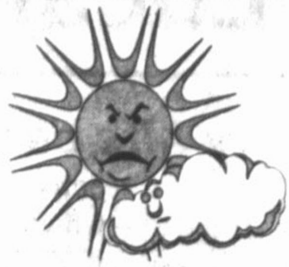


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Farm payment cuts returning to budget

By PHILIP BRASHER
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WASHINGTON (AP) - House budget writers will probably restore a proposed cut in 1997 farm payments that angered producer groups, congressional aides said Wednesday.

The House Appropriations agriculture subcommittee last week trimmed the payments by \$98 million, or 1.8 percent, as part of a proposed \$600 million cut in spending for farm and nutrition programs for fiscal 1997.

Farm groups who had backed a phase-out of government subsidies in return for seven years of fixed payments said even a small cut would be a breach of faith.

Subcommittee chairman, Rep. Joe Skeen, was expected to offer an amendment in the full Appropriations Committee on Thursday to restore the money. House Republican leadership aides said they expected the cut to be reversed.

"That's the direction that we're going to," said Selma Sierra, a spokeswoman for Skeen, R-N.M. "It's not yet determined where the funds will come from to make up the difference."

The subcommittee had believed the cut was justified because of high crop prices.

It was less clear what would happen to an amendment in the bill that would deny payments to producers who don't plant crops,

aides said. The new farm bill, known as the Freedom to Farm plan, replaced the old subsidy system tied to crop production and prices, with fixed but declining payments.

The cut infuriated farm-state Republicans, who told farmers the payments were guaranteed, and Democrats accused the GOP leadership of renegeing on their promises.

Senate Democratic Leader Tom Daschle said Wednesday that the cut

would be an issue in several Senate races in the Midwest, including his home state of South Dakota, where Democrats are trying to unseat Republican Sen. Larry Pressler.

"They promised farmers specific payments, but the first time out of the chute in the appropriations process they are breaking that promise," said Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D.

"It's a small reduction, but it shows (farm spending) is subject to being reduced substantially," said Sen. Howell Heflin, D-Ala.

Car-bicycle accident leaves local girl hurt

A Hereford girl is in critical condition at Northwest Texas Hospital with injuries suffered in a car-bicycle accident Wednesday night.

Yvette Garcia, 10, was transported to Amarillo by helicopter following the 7:59 p.m. accident at the intersection of Forrest and Irving.

According to police reports, Yvette was riding her bicycle south in the 700 block of Irving, when she failed to stop at a stop sign at the intersection with Forrest.

She entered the intersection and was struck by a 1990 Pontiac Sunbird being driven by Oralia Zollar, 20, of

Hereford. Zollar was traveling west on Forrest and was driving under the 30 mph speed limit in the area.

On impact, the child was flipped over the car, which came to stop after the accident.

Zollar was not injured. Garcia was transported by Hereford EMS to Hereford Regional Medical Center, then flown to Amarillo.

No charges were filed in the incident, although police reports indicated the child failed to stop at the stop sign.

The incident is still under investigation.



TANK TIME



Flag painter

Russ Watts concentrates on his work as he transfers an American flag and Texas flag to a large tank being constructed at Poarch Brothers here on Wednesday. The local company is building a pair of 40-foot by 40-foot tanks that will be transported to Maryneal, south of Abilene, where a concrete company will use them for recycling truck oil filters.

State releases TAAS results; increases seen in grades 3-8

By PEGGY FIKAC
Associated Press Writer
AUSTIN (AP) - Texas students' performance improved on most sections of the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills for the second year, according to results from grades three through eight.

But Texas Education Commissioner Mike Moses said in releasing the results Wednesday that the state still has work to do, particularly on closing the gap between white and minority passing rates on the academic skills test.

"Although we are pleased with the progress our students have shown ... we've still got a lot of room for improvement," Moses said. "We should not be satisfied until our minority students are passing TAAS at a rate that is comparable to non-minority students."

Texas schools must "continue to challenge our system, challenge ourselves as educators, to improve the performance of all of our students," he said.

Concerns over TAAS testing have been raised by the Texas NAACP, which filed a discrimination complaint with the U.S. Department of Education over the exit-level exam. Students must pass that test, given in high school, to get their diploma.

State NAACP President Gary

Bledsoe said the group also has concerns about the test in the lower grades.

"When the TAAS at the lower levels is administered and students do not perform well, many are asked not to show up at school on the days the TAAS is given. Others are put in special ed. Still others end up dropping out because they can't pass the TAAS. ... It's very embarrassing and unnecessary that it happen that way," he said.

The March, April and May exams were given in reading and math to students in grades three through eight; in writing at grades four and eight; and in social studies and science at grade eight.

The 1.7 million students tested this year comprised 93.9 percent of those eligible, according to the Texas Education Agency. Last year, 95.4 percent of those eligible were tested.

But Moses said last year's figure included students who took the Spanish-language TAAS, for which results are not yet available. If those students are added, Moses said, the number tested this year rises to about 95.5 percent of those eligible.

Test results show overall improvement: Looking at reading, writing and math, the percentage of students who passed all three tests increased in every grade.

But fourth- and sixth-grade

reading scores, when viewed separately, went against the trend.

In fourth grade, the percentage of students passing reading took a small dip. In sixth grade, there was a dip in the percentage of Hispanic and economically disadvantaged students who passed, while the passing percentage for the other groups remained static.

Moses said the test exemption policy was tightened this year, and thus more students with limited English proficiency took the English-language test.

The commissioner pointed to significant gains in mathematics passing rates in sixth and seventh grades as an example of hard work by educators and students, and a school accountability system that he said successfully focuses attention on problem areas.

For example, on the sixth-grade math test, black students' passing rate on the math section went up 19 percentage points, to 60 percent, and the increase among Hispanic students was 18 percentage points, to 67 percent.

Economically disadvantaged students' passing rate was up 18 percentage points, to 66 percent, while white students' passing rate was up 10 percentage points to 88 percent.

Moses said he can't predict with certainty the overall upward trend will continue but described himself as optimistic.

Among other points, he said, tougher standards are being imposed this year for schools to be rated acceptable under Texas' school accountability system. Student performance on the TAAS is the backbone of the rating system.

Mismanagement found in O'Leary's department

Sloppy bookkeeping cited in report

By H. JOSEF HEBERT
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) - Tens of thousands of dollars were mismanaged in connection with four overseas trade missions headed by Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary, an internal investigation by the Energy Department concludes.

O'Leary called it a "professional review" and said in a statement, "I accept responsibility for the ... accounting and administrative problems" surrounding the 1994-95 trips to India, Pakistan, China and South Africa.

While a final report by the department's inspector general on O'Leary's 16 overseas trips, including four trade missions, is not expected to be completed for several weeks, a draft of the findings was obtained Wednesday by The Associated Press.

The draft concluded that the O'Leary trade trips were marked by such poor management and sloppy record-keeping that thousands of dollars may have been needlessly paid for receptions, air travel, dinners and even lodging for embassy workers who lived in the cities that were visited.

According to the IG findings, O'Leary's four trade trips, plus a

dozen other business trips abroad, cost the government \$4.57 million. Of that, \$3.42 million was spent on the four trade missions, each of which involved groups of between 59 and 67 people, including government officials and business executives.

The total cost for the trade missions, as described by the IG report, was about \$600,000 more than the \$2.8 million previously estimated by the department in congressional testimony and various documents.

The IG also questioned the nearly 15,000 hours of overtime connected with the trips, most of it for security, and an estimated \$800,000 in support costs logged by embassies in connection with 11 of the trips, including \$523,634 for the four trade missions.

The report concludes a six-month

investigation by the IG's office into O'Leary's overseas travel. She had requested the internal review after questions were raised late last year about her overseas travel, particularly the trade trips.

Since then, Rep. Joe Barton, R-Texas, has held a series of hearings in which he and other GOP lawmakers have questioned whether the trips were of any benefit. Barton could not be reached Wednesday for comment on the findings.

The IG report said while the trade trips may have been of some value, "the department cannot quantify the value" in either breaking down barriers for U.S. companies or bringing business agreements to fruition. It said there was no basis to conclude that the trips created U.S. jobs.

TAAS results noted

AUSTIN (AP) - Here are 1996 TAAS results for grades three through eight announced Wednesday by the Texas Education Agency, compared with last year (Results don't include special-education students, those in year-round school or those who took the Spanish-language TAAS.):

Percentage of all students passing all portions of the reading, writing and math TAAS taken this year, compared with last year:

GRADE	1996	1995
3rd	70%	66%
4th	66%	64%
5th	73%	66%
6th	69%	60%
7th	67%	58%
8th	58%	50%

Percentage of black students passing all portions of the TAAS taken this year, compared with last year:

GRADE	1996	1995
3rd	51%	47%
4th	48%	42%
5th	52%	44%
6th	50%	37%
7th	46%	34%
8th	38%	27%

Percentage of Hispanic students passing all portions of the TAAS taken this year, compared with last year:

GRADE	1996	1995
3rd	60%	56%
4th	58%	53%
5th	64%	55%
6th	55%	45%
7th	53%	42%
8th	42%	33%

Percentage of white students passing all portions of the TAAS taken this year, compared with last year:

GRADE	1996	1995
3rd	80%	78%
4th	77%	75%
5th	83%	78%
6th	83%	76%
7th	81%	75%
8th	74%	67%

Men towing ATM arrested

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) - No officer, that's not an ATM - it's a washing machine.

That's what police said two suspects told them early Wednesday as they were caught in a bank parking lot with a battered automated teller machine chained to their car.

Timothy E. Lebo, 39, of Obetz, and Charles J. Kinser, 32, of Columbus, were charged with breaking and entering, safecracking and aggravated theft.

Police said they used the car to ram into a Star Bank building and jar the ATM loose, then wrapped the chain around the bank machine and attached it to the rear of their vehicle before trying to drive away.

Police said they had dragged the ATM about 100 yards when officers, responding to an alarm, apprehended the men.

The bank said security precautions probably would have prevented any money from being removed from the ATM.

Dole calls for another vote on balanced budget amendment

WASHINGTON (AP) - Republicans hope another Senate rejection of a balanced-budget constitutional amendment will brand President Clinton and fellow Democrats as insincere about battling persistent federal deficits.

But a White House official said today the GOP move was a "meaningless gesture" and a "sad commentary" on Majority Leader Bob Dole's last days in the Senate.

Five days before he quits the Senate to campaign full time for president, Dole, R-Kan., is bringing the amendment to a vote today. It would require a balanced federal budget by 2002 but would leave decisions about how to do it for later - by the very politicians who have been stalemated over the issue for years.

Dole conceded the measure would fall just short of the two-thirds majority amendments to the

Constitution require, as it did when it failed narrowly in March 1995. At that time, he promised to bring the measure up again during this year's political campaign.

Though the outcome is preordained, the political fallout is up for grabs, and both parties are vying to claim it as an issue for the November elections. Republicans, knowing that polls show 80 percent public support for the amendment, think even a defeat will strengthen their bid for the White House and continued congressional control by embarrassing Democrats, most of whom will vote no.

At the White House, press secretary Mike McCurry said, "It's surprising that Sen. Dole is occupying his last days in the Senate with empty gestures when he could be raising the minimum wage, writing a balanced budget working with the president, reforming welfare, and expanding health care."

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Local Roundup

City hits century mark

Hereford recorded a high temperature of 100 degrees on Wednesday -- which was not a record -- and an overnight low this morning of 67 degrees, according to KPAN Radio. For tonight, the forecast calls for partly cloudy skies and a less than 20 percent chance of evening thunderstorms. Low will be in the upper 50s with northeast winds of 5-15 mph. Friday's forecast is for partly cloudy skies, a high in the mid-80s and northeast to east winds of 10-15 mph.

News Digest

EL PASO - Wildlife populations can be expected to show a steady decline across Texas because of the prolonged drought, officials say. Almost without exception, animals, birds and insects statewide are experiencing the drought's effects, albeit to varying degrees. Texas is still the place where the deer and the antelope play, but it's gotten harder to find them since the state began drying up.

WASHINGTON - A Texas legislator has been busy lobbying members of the state's congressional delegation to oppose the proposed railroad merger of Union Pacific and Southern Pacific. State Rep. Rob Junell, D-San Angelo, met Tuesday and Wednesday with uncommitted Texas members of Congress, urging them to voice disapproval in advance of the Surface Transportation Board's July 3 ruling.

WASHINGTON - The man chosen by President Clinton to lead the troubled Navy sought to avoid some trouble of his own, opting to resign a \$33,000 corporate post rather than face the ire of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Emergency Services

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

HEREFORD POLICE

A 32-year-old female was arrested in the 500 block of Lawton for assault in connection with an incident involving two other people. No serious injuries were reported.

A family skating around the Aquatic Center was attacked by three juveniles swinging golf clubs and throwing rocks. Class C assault charges are pending against the three, who were identified. No serious injuries were reported.

A 10-year-old boy was attacked and bit by a mixed-breed dog in the 800 block of Brevard. The boy was treated and released at Hereford Regional Medical Center. The dog's owner was cited for not vaccinating his dog for rabies.

