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For more information on the Herald's Information Services, please see the advertisement on Page 7A.

Clean-up effort nearing

The citywide cleanup effort coordinated by the Clean Committee of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is scheduled for Saturday.

Adults are asked to gather at the parking lot of the former Box Grocery Store in the 2300 block of South Gregg at 8 a.m. for project assignments.

All persons must bring their own tools. Youngsters participating in the CUBS - Clean Up Big Spring - program will gather at 9 a.m. to begin their efforts.

For more information, or to sign up for the project, call 263-7641.

Relief fund established

A relief fund has been established for retired Big Spring school teacher O.B. (Barney) Williams.

Williams, now living in San Angelo, lost his home and possessions in a fire April 2. Complicating matters is that Williams has no insurance.

Any articles of furniture, clothing and housekeeping items will be appreciated, said his daughter, Mary Kuykendall. For more information, contact Kuykendall at 267-3157.

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Weather

• Tonight, mostly cloudy. A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Low in the mid to upper 50s. South wind 10-15 mph. Thursday, partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. High around 80. South to southwest wind 10-20 mph. Extended forecast, Page 8A.

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Sound off!

To contact the Herald: Phone 263-7331.

Volunteer firefighter faces arson charges

By PATRICK DRISCOLL Staff Writer

A Howard County volunteer firefighter is facing felony arson charges in connection with three fires set in vacant houses last month.

John Paul Foster, 19, of Big Spring, is scheduled to go in front of a Howard County grand jury next month if no guilty plea is made before then, said 118th District Attorney Rick Hamby.

A conviction would carry a sentence of two to 20 years. Foster, who has no previous convictions, also would never

be allowed to work as a firefighter, law enforcement officer or in the emergency medical field.

Foster, who reportedly gave a written confession to the sheriff's office, declined comment Tuesday when contacted by the Big Spring Herald.

"John Paul Foster gave a written confession stating that he set the three homes on fire with gasoline," said Sheriff's Deputy Woody Howell. "(He) later assisted in putting out all three of the fires."

Howell, Hamby and officials with the volunteer fire department would not elaborate on Foster's motive.

"It hurts because he was a firefighter," said Volunteer Fire Chief C. Roy Wright. "I hate that it happened. But still, we're all human."

Foster, a firefighter the past year for

the Sand Springs Fire Department, was identified as a suspect within minutes after the first fire March 16 at Midway and Robinson roads, Wright said.

The sheriff's office was notified after the second fire March 20 at 104 N. Third in Coahoma. Another was set March 20 on the 400 block of High School Street in Coahoma.

"We already had him under suspicion within minutes after the first fire but we didn't actually zero in until the second fire," said Wright, who declined to say what led officials to suspect Foster. There were "several circumstances," Wright said of evidence.

A total of \$4,250 in damage was caused to the houses, none of which were insured, said Howell, who contacted homeowners so restitution can be

made. "They were all in a dilapidated state," Wright said of conditions before the fires. Because they were vacant, Wright did not allow firefighters to enter the burning structures.

Damages include \$1,000 to the first house, which was gutted; \$2,500 to the second, which was destroyed; and \$750 to the third, which was about 5 percent damaged.

Foster graduated from Big Spring High School in 1991. He was a member of the student council, band and Drug Free Youth in Texas (D-FY-IT).

Meanwhile, the house fires are unrelated to another county arson investigation of six grass fires within the past four months, Wright said.

"We still have an arsonist loose in the county," Wright said.

Clinton wins 3 primaries; Brown vows to keep going

NEW YORK (AP) — Bill Clinton savored today a trio of critical primary victories that moved him closer to a fall showdown with President Bush. Badly bruised challenger Jerry Brown vowed to "keep this debate going."

Clinton suddenly loved New York after winning its bloody primary Tuesday, and for good reason: that win and victories in Wisconsin and Kansas made the Arkansas governor the putative Democratic nominee, persistent voter doubts about his integrity notwithstanding.

Democratic Party chairman Ronald H. Brown called the results "an extraordinary day for Bill Clinton" and told NBC the front-runner was "a lot closer to our party's nomination today than he was yesterday."

Clinton sounded like a candidate eager to bind the wounds within his party and move on to the fall challenge against Bush.

On election night he offered an olive branch to those who voted for Brown and, in surprisingly large numbers, for dropout candidate Paul Tsongas, while presenting himself as leader of a new Democratic Party.

"In the future, people will look back upon this week and this campaign as a turning point," Clinton said. "Not for Bill Clinton, but for the Democratic party and for America."

Party chairman Brown said he had talked to Tsongas the former Massachusetts senator hadn't yet decided whether to re-enter the race.

"Paul Tsongas has indicated he doesn't want to be a spoiler," said the chairman. Other party leaders said they thought it unlikely Tsongas would get back in after Clinton's sweep.

