

ommissioners give OK to Jennings picking Fritz as chief deputy

By CARLTON JOHNSON

Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners gave Sheriff Bill Jennings the green light to fill his vacant supervisory positions and make the announcements of the promotions at his discretion.

Monday, Jennings told commissioners that he has promoted Deputy Kerry Fritz to chief deputy and will fill the sergeant's slot as well as other positions before the end of the fiscal year. In approving Jennings' choice, County Judge Ben Lockhart said, "Kerry Fritz is a very good officer in my opinion."

"Kerry was Chief Deputy in Snyder (before joining Jennings' staff) and has proven to be a real asset to Howard County," Jennings said. "He doesn't mind taking responsibility.

Fritz brings 18 years experience to the position.

Commissioners also voted 3-1 in favor of authorizing additional help for the county library.

Commissioner Sonny Choate voted

it's not needed.

Librarian Loraine Redman and Commissioner Bill Crooker agree that there is more than enough to be done at the library to justify the position.

Former deputy Bill King has been reassigned, moving to the library to fill the newly created position. King will draw an annual salary of \$17,400 and will perform a variety of duties as assigned by Redman.

King, who is less than three years away from being able to retire, has suf-

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against the position because he said fered a series of medical problems that prevent him from continuing in his capacity as a deputy.

Commissioners also agreed to take on two additional lights as part of the downtown beautification project, meaning the county is spending \$4,000 for the decorative pole lights and \$4,000 for trees, all of which will line the square surrounding the courthouse.

Noticeable changes have already taken place at the courthouse as part of the project.

Commissioners recently were

approached with a plan by the Downtown Beautification Committee for landscaping improvements to the courthouse grounds, which, when complete, will include the repair and or replacement of the irrigation system; connecting sidewalks around the courthouse; the addition of shade tolerant ground cover beds; reseeding the grass; professionally pruning and feeding the trees; and the addition of the historic cornerstone of the county's second courthouse and several seating areas with benches under the trees.

Deadlocked vote scraps purchase of equipment for road, bridge work

By CARLTON JOHNSON Staff Writer

Howard

County Commissioners took the issue of whether to purchase two new motor graders for the Road and Bridge Department off the table Monday, and after a 2-2 vote scrapped the issue entirely.

On April 22, commissioners decided to table the issue until Monday's meeting so each commissioner could study the issue further.

With Commissioner Emma Brown absent, Commissioners Choate and Kilgore voted to award the bid to Caterpillar because of the buy-back incentive in its bid, but were opposed by County Judge Ben Lockhart and Commissioner Bill Crooker who wanted to scrap the idea or go with the lowest bid, which was submitted John Deere.

The primary question surrounding the issue of new motor graders has been the resale value of the machines if the county had decided to enter into a buy-back type contract. Caterpillar was willing to offer \$130,000 each in trade and John Deere representatives told commissioners that at this time it was not feasible for them to offer a buy-back deal as part of the bid.

The machines the county was looking to trade in to get new machines are 1985 and 1985 model machines, both of which are approaching 8,000 hours of which County Road use, Administrator Eddy Jameson said is usually the time to start looking for (mechanical) problems

John Deere and Caterpillar dealer West Texas Equipment are the two companies that have bid on the county contract.

Commissioners called a special meeting in mid April to reconsider a bid originally awarded to Caterpillar for the two machines.

On March 24, commissioners voted 4-1 to award the bid to Cotorpillar, with County Judge Ben Lockhart voting in opposi-



HERALD photo / longthan Garret

Elaine Loaivs and her children Vanessa, Jessica and Alicia to the Permian Basin Regional Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse's (PBRCADA) City Tour Saturday afternoon. Staged at the Northside Fire Station, the event gave PBRCADA and a number of other local organizations a chance to distribute

information on the services they provide. In addition to being an educational event, City Tour also



Staff Writer

The trial of Jonathan Shane Allen, 21, of Big Spring has been postponed until June 9.

Allen was scheduled to stand trial Monday for his part in the Jan. 22 robbery of Big Spring resident Wanda Mize.

According to the Howard **County District Attorney Hardy** Wilkerson's office, the trial was postponed because the defense attorney asked for a continuance in the case.

Allen and three other Big Spring residents, Denny Leon Roberts, 20, David Houston Summers, 19, and Catherine Lynn Edwards, 17, were all charged with aggravated robbery earlier this year in connection with the case.

According to Howard County

tion because he didn't think the county's awarding of the bid to

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HERALD photo/Jonathan Garret

Greg Nelson replaces portions of the old wood on the covered walkway leading into the Howard College administration building as it gets a facelift.

Bid awards leave county ready to start annual sealcoating effort

By CARLTON JOHNSON

Staff Writer

Howard County Commissioners awarded bids for the county's annual sealcoating project Monday, and according to Road and Bridge Administrator Eddy Jameson, the county hopes to sealcoat and pave just over 60 miles or roads this summer.

included games and drawings for prizes.

Fina was awarded the county's bid for asphalt and Don Wise Sand and Gravel of Midland was awarded the county's bid for aggregate.

According to Commissioner Sonny Choate, the county plans to sealcoat 56.6 miles of roads this summer and will double course pave approximately 3.6 miles of roads.

The county has a total of 540 miles of roads, 255 miles of them paved and 285 miles unpaved.

Precinct 1 has a total of 149 miles of roads, 59 miles paved and 90 miles unpaved; Precinct 2 has 113 miles of roads, 53 miles paved and 60 unpaved; Precinct 3 has 78 miles of roads, 53 miles paved and 25 miles unpaved; and Precinct 4 have 200 miles of roads, 90 paved and 110 unpaved.

This year, the county plans to sealcoat 18.3 miles in Precinct 1 and pave 0.6 miles; sealcoat outcome of the project. 12.8 miles in Precinct 2 and pave one mile; sealcoat 11.6 miles in Precinct 3; and seal- with 0.4 miles being paved; coat 13.9 miles and pave two miles in Precinct 4.

The county will start its annual project at the beginning of the summer to avoid spring rains. The effort will continue for six weeks.

According to Choate, some of the recent rains have already caused problems on several roads in his precinct.

The county tries to get its project done as early as possible to avoid moisture and because the county lends manpower and some of its equipment to the city each year so the city can work on its sevenyear sealcoating plan.

Last summer, the Road and Bridge Department sealcoated more than 52 miles of county roads at a cost of a little more than \$199,000.

The sealcoating project also includes double course paving 3.7 miles of roads.

Aggregate for the project totaled \$115,531, asphalt totaled \$78,946 and prime oil cost the county \$4,714.

Last year there were a couple of delays with the sealcoating project, but overall commissioners were pleased with the

A total of 14.4 miles of roads were sealcoated in Precinct 1 Precinct 2 had 11.1 miles sealcoated and 1.1 miles of roads paved; Precinct 3 had 13.1 miles sealcoated and 1.2 miles paved; and Precinct 4 had 13.6 miles sealcoated and one mile was paved.

The two most difficult precincts, as far as sealcoating is concerned, belong to Choate (Precinct 4) and Commissioner Emma Brown (Precinct 1), the county's northern precincts.

Last year, a total of 1,690 tons of aggregate was used in Precinct 1 at a cost of \$28,713.10; 33,487 gallons of AC5 asphalt was used at a cost of \$18,082.98; and 739 gallons of prime oil was used in Precinct 1 at a cost of \$502.52.

The total cost of sealcoating in Precinct 1 was \$47,298.60, which averages at \$3,111.75 per mile

Precinct 4 used a total of 1,708 tons of aggregate at a cost of \$29,810.92; 36,824 gallons of AC5 asphalt at a cost of \$19,844.96; and 1,727 gallons of prime oil at a cost of \$1,174.36.

The total cost of sealcoating in Precinct 4 was \$50,078.24, which averages at \$3,210.14 per mile

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Sheriff's Department reports, on the morning of Jan. 22, Mize, who resides on South Anderson Road just north of Big Spring, told deputies that she had come out of a back room of her house when she heard a noise. She discovered three white males standing in her living room.

The three men tied her up, moved her into a bedroom and took her keys.

The group took Mize's 1993 white Mercury Cougar and drove it to Mobile, Ala., where Roberts, Summers and Edwards were all caught.

Allen, the suspected leader of the group, was also charged with forgery. He allegedly used a Discover credit card belonging to Mize at a mall in Abilene. Merchants became suspicious and notified authorities. Allen was extradited back to Big Spring.

In March, Roberts, Summers and Edwards pled guilty to lesser charges and were sentenced for their parts in the January robbery.

Roberts and Summers pled guilty to burglary of a habitation and were both sentenced to 90 days in a boot camp and given 10 years probation.

Neither will receive any good time credit while serving their probation and they will have a felony conviction on their . records.

Because Edwards was not in Mize's house at the time of the robbery, she pleaded guilty to unauthorized use of a vehicle, and received two years a state jail, but because of her age and no prior convictions the sentence was reduced to three years deferred adjudication.

Allen is currently free on a \$10,000 bond, awaiting trial.

Jensen returns as Herald's features editor

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HERALD Staff Report

After a three-year absence, Debbie Lincecum Jensen returns to the Big Spring Herald as lifestyles and features editor.

Jensen began her newspaper career as a reporter with the Herald in 1990. She has covered the city and county beats and schools before leaving to accept a position with the Midland Reporter-Telegram.

She left the Midland newspaper in mid-1992 to become fea-



She returns to the newspaper after spending a year working out of the industry in Midland.

"Coming back to the Herald is like coming home," Jensen said. "I see many familiar faces and it's great to be able to return to the work I love. I look

tures editor of forward to working with many of the same people in the community and meeting new ones. "Big Spring is a wonderful town and after a year of daily commuting, I'm pleased to be able to become a part of the community again through my work at the Herald."

