them for about three years now," said Mark Moran, store manager. "I think they're popular because they're different and they're cute and easy to take care of."

Hedgehogs range in price from \$50

If hedgehogs, prairie dogs and sugar gliders are just too cute for you, then you might want to try a tarantulas, emperor scorpions, leopard geckos, or green tree frogs. These creepy critters range in price from \$20 to \$30.

But let's not forget about the hissing cockroaches.

On sale at Noah's Ark for \$2.29, the roaches are easy to care for. They require very little water and they eat a variety of things, like dry dog food, lettuce and bread.

"A lot of schoolteachers buy them," Matlock said. "They keep them in an aquarium in their classrooms and let the students take care of them. It's like caring for goldfish. But the roaches are a lot heartier."

They're not quite as adorable as kittens, but they do make an interesting hissing sound as a warning to predators.

Over recent years, iguanas have become more common as pets. More and more people are buying them.

"We still sell a lot of iguanas," Matlock said. "Young people, especially teen-agers, really like them -I think because they're different, and if you take proper care of them they will grow anywhere from 4 to 6 feet in captivity.'

They need a heat light which provides natural ultraviolet sun rays and vitamins, and a heat rock to sit

The heat rock, which must be plugged in at all times, helps them digest their food. Without it they can't live. In the wild, iguanas sit on warm rocks for this reason.

They can be kept in aquariums and are strictly vegetarian, although there are dry foods available for them now. Young iguanas sell for about \$19.99

but older ones can cost as much as \$200. Though many people are excited about the new trend in popular pets,

some see potential problems. "I don't think we should be taking animals from the wild," said Hannah Harris of Harlingen. "They're not supposed to be kept in homes and small

"We domesticated dogs and cats and now we're not willing to take responsibility for them. We have lots of strays and uncared for animals that we should be taking care of instead of domesticating more."

Humane Society agrees.

"Why introduce another problem animals, in a few years we're really bacteria that cause food poisoning. going to have a problem."

it comes to prairie dogs.

prairie dog species left," she said. ment. They are such a menace to ranchers wiped out. So we consider every out of favor.

Marilyn Lowry of the Harlingen prairie dog sold as a pet is one saved."

There is also concern about when we already have a major diseases some of these animals may problem with cats and dogs?" she carry. The iguana, for example, is said. "If we start domesticating more often covered with some of the same

"People need to be aware of this and take care to wash their hands But Mary Leahart, owner of after handling them," said John Noah's Ark, sees it differently when Herron, director of the Non-Game and Urban Wildlife Program for the There are five of the seven Texas Parks and Wildlife Depart-

Herron points out pot-bellied pigs that two species have already been were the rage a few years ago but fell

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Penny is subject of hearing

By HARRY F. ROSENTHAL

Associated Press Writer
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 domestic 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 grates.

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 paying less than you are actually paying.

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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.

"Elimination of the penny would lead to higher prices," the zinc folks said. "It will hurt charitable causes.... Recently, the Dallas-based Kindness Foundation raised over \$14,400, a penny at a time, for victims of the Oklahoma City bombing."

Only Castle and two other congressmen showed up for the hearing. Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., a member of the subcommittee, handed Castle two pennies just before the hearing, saying he was sorry to miss it "but here is my two cents worth."



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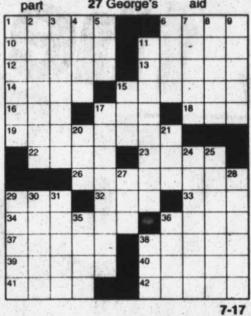
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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: SHOULD A GARDEN LOOK AS IF THE GARDENER WORKED ON HIS KNEES? I ASK YOU .-- LINCOLN STEFFENS

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Dear Diary: November 23, 1961.
Sitting here on this Thanksgiving night, just thinking about old times only last year when the movie Magnificent Seven' was playing at the Harlem Theater. We, my friends and I, went to see the picture. It was the best movie I've ever seen. It was then that we decided to have a club called Magnificent Seven. Over the summer we added new members and by the time school had started we had 17 members. We all agreed that this would be the limit and it is. Now we are the Magnificents." - Almaree.