A man and woman got into an argument in the 100 block of Beach Street during which the woman was shoved. Class C assault charges are pending. No serious injuries were reported.

Burglary of a vehicle was reported in the 100 block of North Texas, where someone entered a parked vehicle and took a purse containing more than \$100 in cash, plus various credit cards.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of North Texas, where

someone damaged a mailbox, possibly by hitting it with a car. Damage was set at \$100.

A 15-year-old female runaway was reported in the 700 block of La Plata. She has not been reported located.

Assault was reported in the 200 block of Fuller Street, where a 14-year-old male allegedly assaulted his mother. She was able to hold the child down until police arrived. He was taken into custody and transported to juvenile detention.

Burglary of a residence in the 100 block of West Sixth was reported, where a lamp valued at \$50 was taken.

Theft of \$10 in gas was reported in the 500 block of Avenue H.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 400 block of Paloma Lane, where a vehicle tire valued at \$70 was cut.

Burglary of a building in the 200 block of 16th Street was reported. Cameras and other items valued at more than \$275 were taken.

Several juvenile males were seen sniffing paint in the 300 block of Higgins Street. Three of the juveniles fled on foot when police arrived. One of them was caught, but resisted arrest by kicking and hitting police. He was released to the Juvenile Probation department. The other two juveniles were not located.

Officers issued three traffic citations. There was one major traffic accident reported, at Forrest and Irving.

DEAF SMITH SHERIFF
A 20-year-old female was arrested for Driving while license suspended.

A 37-year-old male was arrested for violation of probation.

An 18-year-old male was arrested for violation of probation.

Criminal trespass was reported. Harassing phone calls were reported.

FIRE DEPARTMENT
Volunteer firefighters were called out at 8:01 p.m. to a wreck rescue at Forrest and Irving.

EMS
Ambulances ran on two trauma calls and one medical call.

FBI launching inquiry on file at White House

By PETE YOST
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) - With presidential aides saying they made a bureaucratic mistake, the FBI is launching an inquiry into how the background file of travel office chief Billy Dale was given to the White House seven months after he was fired.

The travel office controversy flared anew Wednesday as Rep. William Clinger produced a White House request form stating that Bernard Nussbaum, then the White House counsel, was asking for Dale's FBI file.

Clinger said he assumes the White House wanted the material "to see if there was anything to Billy Dale's past that could be exploited for political advantage."

Nussbaum denied seeking or reviewing Dale's FBI file, and White House lawyer Jane Sherburne said "we believe" Dale's FBI file "may have mistakenly been sought" by "White House record-keepers" in a routine gathering of FBI background files on current employees.

Sherburne said the Whitewater prosecutor's office has contacted the White House about the matter. FBI



On trial

County Judge Tom Simons, center, laughs during a mock trial conducted Wednesday before the Hereford Lions Club. Simons, the club treasurer, was tried by Justice of the Peace Johnnie Turrentine, far left, on an accusation that he used fine money to pay fines imposed on other members. Criminal District Attorney Roland Saul, right, "prosecuted" Simons, while the "defendant" was represented by Carey Black, second from left. Jail Administrator David Castillo, left, a member of the club, and Police Chief David Wagner, second from right, were also in on the gag. Simons was "convicted" and sentenced to get on his knees and apologize to District Clerk Lola Faye Veazey, also a club member, for being mean to her.

Freemen neighbors pressuring for 'reasonable force' at ranch

By HAL SPENCER
Associated Press Writer
JORDAN, Mont. (AP) - A member of the anti-government Freemen left the compound to meet with FBI agents for the first time in more than two weeks, while residents pressured authorities to use "reasonable force" to end the 74-day standoff.

The government is reportedly considering further measures to isolate the Freemen, including disrupting the group's satellite television, cellular telephone and radio communications signals.

Many area residents say the FBI has not been aggressive enough in trying to end the standoff, which began March 25 at the remote, 960-acre compound on the eastern Montana plains.

The FBI did not cut off electricity until Monday, has kept its SWAT teams several miles from the farm, and until recently, allowed family members to visit the complex.

The FBI has cut off visits from outsiders, but has continued to make

an exception for Janet Clark, whose husband, Edwin, and son Casey are in the compound. She has been allowed to bring medicine to her son, who suffers from an undisclosed medical condition.

On Wednesday, Mrs. Clark stayed at the ranch for about two hours, then left with another person in the passenger seat of her car. The person met at the FBI checkpoint known as "The Church" for two hours before returning to the compound.

Mrs. Clark left the compound alone an hour later. Federal officials refused to comment on the meeting.

Negotiations broke down May 21 when Colorado state Sen. Charles Duke gave up in frustration. Duke, one of many failed negotiators, said the Freemen were not negotiating in good faith and that some were merely criminals trying to avoid prosecution.

At least 21 people, including three children, remain at the ranch. More than a dozen adults are wanted on charges that include circulating millions of dollars in bogus checks

and threatening to kill a federal judge.

The FBI is considering putting more pressure on the Freemen, The New York Times reported today.

Besides disrupting TV and communications signals, officials may also block the group's access to fishing ponds, fields planted with crops and buildings used to store food, the newspaper said, quoting sources it didn't identify.

Rancher Brent McRae planned today to present a 200-signature petition to Garfield County Sheriff Charles Phipps urging authorities to use "reasonable force" to end the standoff.

"The people of Garfield County have been victims of these people for 2-1/2 or three years," McRae said after he placed the petitions in Jordan businesses two weeks ago.

The county has fewer than 1,500 residents, and Jordan has fewer than 500.

"You bet I agree with it," retired rancher Al Johnson said after signing the petition.

Wildfire rages in Alaskan wilderness

Area north of Anchorage being evacuated by authorities

By JIM CLARKE
Associated Press Writer
BIG LAKE, Alaska (AP) - Fed by strong winds and tinder-dry moss on the forest floor, a raging wildfire tripled in size in a day, forcing at least 700 people to evacuate wilderness homes and shutting down part of a major highway.

The fire, which also forced the evacuation of a prison farm Wednesday, has burned across 56 square miles and destroyed at least 150 buildings.

Despite door-to-door warnings from state troopers to get out, many in the Big Lake area 60 miles north of Anchorage stayed behind to beat back the flames.

"We haven't slept in 50 hours," Michael Naumann said Wednesday as he and his teen-age son used a well pump to pour water on his cedar-shingle home as protection. "When the fire got going pretty good, I had my son on the garage roof and I was on top of the house."

"As soon as this is done," Naumann said, "I'm getting rid of every spruce tree around here."

With rain not expected before Sunday, there was no end in sight to the 37,000-acre blaze that investigators suspect was caused by firework over the weekend. The fire tripled in size from dawn to afternoon Wednesday.

Pushed by gusts of up to 25 mph, the fire was burning east and south through dense black spruce and birch. Late Wednesday, troopers were forced to close a stretch of the only highway between Anchorage and Fairbanks, the state's largest cities.

Fire Commander Dave Liebersbach conceded more homes could be lost if the fire jumps eastward across the Parks Highway and makes the 10-mile trip to Wasilla, a town of 4,800.

The 500 firefighters on the scene included experienced reinforcements from the Lower-48 states, and some were posted along the highway today

to keep the flames from jumping across.

Plumes of flame shot 200 feet high and the forest was shrouded in thick smoke that drifted down to Anchorage and prompted officials to issue an air quality alert.

Airplanes and helicopters dropped water and fire retardant, but officials say the chemical hasn't been effective on the burning moss on the forest floor.

As many as a third of the homes in the Big Lake area were damaged or destroyed, but the fire was spotty. Some houses were intact even though scorched ground extended right up to their doors.

The community, popular with dog mushers, is a mixture of more than 2,000 permanent homes, weekend cabins and trailers set back from dirt roads.

It's Alaska's fastest growing area, attracting homesteaders and refugees from Anchorage.

"These are the folks people in the

'Stop the dump' demonstrators appeal to Bush

By MICHAEL HOLMES
Associated Press Writer
AUSTIN (AP) - Marching on the Governor's Mansion, several hundred demonstrators urged that the state not build a nuclear waste dump near the West Texas town of Sierra Blanca. "Stop the dump," they chanted in English and Spanish as they neared the mansion Wednesday.

The marchers, the majority of whom were children, also displayed handmade signs reading, "Nuclear Dumps Aren't Healthy for Children," "Whose Back Yard?" and "Save Sierra Blanca."

One person shouted, "Put it in the Governor's Mansion."

The state is looking at building the radioactive waste dump near Sierra Blanca, about 80 miles southeast of El Paso and 16 miles from the Rio Grande.

The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission this spring issued a favorable environmental assessment of the project. The agency is taking public comments on the proposal and is expected to decide in about a year whether to license it.

Opponents say they are worried about the safety of the facility and point out that it would be located over a buried fault in an active earthquake zone.

"They're dumping it over our water supply and the babies, they could get sick," said 10-year-old Joshua Ramirez of Sierra Blanca, one of Wednesday's marchers. "We don't want the dump."

Many of the demonstrators were from Ciudad Acuna, Mexico, the largest city downstream on the Rio Grande from the proposed site.

That city's mayor, Emilio de Hoyos Cerna, met briefly with Gov. George W. Bush.

Speaking through a translator, the mayor said he told Bush of the safety concerns raised by the prospect of the dump.

"The environment doesn't belong to one group, it belongs to the entire world. It is everybody's duty to try to defend it," he said.

Karen Hughes, Bush's communications director, met with the demonstrators and said the state needs to find a safe way to dispose of the nuclear waste.

Committee approves lab facility

WASHINGTON D.C. -- U.S. Rep. Larry Combest, R-Texas, has announced that an agreement has been reached for construction funding on a plant stress laboratory to be built in Lubbock.

In a news release distributed by his office, Combest said the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture has approved a request for \$8.1 million for the Texas Tech University Plant Stress and Water Conservation Laboratory.

The joint TTU and U.S. Department of Agriculture project began in 1977, but this is the first time a congressional subcommittee has recommended funding the full balance of construction.

Combest said the high priority of the lab's research likely contributed to its gaining approval.

"Our drought dramatically underscores the continued need for agricultural research that conserves water and promotes crop survivability at a time when farmers are even more dependent on the best research for the best harvest," Combest said.

"Research breakthroughs that have come along under conditions in small labs scattered throughout the Texas Tech University campus can now accelerate under the one roof of this research facility. This recommendation for full funding balance for lab completion is in step with the credit and recognition the Congress and the USDA have for the Plant Stress and Water Conservation Research program. With final approval from Congress, architect blueprints can turn into solid red brick construction."

Researchers at the lab use genetics and molecular biology to develop crops that will grow under adverse climatic conditions.

Obituaries

JOHN M. COCKERHAM

June 3, 1996
John Marian Cockerham, 44, of Aurora, Colo., former Hereford resident, died Monday in Aurora.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday in Memorial Park Funeral Home Chapel in Amarillo with the Rev. Becky Zint of Dallas officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mr. Cockerham was a systems analyst. He was born in Amarillo and attended Hereford schools and Amarillo High School. He earned an associate's degree in computer science from Amarillo College. He married Holly Russell in Lubbock in 1987.

He is survived by his wife; two sons, Tony Cockerham and Eric Cockerham, both of Aurora; two stepsons, Jeremy Brumley of Socorro, N.M., and Timothy Brumley of Roswell, N.M.; a stepdaughter, Lindsey Brumley of Aurora; parents, John and Mourcen Cockerham of Lubbock; brother, Perry Cockerham of Melbourne, Australia; a sister, Linda Haywood of Austin, three nieces and three nephews.

Workers' Comp seminar set

The Texas Workers' Compensation Insurance Fund will host an educational seminar here next week, according to an announcement Tuesday.

The subject of the seminar will be workers' compensation insurance.

It will be held from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 11, in the

Hereford Senior Citizens Center, 426 Ranger.

There is no charge to attend the seminar. However, seating is limited and those interested in attending should sign up by calling the fund at 1-800-859-5995.

The fund provides coverage to more than 58,000 policyholders who employ more than 700,000 Texas workers.

"Our seminars reflect our commitment to educating our customers about workplace safety, fraud prevention and other ways to keep insurance costs under control," said Russ Oliver, president of the fund.

Lottery

AUSTIN (AP) - Two tickets, bought in San Antonio and Snyder, correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The jackpot was worth \$35 million.

The numbers drawn from a field of 50 were: 8, 13, 17, 28, 47 and 48.

AUSTIN (AP) - Ten tickets matched all the numbers drawn in Tuesday's Cash 5 lottery game.

State lottery officials said the tickets are each worth \$32,063.

Cash 5 numbers drawn Tuesday night from a total of 39 numbers were 1-7-8-21-26.