The dramatic day in the



Democratic presidential candidate Bill Clinton waves to supporters as he arrives to deliver his victory speech at the Ritz club in New York Tuesday evening.

Democratic race overshadowed predictable GOP contests in Wisconsin, Kansas and Minnesota. Bush won them all, big,

over challenger Patrick Buchanan, and New York as well

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Arafat alive and well, official says

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP) — Search planes found PLO chief Yasser Arafat bruised but safe today in Libya's remote southern desert, where his plane vanished in a sandstorm a day earlier, PLO officials said.

Palestinians in many parts of the Arab world flooded into the streets to cheer the report that the symbol of their long fight for a homeland was alive.

The loss of Arafat, the PLO's undisputed leader for 23 years, would have struck a serious blow to the organization's cohesion and could have seriously damaged the chances for the success of U.S.-brokered Arab-Israeli peace talks.

According to Arafat's office in Tunis, Tunisia, he sent a terse message today from the Palestine Liberation Organization's training camp at al Sarra, Libya: "I'm well, everyone is well, thank all those who were involved."

It was not immediately clear whether the plane crash-landed or how Arafat arrived at the PLO base. Libya's official news agency, JANA, reported that all three of the plane's crew members died when the plane put down. Arafat's office, which said 12 people were on the plane, did not confirm there was a crash.

Arab east Jerusalem exploded with celebration on hearing the report of Arafat's survival. Thousands of Palestinians hugged, shouted and clapped. One main street was almost carpeted with candy thrown in jubilation.

Similar festivities broke out in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and at PLO refugee camps in southern Lebanon.

But reflecting the divisions within the PLO, reaction was muted in Palestinian camps in Beirut and northern Lebanon that are controlled by pro-Syrian guerrilla factions.

Others saw Arafat as irreplaceable. Before Arafat was reported found, Sari Nusseibeh, a member of the advisory committee of the Palestinian delegation to the peace talks, said the loss of Arafat would "raise a very serious question about the process, whether it will be possible to continue it."

"There just won't be anybody with the same strength, the same position with the same commitment," Nusseibeh said from his West Bank home.



ARAFAT



Keeping it straight

Chief deputy Colleen Barton files records at the District Clerk's office in the county courthouse recently. Tours of the courthouse were conducted today as part of County Government Week, held April 5-11.

Residents say health firms defraud them

By MARSHA STURDIVANT Staff Writer

Health insurance companies defraud consumers and employers, said about 20 area residents during the first West Texas Health Care Focus meeting Tuesday night.

The meeting was held at Howard College.

"We're having these meetings to get input from the people. Gov. Ann Richards has said that no matter what, she wants no one to be turned away from health care," said Anabel Barker, a member of the Texas Health Coordinating Council.

"There's a lot of fraud... and if we could eliminate the fraud, I believe we'd have enough to start a health care plan for everybody," Barker said.

Dr. Steven Miles, a pediatric resident at Texas Tech University Medical Center in Lubbock, and his brother said they have been cancelled from four different insurance companies because of

their hereditary medical condition.

Insurance companies, not based in Texas sell policies with two-year clauses against pre-existing conditions, but after two years of collecting payments, the policies were cancelled.

"If something unexpected does happen, they just don't pay the claims. I called the State Board of Insurance and a representative called me six months later and said the company was too small and they have that right," David Miles said.

Wanda Miles said insurance companies are claiming 100 percent of filed claims against employers, although the company may be a secondary provider and not responsible for the entire 100 percent. This 100 percent is figured into the rates charged the company, and explains part of the reasons for the rising cost of coverage for the employer.

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Texas

Sidelines

Would-be Texans give to center

AUSTIN (AP) — The Austin Center for Battered Women has received more than \$12,000 from would-be Texans nationwide who don't like paying state income taxes where they live.

Schools will get less state aid

AUSTIN (AP) — Education officials say Texas schools will suffer a \$231 million dollar shortfall in state aid this year.

"It looks to me like this thing is getting a little bit out of control out here. It's like a dog chasing its tail," he said.

Witness says explosion was 'total hell'

BRENNHAM (AP) — One by one, the images became more grisly as firefighter Jerry Ordner drove into the valley outside Brenham.



Department of Public Safety workers walk in front of a house that was rocked by a gas pipeline explosion Tuesday morning near Brenham. One person was confirmed dead and at least 18 were injured.



Brenham, a community of 12,000 about 70 miles northwest of Houston. It rattled buildings as far away as Galveston, more than 90 miles away, and Vidor, 140 miles away.

It registered 3.5 to 4.0 on the Richter scale, or as strong as an earthquake that could cause slight to moderate damage, Rice University in Houston reported.