By PAMELA WARD

Corzine, 14.

Austin American-Statesman AUSTIN - On a spring evening at Good Eats Cafe, 13 women huddle around a large table, passing photos of children and grandchildren. There is talk of children's college scholarships, an upcoming 30th wedding anniversary party and political campaigns.

Almaree Corzine Owens, 50, finds a lull in the conversation. "I'm going to be a grandmother," she announces with a shy smile. "My son and his wife told me last night." She adds, "If it had happened before 50, I don't think I could have taken it."

The women, some already grandmothers, congratulate her, warn her, tease her. Their history of sharing goes back to the eighth grade at Kealing Junior High School, to a time when a movie inspired them to form a club and call themselves the Magnificents. Much has changed in their lives, but the constants have of a major bank's downsizing - losing been their friendship and the comfort they find in one another.

This year they are meeting monthly, more often than in the past. In 1996, they all turn 50. They are among the first of the baby boom generation to reach that mark, born soon after the end of World War II.

The baby boom, the largest eneration ever, has the distinction, for better or for worse, of having transformed a nation due simply to its sheer size. The 76 million baby boomers account for more than one-third of the consumer market and more than half of the national wealth. Those born between 1946 and 1964 have been a dominant force in war and peace, music, art, school enrollment, the growth of the suburbs and politics.

Their generation swung from a passionate, anti-war, anti-establishment stance in the '60s to the new economic and social conservatism of the '90s. It's been a dramatic 50 years by any measure, spanning sock hops to mosh pits, duck-and-cover nuclear "The Howdy Doody Show" to "The Simpsons,

For those who grew up black during those years, against the backdrop of discrimination and the fight for civil rights, the 50-year span was even more tumultuous. It's through that period that the Magnificents - in some ways a snapshot of the whole baby boom came of age. As friends, they've shared the stages of life, all the hills and valleys, together. In a time when marriages and families are harder than ever to hold together, it is perhaps all the more remarkable that 17 friends who started out with little but the year 1946 in common remain together.

'There are so many different personalities in that group," said "And believe me, I realize Ruby Hill Henderson, a 24-year day," she said, to laughter. Teacher Retirement System benefits mother of three, said the Magnificents "are all so very different but the same-always there for the other. It's a wonderful feeling."

At Kealing Junior High, then at the old segregated Anderson High school, they were the most popular girls, the achievers. Four were cheerleaders, one the drum major, one a majorette, one class president, one homeco.ning queen. All were honor

As students, they studied from tattered books discarded by whites. As teen-agers, some of their families were involved in the civil rights struggle, picketing businesses that denied them entrance. As adults, some Northeas faced continued adversity because of pictures.

their sex and color. Their experiences made them determined. Some blazed trails. Some raised hell.

There were slumber parties and high school dances, then college and weddings with too many bridesmaids. They all changed diapers, and some changed jobs. Some started over with men, but some still are in love with childhood sweethearts.

They've journeyed far, in miles and in experience, from the East Austin neighborhood that nurtured and encouraged them.

'We've all traveled and been places, but it's like we're all coming back full circle to our roots," Owens said, "to our family and friends. We don't want to lose each other."

WHAT PURSES REVEAL

Last Dec. 30, the Magnificents rented bed-and-breakfast in Salado for a slumber party, as raucous as the old days. They screamed and laughed, played '60s music, told stories and poked fun.

Once upon a time, they wore identical white Levis and danced in Keds to music from "The Magnificent Seven." Now they carry purses, the contents defining women who have changed.

In Imogene Black Polk's purse: Dairy Ease, garlic tablets, Tums, grandkids' photos, and she pointed out, something she didn't have as a teen-ager: money.

Cheryl Ann Bedford Collins' purse: theater tickets, bills to be mailed and a copy of her resume. Last year, in the same month, Collins became a victim her job as an insurance administration and bankruptcy specialist - and her marriage suddenly ended. She left Florida and moved to Irving.

"A degree of security," she said, "is a thing of the past." She is starting a home-based sewing business.