"We're excited to have Debbie back at the Herald," said managing editor John H. Walker. "She brings a level of community knowledge and involvement to the Herald that we believe is vital to our being able to continue being the primary source

of accurate news and information for Big Spring, Howard County and our readership area."

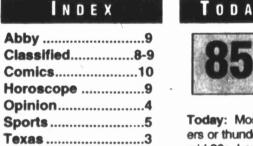
Jensen is an award-winning journalist and has had additional training through the Mid-America Press Institute in St. Louis.

Jensen fills a position left vacant when Kellie Jones left to become a copy editor for the Houston Chronicle.

She is married to Brian Jensen, who serves as director of emergency services (EMS) for the city of Big Spring.



Today: Mostly sunny. A chance of showers or thunderstorms tonight. High in the mid 80s. Low in the 50s. Wednesday: Partly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. High around 85. Low in the 50s. Extended outlook: Thursday through Saturday, partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the 80s. Lows in the 50s



OBITUARIES

Betty Sample Cole

Betty Sample Cole, 66, Big Spring, died on Monday, May 12, 1997, at a Midland hospital. Service will be

p.m. Wednesday, May 14, 1997, Nalley-Pickle Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. Lewis McGarity, pastor of Birdwell COLE Lane Baptist

at

Church, officiating, assisted by Jess Colegrove. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born on May 1, 1931 in Knott, Texas and married LeRoy (L.C.) Cole on April 28. 1951, in Big Spring, Texas. He preceded her in death on Dec. 9.1978.

Her parents were Ben and Lucille Sample, longtime Howard County residents. She was a lifetime resident of Howard County and graduated from Knott schools in 1949. She was a homemaker.

She was a member of Birdwell Lane Baptist Church.

Survivors include: one daughter, Cindy Hepner, Big Spring; two grandsons, Justin Cole and Tac Cole, both of Big Spring; two sisters, Evelyn Kendrick, Big Spring, and Idella Hollis, Sweetwater.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Edna Riddle.

The family will be at 4003 Wasson Road.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Paid obituary

Barbara Nell Barfield Fonville

Graveside service for Barbara Nell Barfield Fonville, 54, Garden City, will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 14, 1997, at Garden City Cemetery with Rev. Jerry Don Cheshire, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Garden City, officiating.

Ms. Fonville died Monday.

was a member of the First Christian Church of Pecos. Survivors include: two sons, Neal Fonville, Allen, and Joe Dale Fonville, Tulsa, Okla.; her parents, Jiggs and Ruby Nelle Barfield, Pecos; and one broth-

er, John Barfield, Pecos. Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Olive D Calverley Fry

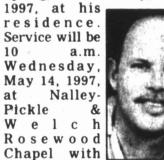
Service for Olive D Calverlev Fry, 67, Garden City, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. She died Monday, May 12, 1997, at her residence.

Daniel R. Smith Daniel R. Smith, 42, Big

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Spring, died Saturday, May 10,



Doll, John associate pas-

tor of First Church of the Nazarene, officiating. Catholic graveside service will follow at Trinity Memorial Park with Rev. Jeremiah McCarthy, pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, officiating.

He was born on Oct. 29, 1954. in El Paso, Texas, and married Robin Patton on June 7, 1991, in Big Spring, Texas.

He was raised in El Paso and graduated from Cathedral Catholic High School in 1974. He had worked for WilTel Communications out of Lubbock for the past two and one half years. He enjoyed working with his computers. He was a Catholic.

Survivors include: his wife, Robin Smith of the home; one son, Kelleigh Smith of the home; two daughters Francesca Smith and Jaclyn Smith, both of Big Spring; his parents, Gilbert and Frances Smith of Alamogordo, N.M.; two brothers and one sister-inlaw, Kenneth Smith of Alamogordo, N.M., and Tommy and Vickie Smith of Palisades. Colo.; his grandfather, Adolph L. Gallegos of El Paso; and a number of aunts, uncles and cousins.

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

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

•Troop 5 needs all parents to attend 7 p.m. meeting. Summer camp money must be paid by May 14.

•Big Spring Symphony Association annual meeting, 6:30 p.m., St. Paul Luther Church fellowship hall. All contributors to the 1996-97 symphony season are encouraged to attend.

WEDNESDAY Downtown Lions Club, noon. Howard College Cactus Room. Call Archie Kountz, 267-3821. Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. 12&12

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

•Spring Tabernacle Church. 1209 Wright, has free food for area needy, 10 a.m. to noon.

•Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classed, 9:30 to 11:30

a.m., 55 and older. Support Group for Depression, 7 p.m., Howard

College room A-10. •Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center small cafeteria.

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

p.m., 2101 Lancaster. Call Preston Harris, 263-7136.

Rackley-Swords Chp. 379 Vietnam Veterans of America, 7 p.m., 124 Jonesboro Road.

p.m. Call 263-2084.

Jimmy and Carol Owens.

•Friends of the Library of at the library. If you are a Library or interested in becomselecting the Logo Contest winner.

country/western dance, 7:30 to



For more information call •West Texas Gluten Free Awareness Support Group (Celiacs helping Celiacs), 3 to 5 p.m., Midland Memorial Hospital, 2200 E. Illinois, room

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> **YOUTH WITH A MISSION** will present Friday Night Alive at 7 p.m. Friday in the Howard College Auditorium. This multi-media presentation is a combination of dance, music and drama oriented toward people of junior high and high school age.

THE LET FREEDOM RING **COMMITTEE** needs assistance from the community in making costumes for this year's Fourth of July celebration.

Volunteers with sewing skills are needed to make Pilgrim collars, aprons and caps; sew ribbons or strings on caps and collars; sew hooks and eyes on men's collars; and make stocks (ruffled neck pieces). All costume parts will be pre-cut.

Anyone interested in helping is asked to call Mamie Lee

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was in order since Caterpillar's bid was a little more than \$5,000 higher than that of John Deere which was just over \$157,000.

According to Jameson, the graders currently being used by the county are approaching between 7,900 and 8,000 hours of use, and overhauling an engine will cost the county around \$15,000 for each engine overhauled

Caterpillar's bid, the second time around (including tradeins) was \$162,330, which is virtually the same as its first bid.

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down 7; June crude oil 21.25, down 13 points; Cash hogs steady at 50 cents higher at 60; slaughter steers at 69 June lean hog futures 84.45, down 22 points; June live cattle futures 66.07, up 2 points. Courtesy: Delta Corporation. Noon quotes provided by Edward D. Jones & Co.

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•Masonic Lodge No. 1340, 7:30

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•Prayer meeting, 7 p.m., Howard College Auditorium by

Howard County meeting, noon, member of the Friends of the ing one, you are encouraged to attend the meeting. We will be

•Spring City Senior Citizens

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AN ANDERSON KINDER-GARTEN CENTER fundraiser is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Friday in the East Room of the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

team. All payouts are in cash.

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4671 or write to Gluten-Free

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Church, 610 Abrams, has ser-

vices at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

•Good Shepherd Fellowship

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(915)573-3635.

Awareness;

Midland, Texas; 79707.

Sponsored by the Federal Employees Group, a 7 p.m. dinner will follow the opening reception. Tickets are \$15 and

all proceeds go to Anderson. Keynote speaker is Matthew Dodds at 263-6508. Hamidullah.

For more information call Anderson Kindergarten Center at 264-4151 or the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce at 263-7641.

THE BIG SPRING ART Association encourages young artists to take classes this summer. A variety of courses are available, including oil painting, pottery, watercolor painting, cartooning, graphic and commercial art. Both morning and afternoon classes are scheduled. Call Sheree Moats at **399-4563 for more information** and sign-up times. All classes will be at the West Texas

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Texas Lottery stores and First Bank of West Texas in Coahoma. All glasses are sent to a recycling center. For more information, call Mills Optical at 267-5151or Bob

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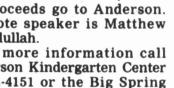
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May 12, in a Midland hospital.

She was born on April 28, 1943, in Midland, She was rodeo queen of the All-Girls Rodeo at Fort Stockton in 1954. She graduated from Pecos High School in 1961 and was the **Reeves** County Sheriff's Posse Sweetheart for four years. She



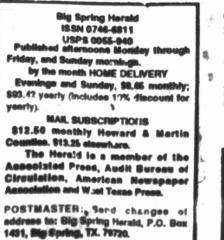


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He was preceded in death by one son, Jeffery and one brother, Gregory.

Pallbearers will be Dean Spencer, Kent Spencer, Michael Forshee, Pat Chesworth, Chris Spencer and Steve Boyd. The family will receive

friends Tuesday from 7 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home

He was a loving husband, father and son and he loved his three children very much. We will miss you, Dan! Paid obituary

SPRINGBOARD

IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES IN A SPRING-BOARD ITEM OR FOR **MORE INFORMATION, CON-**TACT GINA GARZA, 263-7331 ext. 238, BETWEEN 8:30 A.M. AND 2 P.M. All Springboard items must be submitted in writing. Mail to: Springboard, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, Texas 79720; bring it by the office at 710 Scurry; or fax it to 264-7205.

TODAY •Comanche Lake Duplicate, 1 p.m., Dora Roberts Civic Center.

•Most Excellent Way, a chemical dependency support group, 7 p.m., Living Water Church, 1008 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-1424 after 5 p.m. or 263-3168 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, 7 p.m.; Spanish services. •Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., 615

Settles. •Narcotics Anonymous, 6:30

p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 615



10:30 p.m. Music by CW & Co. Area seniors invited.

•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, 7 p.m. Bible study.

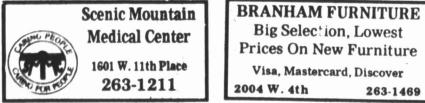
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•Friday Nigh Alive, 7 p.m., Howard College Auditorium, presented by Youth with a Mission.