Officers accused in beatings suspended

HOUSTON (AP) — The Texas Rangers, the San Jacinto County District Attorney's office and Houston Police Department's internal affairs division are investigating complaints that three off-duty officers beat a man and threatened his wife with a gun.

Edna Kennedy, a 36-year-old San Jacinto sheriff's deputy, said one of the officers held a gun in her mouth and others beat her husband, Dennis, 42. The couple was hospitalized over the weekend.

Officers had been visiting the Lake Livingston area for a fishing tournament and were talking with friends at the bar.

man drove away, Kennedy said the officers and their companions surrounded him and started hitting him.

"They are on relieved-of-duty status right now until we determine the facts surrounding the incident," Nuchia said Monday.

"It's a country, neighborhood place," said icehouse owner Helen Wallace. "My customers are like kinkfolk. They (the Kennedys) come up from Cold Spring once a week. They're just ordinary, quiet people."

Edna Kennedy, a 10-year veteran deputy and the sheriff's secretary, came out of the icehouse about five minutes later. She said she pulled her gun, identified herself as a deputy and ordered them to stop.

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Dennis Kennedy said the men disrupted the friendly atmosphere. "There were eight or nine people that came in and started showing their arrogance," he said.

The men moved away from her husband, but one attacked her from behind, grabbing her gun causing it to fire, she said. She was pushed to the ground and forced her to lie face down on the parking lot. Then she said the officers rolled her over and put a gun in her mouth, saying, "You're fixin' to

Names in the news

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Comic actor John Candy sued a dog trainer he claims sold him a sick German shepherd for \$19,000.



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prime minister told an audience at DePauw University on Tuesday.

The lawsuit filed Monday in Superior Court says the dog, named Arras, was sick all the time after Candy got it last December. And the actor has since learned that German shepherds of similar pedigree sell for \$1,500 to \$4,500, the lawsuit says.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — An elementary school finished its drive to collect 1 million pennies with first lady Barbara Bush contributing the final cent.

Candy bought the dog from Matthew Margolis and his National Institute of Dog Training.

"Little things do count — not just coins, but little acts of kindness, little bits of knowledge and individual people," Mrs. Bush said Tuesday.

The lawsuit charges fraud and breach of contract and seeks the price of the dog.

She actually donated two pennies to Sealey Elementary school.

Margolis and Candy's lawyer, David Cordrey, refused to comment Tuesday.

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WONDERING WHAT'S GOING ON IN BIG SPRING? Call 267-2767. A service of the Convention & Visitors Bureau, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

HELP! Volunteers needed to help with cats at the Humane Society adoption center. Two hours per week can make a difference. Call 267-7832.

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THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — Prince Claus, consort to Queen Beatrix, will resume public appearances because his depression has improved.

Claus, 65, plans to accompany Beatrix and Crown Prince Willem Alexander to the April 28 opening of the new Dutch Parliament building, a family spokeswoman said Tuesday.

It will be Claus' first state function since he was hospitalized with depression last July.

He was discharged in November. The government said then that he also had symptoms of Parkinson's disease.

GREENCASTLE, Ind. (AP) — Americans shouldn't fear Japan's industrial strength, because the United States is successful "right across the whole swath of in-

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Nation/World

Mengele's ghost lingers

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) — Josef Mengele, the Nazi "angel of death" who performed gruesome experiments in the name of medical research, has haunted Germany for decades.

His ghost lingers largely because his death has never been conclusively proven. After fleeing to South America in the collapse of Adolf Hitler's murderous empire, he's believed to have died in 1979 in Brazil. But bone tests and dental X-rays have left doubt.

That doubt may soon be erased. Hans-Eberhard Klein, the German prosecutor who has chased Mengele since 1974, was expected to release today results of DNA testing said to be 99.99 percent conclusive.

Mengele's son, Rolf Jenckel, gave a blood sample in January for sophisticated genetic testing to see if it matched remains found in Brazil.

Jenckel, who changed his family name, had refused for more than a year to provide the sample.

The tests measure genetic characteristics that are believed to be highly individual and inheritable.

Mengele is accused of sending about 400,000 people to gas chambers at the Auschwitz concentration camp and of performing genetic experiments on humans, particularly twins. Most of his victims were Jews.

Newly released files in Argentina on Nazis who fled there after World War II show that Mengele arrived in 1949 on an International Red Cross passport under the name Gregor Helmut of Italy.

In 1956, he obviously felt secure enough to apply for Argentine identification papers under his real name; he had the German Embassy certify he was Mengele.

The police files show an order to

arrest Mengele in July 1961, but it's unclear whether it was carried out, and if not, why.

In June 1985, remains said to be Mengele's were exhumed near Sao Paulo, Brazil, from a grave marked "Wolfgang Gerhard."

Friends of "Gerhard" said he actually was Mengele, and they directed police to the grave. Witnesses said Mengele had lived in Brazil for 18 years and drowned in a swimming accident in 1979 at the age of 68.