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

0-7-5 (zero, seven, five)

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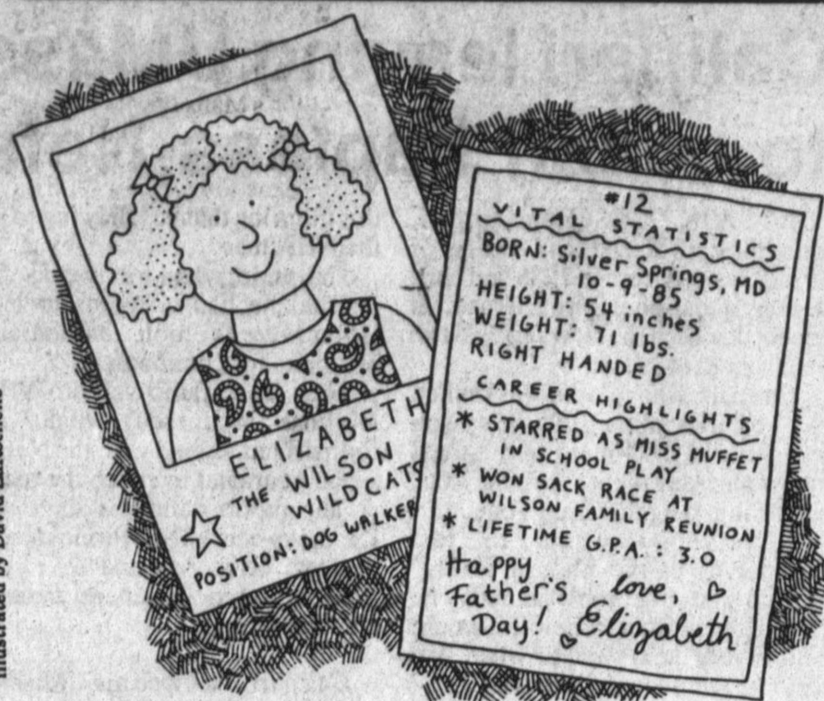
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Kids can create cards for that special dad

Your kids will hit a home run with Dad this year when they make him original all-star Father's Day cards modeled after standard baseball cards. The completed cards will give Dad the beginnings of a collection of his "most valuable players." As the kids grow and change, new cards can be created for Dad to build on from one year to the next.

To start, outline a baseball card on an index card or measure a 2-1/2-by-3-1/2-inch size. Cut out. On the front of the card, glue a recent school picture or a closeup snapshot, leaving enough room for child's name, team (your family name) and position. Be creative when choosing the position. If the child helps prepare family meals, his position might be "assis-

tant chef." If another child likes to draw and paint, she may be the "artist in residence."

Flip the card over and put a lucky number at the top to represent a uniform number. Add vital statistics such as date and place of birth, height, weight and whether left- or right-handed. Now include "career" highlights. Think about each child's accomplishments so far, such as "finalist in the 3rd grade spelling bee," "learned how to ride a bicycle at age 7" etc. Leave space to write "Happy Father's Day" and the child's name.

Cover both sides of the card with clear adhesive-backed paper and present to Dad for a special wish from all his major leaguers!

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WTAMU

The West Texas A&M University Gifted and Talented Institute is offering a summer camp for students identified in their schools as capable of high academic performance. Students will study ancient Greek astronomy, science, drama and art in correspondence with the Olympic Games in Atlanta.

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LEVELLAND

Cowboy balladeer Paul Davidson, the bands Laredo and Southern Sky and Kenny and Donnie Maines will headline four performances this summer of The South Plains Opry, a family entertainment show presented by South Plains College and the Levelland Area Chamber of Commerce.

The South Plains Opry will have performances Thursday, June 6, June 13, June 20 and June 27 at the Courthouse Square in Levelland. Showtimes are 8 p.m. each night and admission is free.

A special Independence Day performance is scheduled at 8 p.m. July 4 at the SPC track. Admission is free.

Davidson will be the special guest for the June 6 performance. Laredo is scheduled to appear June 13, followed by Southern Sky on June 20. Kenny and Donnie Maines and Sons will headline the June 27 performance.

New Arrivals

Angela and Robert Amar of Harlingen are the proud parents of a daughter, Victoria Marie, born May 4. She weighed 7 pounds, 15.3 ounces.

Grandparents are Mary Lou Garza of Hereford, Raul Garza Jr. of Tucumcari, N.M., and Rosa Amar of Houston and the late Henry Amar.

Rickman named on honors list

Chasity Rickman of Hereford has been honored for academic achievement for the spring 1996 semester at Western Texas College.

She was named to the Merit List, which recognizes students who maintain a 3.5 or better grade point average while taking at least 8 and less than 15 academic credit hours.



Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: The letter from the Colorado reader who wondered if there were any cities that outlawed dogs piqued my interest. Colorado has lots of dogs, and the problems go far beyond barking.

In March, a 5-year-old boy was nearly killed when a neighbor's Rottweiler broke through a fence and attacked him. I, too, have been bitten several times, and the dog owners always try to figure out what I might have done to provoke their beloved pets. Too few people seem to enjoy or spend time with them. The dogs are ignored and treated like attack dogs, encouraged to "protect" the family, but too often end up mauling children.

The Denver Post published a list of other vicious dog attacks in the Colorado area in the past 10 years. I hope you will print it. People need to know how dangerous some pets can be. -- No Dog-Free Environment in Colorado

Dear Colorado: Thank you for a letter of value. This subject is difficult to approach because a great many people feel that anything negative said about dogs is somehow

"un-American." Here's part of the Denver Post article:

In April 1995, a 2-year-old girl was killed by her grandmother's mixed-breed dog after playing on swings nearby. Bites from the 120-pound dog punctured the 25-pound girl's internal organs.

In March 1995, a wolf-hybrid belonging to a house guest mauled a 4-year-old boy in an unincorporated county. The boy survived.

December 1994: A 3-year-old girl was rescued by a friend from an attack by the family Rottweiler. The girl was sitting on the floor, putting on a shoe, when the dog began mauling her.

May 1994: A 2-year-old boy survived near-scalping, gashes and a crushed arm after four Rottweilers dragged him across the street.

October 1991: A neighbor's chow crossed the street and tore part of a 3-year-old girl's face off as she played on her front porch. The dog was killed by police after a chase.

February 1991: Two pit bull terriers attacked a 6-year-old girl as she was walking to a friend's house. The girl survived. Owners of the dogs

had been cited a dozen times earlier for allowing the vicious dogs to run free.

October 1990: A 4-year-old boy was killed by a neighbor's malamute as the child ran down a road trying to catch up to his mother.

May 1990: A West Denver boy, 6, was mauled by a wolf-hybrid twice his weight as he crossed a bridge on his way to school.

May 1989: A Denver man, 58, sustained two broken legs and 70 bites after being set upon by a pit bull terrier. To rescue him, a neighbor shot the dog.

Dear Readers: This is Ann, again. The lady with all the answers doesn't have any answer to this one. Dog lovers, unite, and give me a clue.

Dear Ann: I love your revival of those old Burma Shave signs. Can you print one more? -- Sybil in Old Town, Fla.

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Sports

Role players spark Bulls to Game 1 win

CHICAGO (AP) - As usual, the Chicago Bulls did what they had to do exactly when they had to do it. As usual, their opponent left the game with hope, however misguided that might be.

Chicago got just enough production from Michael Jordan, Scottie Pippen and Dennis Rodman, got major contributions from role players Toni Kukoc, Ron Harper and Luc Longley and got away with playing at less than its best in taking the opener of the NBA Finals.

"The first game is always the hardest," said Jordan, who scored 28 points, but was quiet for most of the second half when the Bulls pulled away for a 107-90 victory over the Seattle SuperSonics. "I think Game 1, to win it and know you didn't play great offense but played great defensively, it's a plus. Hopefully, we can build on this."

The Sonics go into Game 2 Friday night believing that if they don't commit 18 turnovers, if they get more out of Gary Payton, if they contain the Bulls' role players - if, if, if - they still can win this best-of-seven series against a Chicago team that has lost only 11 of 95 games this season.

"We were in the game all the way into the fourth quarter," said Payton, who scored 13 points, nine below his postseason average. "If we wouldn't have turned the ball over, we would've had a good chance of winning. We can play with this team and we can beat this team."

It's been a familiar refrain this postseason. Even after New York lost the Eastern Conference semifinals in five games, Patrick Ewing said he felt the Knicks were better than the Bulls. Even after Orlando was swept out of the conference finals by Chicago, the Magic felt they could have won the series.

Opponents always think they can win, but it's Chicago that has a 12-1 playoff record, it's Chicago that is just three victories away from its

fourth title in six years, it's Chicago that is on the verge of successfully capping the greatest season in NBA history.

Jordan, constantly double-teamed, had only four second-half points until scoring six late when the game was already decided. Pippen had 21 points, but was only 5-of-15 from the floor. Rodman had 13 rebounds, but missed much of the second half due to foul trouble.

The Bulls' big three got a major boost from Kukoc, Harper and Longley. Kukoc scored 18 points - including 12 in the fourth quarter, when Chicago outscored Seattle 28-13. Harper scored 15 and held Payton to 6-of-17 shooting. Longley had 12 of his 14 points in the first half.

Shawn Kemp scored 32 points for the Sonics. But he also committed seven turnovers before fouling out with 1:43 to go.

"We stayed close, but now we have to realize that we have to play to win instead of trying just to stay (close)," Seattle's Sam Perkins said. "There is no way to play just to look good."

Neither team looked good for most of the game.

Playing for the first time since completing their sweep of Orlando nine days earlier, the Bulls seemed out of sync offensively. They made only 43 percent of their shots and were 7-of-26 from 3-point range.

But they found the range in the fourth quarter, when Kukoc scored 10 straight Chicago points and Harper energized an already-tight defense that turned steals into fast-break baskets.

The Sonics had their moments, like their 13-4 run that made it 75-75 late in the third quarter. But with the Bulls' defense improving as the game went on, Seattle had too many turnovers and shot too poorly (40 percent) to stay in the game. And when Kemp got into foul trouble, the Sonics lost their only effective option.



Swingin' gal

A member of the California Cuties softball/comedy team takes a big rip at the softball during an exhibition Wednesday at the Deaf Smith County Kids Inc. The team of four men dressed (unconvincingly) as women played a local team, the Blue Sage Sox, as well as members of the Hereford and Vicinity YMCA Board of Directors in front of a crowd of about 100 spectators.

Ray wins scramble again

For the second week in a row, Perry Ray was on the winning team in the Wednesday Scramble at Pitman Municipal Golf Course.

This week, Ray teamed with John Robinson, Ken Cole and Gayle Cornelius to shoot 29 on Pitman's back nine.

There were two teams which shot 31 and tied for second place. One

included Dave Kaesheimer, Bill Brown, Rosie Gonzalez and John Yocum; the other included Stacey Bixler, Roy Riley, Martha Jones and Paul Mason.

Calipari leaving UMass to coach hapless Nets

BOSTON (AP) - John Calipari, who took over the University of Massachusetts team in 1988 and built it into a national powerhouse, is leaving to coach the New Jersey Nets, his agent said today.

Calipari, whose team was ranked No. 1 for most of the 1995-96 season and went to the Final Four, agreed late Wednesday night to join the Nets, according to agent Craig Fenech.

"Everybody wants to test themselves at the highest level," Fenech said. "He knew someday he would, but he didn't know if it would be this year, next year, or when. We just knew it eventually would."

Calipari and the Nets had hammered out most of the deal by Monday, said Fenech, who would not disclose contract terms. But reports placed the figure at \$15 million over five years.

A UMass official who requested anonymity, confirmed that Calipari told UMass chancellor David Scott

this morning that he's leaving to join the NBA team.

Calipari, who for weeks had insisted he had no plans to leave UMass, was not immediately available for comment.

New York radio station WFAN reported Wednesday night that Calipari has agreed with the Nets on a five-year deal to coach the team.

The report came six days after Kentucky coach Rick Pitino rejected the Nets' offer of around \$25 million to become coach, general manager and part-owner.

Calipari, 37, owed his UMass job to Pitino, a UMass graduate who championed Calipari's cause on the 1988 search committee that hired him.

Calipari's exit also came two days after a scandal broke involving UMass's best player last season, Marcus Camby, and a Hartford, Conn., agent.

Hurricanes blast Benson

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) - Kris Benson can take a lesson from Ben McDonald.

McDonald was 0-4 at the College World Series for LSU from 1987-89 and was the No. 1 pick overall in the 1989 draft. He allowed 11 earned runs to Texas in a 12-7 loss in 1989.

Benson, by comparison, did well. But the top pick of Tuesday's draft by Pittsburgh still took his second loss of the 1996 tournament when Miami unleashed a 17-hit attack, three each by Pat Burrell and Alex Cora, in a 14-5 win Wednesday night.

The fifth-seeded Hurricanes (50-13) had eight hits against Benson in a 7-3 victory in the first round Friday. Benson entered the tournament with a 14-0 record and the nation's best earned-run average at 1.40. He ended it 14-2 with a 2.02 ERA.

"Kris Benson is an outstanding pitcher," Miami coach Jim Morris said. "But our players are playing outstanding. I told our guys if he's not up in the big leagues by September, I'll be shocked. But not to put any pressure on him ... but he will."

"They're just a good-hitting team, and they're on a roll," Benson said. "Like any team on a roll, they're tough to beat."

"Kris Benson will always be the best college pitcher I've ever had or ever seen," Clemson coach Jack Leggett said.

Miami moves to Saturday's championship game to await the winner of Bracket Two. No. 6 seed Louisiana State (50-15) meets No. 2 Florida (50-17) Thursday. An LSU victory would put the unbeaten Tigers in the final. A Florida victory would force a second game Friday.