•Relay For Life survivor walk, 7 p.m. Sign up between '6 and 6:45 p.m. Call Shana McGee at 267-6870 for more information. Luminary service, 10 p.m. •Federal Employees Group sponors a charity fundraiser for Anderson Kindergarten Center, 6:30 reception and 7 p.m. dinner, Dorothy Garrett Coliseum East Room. Keynote Matthew speaker is Hamidullah and tickets are \$15. For more information call Anderson Kindergarten Center at 264-4151 or Chamber of Commerce at 263-7641. All proceeds go to the Anderson Kindergarten Center. SATURDAY

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open meetings at noon, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.

•Snyder Lions Club Four Person "Scramble" Gold Tournament, Western TExas College Golf Course in Snyder, \$60 per person. Start times are 8 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Payout is based on a full field of 80 players, first - \$800 per team, sec-



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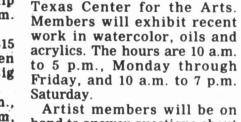
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Artist members will be on hand to answer questions about the works for sale.

THE BIG SPRING SYM-**PHONY** Association will have its annual meeting at 6:30 p.m. tonight in the St. Paul Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall. All contributors to the 1996-97 symphony season are encouraged to attend.

THERE WILL BE A swearing in ceremony of Donna Kay Givens as Postmaster of Coahoma at 2 p.m. Friday in the Coahoma Post Office at 102 S. First St.

Everyone is invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

MAY IS EYE GLASS Recy ling Month and the Big Spring Evening Lions Club joins Lions International to collect, recycle and calibrate used eyeglasses.

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The bid also included a sixmonth full machine warranty Association will hold it's annual spring exhibit at the West and a five-year/7,500-hour powertrain warranty as well as a repurchase and maintenance guarantee.

John Deere offered the county a five-year, 7,500-hour full machine warranty, which is included in its bid price.

John Deere's bid (including trade-ins) was \$145,038, but did not show the county any maintenance information or any repurchase information, other than the five-year, 7,500-hour warranty.

Monday Crooker said, "In the interest of cost, I think the machines we have are good for another three to five years."

Jameson agreed that the machines could have a few years of life left in them.

"I recommend that we go ahead and replace these machines," Choate said.

After the 2-2 tie resulted in no bid being awarded, commissioners voted 3-1, with Choate voting no, to use its current motor grader equipment for at least another year or so.

According to Lockhart, other communities are logging as many as 15,000 hours on their equipment.



SHERIFF REPORT

The Howard County Sheriff reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Monday and 8 a.m. Tuesday:

·JAMES ELIAS McKENSIE, 45, no known address, was arrested for burglary of a habitation, and released on a \$5,000 bond.

•BENNY ONTIVEROS ISLAS, 32, of 4115 parkway, was arrested for contempt of court involving child support, and was sentenced to 180 days in county jail.

•HENRY FRANKLIN HARD CASTLE, 28, of Artesia, N.M., was arrested for possession of marijuana under two ounces, and released on a \$1,500 bond.

of Coahoma, was arrested for · possession of marijuana under two ounces.

no report was available from the Big Spring Police Department.

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Separatists considered purchase of building with shelter

MONTGOMERY - A group of people said to be affiliated with the Republic of Texas once considered buying an office complex near an underground nuclear bomb shelter in Montgomery County, a Houston area investor says.

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An armed man dressed in camouflage clothes was among a group that expressed interest in purchasing the four-story building with the nearby nuclear bomb shelter, he said.

The group apparently was not affiliated with the Republic of Texas faction headed by Richard McLaren.

On May 3, McLaren surrendered to the Texas Department of Public Safety, leading his group out after being holed up for a week in the makeshift trailer that he claimed was the Republic of Texas "embassy" in the Davis Mountains of West Texas.

The Montgomery County complex includes a four-story building that once housed offices, a large dining area, two gymnasiums. The nuclear bomb facility is located on adjacent property on the hill north of Houston.

Community elects city council for first time in 75 years

SAN ELIZARIO - For the first time in 75 years, the residents of San Elizario have chosen to elect a City Council. OK, now what?

The May 3 vote reactivated the city's long-dormant incorporation, and also left the nine newly elected council members facing the quandary of how to resurrect a city government using a 126year-old charter.

"It's going to be tough. It's going to be a learning experience," said city representative Carlos Vasquez. "There's a lot to do and I'm not sure how we're going to do it all."

City leaders hope that as an organized government they'll be able to procure more federal and state grants for development in San Elizario, an impoverished El Paso County community of 15.000.

Council members all have the same agenda: Save historical adobes in the town from crumbling; clean up graffiti; and bring water and sewerage lines to all residents.

Memorial held for slain peace officers

AUSTIN - Relatives of 16 Texas law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty over the past two years gathered on the front steps of the Capitol for a memorial service.

Hundreds of uniformed officers also attended Monday, as did Gov. George W. Bush, Texas Attorney General Dan Morales and several lawmakers.

- "As I look around me, I see the faces of these fallen heroes left behind, in the wives, husbands, children, parents, sisters, brothers and friends," Bush said. "We can never take away the hurt. We can only offer our heartfelt gratitude for the sacrifices you. too, have made for our great state.

"Each of you is a stark reminder to every Texan that public safety carries a very high price."

Bill against same-sex marriage dead, sponsor says

AUSTIN - An effort to make clear that Texas lawmakers don't want the state to recognize same-sex marriages is dead, according to its chief sponsor.

The pronouncement came Monday, despite the bill being scheduled for full House debate Wednesday.

Rep. Warren Chisum, R-Pampa, said there are foo many bills in line for debate before his, which he had hoped would be put on the House's "major state" calendar. That would have put it ahead of hundreds of bills already scheduled on the chamber's general state" calendar.

Rep. Kent Grusendorf, R-Arlington, on Monday forced the issue

Blast rips Corpus Christi refinery CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) - fire was burning in two gas Ann Broussard lives on Corpus tanks. Christi's south side, but when The an explosion rocked a CITGO refinery all the way across town, she saw a two-second burst of yellow light, like day-

light. "The sky was like the sun was shining, it was so yellow," she said shortly after the blast Monday night.

There were workers inside the CITGO Petroleum Corp. plant at the time of the 10:20 p.m. explosion and fire that followed, but officials said a company spokesman said all were accounted for. No injuries were reported, but the Refinery Terminal Fire Co. continued to fight the fire through the night.

The flames had dissipated, but were still visible after midnight. Police Chief Pete Alvarez,

standing outside the plant, said a processing unit inside the plant had exploded. KRIS-TV in

processing unit that exploded is used to make components for gasoline, said Chuck Cazalas, a CITGO spokesman. It was unclear whether the cause was within the plant or whether it was weather-related, he said. There were thunderstorms Monday night that produced lightning.

There was no answer Monday night at the oil company's headquarters in Tulsa, Okla.

Some residents said they thought an earthquake had hit Corpus Christi.

Richard Police Capt. Lewinsky said the explosion shook the police building downtown.

"We thought it was thunder in the background but it was an explosion," said a dispatcher at the Nueces County sheriff's department who refused to give her name. "One of the dispatch-

up the whole sky."

Jannice Duhart, who lives four blocks from the plant, told the Corpus Christi Caller-Times that the explosion knocked her 2-year-old grandson out of bed.

"I've never felt my house shake like that," said Anthony Williams, who lives two blocks from the CITGO plant.

Minutes before the explosion, in a house across the street from the refinery, Donna Pryor's daughter, Nicole, complained that she couldn't sleep because of a hissing noise that sounded like a rattlesnake.

Then, Ms. Pryor said, she heard the explosion.

Her living room windows imploded, she said. Shattered glass littered the carpet, she said. Through her broken window she saw a fireball and huge cloud.

Her three children, 4, 5 and 7, ran from their bedrooms and "started screaming and crying," Corpus Christi reported that a ers who came in said it just lit she said. She refused to spend

the night at her house.

"I'm going to get out of here: I've got to get out of here. You can smell it right now. ... I'm very nauseated," she said.

"I heard a loud explosion and a shock wave followed after the initial bang," said Ray O'Docharty, who lives about a quarter mile from the refinery. He said he and his wife were watching the evening news when they heard a thunderous roar.

"It shook our windows and it rattled real bad," said his wife, Jerri. The cookware in the pantry tumbled to the kitchen floor, she said.

About 20 minutes after the explosion, Jerri O'Docharty said, she felt her "nose burn and a strange taste in my mouth."

Cars snarled the streets as residents tried to evacuate, neighbors said. Traffic slowed on Interstate 37 and drivers pulled over to the see the fire.

Time for tax compromise, lawmakers say

AUSTIN (AP) - For weeks, state House and Senate lawmakers have traded jabs on the merits and pitfalls of their differing proposals to lower Texans' local school property taxes by increasing some of the state taxes they pay.

But with the legislative session nearing its final gavel on June 2, harsh words are turning to compromise. The House on Monday rejected the Senate version of the tax bill and requested a conference committee made up of members from both chambers to work out differences

The Senate could respond to that request today.

"Rhetoric is rhetoric," said Rep. Paul Sadler, D-Henderson. "When the time comes, we'll make the tough decisions."

Sadler is chairman of the

House plan and will head the conference committee.

The House plan would cut local school taxes by about \$5 billion every two years. To replace the money, the House voted last month to expand the state business tax to all companies except sole proprietorships, increase other taxes, increase state education spending and subject more goods and services to the state sales tax.

The overall effect would be a 1.9 percent state and local tax cut for most Texans.

Sen. Ken Armbrister, D-Victoria, said he has never been involved in an issue in which there has not been criticism from one house to another. He headed the Senate committee that wrote its \$2.5 billion.