An international group of forensic experts examined the bones and a set of dental X-rays believed to be Mengele's and announced they were reasonably certain the remains were his.

But the "angel of death" was later reportedly seen in Portugal and the United States, and the controversy has refused to die.

30,000 callers seek Cat jobs

PEORIA, Ill. (AP) — About 30,000 people called Caterpillar Inc. in one day to apply for the factory jobs of nearly 13,000 striking United Auto Workers who defied a company order to return to work.



Striking United Auto Workers continue their stand outside a gate to a Caterpillar Inc. plant in Montgomery, Ill. Tuesday. Hundreds of UAW members lined up in front of Caterpillar plants to protest the firm's back-to-work order.

'It was really tough getting in the plant. They were thumping my car. Somebody threw a beer on my car. The police weren't doing anything.'

Richard Owens
UAW member

Union leaders said more demonstrations were planned today outside factory gates to try to prevent colleagues from crossing picket lines. Caterpillar is trying to crush the 5-month-old strike by forcing workers to return or risk losing their jobs.

To the chagrin of company officials, Democratic presidential candidate Gov. Bill Clinton of Arkansas planned to meet separately with each side today.

Meanwhile, union members planned to demonstrate at today's Caterpillar shareholders meeting in Wilmington, Del. The UAW owns 19 shares of Caterpillar stock.

Clinton was scheduled to meet with Caterpillar Vice President Wayne Zimmerman as well as with union officials. He also was expected to visit picket lines.

"We asked his campaign people not to bring him in as a mediator," Tim Elder, manager of Caterpillar's governmental affairs, said Tuesday. "We feel that would be an inappropriate role for Gov. Clinton. But we're happy to talk with him."

Company officials said more

than 400 UAW members returned to work Monday and that an unspecified number crossed picket lines Tuesday. But UAW officials said fewer than 200 striking workers returned to work.

Thousands of strikers stood outside factory gates in East Peoria, Mossville, Mapleton, Decatur, Aurora and Pontiac to discourage anyone from trying to enter.

"As long as we're showing support and solidarity, most of them won't cross," said striker Mike Payne.

Callers jammed phone lines Tuesday after the company advertised in six area newspapers for skilled factory workers at hourly wages ranging from \$16.12 to \$17.85.

"We totally underestimated the response," said Caterpillar spokesman Bill Lane.

The deluge of calls — about 30,000 — overloaded many of Illinois Bell's facilities in the area, said phone company spokesman Jim Donnelly.

The threat to replace the workers represents the first time a major manufacturer has attempted to break a union of

the UAW's size and strength. The UAW has 900,000 members. Zimmerman said striking workers can claim their jobs only before a replacement is hired; after that, they would go on a preferred waiting list. New workers should be on the job in three weeks, he said.

UAW member Richard Owens crossed the picket line at the East Peoria factory for a second day Tuesday. Police confronted strikers who tried to block roads but there were no arrests.

"It was really tough getting in the plant," Owens said. "They were thumping my car. Somebody threw a beer on my car. The police weren't doing anything."

He said he was satisfied with wage increases averaging 58 cents an hour, full medical coverage at company-approved hospitals and six years' job security.

The union demands a contract similar to one it signed with Deere & Co., with cost-of-living increases, a 3 percent raise in the first year and lump sums of 3 percent during each of the next two years.

Army reassesses Patriot missile

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Army, faced with criticism that the Patriot missile didn't perform as well as claimed during the Persian Gulf War, says it has revised downward its assessment of the weapon's showing in the conflict.

"We think we have a pretty accurate scorecard now," Brig. Gen. Robert Drolet told the House Government Operations Committee on Tuesday.

Defense experts in the United States and Israel, as well as the committee's staff, have contended that the Army's estimates of Patriot successes against Iraqi Scud missiles were exaggerated.

The service has said the surface-to-air missile was successful against 80 percent of the Scuds fired at Saudi Arabia and 50 percent of those targeted at Israel.

The committee staff traveled with General Accounting Office and Congressional Research Service investigators to Huntsville, Ala., to review the Army data.

"We thought the Patriot was near perfect. We were wrong," said the committee's chairman.

'Our review of the two principal supporting documents showed the data had serious limitations and did not support the assessment.'

Richard Davis
GAO

Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich.

"The previous report was found to be insufficient," Maj. Gen. Jay Garner said of the Army first study completed last May.

The Army, in its recent, updated review, determined that the Patriot was successful against 70 percent of the Scuds fired at Saudi Arabia and 40 percent of those directed at Israel.

The Army estimates that 88 Scuds were launched from Iraq — 46 at Saudi Arabia and 42 at Israel.

Drolet would not disclose the classified number of "warhead kills," in which the Scud exploded or was rendered useless but did say it was about two dozen.