Vicario defeats Novotna

PARIS (AP) - Arantxa Sanchez Vicario took advantage of Jana Novotna's unforced errors and double faults today to win their semifinal match at the French Open 6-3, 7-5, and move into the championship match for the fourth time.

The fourth-seeded Sanchez Vicario, a two-time French Open winner, was to play the winner of

today's other women's semifinal, between defending champion Steffi Graf and Conchita Martinez, the third seed.

The 10th-seeded Novotna, who upset Monica Seles in the quarterfinals, committed 42 unforced errors and eight double faults in sweltering 90-degree weather.

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Gwynn's first homer stuns Cards in 9th inning

By BEN WALKER
AP Baseball Writer

Already mired in a rare slump, he was coming off one of his worst at-bats of the season. His bruised right heel was hurting, and he was facing a pitcher known to be tough on lefties.

Still, with only one out left and the game on the line, is there any hitter who'd be better at the plate than Tony Gwynn?

Gwynn picked the perfect time to hit his first home run of the year, connecting for a three-run drive with two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning that sent the San Diego Padres past St. Louis 6-4 Wednesday night.

Gwynn, the six-time NL batting champion, capped a four-run rally with his first home run since last Aug. 22, a span of 327 at-bats. He was in a 7-for-38 skid, having grounded back to pitcher Rick Honeycutt in a key spot in the eighth, before homering off Tony Fossas.

"To tell you the truth, I hadn't been swinging worth a darn in the last two weeks," Gwynn said. "To ground out to Honeycutt in that situation was probably the low point of my run. I was just glad to be able to come back and contribute."

Gwynn's shot stopped San Diego's

longest losing streak of the season at three games and ended the Cardinals' six-game winning string. It also ended a day in baseball that began with Sammy Sosa hitting three home runs for Chicago in a 9-6 win over Philadelphia.

Gwynn has been having trouble with his heel, which has left him wearing a cushioned soft shoe for comfort instead of regular cleats. But for his last two at-bats, he went back to the cleats.

"Cleats irritate the heck out of me. I just said I was going back to cleats when I batted," he said.

Gwynn hit an 0-1 pitch from Fossas (0-4) over the right-field wall. Fossas said the last home run he'd allowed to a left-hander was by Ken Griffey Jr. in 1994.

"I made a perfect (first) pitch to Gwynn," Fossas said. "But I came back with a terrible pitch. That's the way my season has been going."

Cubs 9, Phillies 6
Sammy Sosa produced the 27th three-homer day in Cubs history and drove in five runs as Chicago overcame an early 4-0 deficit.

Sosa hit a two-run homer in the fourth inning, a solo shot in the sixth and another two-run drive in the

seventh. He has 20 home runs this season.

After Sosa's third homer, the bleacher fans at Wrigley Field threw hats on the field - just the way hockey fans salute players who record hat tricks. Sosa said teammate Luis Gonzalez explained the gesture to him.

The last Cubs player to homer three times was Tuffy Rhodes on opening day in 1994 against Dwight Gooden.

Ryne Sandberg also connected for the Cubs and Mike Benjamin homered for Philadelphia.

Astros 4, Rockies 1

Donne Wall, for the second time in 2 1/2 weeks, came within one out of his first major league shutout. This time, though, the Houston rookie finished for his complete game.

Wall (2-0) pitched a five-hitter, struck out nine and walked two. Colorado did not score until Dante Bichette's RBI single with two outs in the ninth inning. On May 19, Wall took a one-hit shutout into the ninth, but wound up with a no-decision against Pittsburgh.

Wall also singled and scored a run. Craig Biggio drove in two as Houston won its fifth straight home game and

evened its record at the Astrodome (14-14) for the first time since April 5.

Pirates 7, Dodgers 3

Rookie Marc Wilkins, pressed into a starting role when Denny Neagle was bothered by back spasms, pitched five shutout innings that helped Pittsburgh win at Dodger Stadium.

Wilkins (1-0), who had never started above Double-A, began the game with a 4.05 ERA in nine relief appearances for the Pirates. He limited Los Angeles to two hits, walked one and struck out four.

Wilkins, 25, also got his first major league hit and RBI. Al Martin homered and drove in three runs as Pittsburgh won its season-high fourth in a row.

The Dodgers stopped a string of 29 innings without an earned run - and ended the Pirates' string of 23 scoreless innings - on Eric Karros' homer in the seventh.

Braves 8, Mets 6

Pinch-hitter Tyler Houston delivered a bases-loaded triple with two outs in the seventh inning, rallying Atlanta past visiting New York.

The Mets chased Steve Avery in the sixth, taking a 6-5 lead on Butch Huskey's three-run double. But in the seventh, following an intentional walk to Ryan Klesko, Houston tripled down

the first base line past a diving Huskey. Chipper Jones, who went 4-for-4, Jeff Blauser and Klesko homered for the Braves.

Giants 15, Reds 4

Matt Williams and Marvin Benard each had four RBIs as San Francisco set season highs for runs and hits (17).

The Giants scored in each of the first seven innings in their most lopsided win of the season and Cincinnati's most one-sided loss. Mark Gardner (7-1) won his fifth straight decision and also drove in two runs.

Expos 2, Marlins 1

Montreal manager Felipe Alou, unhappy with his team's recent 3-7 skid, held a pregame meeting and then watched the Expos win on the road.

Rheal Cormier (3-3) shut out Florida for 7 2/3 innings. Dave Veres escaped a bases-loaded jam in the eighth by retiring Greg Colbrunn on a pop up and, after giving up Terry Pendleton's leadoff homer in the ninth, closed for his third save.

Mike Lansing hit two doubles, increasing his NL-leading total to 20, and drove in a run.

Blowouts prevail in American League

By BOB GREENE
AP Sports Writer

In New York, Jimmy Key blamed a couple of bad pitches.

In Minneapolis, Ron Coomer said things snowballed.

In Cleveland, the Mariners and Indians played what Seattle manager Lou Piniella called "a six-pack inning."

What was happening was runs - lots and lots of runs - as scoreboards were jumping in the American League on Wednesday night.

The Indians and Mariners combined for 10 runs off seven pitchers on seven walks, six singles and a hit batsman - all in the seventh inning, which took 61 minutes to play.

"It wasn't your typical inning," Indians manager Mike Hargrove said in an understatement.

"Yeah, it was a long inning," said Piniella, whose Mariners ended up on the short end of a 13-5 score. "One long, ugly inning. A six-pack inning, one that I don't want to talk any more about."

They weren't alone. Minnesota clobbered California 14-3.

"Mark Langston was at 86 pitches in three-plus innings, so he was grinding it out," Angels manager Marcel Lachemann said. "The next

thing you know the inning's over and it's 13-2, and you just can't do that."

Toronto defeated the New York Yankees 12-7.

"Clearly today the hitters were the stars of the game," said Pat Hentgen (6-4), the Blue Jays' starter who won the game despite allowing five runs on seven hits and three walks in six innings.

Indians 13, Mariners 5

Cleveland got the better of the big inning, outscoring the visiting Mariners 7-3 to break a 3-3 tie.

"They kept bringing in pitcher after pitcher and somebody had to pay," Cleveland's Omar Vizquel said. "We were very patient and looked for our pitch, then got aggressive."

Albert Belle hit his major league-leading 23rd home run and drew a bases-loaded walk to force home the go-ahead run. The homer was Belle's 217th, passing Hal Trosky for second place on Cleveland's career list.

Seattle's Alex Rodriguez, who reached base five times, hit his 11th homer, a two-run shot, in the eighth. Cleveland starter Charles Nagy failed in his bid to become the first 10-game winner in the AL.

Twins 14, Angels 3

In Minneapolis, Chuck

Knoblauch's grand slam was the big blow in the Twins' nine-run fourth inning as Minnesota swept the three-game series.

Paul Molitor homered for the second straight game and drove in three runs for Minnesota, which ran its season-best winning streak to five games. The Twins have won six of their last seven.

California's Tim Salmon hit a solo homer, the third straight game he has hit one out.

Blue Jays 12, Yankees 7

In New York, Ed Sprague's three-run homer capped a four-run sixth inning and Alex Gonzalez added a two-run shot as Toronto overpowered the Yankees and halted its 13-game losing streak against New York.

Key (2-6) gave up eight runs on nine hits, while Pat Hentgen (6-4) got the win.

Brewers 6, Rangers 4

In Milwaukee, Ben McDonald pitched six solid innings for his first victory in more than a month, and Dave Nilsson drove in two runs for the Brewers.

McDonald (5-3) allowed two runs on five hits with four strikeouts and one walk for his first win in six starts since May 5. Mike Fetters worked the ninth for his ninth save.

Ken Hill (7-4) took the loss.

Baseball council to oust Schott

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - Marge Schott has one week to either give up day-to-day operation of the Cincinnati Reds or face a suspension of more than one year.

The 10-man executive council, which runs baseball in place of a commissioner, didn't announce any action against Schott after Wednesday's 5 1/2-hour meeting, but acting commissioner Bud Selig - who is reticent to criticize any owner - spoke out strongly against her.

"The executive council condemns in the strongest possible terms the recent comments attributed to Mrs. Schott," Selig said.

Selig said the council will make a decision about Schott no later than next Wednesday. He declined to disclose what Schott said to the council and what was said to her.

A person familiar with the meeting said Schott defended her right to speak as she pleased and said she didn't deserve punishment. After

Schott met with the council for about an hour, she was asked to wait in a nearby room.

The council then deliberated for an hour, Schott returned and Selig read her the same statement he later gave reporters, the source said.

Baseball's lawyers will contact Schott's lawyers Thursday to make sure they understand she will be suspended unless she gives up day-to-day control by next Wednesday, a baseball source said.

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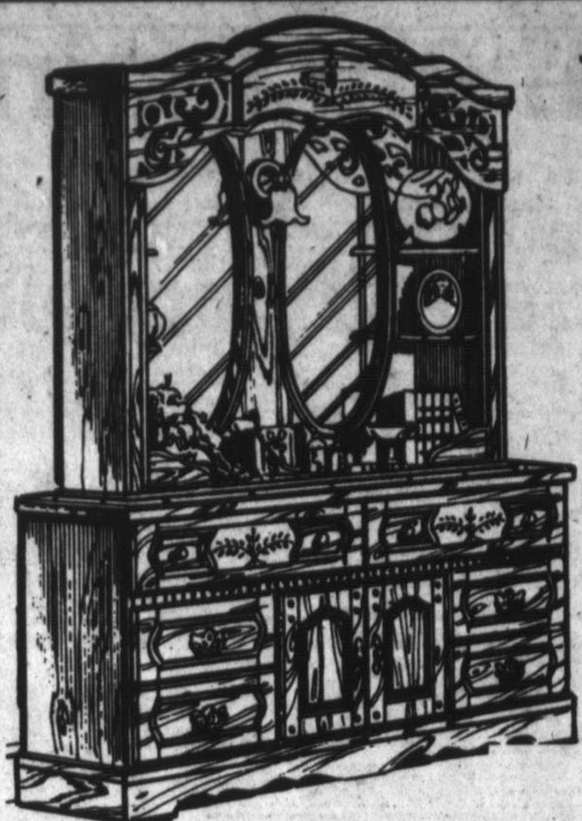
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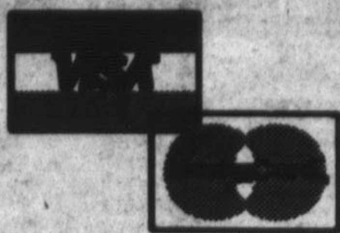
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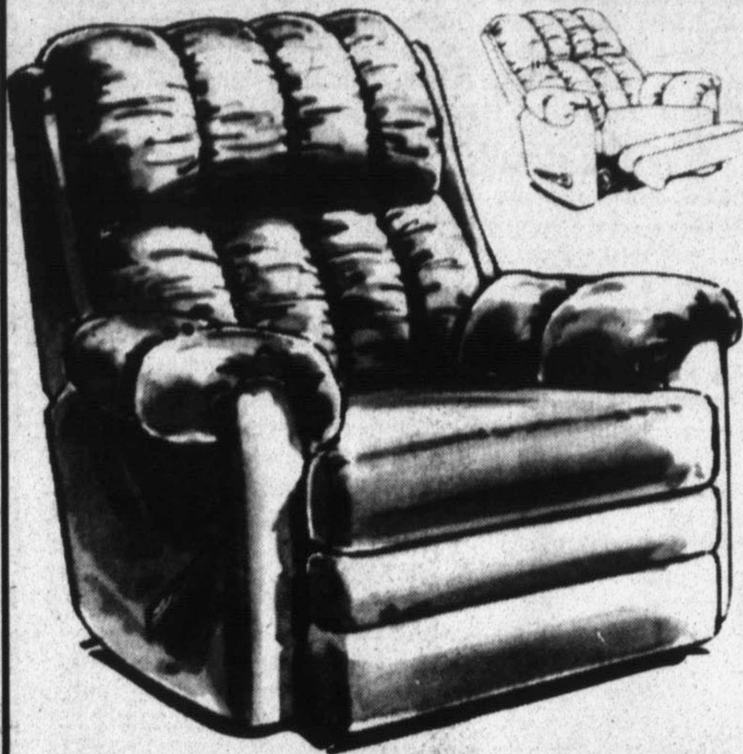
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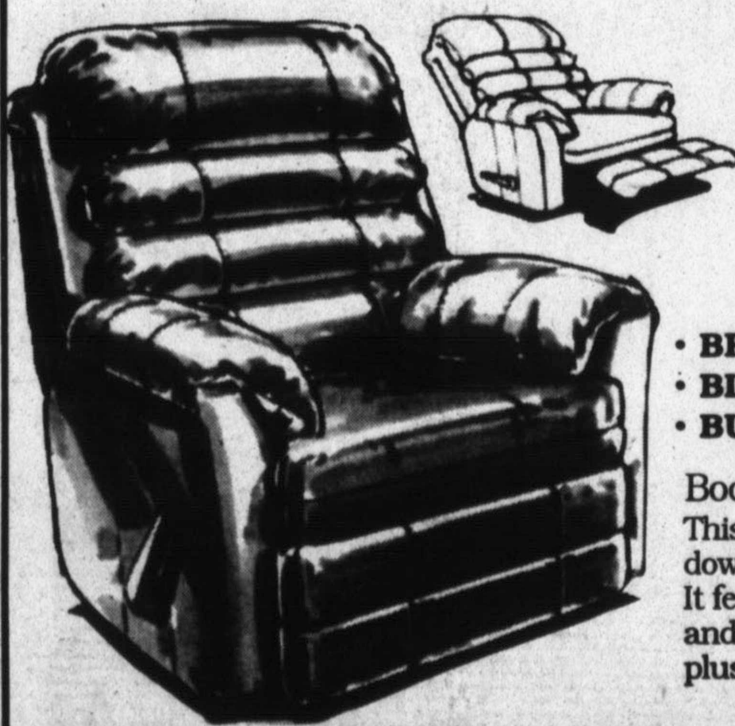
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Individuals can learn to spot problems in finances