The Senate version also would expand the state business tax. House committee that wrote the increase other taxes and property at the state level would

increase state education spending. It would give most Texans a 2.2 percent cut to state and local taxes.

The main differences between the plans are the list of goods and services that would be subjected to the state sales tax and the way business property would be taxed.

Currently, local school districts tax residential and business property the same for school operation and maintenance and for school debt. The Senate would keep that system.

The House would allow the state to take over taxation of business property for school operation and maintenance. That would leave local districts to tax all property for debt and residential property for school operation and maintenance.

Sadler said taxing business

allow the money to be more evenly distributed among the state's 1,044 school districts. He also said it would do away with the so-called Robin Hood school funding system, which forces 91 districts to share their tax revenues with other districts that have less taxable property.

Armbrister and other senators have called the House plan the mother of all Robin Hoods. They say it would allow the state to steal from everyone, not just 91 districts.

"That's just pre-conference sparring," Armbrister said of attacks lobbed from the House to the Senate and return fire from the Senate to the House. "There's a lot of common ground."

The Legislature has until June 2 to work out a resolution. Voters would have the final say on Aug. 9.

Electric deregulation legislation still has rocky road

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after raising the possibility of using a rare procedural move to get the bill scheduled for debate outside of the normal process. Grusendorf is among more than 70 supporters of the bill and has been a critic of the process in which bills are scheduled.

Bill on HMO liability goes to governor

AUSTIN - The horror stories have been told.

There's the woman killed by a brain tumor two years after complaining of headaches and seizures that were dismissed by her health maintenance organization as anxiety attacks. There's the man who died of a heart attack after his health insurance carrier denied coverage for him to see a cardiac specialist. Lawmakers on Monday sent Gov. George W. Bush their answer

to such tragedies. The bill would make Texas the first state to allow managedcare organizations to be sued for medical malpractice if their decisions to delay or deny treatment harm a patient.

two weeks ago. Consumer and environmental groups still

think the plan is lopsided. "If the governor's bill passes, utilities get a free ride at the expense of consumers," said Carol Biedrzycki, executive director of Texas Ratepayer's Organization to Save Energy.

Bush, with the help of the Public Utility Commission, wrote a proposal that he said would address the different concerns of utility customers and the utilities.

Under the Bush-backed proposal, the state's electric market when to join competition.

Investor-owned utility companies, which cover about 90 percent of Texas, would have to cut prices by 10 percent for residential customers and by 4 percent for small business customers over the next three years, beginning Sept. 1.

Publicly-owned utilities and cooperative utility companies would not have to cut rates.

The incentive for the utilities to back the deal is the ability to recover 100 percent of so-called "stranded costs."

All consumers currently pay

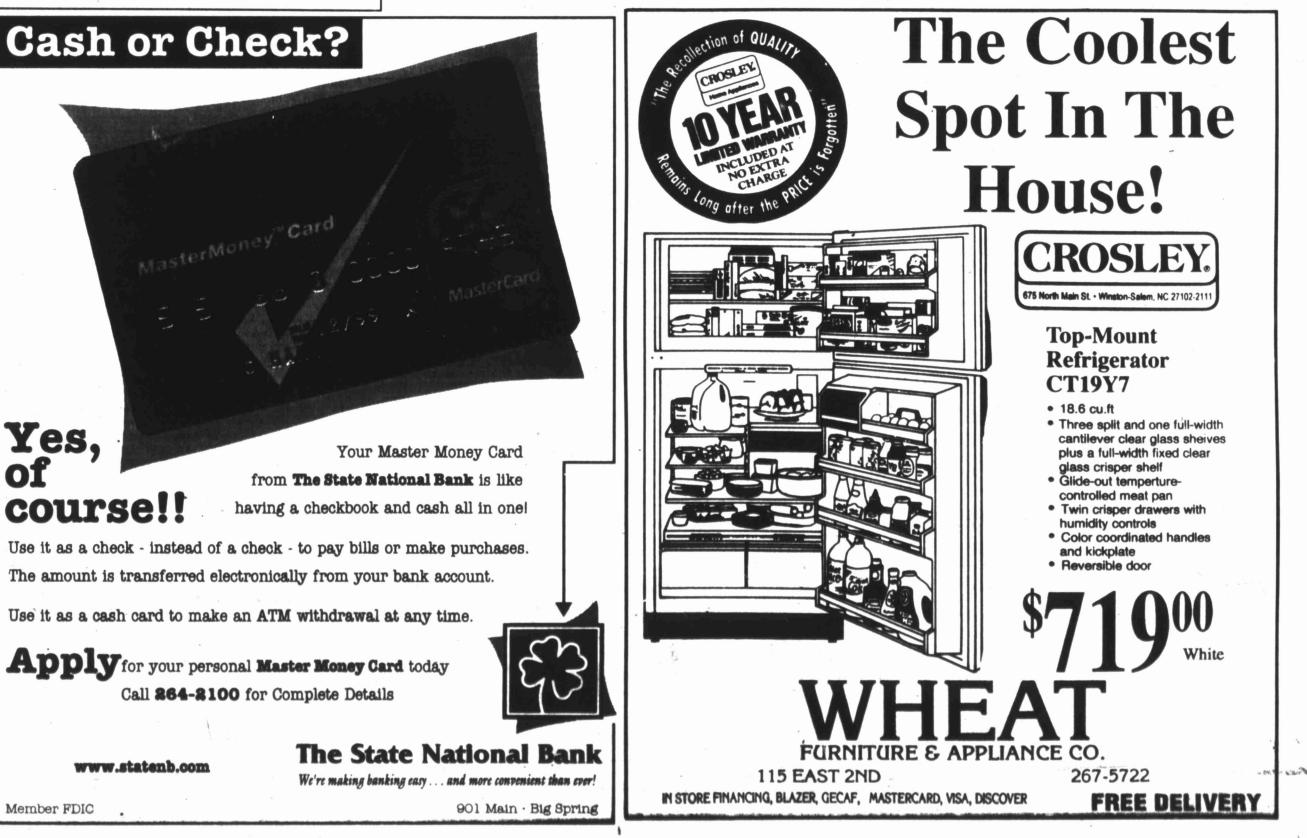
abandoned by current customers moving in the future to new companies are called "stranded costs."

Consumer and environmental groups voiced their concerns early Monday. The legislation was continuing to be updated before a late Monday State Affairs Committee meeting, where no vote was expected.

"Some people never know when they've got a good deal," said Rep. Mark Stiles. "They have to continue to create controversy to prove how important they are. There's no place

Both Stiles, D-Beaumont, and Sen. Jerry Patterson, R-Pasadena, introduced deregulation legislation that received committee hearings, but no vote. Sen. Ken Armbrister, D-Victoria, has been asked to sponsor Bush's deregulation legislation.

"My commitment was that if they have an agreed-to bill, I certainly wouldn't stand in the way." Armbrister said. "But that doesn't mean that I'm going to shut my eyes and just take anything. Ain't gonna happen.'





With 48 windows now installed and another 15 already purchased at \$150 each, the project is more than a fifth of the way to meeting its goal of replacing the building's 300-odd windows.

What's more, the concept is no longer meeting as many raised eyebrows and rolled eyes as it did when Churchwell first made his suggestion. In fact, it seems as if the piecemeal manner in which the project is progressing has others in the community registering more interest in making additional improvements to the Settles in a similar way.

A great many believe the city of Big Spring should be working toward moving some of its offices into a renovated first floor of the building ... a move that would go a long way toward putting this effort at improving the appearance of the city's downtown area into high gear.

While city officials have voiced little in response to such suggestions, a number of community leaders are beginning to believe that refurbishing the first two floors — the hotel's meeting and ballrooms were located on the second floor — would not only begin putting activity at the ground level, but provide facilities where community groups could meet and hold special events.

While some might consider such a plan "pie in the sky" thinking, we need only look at the difference Churchwell's window replacement suggestion has made.

Once again, the more people who began to feel they.

DENVER – As your plane drifts across the peaceful green and white slopes and valleys of Colorado, it is hard to imagine that this city is caught up in the trial of Timothy J. McVeigh, who is accused of bombing the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City in 1995.

People

are almost mesmerized by testimony giving the gory details of how **McVeigh** allegedly **Carl Rowan** planned Syndicated and executed the Columnist act of ter-

rorism that killed more Americans --168 - than any similar event

lienation becoming a major pro wantonly kill so many innocent people ... ?'

Then you remember that a short car ride away, in Boulder, police are still investigating the gruesome murder of JonBenet Ramsey, the 6-yearold beauty queen, and that the tabloids are still spewing forth stories that she was "sexually abused" or slain because she 'wet the bed.'

A head-shaker asks, "What kind of person could have killed that child ... ?'

But before lunch the conversation had turned to Fort Davis, Texas, where Richard McLaren and a small band of followers in what they call "the sovereign Republic of Texas" were in a dangerous confrontation with dozens of regular Texas law officers, including some with two military armored personnel carriers.

whelming government firepower ... ?" The answer to all the above questions is "sick people." We have a few million of them running loose in the United States these days, rarely

Ruby Ridge, Idaho, and the

downs in the face of over-

question is: "What kind of peo-

ple provoke these violent show-

and barely noticed unless they commit suicide, provoke a "till death" confrontation, engage in an orgy of killing at their former workplace, or do something equally destructive and inexplicable.

Most Americans just complain briefly about "another nut" and others pray that they will never become a target of an emotionally disturbed person who goes on a violent rampage.

It seems to me that the odds McLaren and others accused of are increasing that any of us 64 could become a victim because

whatever help they need to pre-

We usually ignore the alienated because we "just don't want to get involved," or because we know that some alienation is the product of genuine injustice. But even where the grievances are wellfounded, the alienated complainers often need mental care that they are not getting.