Under the new assessment, the Army gave a high, medium and low rating to the Patriot's performance based on the amount of data available, including digital data recordings, debris from the missiles and video recordings.

The Army brushed aside negative reports by the congressional investigators, saying the studies were based on the old assessment. "The actual system performance exceeded our expectations," Garner said.

In earlier testimony, the investigators said the service's claims couldn't be supported.

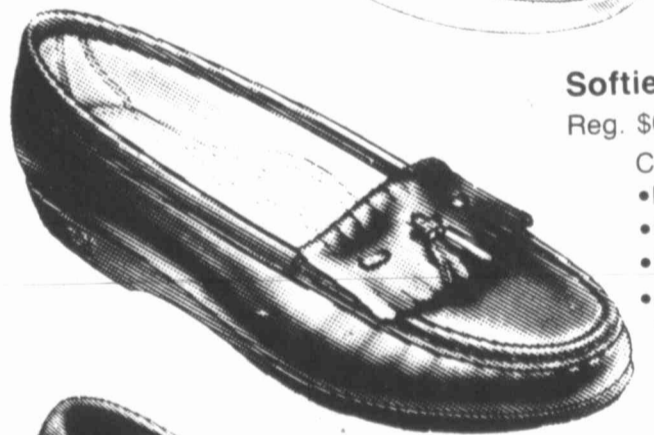
"Our review of the two principal supporting documents showed the data had serious limitations and did not support the assessment," said Richard Davis of the GAO.

Steven Hildreth of the research service said that based on the raw data he examined, "the Army can claim one warhead kill."

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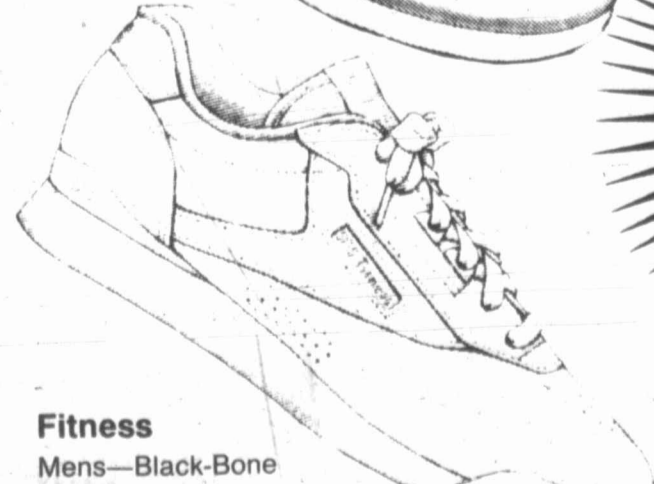
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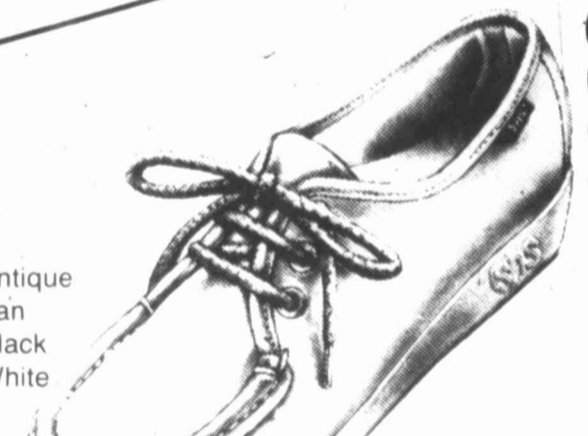
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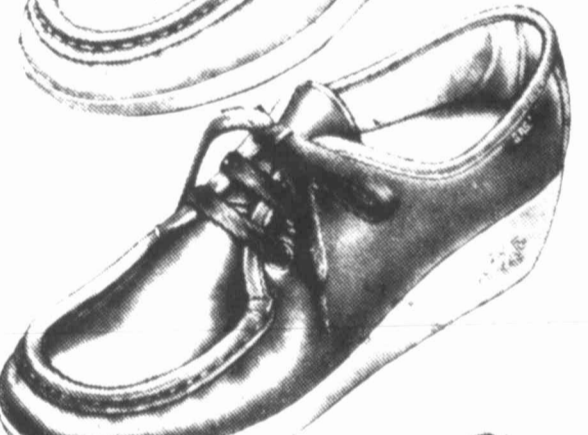
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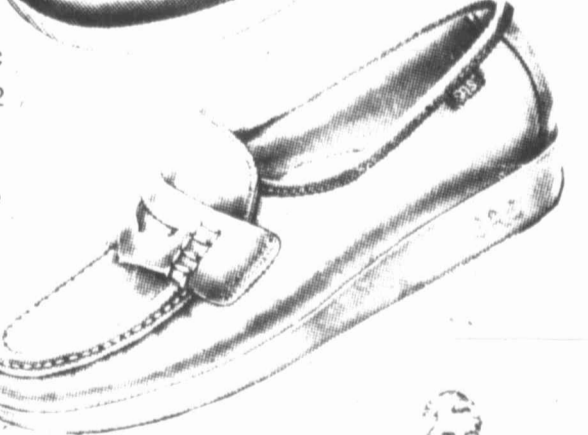
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Sports

Howard AD leaves; others cut

By STEVE BELVIN Sports Editor

Howard College Athletic Director Bill Griffin is resigning, and proposed budget cuts will eliminate assistant coach positions in all but one sport at the College.