By PAMELA YIP
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON - For many people, their financial condition is like a lingering cough. They wonder if they've got the remnants of a cold or if maybe they're coming down with pneumonia.

A lingering feeling you're sinking into a credit fever can be just as nagging a worry.

But there's a difference. If you're sick, you can go to the doctor. If your finances are ailing, you'll probably have to diagnose it yourself.

While there's an army of financial advisers out there, most don't make a living helping middle-income families untangle their credit problems. You generally have to be in strong financial condition before going to them.

But don't get discouraged. You don't need to be smart enough to get into medical school to do this job.

Like a lot of medical maladies, if you catch financial warning signs early enough, most of the treatments are not that hard to figure out, or execute.

But like a doctor conducting a physical exam, you have to ask the right questions to determine whether you're financially fit:

Where's all your money going?

The first step toward answering this one is to put together a personal "income distribution" sheet, which will tell you how much money you're spending and where it's all going.

Write down how much you spend each month and then each year for everything. This includes groceries, utilities, transportation, entertainment and health.

"You have to be able to get a handle on what the outflow is," said David Lampe, president of Houston Asset Management, a financial planning firm.

You might be shocked to realize how much you spend in certain areas. Eating out three times a week could quickly add up to thousands of dollars a year. A new jacket here, a compact

disk there - lots of money is frittered away and you never notice.

"They forget to add in some odd things," said Wynette Stuntz, a partner and certified financial planner at Allen, Hampton & Stuntz Financial Services in Houston. "They forget flowers they send to a friend in the hospital."

Many people find they spend a lot more on gifts than they ever dreamed. Think about all gift occasions that occur in your life: birthdays, anniversaries, Valentine's Day, Mother's Day/Father's Day, graduations, funerals.

"I've seen people estimate \$500 (a year spent on gifts) and when we sit down and break it down, we come up closer to \$1,400 in a year," Stuntz said. "It's really easy to run that up a lot."

After you've calculated this number, see where you can cut back. Ask yourself whether Uncle Joe or Aunt Mildred would be all that upset if you didn't get a gift for his and her birthday.

Are you saving enough for your later years?

You should save at least 10 percent of annual gross income for the long term, Stuntz said.

"Most people save about 4 percent," she said.

To raise that portion, pay yourself first when you get each paycheck. Too often people pay everyone else first and save what's left over.

"A portion of what you earn should be yours to keep," Lampe said. "They need to make sure they place themselves at the front of the line instead of at the back of the line when it comes to payment."

Your retirement savings also are part of your assets, but you should only turn to a plan, such as your 401(k) plan at work, as a last resort for cash. That money is your retirement money and should be sacred.

You can also borrow against a cash value life insurance policy to obtain emergency funds, but beware. While

you don't have to repay the loan, if you don't, the debt will reduce the amount your beneficiaries will receive after you die, which would defeat the purpose of life insurance.

Are you overburdened by debts?

On consumer debt, which includes credit cards, car loans and family loans, you don't want to see that total debts top 20 percent of your monthly gross income, said Merriott Terry, vice president of education at Consumer Credit Counseling Service of the Gulf Coast Area in Houston, a financial counseling service.

"If you exceed that 20 percent level, those are clear red signals that should be going up in front of you because you're probably robbing Peter to pay Paul," she said. "That should be a clear warning signal that I should stop spending and make sure I'm in control of what's happening."

If you're thinking about applying for a home loan, lenders will zero in on your debt load.

Monthly mortgage payments shouldn't exceed 28 percent of your monthly gross income, said Buck Bibb, senior vice president at Bank United in Houston.

"We then look at total debt, which includes credit cards, car payment," he said. "That should generally not exceed 36 percent of your monthly gross income."

Don't ignore the debt you're piling on your credit card.

"If you're charging more every month and only paying the minimum balance, you need to add in all of the monthly charges," Lampe said.

For example, let's say you've charged \$2,000 but are only making the minimum \$45 payment.

"If you just looked at your checkbook, you were only considering \$45 a month, yet your real monthly cash flow was \$1,955 more," Lampe said. "That is often the way people find themselves in a very deep hole and can't figure out why."

How much of your savings can you get your hands on in an emergency?

Financial planners recommend that you sock away enough money to equal three to six months of your expenses.

"That's three months in a liquid account like a money market and another three months in a conservative mutual fund. There's no need to tie up all six months in cash," said Barbara Ray, a Houston certified financial planner.

If your take-home pay is \$3,000 a month, you should have at least \$9,000 in your emergency fund, Stuntz said.

"This money does not need to be all in one account, but it should be in checking, savings, money markets or short-term CDs," she said. "They have to be easy to get to and have little chance of loss of principal."

"Years ago, I thought three months was sufficient, but now I think you need six months because of the uncertainty in the job market," Ray said. With layoffs, it's taking longer for people to find jobs, she said.

How much are you worth?

Net worth is a measure of your wealth. Your net worth consists of what you have left over after

subtracting what you owe from what you own.

What you own consists of "liquid" assets, such as cash, certificates of deposit, investments and life insurance policies, that you can easily turn into money if you need to.

Your "nonliquid" assets consist of items that you can't easily convert into cash. Those include rental property, retirement savings, partnerships and money owed you from loans.

Add up your expenses and you'll

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Television

THURSDAY

JUNE 6

6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
2 Baby-Sitters	Reedy-Not	Movie: The Adventures of Huck Finn	Elijah Wood	PG	Dwight Live	Movie: Six Pack	Kenny Rogers	** PG		
3 News	Ent. Tonight	Friends	Single Guy	Seinfeld	ER	News	(35) Tonight Show			
4 Newshour With Jim Lehrer	Hidden Mexico	Mystery!	American Promise	Computer	Charlie Rose					
5 Videos	(05) Movie: Your Cheatin' Heart	(1964) ** 1/2	(05) Movie: The Gambler Returns: Luck of the Draw	(1991) ** 1/2						
6 News	Wh. Fortune	Sex, Drugs-Con	Comish	News	Seinfeld	Nightline				
7 Major League Baseball	Chicago White Sox at Boston Red Sox	News	Night Court	Simon & Simon						
8 News	Home Imp.	Murder, She Wrote	Rescue 911	48 Hours	News	(35) Late Show				
9 Roseanne	Simpsons	Martin	The Show	New York Undercover	Star Trek: Deep Space 9	M*A*S*H	Cops	Wanted		
10 Sportsctr.	Quest-Cup	Stanley Cup Playoffs Finals Game 2 - Teams to Be Announced				Sportscenter	Baseball			
11 Waltos	Highway to Heaven	Rescue 911	700 Club	Three Stooges	Bonanza					
12 (5:00) Movie: Clean Slate	Movie: Bulletproof Heart	** 1/2 'R'	(40) Movie: Bad Company	Ellen Barkin	** 1/2 'R'	Movie: Criminal Passion				
13 Movie: Cable Guy	Movie: 48 HRS. Nick Nolte	*** 'R'	(45) Movie: The Late Shift	Kathy Bates	** 1/2 'R'	Sanders	Sanders			
14 (5:00) Movie: Love Affair	Movie: Together	Nick Cassavetes	** 1/2 'R'	(05) Movie: Blood for Blood	'R'	Movie: Red Sun Rising	'R'			
15 With Orson Welles: Stories From a Life in Film	Movie: Tomorrow is Forever	(1946), Orson Welles	***	Movie: Journey into Fear						
16 Dukes of Hazzard	Life of Jimmie Rodgers	Prime Time Country	Club Dance	News	Rodgers					
17 Bey. 2000	Next Step	Wild Discovery	Mysterious	Movie Magic	Time Traveler	Next Step	Bey. 2000	Wild Disc.		
18 Equalizer	Biography	Ancient Mysteries	Voyages	Law & Order	Biography					
19 Designing	Nurses	Unsolved Mysteries	Movie: Journey into Darkness: The Bruce Curtis Story	Unsolved Mysteries	Mysteries					
20 Volleyball	Butlers	This Week in NASCAR	Cycle World	Motorsports Hour	Press Box	Baseball	Chavez			
21 In the Heat of the Night	Movie: Shane	(1953) Alan Ladd, Jean Arthur	****	(35) Movie: Jesse James	(1939) Tyrone Power	****				
22 Doug	Tiny Toon	Munsters	Jeanie	I Love Lucy	Bewitched	M.T. Moore	Rhoda	Rhoda	Taxi	Van Dyke
23 Wings	Wings	Movie: Night Watch	(1995) Pierce Brosnan	**	Movie: First Blood	(1982) Sylvester Stallone	***	Highlander		
24 Marisol	Cancion	Pobre Nina	El Premio Mayor	Bienvenidos	Noticiero	P. Impacto	Hoy Daniela			
25 Combat at Sea	Nautilus	Roots	Year by Year	Nautilus						
26 RPM 2Night	Major League Soccer: Galaxy at Revolution	In-Line Skating	Destination Extreme	RPM 2Night	RPM 2Night					

FRIDAY

JUNE 7

7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	12 PM
2 Pooh	Care Bears	Gummi B.	Pooh Cnr.	Dumbo	Umbrella	My Little	Ducktales	Chip 'n' Dale	Tale Spin	Frog
3 Today	Government	Sesame Street	Tennis French Open - Men's Semifinal	Lamb Chop	Storytime	Mr Rogers	Imaginand	Barney	Puzzle Place	Prudhomme
4 Gilligan	Bewitched	Little House on the Prairie	Boss?	3's Co.	B. Hillbillies	Griffith	(05) Matlock	Movie:		
5 Good Morning America	Live-- Regis & Kathie Lee	Mike & Maty	Montel Williams	News						
6 News	Court TV	Charlie's Angels	Geraldo	News						
7 This Morning	Ricki Lake	Price is Right	Young and the Restless	News						
8 Bobby	Aladdin	Mighty Max	Rimbas	700 Club	K. Copeland	Christian	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Murphy	
9 Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sr. PGA			
10 Family Challenge	Waltos	700 Club	FIT TV	Rescue 911	Home					
11 Movie: 3 Ninjas Knckl	Movie: It's Pat	Julia Sweeney	* PG-13	(25) Movie: The Cowboy Way	Woody Harrison	PG-13	(20) Movie: Clean Slate			
12 Eagle Scout	Shakespr	Movie: Eyes of an Angel	John Travolta	Movie: Andre	Keith Carradine	** 1/2 'PG'	(15) Movie: I.Q. McG Ryan	*** 'PG'		
13 (05) Movie: The Flying Fontaines	** 1/2	Movie: Meatballs Part II	Richard Mulligan	(05) Movie: Little Giants	Rick Moranis	** 1/2 'PG'	Movie: The People Against O'Hara	** 1/2		
14 (6:15) Movie: *** Green Dolphin Street	(45) Movie: The Sea of Grass	(1947) Spencer Tracy	*** 1/2	Movie: The People Against O'Hara	** 1/2					
15 (Off Air)	VideoMorning									
16 Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Hanging Coffins	Home	Start	Housesmart!	Graham K.	Cuisine	Great Chfs		
17 New Mike Hammer	McMillan and Wife				Police Story	Quincy	Equalizer			
18 Baby Knows	KidsDays	Sisters	Our Home	Gourmet	Biggers and Summers	Living	Our Home	Handmade		
19 Press Box	Workout	Plex & Blast	Get Fit	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Motorsports Hour	Cycle World	Sp. Olym.		
20 (6:30) Scooby Dooby Doo	Bugs Bunny	Flintstones	Gilligan	Gilligan	Knots Landing	Charlie's Angels	Starsky			
21 Looney	Gumby	Rugrats	Busy World	Muppets	Allegra	Gullah	Papa Beaver	Busy World	Euriska	
22 Sonic	Turtles	Knight Rider	Murder, She Wrote	Magnum, P.I.	Quantum Leap	PGA Golf				
23 Plaza Sesa	El Chavo	Llelatelo	Papa Solt.	Dr Perez	Magica Juventud	Dulce Enemiga	Morelia			
24 Year by Year	Classroom	History Showcase	I. Claudius	Strangers	Enemy Alien	Real West				
25 Flex Appeal	Bodyshape	Crunch	Bodyshape	Flex Appeal	Crunch	Gotta Sweat	Fitness	Flex Appeal	Bodyshape	Sports Babe