The just-ended Presidents' Summit to Ensure America's Future focused on providing help to the nation's 15 million children who are at risk. But I hope there will be volunteers who can give help to those Americans who may be dange ously angry and resentful or simply deranged. Because mental illness is a far greater problem than most Americans understand - or want to admit. c 1997 North America Syndicate, Inc.

crimes, some allegedly commit-

vent them from becoming a menace to society - or to themselves. We hear the "alienated" rant about how government has become their enemy and threaten to destroy the FBI, the IRS or all of the federal hierarchy. But we rarely say or do anything.

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have a stake in a project, the more chance they'll get involved with their pocketbooks.

So far, it's working. It's working because individuals in the community are making a collective difference.

And we certainly know what didn't work ... waiting for an investor to come in and do something with the building led to a huge eyesore the city of Big Spring wound up owning and wondering what in the world it was going to do with the structure.

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in the nation's history. They note testimony that

McVeigh allegedly said that the body count would not be nearly as important to his campaign of rebellion and revenge as the emotional and political impact. Someone inevitably asks, "What kind of person could

ted in pursuit of their desire to pull Texas away from the United States, said they would die rather than surrender.

Someone remembers what befell the David Koresh cult in a standoff with law officers at Waco, Texas, in 1994, and the tragedy of a confrontation at

the number of dangerously unstable people is growing dramatically, but we citizens don't know what to do about it.

Most of us know neighbors or other people who we fear might one day go berserk, but we don't see any safe procedures for ensuring that they get

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Pennies from heaven or raining cats and dogs?

By TOM RAUM

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON - It's been a season of windfalls. And politicians have eagerly tried to cash in.

In a town where deficits and partisan bickering are the norm, the news of a found \$225 billion was as welcome to budget negotiators as the checks from an anonymous benefactor were to Midwestern flood victims.

In that instance of generosity, a wealthy woman wrote checks for \$2,000 to each household swamped when the Red River rampaged through Grand Forks, N.D., and neighboring East Grand Forks, Minn.

In the budget talks, the quarter-trillion windfall came compliments of the solid U.S. economy and what congressional budget analysts called previous errors in their forecasts.

The unexpected cash bonus enabled long-contentious budget talks between the Clinton administration and congressional Republicans to be sealed.

Not all politicians viewed the deal as pennies from heaven. Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, a former economics professor, complained that the plan still increases social spending and assumes that the economy will stay strong. Tax cuts in the plan "are

funded by odds and ends, dogs and cats," Gramm told the Senate on Tuesday

Analysts note that any recession would likely sidetrack efforts toward a balanced budget.

But the deal, including its promise of lower capital-gains taxes and a balanced budget, led to yet another windfall: the startling comeback of the stock market, which set records on Monday and Tuesday as the Dow Jones industrial average galloped past 7200.

It's no wonder that Republican leaders were giddy as they gathered in the Capitol Rotunda to announce the budget breakthrough in front of a huge oil painting depicting the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich called the event "very historic and for those up here a very emotional moment."

Gingrich was only two weeks

The former Senate majority leader's largesse prompted President Clinton to joke, "if I'd known Bob Dole was that

generous, I'd have invited him over for coffee."

To which Dole replies: "Well, he's had me over for coffee, but I didn't have to pay.'

It was a dig at the millions **Clinton and Vice President Al** Gore helped solicit for their 1996 re-election campaign to beat Dole - a windfall that is now bedeviling them.

Windfalls of another form also have marked recent congressional deliberations: sudden compromises and support from unexpected guarters.

Dole's backing on a chemicalweapons treaty he once opposed helped Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., steer it to ratification.

And a sudden compromise averted a nasty floor fight last week in the Senate confirmation of Alexis Herman as labor secretary, after months of political roadblocks and delay.

Republicans removed their hold after Clinton agreed to drop plans to issue an executive order directing federal agencies to consider awarding construction contracts to unionized companies.

The White House said Clinton would send agencies a memo instead. The change in the wording from "executive order" to "memo" did the trick.

The current exuberance of

political leaders in striking deals and claiming windfalls was tempered by words of caution by conservatives such as Gramm as well as liberal Democrats who still resent being left out of the budget talks

Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., complained that their recommendations on the budget to the "Democratic president" were returned "addressee unknown.'

But most of the major players were able to bask - having avoided painful choices on taxes and spending cuts while claiming credit for a plan to balance the budget for the first time since Lyndon Johnson's presidency.

"Politicians are good at that, aren't they," said David Wyss, research director for **DRI/McGraw**-Hill, an economic consulting firm.

But Wyss and many other economists are upbeat, viewing the new economic forecasts as realistic and not exaggerated.

"I don't guarantee the budget is going to be balanced in 2002, understand," Wyss said. "But it certainly opens up the possibility of a smaller deficit than I thought we'd be seeing at that point."

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S says group seeking tax-exempt status 'too Republican' WASHINGTON (AP) - In seeking sion was disclosed this year, after NPF

exemption from federal taxes, a group formed by then-Republican Party Chairman Haley Barbour in 1993 pledged to be "exclusively for social welfare." But its internal records reflect a plan to improve the GOP's welfare.

The IRS recently informed the National Policy Forum its activities were "too Republican" and the group was not entitled to the tax-exempt status it claimed, according to an individual close to Barbour.

The individual said the initial deci-

had closed its doors. The group is appealing before the IRS makes the ruling final, he said.

The IRS retroactively can seek taxes from nonprofits it concludes did not follow the law. And the Federal **Election Commission could take action** against the Republican National Committee if it concludes the party misused the tax-exempt group - as Democrats allege in a 1995 complaint. The IRS development carries both

political and legal ramifications for the Barbour group, which has drawn the

GOP into congressional and Justice forum for Republican participation at Department investigations into campaign fund-raising abuses,

Though created by Barbour, the forum was supposed to be legally independent of the party. And the taxexempt status it claimed requires that its primary function not be politics.

In one letter to GOP donors, Barbour stated that the RNC was behind the tax-exempt group.

"The RNC is creating the National Policy Forum to help develop and articulate a positive Republican agenda for America and provide a proactive the grassroots level," Barbour wrote the party's \$100,000 donors in 1993.

In an earlier version of the same memo, Barbour called the policy forum "an issue development subsidiary" of the RNC, according to a pending complaint at the Federal Election Commission filed by Democrats.

Other internal documents reviewed by the AP show NPF early on expected to provide its policy reports to candidates to help "in crafting individual candidate's strategy, message and tactics.

"The final report will be an effective campaign message for the 1994 midterm election," an early draft of the group's plans stated. "It will be made available to all elected officials and candidates to use as they see fit."

The documents are laced with political strategy, from discussion of trying to "complement the work of Republican leaders in the Congress" to engaging."in refining and in articulating the policies of our party."

The RNC's major donors were promised a role in the forum's policy development councils.

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One body recovered, 6 others feared dead in Everest expedition

The body of a Russian climber was found near the top of Mount Everest, an expedition member said today, but six others assaulting the world's highest peak were still missing and presumed dead.

The report came as several expeditions were beaten back from the 29.028-foot summit by 125-mph winds and heavy snow. One veteran mountaineer warned of the dangers those trying to conquer **Everest face**.

"The mountain has claimed far too many lives," said Todd Burleson, writing to The Mountain Zone Internet site from his base camp on Everest. "Hopefully people are going to start heeding this warning: Everest is a very dangerous mountain ... and needs to be treated with tremendous respect."

Two other mountaineers died earlier this year and 12 were killed last year.

A member of the Kazak Military Expedition told The Associated Press that Aleksandr Toroshin was killed while descending the mountain on Thursday.

Toroshin was about 1.000 feet short of the summit when he felt exhausted and began com-

Michael Fortier who testified

that Timothy McVeigh spent

months plotting the Oklahoma

City bombing had bragged to

friends early on that he could

lie about the blast and make

millions on the talk show cir-

It was a contrast that defense

attorney Stephen Jones was

expected to explore often once

cross-examination resumed

today. Jones has suggested that

Fortier slanted his testimony to

secure a lenient sentence for

lesser charges associated with

Yet Fortier, the prosecution's

star witness, insisted he was

telling the truth Monday when

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crashing his truck bomb

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It was riveting testimony -

Fortier calmly recounting how his former Army buddy and the

best man at his wedding talked

about renting a Ryder truck and

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destroy the building as revenge

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KATMANDU, Nepal (AP) - They reported via radio that they reached the summit and nothing more was heard from them.

"We believe they might have fallen down and got lost. ... It was a very, very bad weather day. Nobody could go up and find them," said Frolov, who reported that he scaled the peak with two other climbers in a separate assault.

In addition to the three members of the Kazak team, four other climbers caught in the blizzard are believed dead. mountaineers said. Those climbers included a German, a South Korean and a Sherpa guide. The nationality of the remaining climber was not known.

New Zealand team leader Guy Cotter, leading his fourth expedition up Everest, identified the climber as German banker Peter Kuwalzik, 29, from Ludwigshafen, from the International Mountain Climbing.

Eight teams are now on the mountain and all of them are safe, according to Ukesh Singh, the Nepal Tourism Ministry official in charge of the expeditions.

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DENVER (AP) — The same pound near Waco, Texas.

White House lawyers' notes create headache for Clintons

WASHINGTON (AP) -Involving White House lawyers reluctantly agreed to give up in Whitewater discussions has created a legal headache for President Clinton as prosecutors try to pry into conversations between the first lady and these attorneys.

The Clintons' unusual circumstances — fulfilling their duties as president and first lady while defending themselves in the decade-old Whitewater affair - put the White House counsel in a difficult position of trying to separate personal legal problems from those of a strictly official nature.

Critics argue the problem was of the Clintons' own making. They say the Clintons should not have consulted government lawyers about their personal business in the first place.