Gaylee Bedford Horton, who eight days after her 50th birthday got a new job as building services superviser at the University of Texas Jester Center, pointed to eveglasses and blood pressure pills in her purse.

In Velvee Strange Mercer's purse: an address book, American Association of Retired Persons card, eveglasses and a small jar of Mentholatum. Said

now understand my mother-in-law better, God bless her soul."

After all the laughter, in the wee morning hours in Salado, the talk turned more reflective.

Virginia Griffin, who traveled from Washington, D.C., said, "It's not often you find 15 friends who grew up together that can still stand drills to the end of the Cold War, each other. We're getting up there," she said. "We need more loving, understanding."

Griffin, a business consultant who has a 16-year-old son, said, "You can't take anything for granted. I live in a city where young people get killed every day; every time my son leaves the house, I'm apprehensive."

Shirley Hunter Livingston talked of the importance of friendship following a 25-year marriage that dissolved, and how she was able to draw upon "the values we learned as children, the bonding we did. Old friends," she said, "are the best friends."

Brenda Douglas Crenshaw, married to a classmate and the mother of two sons, noted her youngest is 13 - and the youngest child in the group. "And believe me, I realize it every

The stabilizing influences in her counselor. Henderson, a widow and life, Crenshaw said, "have been spirituality and my good friends. I really cherish those things. I am looking forward to retirement, and I am looking forward to new challeng-

> Della Kay Allen Moore, who recently retired from the Texas Teacher Retirement System because of health problems, told the group, "I am so very thankful to be married almost 30 years to my longtime sweetheart."

"He was mine first!" teased one.

HOT POWER SURGES

In February, the Magnificents met for brunch at Della Moore's house in Northeast Austin. Several snapped

much to say and too many to say it. Gloria Shead Wilson teases the hostess about her spirits-free punch. "This is a nonalcoholic household," Moore said. "No alcohol."

"You always were a goody two-shoes!" answers Wilson. "With people like you," said Moore, "we don't need alcohol."

Nelda Wells Spears arrives late, in a blue suit with an "I voted" sticker. The Travis County tax assessor-collector never is done campaigning.

Over brunch, the women argue over next month's plans, dinner before or after the show "Soul Sisters."

"One thing you all need to consider," said Velvee Mercer, "is we're all older now, and if you go to a theater on a full stomach, you may

fall asleep." "I can't eat at 10 o'clock at night!" whines Gaylee Horton.

Mercer hugs Horton: "We can put fried chicken in our purses and eat it there, like we used to do. It'll be

But the biggest commotion of the brunch comes with Horton's next statement: "Announcement! Announcement! I started having hot power surges this month."

Her friends hoot and clap. "Wake me up," Horton said.

"They are awful."

She gets appreciative nods. Said Mercer: "You know it's going to go away. It's like birth pains. When it's over, it's over."

Before they leave, they watch a video from their December gathering in Salado. Imogene Polk comments: You notice how that camera makes us look so much bigger than we are?" They laugh. How true.

REFLECTING ON ADVERSITY

As their lives settled into middle age, more than birthdays have brought the Mags together. For a long time, it was their children's weddings. More recently, there have been a number of funerals.

There was the service for Almaree Owens' mother, who died two years an elected Democrat. ago of Alzheimer's disease. Owens and her sister cared for their mother Mercer, who lives in Arlington: "I for a difficult 10 years before having hard times ahead with their own aging realized and hopes gone astray. parents.

They supported Imogene Polk a twin, killed in a January 1995 accident, and comforted Gaylee Horton when her mother died in

The losses have brought them closer, in recognition of life's frailty. They also are becoming more

reflective about the adversity they've known in five decades.

Owens said three things are etched in her mind about growing up in Austin: "One - not being able to swim in Barton Springs. Two - seeing the bar stools ripped from the counter at an eatery downtown so blacks couldn't sit at the counter, and three my father driving us past a hamburger place on Airport Boulevard and seeing a man standing out front with a shotgun to keep blacks out. Unfortunately, these images are still with me.

"Because of this, it is very hard for me to support anything that has to do with Barton Springs. I can remember thinking then, this is not right; please God, I hope my children won't have to go through this."