12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
2 (12:00)Frog	Movie: Adventure-ich.	The Adventures of Mole	C. Brown	Quack	Movie: Napoleon and Samantha	** G'	Movie:			
3 Our Lives	Another World	Jenny Jones	Maury Povich	Oprah Winfrey	News	NBC News				
4 Body Elec.	Hidden Mexico	Pastels	Adventure	Adventure	Reading	C. Sandiego	Science Guy	Creatures	Wishbone	
5 Movie: Kenny Rogers as the Gambler III	Flintstones	Flintstones	Scooby-Doo	Brady	Saved-Bell	Saved-Bell	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.	ABC News	
6 Rush L.	One Life to Live	General Hospital	Little House	Videos	Jeopardy!	Jeopardy!	ABC News	ABC News		
7 News	Perry Mason	Lead-Off	(20) Major League Baseball	Montreal Expos	at Chicago Cubs	Tenth Inning	Saved-Bell			
8 Bold & B.	As the World Turns	Guiding Light	Cur. Affair	Hard Copy	Day & Date	News	CBS News			
9 Griffith	Matlock	In the Heat of the Night	Taz-Mania	Eek!stravag	Batman	Goosebump	Full House	Fresh Pr.		
10 LPGA Golf Oldsmobile Classic - Second Round	College Baseball	NCAA World Series - Teams to Be Announced								
11 (12:00) Home & Family	Highway to Heaven	Punky B.	Wild Animal	Family Challenge	Three Stooges					
12 Movie:	(15) Movie: City Slickers II: The Legend of Curly's Gold	Billy Crystal	(20) Movie: North	Elijah Wood	** 'PG'	Movie: Angels-Outfield				
13 Movie: I.Q.	Movie: The Chase	Charlie Sheen	PG-13	Composers' Specials	Movie: Agnes of God	Jane Fonda	***	Movie: Eyes of an Angel		
14 Movie: A Warm December	(45) Movie: School Ties	Brendan Fraser	*** 'PG-13'	Movie: In the Line of Duty				(15) Movie: The Freshman		
15 (45) Movie: Pursuit	(1935) **	Movie: Paradise for Three	(1938) Robert Young	**	Movie: China Sky	(1945) Ellen Drew, Ruth Warrick	**			
16 Wildhorae	VideoPM		Dukes of Hazzard	Wildhorae Saloon	Club Dance					
17 Home	Start	Easy Does It	Home	Graham K.	Cuisine	Great Chfs	Popular Mechanics	Wings		
18 Equalizer	Columbo	Police Story	Cygnus & Lacey	Comish	Quincy					
19 Designing	Movie: Attack on Fear	(1984) Paul Michael Glaser	** 1/2	Cygnus & Lacey	Comish	Supernkt	Debt			
20 Texas Special Olympics Summer Games	Fast Pitch	Bass 'n' Gal	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Instructional	Futbol	Watersports World			
21 Starsky	CHiPs	Wild, Wild West	Movie: Soylent Green	(1973) Charlton Heston	***	In the Heat of the Night				
22 Gullah	Gumby	Tintin	Looney	Beetlejuice	Muppets	Chipmunks	Thy Toon	Looney	Clariasa	Rugrats
23 PGA Golf Buick Classic - Second Round	Tennis French Open - Men's Semifinal									
24 Morelia	Retrato de Familia	Cristina	Primer Impacto	Dr Perez	Noticiero					
25 Real West	Combat at Sea	History Showcase	I. Claudius	Strangers	Enemy Alien	Real West				
26 Sports Babe	NBA Finals	RPM 2Night	College Lacrosse: Nazareth vs. Washington, Md.	Finish Line	ATP Tennis	Flex Appeal	Outdoors			

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2 (5:30) Movie: Born Free	(10) Movie: Living Free	Susan Hampshire	** 1/2 'G'	Movie: Henry V	(1989) Kenneth Branagh, Derek Jacobi	*** 1/2 'NR'				
3 News	Ent. Tonight	Billy Graham Crusade	NBA Basketball Playoffs: Championship Game 2 - Teams TBA	News	TBA	News	Tonight			
4 Newshour With Jim Lehrer	Wash. Week	Wall St.	Evening at Pops	Internet!	Previews	Keeping Up	Charlie Rose			
5 Videos	Videos	Major League Baseball	Atlanta Braves at Colorado Rockies							
6 News	Wh. Fortune	Fam. Mat.	Boy-World	Step-Step	Mr. Cooper	20/20	News	Seinfeld	Nightline	
7 Fam. Mat.	Major League Baseball	Chicago White Sox at Baltimore Orioles								
8 News	Home Imp.	Figure Skating	Sergei Glinkov: Celebration of a Life	CPW						
9 Roseanne	Simpsons	Sliders	X-Files	Star Trek: Voyager	M*A*S*H	Cops	Wanted			
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Gradual changes in diet are more manageable approach

By JOY AULT
Valley Morning Star
HARLINGEN, Texas -- Changing a diet too quickly can shatter motivation.

Cookbook author Sharon Sassaman Claessens believes manageable stages are a better approach.

"Maybe some bad habits are something you want to keep a while," she said. "A piece of candy after dinner. If it gives enjoyment in life, it's not so bad."

And with a sense of feeling better, the diet-changer may decide the habit isn't needed anymore, and go on to the next step.

"Give yourself time," she said. "Realistic goals are met more easily."

In pursuit of a healthier lifestyle, Claessens, a cancer survivor, followed the 12-Step recovery approach for her book, "The One-Day-at-a-Time Low-Fat Cookbook" (HP Books, \$15). It's easier to do something for just one day than to imagine doing it forever, she said.

The book has 366 recipes, one for every day of the year. Each entry begins with a daily inspiration and closes with nutritional advice.

The author understands that people get so busy they rarely read a book about nutrition. But during the brief interludes of cooking, it's easy to read a recipe's bite-size nutrition paragraph.

Claessens, who has worked for National Geographic, a newspaper, and Rodale Press, always loved food and travel. She was studying at Oxford University in the '70s when she took an overland trip from London to Katmandu. The group of 28 traveled in a lorry, a huge truck-like jeep with hard seats.

"We bumped our way over 10,000 miles and slept in tents every night," she said. In Band-I-Amir, Afghanistan, signs were everywhere advertising brownies and pies for foreign visitors. Among the Afghani foods discovered by the group were Lamb Aushak and purple carrots.

In Iran, they ate liver cooked over a bed of coals on the street, crispy outside and almost raw inside. The delicacy was too fresh to make anyone ill, she said. Buying bread in 2x3-foot sheets, they draped a dozen breads over an arm and returned to the lorry.

In Turkey, a group of novice cooks returned to camp with radishes instead of turnips, which gave their stew a sharp twist. And in India,

another group returned with persimmons in place of tomatoes, which added extra life to a vegetable curry.

"Food is so communal. It's not just out there," Claessens said. "It's a way to show love, respect, a rich part of our lives. But sometimes we need to make a spiritual shift before we are willing to take care of ourselves properly."

The Tastemaker Award-winning author has written several cookbooks, but "One-Day-at-a-Time" is the first one she regretted finishing. It became a friend.

Here's an introduction to some of her low-fat friends.

MELT-IN-YOUR-MOUTH BUTTERMILK ROLLS

If you have one good recipe for dinner rolls, let it be this one.

- 1 tablespoon dry yeast
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1/4 cup lukewarm water
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 3 cups unbleached all-purpose flour

1/2 teaspoon baking soda
3 tablespoons brown sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons melted butter
1/2 cup yellow cornmeal

Dissolve the yeast and sugar in the water in a large bowl. Let stand until yeast is frothy. Place buttermilk and butter in a small saucepan over low heat just until butter is melted. Cool to lukewarm.

Combine flour, baking soda, brown sugar and salt in a medium-size bowl. Add cooled buttermilk and flour mixtures to yeast in large bowl and beat with a wooden spoon until combined. The dough should be soft and spongy. Set the bowl in a sink partially filled with quite warm water, cover with plastic wrap and let dough rise about 1 hour, until light.

Lightly butter a baking sheet. Beat down dough. Roll pieces of dough about the size and shape of an egg. Lightly coat with melted butter, then roll in cornmeal. Put rolls on baking sheet to rise. Cover and let rise until almost double in size, about 30 minutes. Preheat oven to 400 degrees F (200 degrees C). Bake rolls 20 minutes, or until lightly browned. Makes 12 rolls.

Per roll: Calories, 203; carbohydrates, 34gm; protein, 5gm; total fat, 5gm; saturated fat, 3gm; calories from fat, 22 percent; cholesterol, 14mg.

MIXED GREENS SALAD WITH FRESH TOMATO DRESSING

Radichio lends color to a

combination of crisp greens. Add your own garden greens, if you've grown some.

- 1/2 pound spinach
- 1 small head romaine lettuce
- 1 small head radicchio
- 1 small head red-leaf lettuce
- 1 cup broccoli flowerets
- 1 carrot, thinly sliced on the diagonal
- 1 celery stalk, thinly sliced on the diagonal
- 3 green onions, thinly sliced on the diagonal

- 1/2 cup shredded red cabbage
- 1/4 cup diced red bell pepper
- 1/4 cup minced fresh parsley
- 1/4 cup minced fresh dill
- 1 tablespoon minced fresh basil
- 1 medium-size garden-ripe tomato, peeled, seeded and chopped
- 1 large shallot
- 1/2 garlic clove
- 3 tablespoons brown rice vinegar
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

Garnishes:
Red bell pepper rings
Purple basil leaves
Dill sprigs
Thin lemon slices

Thoroughly wash spinach in lukewarm water. Remove tough stems and thinly slice leaves. Wash and separate romaine, radicchio and red-leaf lettuce leaves and tear into large pieces. Place spinach, lettuce and radicchio in a large glass serving bowl. Add broccoli flowerets, broken up into bite-size pieces, carrot, celery and green onions, cabbage, bell pepper, parsley, dill and basil. Toss to combine.

In a blender or food processor, combine tomato, shallot, garlic, vinegar, oil, salt and pepper and process until smooth. Garnish salad with red bell pepper rings, basil, dill sprigs and lemon slices. Serve dressing separately. Makes 8 servings.

Per serving: Calories, 57; carbohydrates, 11gm; protein, 3gm; total fat 2gm; saturated fat, trace; calories from fat, 31 percent; cholesterol, 0mg.

SOMBREIRO SALSA

Don't counteract the benefits of this low-fat dip with greasy tortilla chips. Choose low-fat or nonfat chips to accompany the salsa.

- 1 large onion, chopped
- 1 teaspoon canola oil
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 jalapeno chiles, minced
- 3-1/2 cups canned whole tomatoes, drained
- 1 cup tomato sauce

- 1/4 cup canned mild green chiles, chopped
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 2 teaspoons ground coriander
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- Low-fat or nonfat corn chips

Place the onion in a large microwave-safe bowl with the oil and microwave on HIGH 2 minutes. Stir in garlic and jalapenos and microwave on HIGH 1 more minute. If you are not using a microwave, cook onion in oil in a skillet over medium heat until translucent. Add garlic and jalapenos and cook, stirring, 1 to 2 minutes. Chop tomatoes, removing tough stem ends.

Stir tomatoes, tomato sauce, mild chiles, cumin, coriander, salt, oregano and black pepper into onion mixture. Serve at once with chips or refrigerate until chilled. Makes 4 cups, 8 servings.

Per serving without chips: Calories, 52; carbohydrates, 9gm; protein, 2gm; total fat, 2gm; saturated fat, 1gm; calories from fat, 35 percent; cholesterol, 0mg.

MINISTRONE

A classic soup. Serve with Italian bread and a mixed greens salad.

- 1/2 pound Great Northern beans
- 4 slices (about 1/4 pound) slab bacon
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1 cup diced carrot
- 1 cup diced celery
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 zucchini, diced
- 2 cups sliced green beans
- 2 cups cubed potatoes
- 4 cups shredded Savoy cabbage
- 4 cups chopped kale leaves
- 1 can (28 ounces) whole tomatoes, drained and chopped
- 4 to 5 cups chicken broth
- 1/4 cup minced fresh parsley

- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1/4 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese for garnish

Pick over and rinse beans. Soak overnight in enough water to cover generously. Drain beans and place in a large saucepan with enough water to cover them by 2 inches. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer, uncovered, 45 minutes to 1 hour or until tender, adding water, as needed. Remove pan from heat, but do not drain beans.