On Monday, the White House asked the Supreme Court to protect the secrecy of the conversations.

At issue is whether the notes government attorneys took of their conversations with Hillary Rodham Clinton and her private lawyer are covered by attorney-client privilege or can be subpoenaed by a grand jury.

The Clintons' consultations with White House lawyers on Whitewater and other issues that were also handled by private defense lawyers have embroiled them in other fights cial counsel. Nussbaum said his'

the material.

In the latest round, a federal appeals court said Mrs. Clinton should have consulted exclusively with a private lawyer if she wanted to invoke the attorney-client privilege.

The case raises "questions which are not answered in preexisting law as to whether there can be attorney-client privilege between a government lawyer and a government employee with respect to a governmental criminal investigation," said Nelson Lund, a George Mason University law professor who worked as an associate counsel in the Bush White House. "I don't know of any federal case resolving the issue.'

A lower court held that for the purposes of this case Mrs. Clinton is considered a government employee.

Experts are divided on how the Supreme Court will treat the case.

Bernard Nussbaum, the first Clinton White House counsel, resigned in 1994 after Whitewater prosecutors began examining discussions he had with federal regulators about inquiries into an Arkansas thrift owned by the Clintons' Whitewater business partners.

Critics charged he acted too much like the Clintons' personal lawyer rather than their offi-

tled when the White House and obligations of a lawyer, even one acting as White House counsel."

Nussbaum's successor, Lloyd Cutler, vowed to try to erect a firewall between legal work for the office of the president and the Clintons' personal business. That task has not been so

easy The Clintons' personal and official capacities have become so intertwined that it is hard at times to find a clear demarcation between the work of government and private lawyers involved in the case.

The White House argues that once subpoenas and document requests start rolling in, there is an official component.

"How to thread the needle on those sets of questions required very close communication" between the two sets of lawyers, said a former White House official, speaking on condition of

anonymity. The Whitewater land deal occurred well before Clinton became president. Now, independent counsel Kenneth W. Starr is investigating whether Mrs. Clinton's testimony "has changed over time or differs from that of other witnesses," according to recently unsealed court papers.

When Mrs. Clinton went before a grand jury last year, she was accompanied to the court house not only by her personal attorneys but by then-



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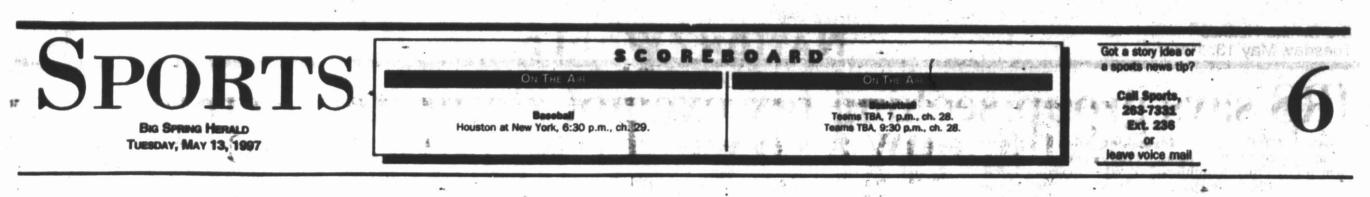
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Despite possible rules violations, Tech to host NCAA regional By their selection as regional I don't want to punish the insti- Mellinger, who did not immedi-

OVERLAND PARK, Kan. (AP) Three Southeastern Conference members and a Big 12 power awaiting possible punishment were among the eight schools picked Monday to play host to regional competition in the NCAA Division I baseball tournament.

Texas Tech, 43-10, which selfreported last week that it had exceeded the financial limit on its baseball scholarships, will play host to the Central Regional. The Red Raiders are not under NCAA investigation and will probably lose future scholarships.

Louisiana State, 45-11, ranked No. 1 in both major college polls, was selected to play host to the South One Regional.

Competition in the six-team. double-elimination regional tournaments runs May 22-25. Pairings and the rest of the 48team field, which includes 24 at-large, 19 automatic berths and five play-in winners, will be announced on May 19. The eight regional winners will advance to the 51st College World Series in Omaha, Neb., beginning May 30.

Also picked as regional hosts were:

- Miami, 41-15, Atlantic One. - Alabama, 44-11, South Two. Oklahoma State, 40-15, Midwest

- Florida State, 41-15, East. - Mississippi State, 40-16, Mideast

Stanford, 38-16, West.

hosts, the eight schools also gain entry into the tournament. All eight could be awarded No. 1 seeds.

Tech reported to the NCAA last week that it had failed to factor in out-of-state tuition waivers, leaving it the financial equivalent of about two scholarships over the maximum of 11.7 in baseball.

Ron Maestri, chairman of the Division I baseball committee. said the panel saw no reason to exclude Texas Tech since the case is still under consideration.

"There have been no charges," said Maestri. "Nothing has been filed. There hasn't been any penalty placed.

tution or the student-athletes. We're giving them a regional site based on criteria that's in the book — the quality of the facility, revenue potential, attendance history and geographic location."

The school is not under investigation, an NCAA official told The Associated Press. The committee on infractions will take up the matter at some later meeting and decide on possible sanctions, which will most likely be a loss of future scholarships. The case is not sched-

uled for review until after the **College World Series.** Texas Tech officials referred all questions Monday to director of compliance Victor ately return a phone call to the AP. But Tech baseball coach Larry Hays told the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal he was relieved the 1997 team does not have to pay for the mistake.

"Next year, or whenever they decide, I'm sure we'll be penalized, and I'll be glad when that happens," Hays said. "We're wrong."

Maestri said the baseball selection committee had checked with the NCAA enforcement department.

"There has been no declaring of ineligible players ... There has been no decision rendered. Nothing has come to us to indicate otherwise," said Maestri, athletic director at the

University of New Orleans. "At this time, we have nothing to indicate there will be ineligible players."

Under NCAA rules, baseball is considered an "equivalency sport" and Division I schools are allowed 11.7 full baseball scholarships, with the cost of a scholarship based on in-state and out-of-state attendance costs. It is rare for anyone to get a full baseball scholarship. Most are shared among a school's 25 or so top players.

The NCAA processes several cases a year where schools selfreport violations in scholarship limits involving equivalency sports. If inadvertent, the violations normally result in loss of future scholarships.

major success for BSHS girls'

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won its sixth straight district

championship, the track team

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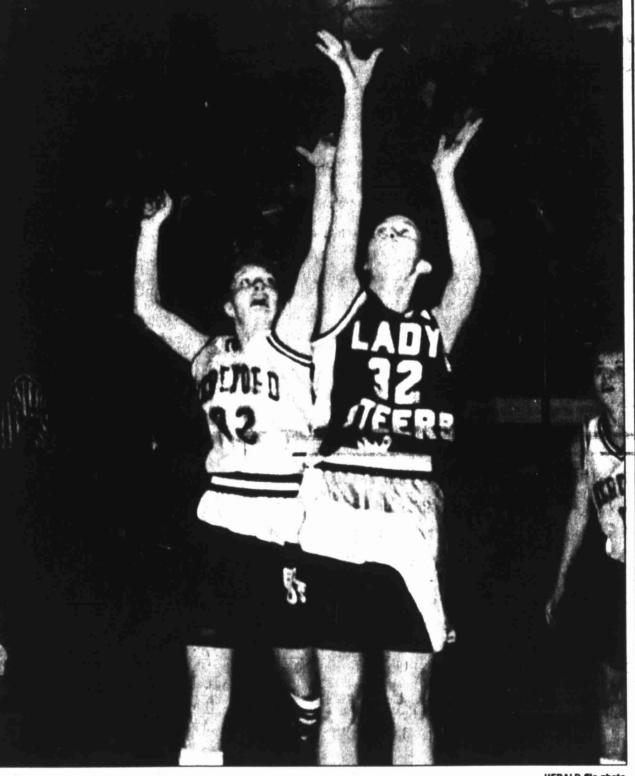
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Western **Conference finals** for the fourth

time in six years. John Stockton added 24 points and 10 assists for the Jazz, who won the best-of-7 series 4-1. Utah will play the winner of the Houston-Seattle series in the Western finals.

Malone, expected to win the league's MVP award, put Utah



Ladies honored at annual banquet

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Big Spring High School female athletes celebrated one of their most successful years ever at the annual Lady Steers Athletic Banquet Monday night.

Athletes in basketball, softball, volleyball and track and field were honored at the banquet, held at First United Methodist Church's Garrett Hall.

Also honored for academic excellence was senior Melissa Mouton, an outfielder for the BSHS softball team who received an award for outstanding female scholar-athlete.

The 1996-97 school year was a

Please see BANQUET, page 7 **Eight Hawks receive**

ahead to stay, 91-89, by making two free throws with 4:24 left in overtime. He also hit a pair of jumpers in the extra period as the Jazz outscored the Lakers 9-4.

Game 5 was a bruising contest. Lakers forward Robert Horry was ejected in the third quarter after taking a swing at Utah's Jeff Hornacek, and Los Angeles center Shaquille O'Neal fouled out with 1:47 left in regulation.

Nick Van Exel led the Lakers with 26 points, while O'Neal had 23 points and 13 rebounds.

Stockton's driving layup with 39.1 seconds left in regulation tied it at 89. After both teams missed potential go-ahead shots, the Lakers had a chance to win it in the closing seconds.

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HERALD file photo

Kim Robertson (32), shown in playoff action earlier this year, was named outstanding player for the BSHS girls' basketball team this season. See related story this page.

all-conference honors

HERALD Staff Report

Eight Howard College players received all-conference recognition in the recently released Western Junior College Athletic Conference baseball team.