When Casey James Calhoun enrolled at Southwest Texas State University after high school, there was "no space available for blacks in dorms," so she and Della Moore commuted. Calhoun's brother became a radical and took the Muslim religion. Both marched. The struggles shaped her life. "I march, protest, vote, so that my granddaughter will have a better life and a future," Calhoun said.

Moore remembers demonstrating against a roller rink that denied blacks. and she remembers the feeling of lost dignity. "My mother was a maid for a white family, and she would take me and my sister to help serve Christmas or special dinners. When Press

Their greetings are boisterous, they were ready to be served, they their talk measurable in decibels - so would ring a bell. My mother told me to carry something out to them, and I refused. I told her I would not answer

"My mother told me, in this life we have to do some things we don't

"From that moment," said Moore, "I decided my life would be different."

THEY TALK POLITICS

Addie Powell Knotts, coming from Killeen, was the first to arrive at the restaurant for the Magnificents' gathering in March. She told the wait staff she was meeting some friends for dinner. How many? they asked. The reply - "Oh, about 14," - was

a shock.

"People hear about us and say, 'Golly, what do you all talk about?'" said Knotts. "You've gone your separate ways, you've had kids, moved but it's amazing. We've always had something special. And at this point in our lives, it's very important to us.

"I'm getting ready to retire in a couple of years. What will I do when I stop working? I've worked all my life. But I've got all these friends. I'm not alone. I feel secure. If I can't see well enough to drive, I know somebody will pick me up."

Her friends arrive and talk about fashion. "This is my golden years haircut," brags Evelyn Jones Plummer. "I'm making a change. Maintenance

Della Moore has a question for Gloria Arnold Clouser: "Are you a Republican?"

Clouser: "Excuse me?" The talk stops. All attention is riveted

to the political exchange. "You knew when the Republican

convention is coming up," explains Moore. Clouser assures all she still is a Democrat. She has been helping her

husband campaign for re-election as justice of the peace in Fort Bend County, near Houston. You know, a lot of our friends

are going to start being Republicans," said Imogene Polk.

"And they're going to stop being our friends," deadpans Nelda Spears,

THE FUTURE, THE PAST

Turning 50 is about looking back to put her in a nursing home. Owens and looking forward. These days, the is supportive of her friends who face Magnificents reflect on dreams

The Mags, said Casey Calhoun, 'was the first sisterhood 'gang' that when she buried a 28-year-old son, I joined. The gang was intelligent, witty, had goals to become college-educated women with the purpose of serving the community, commitment to family and to help make a better world."

Not all the dreams came true, said Calhoun, who divorced 20 years; ago. The career postal employee and union activist, said, "I believed I would be a lawyer with a husband of 30 y ears, someone I met in college and also a professional. I would be a civil rights attorney, helping the oppressed, educating those whose constitutional rights are violated, making a difference in their lives."

But there are no signs of de feat. Calhoun, for instance, can retire in five years, and says she will return to college full time and major in pre-law.

Addie Knotts, a III Corps budg get officer at Fort Hood, looks forward to retiring in 10 years and startin g a consulting business. Rose Holr nes Bookman, an accounting assis tant with the Austin school dis trict "would love to have my own craft shop, maybe in three to five yet irs."

Most of all, when togethe r, the Magnificents remind one anot' her of the meaning of their friendshi p.

"They are true friends," Nelda Spears said. "They have been there for me through good times an id bad. 'Someone once said, 'Fri ends in

your life are like pillars on your porch. Sometimes they hold you up. and sometimes they lean on you. Sometimes it's just enough to know they're standing by." Said Spears: "This is what the

Mags have meant to me th rough the

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Texas crop report

Rains only drop in bucket COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) Dallas, district Extension director. - Scattered showers fell across the

state's surviving pasture forage, but the Texas Agricultural Extension Service reports that with record-breaking temperatures, these showers are only a drop in a bucket. said. "The showers are a wonderful

blessing, but we need to continue to get some in order to help things," said Bill Botard of Fredericksburg, Gillespie County Extension agent.

The Texas Hill Country received an average of 1.6 inches, said Botard. Some people received nothing and some received two inches. He said it was just a matter of location.