Cook the bacon in a nonstick Dutch oven, stirring, until golden brown. Pour off half the rendered fat and break up bacon. Add onion and cook over medium heat, stirring frequently, until translucent. Add carrot, celery and garlic and cook, stirring, 4 minutes. Add zucchini, green beans, potatoes, cabbage and kale and cook, stirring, until cabbage is wilted.

Add tomatoes and 4 cups broth and bring to a boil. Reduce heat, cover and simmer 1 hour. Reserving the liquid, drain the beans. Puree half the beans

in a blender or food processor with 1 cup of the reserved cooking liquid. Stir remaining beans and pureed mixture into soup and simmer, uncovered, 15 minutes. Stir in parsley, salt and pepper and thin soup, if desired, with remaining bean liquid and/or chicken broth. Serve garnished with a sprinkling of Parmesan. Makes 8 servings.

Note: Quick-soak method: Cover dried beans generously with cold water and bring to a boil. Remove from heat and allow beans to stand 1 hour. Drain beans and discard water. Cover with fresh cold water. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer, partially covered, 30 minutes. Discard water. Add fresh water and continue cooking beans until tender. This method will remove the oligosaccharides, which are responsible for intestinal discomforts.

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GARY C. ODEN

The address of such person is:

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persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 3rd day of June, 1996.

Law Offices of **BAKER BROWN THOMPSON SCOTT**
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By Norton Baker
State Bar No. 01602000
Attorneys for the Estate

By **ELIZABETH WEISE**
AP Cyberspace Writer
Jennifer Bretan is the fingers to the stars.

Digits flying, she's the online medium for a new medium - from Sarah Jessica Parker's mouth through her keyboard to a computer screen near you.

"I sit with a headset and as they're talking, I type in the answers," said the Los Angeles publicist, who has also been the fingers for the likes of Molly Ringwald, Dolph Lundgren, supermodel Bridget Hall and directors Robert Rodriguez and Clive Barker.

That's where stars hang out these days - online. They commune with their fans in chat rooms, in huge auditoriums on America Online and in obscure newsgroups on Usenet.

They may not be cyberjocks, but their publicists are. Open any online service these days and one of the first things that pops out is a menu of who's being served up today.

Stars may once have flocked from the big screen to the small screen, but now it's the very small screen that calls.

The stars may not be hip to the technology, but the fans are. When Barker did his online interview,

messages from his followers included entire short stories appended as files. Not quite the same as throwing a screenplay through the transom, but worth a try.

The two-line interview style dictated by the constraints of the medium can make anyone sound like they're speaking in Zen proverbs. And the first big celebrity to do a live online interview knew a thing or two about Proverbs - it was the Rev. Billy Graham, said Amy Arnold, the manager of AOL live.

"The auditoriums were originally used for gaming purposes, then it was decided to bring in guests so members could interact with them."

Now listings of who's appearing, and where, go out daily. There are chat listings next to TV show lineups in newspapers all over the country.

"For many people, this will be as close as they'll ever get to a celebrity," said Arnold.

When their heroes aren't on the other side of the keyboard, the more rabid fans spend hours on Usenet discussing the plot lines of their movies and television shows with the precision of Talmudic scholars.

Usenet, the international bulletin board of the Internet, is a favorite especially of followers of science

fiction shows. Writers and producers for "Babylon 5" and "The X-Files" have been known to stop in from time to time, making those newsgroups the cyberspace equivalent of Elaine's, full of customers eager for just a glimpse of someone famous.

If they don't get it, they have only to go to the Web to find it - it's Hollywood Confidential and Tiger Beat all rolled into one, the panting quality of a Beatles fan club nestled next to the darker Quentin Tarantino Worship page.

They're all here ... well, at least their Web pages are: Robert De Niro, Clint Eastwood, Harrison Ford, Jodie Foster, Marilyn Monroe, Meg Ryan, Susan Sarandon and a hundred others.

Fans saw the possibilities of the Web long before the studios even got a whiff of all that lovely free publicity.

Star-struck teens somewhere may still pin pictures of their favorite actors to their bedroom walls, but the even mildly devoted now also throw up Web sites to indulge in their passions (and pray the objects of their attentions might just once happen in to look).

The Janeane Garofalo Worship Page is dedicated to the star of the movie "The Truth About Cats and

Dogs."

"I created this page as a shameless drooling-fanboy shrine to Janeane," says supplicant Vince Oberheim. "If you're reading: WE LOVE YOU."

Of course it didn't take long for the studios and television networks to figure out the publicity potential of the online angle. It seems impossible these days to find a commercial that doesn't sport an "http://www.something.somewhere on the screen."

Nothing quite matches the true over-the-top nature of Keanumandu, the online shrine of the Society for Keanu Consciousness, where it is revealed that "actor Keanu Reeves is in fact this century's premier avatar of divinity and peace!"

By following the Tao of No (or The No Way) and the teachings of Sri Keanu's cinematic incarnations, California graphic designers Robert Dealey and Alexander Justice are certain a Harmonic Convergence is just around the corner.

Just send praise mail to enroll in the perpetual virtual incense votive remembrance and you'll get "news, updates and further techniques for achieving Keanu consciousness."

This Week in Entertainment

By **The Associated Press**
Entertainment highlights during the week of June 6-12:

40 years ago: A jealous Mac West held a press conference to dismiss Mickey Hargitay (Mr. Universe), one of the strong men in her nightclub act. Hargitay was romantically linked with actress Jayne Mansfield.

30 years ago: "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" was the first film to receive a Production Code seal despite having a "four-letter" word. A promise by Warner Bros. to limit admission to those over 18 years of age helped. And singer Janis Joplin performed for the first time with Big Brother & The Holding Company, house band at the Avalon Ballroom in San Francisco.

25 years ago: TV's longest running variety show, the "Ed Sullivan Show," was cancelled after 23 years and 1,087 hours of live television.

15 years ago: Steven Spielberg's "Raiders of the Lost Ark" opened, starring Harrison Ford and Karen Allen. It was the first of three movies featuring the exploits of archeologist-adventurer Indiana Jones, played by Ford.

10 years ago: Bob Dylan, called the Poet Laureate of the '60s for his classic protest songs, appeared at a nearly sold-out San Diego Sports Arena. It was the opening stop on a "True Confessions Tour" with Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers; and Dylan's first U.S. tour in five years. And after an 11,923-seat birthday party for rock star Prince sold out in 45 minutes, promoters in Detroit had to schedule a second concert.

5 years ago: Actress Julia Roberts and actor Kiefer Sutherland canceled

their much-publicized wedding, three days before it was to take place on the back lot on 20th Century Fox. They called off their wedding plans without an explanation.

Spoken 10 years ago:
"We decided that we'd make a big deal out of ourselves for one night and we're awfully honored that they're coming in here to play with us." - Jimmy Ibbotson of the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band. The band ("Mr. Bojangles") was celebrating its 20th anniversary with a concert in Denver featuring some of the top names in country music. A crowd of more than 10,000 fans helped the five-man band celebrate.

Birthday Spotlight
Johnny Depp, June 9, 1963:
Although his film debut was in Wes Craven's first "Nightmare on Elm Street" film, Johnny Depp made his first big impression in the title role of "Edward Scissorhands," as the young man with the built-in cutlery.

Born in Kentucky, Depp grew up in Miramar, Fla., where he started his own rock group at age 13 and landed in Hollywood in his late teens. When his band broke up, he fell into acting "by complete accident."

"Nicolas Cage was a friend of mine, and he sent me to meet his agent," he recalled. "The agent sent me to meet Wes Craven, who cast me in the first 'Nightmare on Elm Street.'"

Then came the big break: as the undercover cop in high school on the TV series "21 Jump Street." That attracted a teen following, and after four seasons, he moved on to features.

His other films include "Benny

and Joon," "Don Juan DeMarco" and "Ed Wood." His upcoming film, "Donnie Brasco," is about an informant who infiltrates the Bonanno crime family, also starring Al Pacino.

Linda Evangelista, June 10, 1965:
Born-to-be-beautiful Linda Evangelista describes herself and other supermodels as "genetic freaks." Evangelista, who earned a reported \$3 million in 1994, said teen-age girls shouldn't try to emulate popular models by overdieting. "We look the way we look because of our genes."

Flashforward - Michael J. Fox, June 9, 1961:
Best known for his roles as yuppie Alex P. Keaton in the TV show "Family Ties" and as Marty McFly in the "Back to the Future" feature films, Michael J. Fox shares the screen with ghosts in "The Frighteners," a supernatural story scheduled to open July 19.

This fall, Fox returns to his first TV series since "Family Ties" in ABC's "Spin City." In the half-hour comedy, he plays the chief deputy to the mayor of New York.

Also on the horizon: "Mars Attacks!," an upcoming Tim Burton film about a simulated Martian invasion. This science-fiction fantasy based on the popular Topps trading-card series is also scheduled to star Jack Nicholson, Glenn Close and Sarah Jessica Parker.

Birthdays
June 6: Singer Gary "U.S." Bonds, 57; Robert Englund, razor-fingered Freddy Krueger in the "Nightmare" films, 47; playwright-actor Harvey Fierstein ("Torch Song

Trilogy"), 42; actress and big-mouth comedian Sandra Bernhard, 41; record producer Jimmy Jam, 37; actress Amanda Pays, 37; rock guitarist Steve Vai, 36; guitarist David Navarro with rock group Red Hot Chili Peppers, 29; actress Staci Keanan of "Step By Step," 21.

June 7: Hip-swiveling singer Tom Jones, 56; Irish hunk, Liam Neeson, 44; record producer L.A. Reid, 40; The Artist Formerly Known As Prince, 38; drummer Eric Kretz with rock group Stone Temple Pilots, 30.

June 8: Comedian-talk-show host and jewelry shiller, Joan Rivers, 63; well-heeled singer Nancy Sinatra, 56; guitarist Mick Box with rock group Uriah Heep, 49; actress Kathy Baker of "Picket Fences," 46; actor Griffin Dunne, 41; actor-director Keenan Ivory Wayans, 38; singer Mick Hucknall with Simply Red, 36; singer Doris Pearson with Five Star, 30; actress Julianna Margulies, nurse Carole Hathaway on "ER," 29.

June 9: Actor Michael J. Fox, 35; actor and reluctant heartthrob, Johnny Depp, 33; actress Gloria Reuben of "ER," 31; bassist Dean Felber of rock group Hootie & the Blowfish, 29; bassist Dean Dinning of rock group Toad the Wet Sprocket, 29.

June 10: Actress Elisabeth Shue, 33; supermodel and genetic freak Linda Evangelista, 31.

June 11: Actor Gene Wilder, 61; drummer Frank Beard with rock group ZZ Top, 47.

June 12: Singer-guitarist Brad Delp with rock group Boston, 45; drummer Bun E. Carlos with rock group Cheap Trick, 45; almost not "thirtysomething" actor Timothy Busfield, 39; blues guitarist Kenny Wayne Shepherd, 19.

FINANCES

have your total liabilities or how much you owe. Those liabilities may include a mortgage, auto loans and credit card debt. Subtract your liabilities from your total assets to find out what your net worth is. If you have a negative net worth, you're spending more than you're saving. Do you have enough insurance?

One important area to examine is life insurance. Life insurance is a crucial component of a family's finances, especially during the child-raising years. You buy life

insurance to protect your family against the loss of your earning power when you die.

The American Council of Life Insurance, a trade group, said that the rule of thumb is that you should buy a life insurance policy that's equal to five to seven times your gross annual income.

But that's hardly etched in stone. "You've got to do a calculation," Ray said. "You need to know how much you need to have to have a lump sum of money that the return on

that will provide enough income to replace the lost income."

You want to live off the interest and never the principal because you don't know how long you're going to need that income, she said.

After setting an income target and picking a realistic investment return, it's time to get out the calculator. To figure how much insurance you will need to save to replace your income, take the annual income you will need each year and divide it by the rate of return you could expect if the money was conservatively invested.

Let's say you make \$50,000 a year and you figure you could earn an 8 percent annual return long term on that money.

To determine how much cash you'll need to save to replace that \$50,000 annual income, divide \$50,000 by 0.08 (8 percent). That will show you'll need \$625,000 in life insurance invested at 8 percent a year to spin off \$50,000 a year in current income.

After you've figured how much life insurance you need, subtract from that other financial resources you have such as savings and any additional life insurance policies.

The result will be the net amount of new life insurance you'll need. While you're alive, you need to protect your biggest asset, which is your earning power. You do that with

disability insurance. "It's the most overlooked insurance," Ray said. "In the 35 to 45 age group, you're three times more likely to have a disability than to die."

You may have short-term and long-term disability insurance through your employer, but check to see if you have enough. If not, consider buying an individual policy, but be aware that it can be expensive, depending on the features you buy.

Disability insurance won't replace 100 percent of your income, but it should replace 60 to 66 percent of your annual gross income.