Five Howard players received first team recognition: Catcher Nathan Nelson; shortstop T.J. **Runnells**; pitchers Ryan Price and Josh Jones; and outfielder Brandon Plumlee.

In addition, three HC players were named to the honorable mention team: infielder William Hawkins; and outfielders Dominick Barrett and Eric Absher.

The Hawks finished third in the WJCAC this season and advanced to the Region V baseball tournament before being eliminated by Grayson **Community College**

New Mexico Junior College and Odessa College, which finished first and second in the WJCAC this season, dominated the all-conference team.

NMJC's Ray Birmingham was named coach of the year, while shortstop Ryan Anholt shared player of the year honors with OC's Ike Pohle.

Named to the WJCAC's allconference first team were: Catchers — Nathan Nelson, Howard, and Ike Pohle, Odessa

> College. • Infielders — T.J. Runnells,

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SPORTS BRIEFS

From staff and wire reports

Softball tourney Saturday, Sunday

The May Madness Softball Tournament will be held May 16-18 at Cotton Mize Field in Big Spring.

The \$90 entry fee comes with a three-game guarantee. Awards will be presented to all-tournament team members, tournament MVP and gold glove winner.

For more information, contact Chuck Martin at 264-9236.

Big Spring CC sets men's tourney

Big Spring Country Club will host a two-man low ball tournament Saturday and Sunday. Entry fee is \$120 per team, plus carts, and includes a barbecue after Saturday's round of play

For more information, call Larry Bryan at the Pro Shop 267-5354.

No Little League results

Jacoby Jones had a double and two singles to help lead the Braves to a 7-6 victory over the Astros in American Little League action.

Jones scored the winning run when he stole home in the bottom of the sixth.

Also getting hits for the Braves were Josh Wilson, Grayson Cauley, Ralston Coates and Adrian Yanez.

Josh Caudill, Ryan Wegman, Bryan Thompson and Richard Martinez had hits for the Astros.

Coaches are asked to pick up result forms at the Herald's front desk between 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Stallings runs best time

Stanton native Jeremy Stallings, now a senior at the University of Florida, ran a season-best time of 1:48.20 in the 800 meter run at the Florida State Relays in Tallahassee, Fla. Saturday.

His time qualifies Stallings for the NCAA Championships to be held June 4-7 in Bloomington, Ind.

Stallings' next meet will be the SEC Outdoor Track and Field Championships Saturday and Sunday at Auburn University.

Hawks plan hoops camp

Registration is being accepted for the annual Howard College Boys Basketball Camp, which begins June 2 at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The camp, hosted by Howard College basketball coach and athletic director Tommy Collins, will be held in two sessions - a day camp open to all ages June 2.5; and an overnight camp for players in grades 10-12 only June 16-19.

Cost for the day camp is \$95, which covers tuition, equipment, noon meals and a T-shirt. The overnight camp, which will be limited to the first 32 applicants, costs \$190.

A \$25 deposit is required for both sessions. For more information, contact the Howard College athletic department at 264-5040.

Lewis-Akinwande bout July 12

LONDON - Lennox Lewis will defend his WBC heavyweight title in Lake Tahoe, Nevada, July 12 against Henry Akinwande, Lewis' manager Frank Maloney said today.

The fight was announced last month for Atlantic City, New Jersey, but that site was apparently ruled out because of legal problems in New Jersey for Akinwande's promoter Don King.

In November 1995, New Jersey casino regulators barred King from holding a Mike Tyson-Buster Mathis Jr. fight in Atlantic City because of his legal troubles.

Lewis, reported to be earning about \$5.2 million for the fight, is 30-1. He won the title Feb. 7 in Las Vegas when the referee stopped the fight after a seemingly confused Oliver McCall threw only two punches in the fourth round and one in the fifth.

ARLINGTON (AP) - Last season, the Cleveland Indians gave John Burkett a rude introduction to the American League.

Burkett, acquired by the **Texas Rangers in August for** the stretch run after spending the first seven seasons of his career in the National League, was 0-1 with a 14.04 ERA in two

starts against the Indians last vear. Burkett apparently learned from last year's mistakes,

recovering from a shaky first two innings as the Rangers beat the Indians 4-2 Monday night to extend their winning streak to four.

"Last year the Indians beat me up pretty good," said Burkett, who has pitched at least six innings in each of his last six starts. "It was good to turn it around. Baseball is a game of adjustments, and to survive you have to learn how

to make them.' Burkett (2-2) won for the first time in four starts since April

16, giving up four hits and a walk in the first two innings, then retiring 19 of the next 21 batters. He wound up allowing one run and seven hits in eight

innings. John Wetteland finished for his ninth save in 10 chances, allowing an RBI single to

Sandy Alomar. Burkett's stint gave the Rangers' tired bullpen a breather. Texas' relievers

TEXAS TEAMS

Burkett finds way around Cleveland

pitched three or more innings in nine of the previous 13 games

"He gave us some quality innings," Rangers manager Johnny Oates said. "The only thing better would have been if our offense had gotten some more runs so we could have given the whole bullpen the night off. On a night when we didn't need to be getting people up and down in the bullpen, he pitched extremely well.

Burkett was backed by four homers, two by Will Clark, to match the Rangers' best longball output of the season.

Astros

MIAMI — The Florida Marlins waited out a rain delay, came from behind to beat the Houston Astros, then caught an early morning flight to Atlanta.

Now comes the hard part.

The Marlins, tied for last in the major leagues with four road victories, play 10 of their next 12 games away from home, beginning tonight against the first-place Braves.

Florida tried to build a little momentum for the trip by beating Houston 11-4 Menday night.

We needed a boost so we would go into the road trip with something positive under our belts," said backup catcher Gregg Zaun, who had three run-scoring singles.

The Marlins went 5-3 on their homestand. Their 17-5 home record is the best in baseball but they're 4-11 on the road.

"Maybe it's the home cooking," Zaun said. "Home cooking doesn't matter to me. because there's nobody home cooking for me."

Florida trails Atlanta by five games in the NL East.

"We've got to crank out some wins and get back into this thing," Zaun said.

Relievers Rob Stanifer and Felix Heredia singled for their first major-league hits and Florida tied a season high with 14 hits against Houston. The Marlins overcame an early 3-1 deficit.

Stanifer allowed one run in 2 2-3 innings to win his first major league decision. The 25year-old rookie also singled in his first big-league at-bat and scored on Bobby Bonilla's tworun double in the sixth.

"That felt great," Stanifer said. "That was exciting. It was like a dream come true. You always dream of getting your first hit, and to get your first win the same day is unreal."

The Marlins, who rank eighth in the NL in batting, tied their season-high hit total when Heredia singled in the eighth.

Bonilla, who went 2-for-3, has driven in a run in six consecutive games.

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INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - said at Market Square Arena, years I spent there, but this is a coach the Pacers in 1993, before Rested but restless, Larry Bird his first public appearance was anxious to get back to an since he accepted their offer active job in basketball. He last week. knew, though, it wouldn't be

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Monday - most improved play-

er to senior point guard Brandi

Purcell and outstanding player

to District 4-4A MVP Kim

Softball coach Wes Overton

presented team members who

received all-district recognition this year. Freshman pitcher

Jessica Sisneros was named newcomer of the year and firstteam all-district, while pitcher Angie Phillips, second baseman Honey Belew, catcher Jessica Cobos, third baseman Melisa

Martinez, shortstop Brenda Austin, first baseman Heather Spence and outfielders Mouton and Stefanie Kennedy were

named to the all-district first

Outfielder Sunni Smith and

designated hitter Juanita

Valdez were named to the all-

Volleyball coach Traci Pierce

presented two awards Monday,

naming Falani Williams the

most improved player and

Sharon Fleming the team's

Howard; Ryan Anholt, NMJC;

Levi Groomer and Rene Solis,

El Paso Community College; and Rolando Ortiz, Frank

 Designated hitters — Mario Parros, EPCC; and Mike Vento,

district second team.

Tuesday, May 13, 1997

Bird, an Indiana native, was with the Boston Celtics, the a special assistant for the Celtics the past five years and only NBA team he played for. Five years after a painful helped recruit Rick Pitino from back forced him into retire- . Kentucky to become Boston's ment, Bird is the new coach of new coach the Indiana Pacers, the only

"Because I played there," team he ever seriously consid-Bird said. "There are so many ered coaching, he said Monday. good memories there, I didn't "I wanted to be the Pacers want to tarnish that at all. You coach in the worst way," he can't replace the times and the

new era. It's a challenge."

Bird, who grew up in French Lick and was an All-America at Indiana State, was passed over by the Pacers in the 1978 NBA draft. Instead, he became a 12time All-Star with the Celtics until his back became too painful for him to play.

'When I retired, my back was so bad I only wanted to lie down and go to sleep," Bird said

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He said he was asked to Bird was ready.

Larry Brown was hired.

He didn't have to be asked again.

"The last 2 1/2 years, my back has been feeling great, and the last year and a half, I started thinking about coaching, because you don't get it on a golf course. I said if this job opens up, I'm going to seriously

When Brown left to become coach of the Philadelphia 76ers.

Ince a legend, now a coach: Bird takes reins of Pacers "This is my home state. ... Every kid from Indiana watched the team in the ABA, Watching the Pacers, being from Indiana, you get caught up with it. I felt if I didn't take the oportunity now, this might

ball games," Walsh said. "If you look at his career in high school and college and the NBA been very competitive. If you want to compete in the NBA, and the records of teams before you have to play or coach. I'm he got there and after he came, you can see he's had a substantoo old to play, and the only other option is to coach." tial impact wherever he's Pacers president Donnie gone.'

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be my last opportunity," the 40year-old Bird said. "I've always

about Bird's lack of coaching experience. "There's been a lot of speculation why we want Larry. We want Larry back because we know he's going to help us win

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Honorable mention team

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 Designated hitter — Shawn Bennett, OC.