West Texas also welcomed showers and thunderstorms, but is year." still in a drought condition.

'We had very scattered showers around the county, but the temperatures were well in the upper 90s with some wind," said Charles Neeb of Fort Stockton, district Extension

Showers out near El Paso are beginning to perk up the dormant forages, but Neeb says they are still a long way from having normal rainfall.

"Forage is coming back and production is back in, but rain is just now starting to revive the pastures." Neeb said.

rainfall, but the showers are scattered. 'We've gotten, from one inch to

three inches. It has been spotty, but across the whole district," Necb said. 'We haven't had any widespread showers."

He went on to say that far West Texas received from two to nine rain. Livestock in good condition. inches of rainfall last week. This Cornsilking. Cotton squaring; some rainfall has significantly helped the forage situation, he says.

received slightly more rainfall with condition. an average of two inches, but Scott Durham of San Angelo, Extension district director, reported that the rain was dispersed throughout the district.

These rains across Texas were welcome; however, they did not offer much help for pastures and forages because of the extremely high temperatures.

With temperatures in the high 90's and 100s the rain makes things look better, but doesn't allow it to gro w," Botard said.

sprinkles, says Randy Upshaw of rapidly.

State A Capital

By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling

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AUSTIN - A proposal passed

"Temperatures cooled off somewhat down to the 90s in Cooke County, but we have had hot to mild conditions all week with short-lived showers in isolated areas," Upshaw

Additionally, Upshaw said the rains will help his district, but they are still in a desperate drought

"In areas where we got rain, the pastures will get some level of growth and greening to revive the forages," Upshaw said. "However, we are still six to eight inches behind normal rainfall and going into what is considered the driest months of the

Upshaw added that even though the grass is adequate, hay cuttings are still short of last year.

Since regular rains are unseasonal, only pastures with little or no livestock will benefit from the recent

"If there is a place that is lightly stocked it might help, but not without a follow-up rain because of the heat that we have been having," said Wayne Sholtz of Hondo, Medina County Extension agent.

He went on to say that the moisture will not significantly improve the livestock situation any because no He said they are still getting some one seems to be getting any intense or continuous rainfall.

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by district Extension directors:

PANHANDLE: Moisture adequate. Pastures benefiting from just beginning to bloom. Peanuts pegging. Onion and potato harvest Areas of northwestern Texas slowed by rain. Sugarbeets in good

SOUTHWEST TEXAS: Moisture very short. Pastures remain dry. Forage completely gone; feed too expensive to dry lot cattle. Liquidations continue. Harvesting of sorghum and corn gaining momentum; irrigated fields yields above average. Scattered showers.

COASTAL BEND: Moisture very short. Pastures making good growth; some still dormant. Limited hay supplies being harvested. Cattle in good condition; herd reduction The northern portions of the state continues. Corn and grain harvest in did welcome a few scattered full swing. Cotton plants maturing

> versity System is under a regents' directive to revise policies so tenured professors could be removed for poor performance. University of Texas President Robert Berdahl said he favors a post-tenure review that would help professors identify their strengths and improve on their weaknesses.

Reform Party Ballots Mailed

The Reform Party sent out a million presidential nominating questionnaires last week naming Dallas billionaire H. Ross Perot and former Colorado Gov. Richard Lamm as "the potential candidates most frequently mentioned," but Reform Party members can write in any name they wish. Lamm formally announced his candidacy on July 9.

The questionnaires were mailed to people who signed petitions to get the Reform Party on the general election ballot. Party members will have until July 20 to mail in a response.

Candidates who qualify for nomination will be allowed to speak to a Reform Party convention Aug. 11 in Long Beach, Calif.

The name of the nominee will be announced Aug. 18 at a Reform Party meeting in Valley Forge, Pa.

Ruling: Adultery Not Protected

Adultery is not protected by the constitutional right to privacy, the Texas Supreme Court declared last week.

The ruling was against a Sherman police officer who was denied a promotion because of an affair with another man's wife.