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Best and worst season for Everest climbing ends

Debate continues over reasons for high number of deaths this year on mountain

By BINAYA GURUACHARYA
Associated Press Writer
KATMANDU, Nepal (AP) - It was a season of triumph and disaster on Mount Everest. Never before had so many climbers reached the world's highest summit. Never before had so many died trying.

The season ended this week, the last stragglers arriving in Katmandu after being stranded for days by unseasonal rain.

But debate continues over why so many lives were lost. Some veteran climbers blame the transformation of their elite sport, once reserved for the fittest and bravest, into a tourist business for wealthy, and sometimes inexperienced, adventurers.

Others claim the unwritten code of the mountains - that the lives of climbers come first - was trampled in the race to the top.

During the brief climbing season in the Himalayas, 64 men and women reached the 29,028-foot-high peak,

paused for prayer and left behind flags and mementos - from photos of loved ones to their children's toys. Together, they surpassed the 1992 record of 58 to reach the summit in one season, and raised the total number to 669.

But 11 climbers, some of them accomplished mountaineers and guides, never returned. Like many of the other 141 victims of Everest, their bodies remain in icy unmarked graves of crevasses and snowbanks.

"All of those deaths were not necessary," said David Breashears, 40, of Newton, Mass. Breashears, who mastered the mountain for the third time this year, said too many people trying to climb Everest are unqualified.

Inexperienced climbers can become disoriented, exhausted and can stumble into the void. Commercial expeditions are not always adequately equipped, even though clients pay as much as \$65,000 each for a guided trek to the summit.

"I was wondering why these people did not have even a \$10 compass," Breashears said.

A freak storm on the crest of Everest on May 9 brought disaster to several expeditions and threw into stark relief the ethical code that guides the mountaineering fraternity.

Eight people trapped in that storm died, including two veterans, American climber Scott Fischer and New Zealand guide Rob Hall.

Hall, 36, leading his own group, stayed back to help ailing American Doug Hansen after reaching the summit. At 500 feet below the peak, they could go no further.

Freezing and dehydrated, Hall made a snow cave to wait for help or death. From 5 miles in the sky, he made a satellite phone connection with his wife in Christchurch, New Zealand, and his words to her before his death brought home to the world the drama and heroism of Everest climbers.

Hall's widow, Jan Arnold - seven months pregnant with their first child - said his last message was "not to worry about him too much."

Fischer, 40, of Seattle, Wash., was found 1,500 feet below Hall, unconscious and roped together with a Taiwanese climber. Only one could be rescued, and Fischer seemed beyond help.

Ed Viestures saw the bodies of Hall and Fischer - both his close friends - as he tackled the summit a few days later. "They were partially covered with snow so I did not have to see their faces," he said.

"I tried to move Rob Hall's body out of the path, but it was difficult. It is hard enough just to climb, let alone move someone's body at that altitude," said Viestures, 36, of Seattle.

On the other side of the mountain, the China side, Indian policemen Tsewang Paljor, Dorjee Morup and T. Samanla hoped to be first to ascend

the difficult northern face.

They refused to turn back May 9 despite the late hour and reached the summit nearly at dusk. They descended in growing darkness and howling winds, and eventually died of exposure on their way down.

But at least one, maybe two, of the Indians might have been saved had a team of Japanese climbers stopped to help when it passed by the next day, said M.S. Kohli, the mountaineering adviser to the Indo-Tibetan border police.

Instead, Kohli said, the two Japanese climbers and their three indigenous Sherpa guides passed the Indians without offering assistance.

The Japanese denied this, saying they sent a Sherpa to help. Still, questions remain about whether they could have done more.

Richard Cowper, a climber and correspondent for the Financial Times of London, spoke to the Japanese when they returned to base camp. He quoted Eisuke Shigekawa, 21, as saying: "We climb by ourselves, by our own efforts, on the big mountains. We were too tired to help. Above 8,000 meters (26,000 feet) is not a place where people can afford morality."

To veteran climbers, it was a disturbing attitude.

"There isn't a written code of ethics on mountaineering but there's a moral code, which you have to decide for yourself in certain situations," said Viestures.

"I know what I'd do if I was going to the summit and someone needed to be rescued," he said. "I would rescue first. Life is more important than reaching the summit."

Dole papers waiting for final destination: Presidential library or national archives

By CURT ANDERSON
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) - Memorabilia by the boxload from Sen. Bob Dole's political and private life, is stacked in the bowels of the Capitol. Next stop: the national archives, until voters decide whether Dole will ever have a presidential library to store the collection.

More than 2,000 cubic feet of records are being packed away as the Senate majority leader from Kansas prepares to relinquish his seat next Tuesday to campaign full time for the presidency.

There are lots of odds and ends: GOP-symbol elephants of glass, wood, crystal and metal; a 1988 oil painting of a somber, dark-suited Dole; a huge scrapbook from his 1974 Senate campaign; lots of autographed sports memorabilia; even a souvenir firefighter's helmet. He's got a dozen honorary college degrees. There's also 23,000 file folders stuffed with documents.

"It's kind of a rare jewel," said Brian Culp, an archivist hired by Dole. "We have a collection that's gone back to his school days. Among congressional archives, it's going to be one of the finest examples."

The records span the 72-year-old senator's life: childhood pictures with his younger brother, Kenny; a 1943 photo of the University of Kansas basketball team, including Dole; a picture of Lt. Dole drilling his platoon at Fort Benning, Ga.; a letter from former Sen. Arthur Capper to Dole's parents expressing condolences after their son was wounded in World War II.

Another letter from the University of Arizona notes that Dole - still recuperating from those war wounds - had won "outstanding" academic honors.

In understated Midwestern fashion, Dole's father, Doran Dole, wrote on the letter: "Was sent to us by mistake. Very good, we think." The elder Dole then

went on to detail for his son all the improvements made at his grain elevator in Russell, Kan.

In 1964, when Dole was in his second term as a House member, the man who surgically repaired his right arm and shoulder - Dr. Hampar Kelikian - wrote to Dole after he'd read about the young congressman in the Chicago Tribune.

"I hope, and I feel sure, you'll attain greater status," Kelikian wrote.

The bulk of the Dole archive, stems from the Congress he has been part of since 1961: 15,000 photos, 11,500 press releases, 11,600 copies of floor remarks, 4,800 bills and 2,000 books.

"It's comprehensive. It's captured all of his legislative activities back to 1961," said Culp.

Dole is proudest of his 1983 legislation to make sure Social Security remained solvent and the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act. Both are commemorated in

special glass cases, complete with the pens used by Presidents Reagan and Bush to sign them into law.

For now, all of this will go to the National Archives for temporary storage. Its final home depends on the outcome of the November election.

"If there is a presidential library, the records would naturally fall under the care and stewardship of the National Archives," Culp said.

If not, the records are considered Dole's personal property.

"He can do whatever he wants with them," he said.

The Kansas State Historical Society and the University of Kansas have each expressed interest in Dole's documents.

As for the site of a potential presidential library, Culp said he doesn't know if Dole has thought that far ahead.

"I haven't heard him say one way or the other."

Differences abound in campaign promises, action after candidate elected to high office

By CALVIN WOODWARD
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) - When they campaign, they promise to do. Once they win, they promise to try.

The fact that a president can't pass programs all by himself often gets forgotten in campaigns, only to be remembered after the votes are in and it's safe to deflate public expectations.

All that is ahead. These days the air thickens with bravado. "Taxes will go down!" exclaims Republican presidential candidate Bob Dole - "not up."

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Campaigning in 1992, Bill Clinton asserted that America was "going to become ... a nation that controls health care costs and provides basic health care to all our people."

If I don't commit strategic blunders, he could have said. Or see my hopes fade from slim to none if Republicans take over Congress.

Fueling the same expectations that Clinton did in 1992, Dole now says about welfare: "I'll end it as we know it."

And he says "child pornography will end in a Dole administration" if his proposals are passed.

Clinton's 1992 victory speech showed a rediscovery of the constitutional checks and balances that can tie presidents and Congress in knots.

In one sentence that election night, his verbs of certitude vanished.

He said he would "seek" to let students pay back college loans through community service, "challenge" the health industry, consumers and government to give America a new health care system, "offer" welfare recipients the opportunity and expectation of working and "ask" U.S. companies to export products, not jobs.

"The day after you win you'd better lower the expectations that you've raised in the campaign, for ours is a system in which no one branch can claim it can run the government," said political scientist Charles O. Jones of the University of Wisconsin.

"All you've got is the power to

say, 'These are the things I would like to do.'"

The might-do approach can be less compelling than will-do bluster. But presidents do have the power to persuade, horse trade and deny, so there is room for pledges both realistic and bold.

George Bush's promise, "Read my lips, no new taxes," was ultimately broken but at least made within the confines of presidential power, because presidents can veto legislation and it is hard to override them.

The House Republicans' 1994 Contract with America promised to bring a series of proposals to a vote in the first 100 days. That promise was kept, even though little of the contract has become law.

But surrounding that pledge was the wider expectation of achievement and not just effort.

"The pretension was substantially more," Jones said. "They didn't do anything to reduce the expectations. They got themselves so goosed up."

Even when they distinguish between trying and doing - and both Clinton and Dole often do that - candidates can overreach.

"I want to cure your pain," says Dole, not just feel it, like Clinton. As both candidate and president,

Clinton walks a fine line between hyperbole and reality.

On Wednesday he introduced his "proposal" to give students a tax credit for education after high school.

Later in the speech, the plan sounded as good as done.

"It will open the doors of college opportunity to every American. ... Education at the typical community college will now be free. ... Nobody now needs to be stuck in a dead-end job or in unemployment."

Presidential powers include command of the armed forces, the authority to appoint officials and judges and the ability to grant waivers for social service experimentation in states.

But Congress can circumscribe much of that. It can change the way the administration regulates if it doesn't like how the executive branch is carrying out its laws.

Many of the anti-crime proposals now in play fall under the authority of states, communities or courts.

Dole promises to appoint conservative judges but the Senate would have a say in that, particularly if Democrats gained control. Clinton has only had three federal judicial appointments confirmed by the GOP Senate since January.

Even waivers can be micromanaged. House Republicans are moving this

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All that is ahead. These days the air thickens with bravado. "Taxes will go down!" exclaims Republican presidential candidate Bob Dole - "not up."

If Congress goes along with me, he might have added. Or if no economic or fiscal calamity occurs requiring the "revenue enhancers" that Ronald Reagan used to take back a chunk of his unprecedented 1981 tax cut.

Campaigning in 1992, Bill Clinton asserted that America was "going to become ... a nation that controls health care costs and provides basic health care to all our people."

If I don't commit strategic blunders, he could have said. Or see my hopes fade from slim to none if Republicans take over Congress.

Fueling the same expectations that Clinton did in 1992, Dole now says about welfare: "I'll end it as we know it."

And he says "child pornography will end in a Dole administration" if his proposals are passed.

Clinton's 1992 victory speech showed a rediscovery of the constitutional checks and balances that can tie presidents and Congress in knots.

In one sentence that election night, his verbs of certitude vanished.

He said he would "seek" to let students pay back college loans through community service, "challenge" the health industry, consumers and government to give America a new health care system, "offer" welfare recipients the opportunity and expectation of working and "ask" U.S. companies to export products, not jobs.

"The day after you win you'd better lower the expectations that you've raised in the campaign, for ours is a system in which no one branch can claim it can run the government," said political scientist Charles O. Jones of the University of Wisconsin.

"All you've got is the power to

say, 'These are the things I would like to do.'"

The might-do approach can be less compelling than will-do bluster. But presidents do have the power to persuade, horse trade and deny, so there is room for pledges both realistic and bold.

George Bush's promise, "Read my lips, no new taxes," was ultimately broken but at least made within the confines of presidential power, because presidents can veto legislation and it is hard to override them.

The House Republicans' 1994 Contract with America promised to bring a series of proposals to a vote in the first 100 days. That promise was kept, even though little of the contract has become law.

But surrounding that pledge was the wider expectation of achievement and not just effort.

"The pretension was substantially more," Jones said. "They didn't do anything to reduce the expectations. They got themselves so goosed up."

Even when they distinguish between trying and doing - and both Clinton and Dole often do that - candidates can overreach.

"I want to cure your pain," says Dole, not just feel it, like Clinton. As both candidate and president,

Clinton walks a fine line between hyperbole and reality.

On Wednesday he introduced his "proposal" to give students a tax credit for education after high school.

Later in the speech, the plan sounded as good as done.

"It will open the doors of college opportunity to every American. ... Education at the typical community college will now be free. ... Nobody now needs to be stuck in a dead-end job or in unemployment."

Presidential powers include command of the armed forces, the authority to appoint officials and judges and the ability to grant waivers for social service experimentation in states.

But Congress can circumscribe much of that. It can change the way the administration regulates if it doesn't like how the executive branch is carrying out its laws.

Many of the anti-crime proposals now in play fall under the authority of states, communities or courts.

Dole promises to appoint conservative judges but the Senate would have a say in that, particularly if Democrats gained control. Clinton has only had three federal judicial appointments confirmed by the GOP Senate since January.

Even waivers can be micromanaged. House Republicans are moving this

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