• Pitchers — Court Killion, OC; Mike Saucedo and Carlos Rodriguez, EPCC; and Denny Giles, FPC.

 Outfielders — Dominick Barrett and Eric Absher, Howard: Carl Jones. EPCC: Jim Bob Cloud, NMJC; and Pedro Colon, FPC.

NBA

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But rookie Kobe Bryant shot an airball over Bryon Russell from 17 feet just before the horn sounded, sending the game to overtime.

Knicks 89. Heat 76

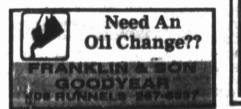
NEW YORK - Miami's offense is broken, and never was it more apparent than when Alonzo Mourning was on the foul line midway through the fourth quarter. Airball.

The crowd howled. Mourning was stunned. The Heat were done

Mourning's 14-footer from 15 feet was the low point of Miami's evening as the Knicks' defense turned the Heat into a misfiring, mistake-prone shell of their former selves in a 89-76 victory that gave New York a 3-1 lead in the best-of-7 series.

"It's obvious that we faced them in their best game of the series, without a doubt, Miami coach Pat Riley said. "They were excellent in all facets of the game.

"Everybody's going to write us off, that the series is over with, all that stuff."



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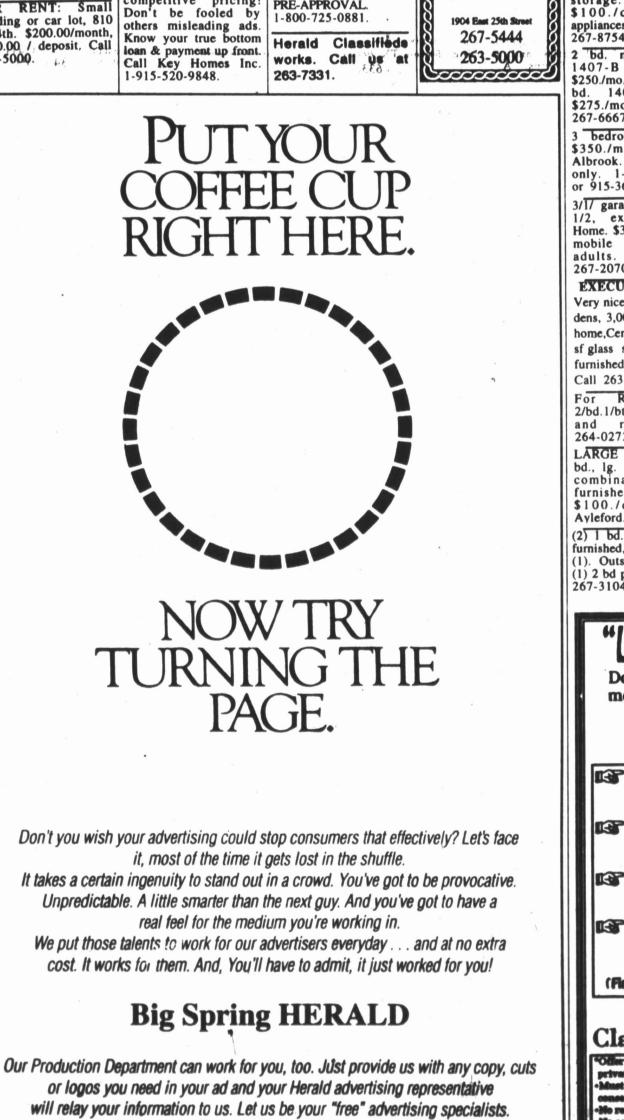
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who might be manipulative. All diplomacy falls to the wayside. He needs to know the end results of his pushing. Center discussions around long-term financial goals. A boss or partner gives you key feedback. Tonight: Go shopping.***

points of view. Open up talks later in the day, when others are more responsive. It will all clear up. Tonight: Accept an invitation.****

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Teaching kids to be generous is job shared by mom and dad

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married almost four years. He has two children in middle school from his first marriage who live not far away. He

and his ex-wife are on friendly terms, but I am having some problems with their relationship. Abigail

Van Buren Whenever Columnist there is a special occasion, like birthdays,

Father's Day, etc., my husband's ex-wife buys gifts for him from the children. I think it is my place to see that he has gifts from his children. Am I wrong?

My other concern is that when the children are at our home and their mother comes to pick them up, she always comes into the house. I work irregular shifts so I am seldom there when she comes over. I don't want her in my home with my husband when I am not there. Am I wrong about this, too? My husband says I'm wrong on both counts. - NO GIFTS, PLEASE IN HUDSON, N.C.

DEAR NO GIFTS: Setting a good example and creating an atmosphere of civility are more important than your feelings of insecurity.

It is the mother's responsibility to teach the children about gift-giving. Be thankful she is setting a tone of generosity and encouraging the children to acknowledge their father on special occasions. The right thing for your husband (and you) to do would be to see that the gift-giving is reciprocal on her birthday and Mother's Day. However, since your husband's ex-wife's presence in

your home when you are absent makes you uncomfortable, your husband should respect your feelings and ask the children to meet their mother out in front of the house when she picks them up.

DEAR ABBY: I'm writing in ...". response to the letter from Jack R. Robinson from Kennewick, Wash., who wrote because he was concerned that nowhere 1 other than in your column was George Washington's birthday (Feb. 22) mentioned.

He should take heart because every year anywhere from 50,000 to 100,000 come to our south Texas community, which was established in 1775, to celebrate that important occasion. We are Laredo, Texas, just 150 miles south of San Antonio, and we have celebrated George Washington's birthday every year for the last 100 years! Feel free to visit our Web site

http://www.icsildo.com/wbca/in dex.htm. I think you will be most surprised. Interested readers can also contact the Washington's Birthday **Celebration Association by** writing: 1819 E, Hillside Road, Laredo, Texas 78041. - GLEN S. JACKSON, 99TH WBCA **PRESIDENT**, 1995-96

DEAR FORMER PRESIDENT JACKSON: I'm certain that many readers will be interested to know that in your city, Washington's birthday is still celebrated in the traditional way. I know I was. Thank you for writing.

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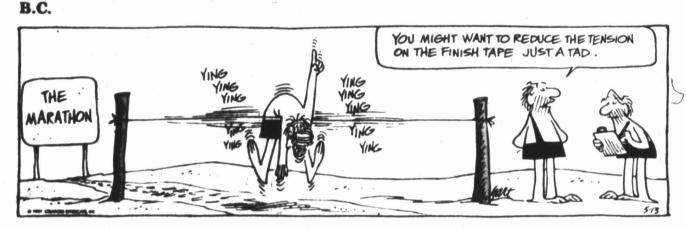
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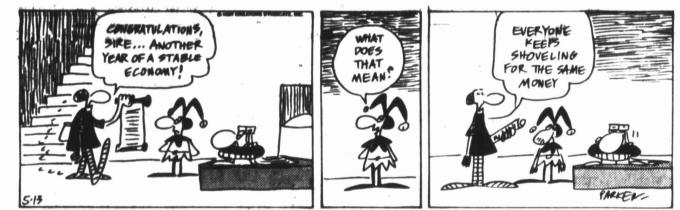
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THIS DATE HISTORY IN The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Tuesday, May 13, the

133rd day of 1997. There are 232 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On May 13, 1981, Pope John Paul II was shot and seriously wounded in St. Peter's Square by Turkish assailant Mehmet Ali Agca. On this date:

Jamestown, Va., was settled. In 1846, the United States declared that a state of war already existed against Mexico. In 1914, boxing champion Joe Louis was born in Lafayette. Ala.

In 1917, three peasant children near Fatima, Portugal, reported seeing a vision of the Virgin Mary. In 1918, the first U.S. airmail stamps, featuring a picture of an airplane, were introduced. (On some of the stamps, the airplane was printed upside down, making them collector's items.) In 1940, in his first speech as prime minister of Britain, Winston Churchill told the House of Commons, "I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears and sweat.' In 1954, President Eisenhower signed into law the St. Lawrence Seaway Development Act. In 1954, the musical play "The Pajama Game" opened on Broadway. In 1958, Vice President Nixon's limousine was battered by rocks thrown by anti-U.S. demonstrators in Caracas, Venezuela. In 1985, a confrontation between Philadelphia authorities and the radical group MOVE ended as police dropped an explosive onto the group's headquarters; 11 people died in the resulting fire.





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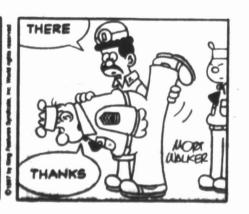
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Today's Birthdays: Actress Bea Arthur is 71. Critic Clive Barnes is 70. Director-choreographer Herbert Ross is 70. Actor Harvey Keitel is 58. Actor Franklin Ajaye is 48. Singer Stevie Wonder is 47. Baseball player Dennis Rodman is 36. Actress Julianne Phillips is 35. Country singer Lari White is 32. Singer Darius Rucker (Hootie and the Blowfish) is 31.

Ten years ago: President Reagan said his personal diary confirmed that he'd talked with Saudi Arabia's King Fahd about Saudi help for the Nicaraguan Contras at a time when Congress banned military aid, but Reagan said he did not solicit secret contributions.

Five years ago: A trio of astronauts from the space shuttle Endeavour captured a wayward Intelsat-6 communications satellite during the first-ever threeperson spacewalk. President

Bush announced a \$600 million loan package to help rebuild riot-scarred Los Angeles.

One year ago: Recovery workers in the Florida Everglades retrieved the flight data recorder from ValuJet Flight 592. The Supreme Court unanimously struck down Rhode Island's ban on ads that list or refer to liquor prices, saying the law violated free-speech rights.