College Board of Trustees will meet April 26 to hear the proposal, according to Griffin. Howard College President Bob Riley was out of town and unavailable for comment, said school officials.

Co. has a testing center in Mount Pleasant. "I've been hired to put in a baseball program and hire three assistants," said Griffin of his duties at Mt. Pleasant.

as an advisor on research and testing of equipment. I have a friend, Jack MacKay, and he offered me the job four months ago.

Men assistant coaches are Greg Pinkey and Kirk Sippell. The women's assistant is Lisa Chadwick, wife of women's head coach Royce Chadwick.

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Steve Belvin



Track fans get treat Saturday

Big Spring Invitational, sponsored by the American Businessmen's Club, promises to provide local track fans with some solid track competition.

For the first time in three years the Big Spring Relays, formerly known as the ABC Relays, have attracted more than just three or four teams.

The ABC Relays used to be one of the top track meets in West Texas, attracting such teams as Lubbock Estacado, Odessa Ector, Odessa Permian, Midland High and El Paso Coronado, just to name a few.

There are several long-standing meet records. The longest existing records are from 1979: the girls shot put record of 42-2 by Connie Burditt of Odessa Ector;

This year's meet will attract boys teams from Andrews, San Angelo Lake View, Monahans, Pecos, Snyder, Sweetwater, Frenship, Fort Stockton, Coahoma and Forsan.

Girls teams competing will be Andrews, Lake View, Monahans, Pecos, Sweetwater, Frenship, Coahoma and Forsan.

The meet will give fans a chance to see the local talent — the defending district champion Lady Steers and the Big Spring Steers, who have won two meets this season.

In fact, if the weather is good and the Steers relays runs to its potential, the 400 and 1,600 meter relay records may come tumbling down.

Big Spring has run a 42.21 in the 400 relay this season. The record is 42.37 by Odessa Permian in 1985. The meet record in the 1,600 relay is 3:23.40 by Midland High in 1985.

The Steers' 400 meter relay has already broken the school record and is closing in on the existing record of 3:19.70 in the 1,600 meter relay.

Senior Nick Roberson is back for Big Spring and expect him to turn in good times in the 800 or 400 meters. Lehabron Farr is a good 400 man, just waiting to dip under the 50-second mark.

Big Spring has a strong group of sprinters with the likes of Stacy Martin, Duane Edmonds and James Soles, a transfer from Garden City.

Martin is nursing a leg injury and coach Randy Britton is trying to get him ready for the district meet next week. He set the school record in the 200 with a time of 21.62 early in the season.

Edmonds also is a good 200 meter runner, posting his best time of 21.9 last week. Soles, the all-state running back from Garden City, has helped the Steers tremendously.

Soles has run a school-record time of 10.38 in the 100 meters and a 22.30 in the 200. He and Sands transfer Wes Hughes have jumped 6-4 in the long jump.

The Lady Steers also have their share of big-time performers such as juniors Anne Rodriguez and Syletta Shellman.

Rodriguez is unbeaten in both the 400 and 800, having posted bests of 58.89 and 2:24.11. Her specialty is the 400 however. She's run a 57.2 on her anchor leg.

Shellman is one of the premier shot putters in the state, having tossed the eight-pound ball 41-11. You might have to get up early in the morning to see her throw, but you might see a future state champion.

Coahoma runs away with win

By MIKE BUTTS Staff Writer

It's almost impossible for a team to win a baseball game when it gives up nine stolen bases.

That's what the Big Spring junior varsity did Tuesday in Coahoma, and no, the Steers did not accomplish the impossible but lost to the Bulldogs 5-3.

Stolen bases or errors were involved in all five of Coahoma's runs, and Bulldog pitcher Mark Arguello improved his record to 3-0 in the victory as he struck out 12 Steer batters.

"We've been having problems throwing people out from behind the plate all year," said Big Spring JV coach Wes Overton.

Nine of the Bulldogs' 11 base runners stole a base in the game. Coahoma runners stole second base eight times and were never thrown out attempting to steal.

"We've been having problems throwing people out from behind the plate all year," said Big Spring JV coach Wes Overton.