The majority opinion, written by Justice Greg Abbott, concludes that the right to privacy "does not include the right to maintain a sexual relationship with the spouse of someone else" but stipulated that the court's decision does not mean that the government is free "to engage in intrusive investigation methods to determine the sexual practices of individuals."

Uribe Vows to Dissolve RRC

Texas Railroad Commission candidate Hector Uribe of Brownsville says he intends to work on dissolving the three-member panel if he is

SOUTH TEXAS: Moisture very short. Pastures and ranges improved due to some ranges. Sorghum in fair condition. Cotton and corn in fair condition. Irrigation water supplies low. Citrus crop progressing.

SOUTH PLAINS: Moisture short. Pastures and ranges in fair condition. Wheat harvest complete. Corn and sorghum making good progress; little insect activity. Cotton crop still young. Onion harvest in full swing.

ROLLING PLAINS: Moisture short to very short. Pasture and range conditions continues to suffer from drought and high temperatures. Hauling water to cattle. Fire conditions critical. Cotton condition improved. Sorghum rated fair to good. Scattered showers.

NORTH TEXAS: Moisture very short to adequate. Pastures improved with recent rains. Hay cuttings short of last year. Cattle being fed next year's hay. Sweet potatoes need rain. Peaches failed; yield below average. Crops

maturing rapidly. Scattered showers. EAST TEXAS: Moisture very short. Pastures in poor to fair condition. Hay yields remain normal. Cattle condition fair. Stock ponds critical. Vegetable harvest near completion. Fall garden preparation under way. Native pecan crops fair to good.

FAR WEST TEXAS: Moisture short. Pastures extremely dry; moisture needed. Livestock in fair condition. Cotton bollworm active; fields being treated. Cotton squaring; setting bolls. Terrible year for crops. Scattered thunderstorms across district.

WEST CENTRAL TEXAS: Moisture very short to short. Pasture and range conditions deteriorating daily. Livestock remain in fair condition. Corn and sorghum needing soil moisture badly. Fruit harvest almost non-existent. Pecan crop average at best. Scattered showers.

CENTRAL TEXAS: Moisture very short. Forage growth being reduced due to hot, dry weather. Pastures overgrazed. Cattle being culled. Forage production one-third of normal. Cantaloupes and watermelons being harvested.

SOUTHEAST TEXAS: Moisture very short to adequate. Pastures need moisture; cattle market depressed; feeding continues. Cotton being irrigated. Grain sorghum, watermelons, and hay being harvested. Pecans suffering from drought. Vegetable harvest continues.

elected Nov. 5.

He said the offices of the three commissioners are "historical anachronisms" that need justification.

Uribe, who is running against Republican commission chairman Carole Keeton Rylander, acknowledged the passage of a constitutional amendment would be necessary to close the agency, but he said the commissioners' jobs could go unfunded in the meantime.

He also said, if elected, he would accept a fraction of the \$79,000 annual salary while trying to transfer the agency's duties to the Department of Public Safety, the Transportation Department and the Public Utility Commission.

Uribe, a Democrat, served in the Texas Senate from 1981 to 1990 and in the Texas House from 1978 to 1981.

Other Capital Highlights

A report released last week by the state Senate Economic Development Committee says school property tax abatements granted to businesses are hurting both poor and wealthy school districts. The committee adopted a recommendation that will encourage the 1977 Legislature to find alternatives to the abatements as a way to attract business to Texas. Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, who presides over the Senate, has never been a fan of tax

 Literacy projects in Houston, Bryan, Beaumont, Bastrop, Decatur, Mount Pleasant, Devine, Midland, Marble Falls and Paris will share \$150,000 in grant money from the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy. Gov. George W. Bush and first lady Laura Bush said the grants were part of their campaign to improve literacy in Texas.

An Austin state district judge has granted a temporary injunction to prevent the "Republic of Texas" group from filing bogus liens. Attorney General Dan Morales has said bogus liens filed by the group are clogging the state's property record system. One lien, filed in February, was filed against all state property, the Associated Press reported.

One le soks back with appreciation to the brilliant teachers, but with gratitude to those who touched our hum, an feelings. The curriculum is so much necessary raw material, but warmth is a vital element for the growing plant and for the soul of a child.