Despite those overwhelming numbers Coahoma coach Doc Rowell said he didn't have his players run against Big Spring because of the Steers inability to throw out base stealers.

"We felt like once we got on base we could steal because we've got good speed," Rowell said.

The only players on his club who did not steal a base were catcher Bryan Sledge, who was replaced with a courtesy runner, and designated hitter Lee Coleman, who failed to reach base.

"We run a lot because we're not hitting the ball real well now, so sometimes we have to produce our runs by (stealing bases)," Rowell said.

Overton replaced catcher Ron Allen in the sixth with Jay Valdez but the move did not deter the Bulldogs as they picked up two more steals in the seventh.

Ricky Gonzales pitched well for the Steers, surrendering two hits in five innings. But he added to Big Spring's problems with base runners by committing two throwing errors on pick-off moves to first.

Arguello recorded his second straight 12 strikeout performance in the contest. He had 12 whiffs against Greenwood March 31.

Tuesday was his third appearance in 10 days, which impressed Rowell.

"He's got a strikeout pitch and he's doing a good job," Rowell said. "I was real pleased with him."



Herald photo by J. Fierro

Coahoma Bulldogs' third baseman Brent Elmore slides safely into second base with a steal as Big Spring Steers junior varsity second baseman Luis Bustamante goes high for the throw Tuesday in Coahoma.

The Bulldogs, 5-4, broke a 3-3 tie in the home half of the fifth inning by executing a double squeeze play that scored two runs.

Coahoma set up the play when Gonzales committed a two-base throwing error trying to hold Brent Elmore on first. The next batter, Steven New, walked and stole second and Jason Harmom bunted out in front of home plate to score Elmore and New.

"(There were) too many routine plays we should have made," Overton said. "I think it's just lack of concentration."

The Bulldogs took a 2-0 lead in the second when courtesy runner Mike Mendez stole second, went to third and the overthrown and came home when Gonzales overthrew first in an attempt to hold Dave Park, who had walked. Park later scored on third baseman Chris Copeland's fielding error.

Big Spring came back in the third with three runs off three hits. With two outs Arguello hit Todd Parrish with a pitch, Copeland singled and Wes Hughes doubled to

right center for two RBI. Mike Smith then singled to left to score Hughes. Coahoma tied the game 3-3 in the third on Brent Elmore's walk, steal of second, move to third on a sacrifice and dash home on Gonzales' wild pitch.

"It was sweet, sweet," Rowell said, "because they beat us Saturday (in Big Spring, 10-6)."

The Steer's next JV game is Friday in Fort Stockton at 7:30.

Scoreboard table showing Coahoma vs Big Spring results.

Hurley thinking threeppeat

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — Threeppeat? It's not unthinkable, if you ask Duke point guard Bobby Hurley.

"The best thing about winning back-to-back for me is that I'll be back one more time," Hurley promised Tuesday after the Blue Devils returned from Minneapolis with the 1992 NCAA basketball championship trophy.

Duke defeated Michigan 71-51 Monday night to become the first team in 19 years to win consecutive NCAA championships.

Thousands of fans shouting "We're No. 1" greeted the team at Cameron Indoor Stadium.

"I'm probably stupid for saying this, but I wonder where a third one might go," coach Mike Krzyzewski said, referring to the championship banners.

Krzyzewski told the crowd he would prefer a new version of the chant: "We're No. 1 twice."

The celebration in Cameron followed a party after the game Monday night that Duke public safety officials said was worse than the one last year because the party

continued for six hours. Duke Public Safety Corp. David Nicholson said at least four people were arrested and dozens were injured.

Four of the injured had second- and third-degree burns from horseplay at bonfires, he said. One person suffered alcohol poisoning and five had head cuts from beer bottles that were thrown.

Also, Durham police said they arrested at least 20 people on charges ranging from assault to drunken driving to arson for several unauthorized bonfires.

Chancellor Keith Brodie greeted the team and described its accomplishments before Krzyzewski took the podium for a 25-minute speech.

The coach said he was concerned that his team, ranked No. 1 all season and with a 34-2 record, might become a little impulsive.

Senior co-captain Brian Davis, who played Monday with a sprained ankle, told the fans: "This has been the best team to be around."

"This isn't normal. I would hope that next year ... I hope you would give the same kind of support because you never know what can happen," he said.

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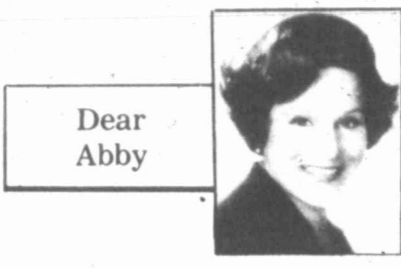
Name change should be matter of choice

DEAR ABBY: In a recent column, George Demian asked you to settle a debate — the thrust of which was: When a married male dies, should his widow be addressed as "Mrs. (her first name) Doe"? Or "Mrs. John Doe"?

You replied, "John's widow should be properly addressed as 'Mrs. John Doe' until she either dies, or remarries."

Abby, it may be "proper" in the sense of drawing room manners, but whether a woman is addressed by her (dead or alive) husband's name should be her choice. Actually, Mrs. John Doe is not her name; it is her title by virtue of marriage. Why isn't it just as proper to address a woman as you do a man — using her name? A person's choice of Mrs., Ms., Miss or none of the above, for self or other women,

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depends upon where one stands politically.

Come on, Abby, your advice to George needs a shot of feminist enlightenment. Why must a woman be addressed by her husband's name and not her own in order to be "proper" even after her husband dies? Say you didn't mean it, Abby. — **KAY SHIPTON, PLEASANT HILL, CALIF.**

DEAR KAY: I did mean it ... but it's a woman's prerogative to

change her mind, and I am opting for that prerogative. Forget Amy, Emily and Letitia — from now on and henceforth: A widow need not use her husband's name in order to be "correct." She may be Mrs. Mary Jones, or Mary Jones, if she so chooses. And when I update my booklet, "How to Write Letters for All Occasions," I will make that change.

DEAR ABBY: I would like to know your opinion concerning my current relationship with a gentleman from Portugal. I met him last summer here in the States, and we became instant friends. He asked me to go back to Portugal with him when he left in August, and I willingly accepted his invitation. I spent the best three weeks of my life with him in his country. Naturally, our friendship

turned into a deeper relationship, and he came to the States to visit me again for five weeks.

We are now back to being 3,000 miles apart — writing to each other every week. The phone bills are incredible, but he splits mine with me to help me out.

My problem is that now he wants me to come to Portugal over spring break, and again this summer. Money is the only thing causing me to hesitate. He has offered to pay for my trips, but I can't accept that kind of money from him. He has told me that he will accept any reason but money for my refusing to come. He figures there's no difference in his paying to come here, or paying for me to go there. Either way, we will be together.

Should I force myself to accept his offer to pay my way? Or should I insist that he come here? — **IN LOVE AND IN DOUBT**

DEAR IN LOVE: Obviously you are a student, but you don't say how old you are (or how old he is). You are wise to refuse to accept a costly gift from your Portuguese friend at this stage of your relationship. Your instincts and judgment appear to be sound. Don't deviate.

Jean Dixon

FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 1992

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! IN THE NEXT YEAR OF YOUR LIFE: Learn all you can. Knowledge is power. New job opportunities will open up in midsummer. Your organizational skills will be in great demand by September. Business travel looks especially lucrative next November. Changing your lifestyle gives you an upsurge of energy as Christmas approaches. Try your ambitious side show in early 1993. Taking the initiative at work will lead to financial gains. Pursue romance with an open heart.

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DATE: golfer Seve Ballesteros, actor Jean-Paul Belmondo, Playboy founder Hugh Hefner, actress Michael Learned.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): A problem related to your elders could arise. Business may have to take a back seat to family affairs. Give plenty of thought to the future. Patience and caution are advised.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Greater pressures exist in both business and your personal life. Talking to a professional gives you a more objective view. Loved one's unexpected actions create some delightful moments.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): A good day for dealing with publishers and other experts who can affect your career. An influential person's interest in your creative talents could mean additional income.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Some forgotten funds will bring smiles. A married couple discovers a new depth to their relationship. Give a wide berth to someone who acts reckless.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Your imagination and ingenuity shine brilliantly today. Handle personal matters away from your work environment. An inventive solution will pro-

duce lasting results.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Routine assignments demand special attention now. Your co-workers could be argumentative. Unexpected good news or a fun social invitation offsets any disappointments you might receive.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): A hard-sell approach can be very effective now. Push harder to improve profits. Do not postpone a business trip! A change of routine brings many benefits. Do your best to minimize legal consequences.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Keep a low profile if you are in the company of VIPs today. Be especially careful not to defy higher-ups. Reading gives you a new perspective. It is time to fly solo.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Taking strong measures is not recommended now. Protect yourself and your financial interests from big talkers. A hunch merits a follow-up. Remember someone who touched your life.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Use some quiet time to sort out a tricky problem. A solution is easier to find than you dreamed possible. Bring sensitive issues out into the open. Let your spouse carry his or her share.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You are going through a cycle of growth and rebirth. Be patient with higher-ups; they may have problems of which you are unaware. What you say weighs heavily; easy does it!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You would be wise to remain your usual quiet and mild-mannered self today. A private negotiating session will work to your advantage. Look into making a purchase you have long desired.



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"I'm glad we have Kittycat. Both our dogs outgrew my carriage."

