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## Commissioners 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

against the position because he said it's not needed.

Librarian Loraine Redman and Commissioner Bill Crocker 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-

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 were recently

approached with a plan by the Downtown Beautification Committee for landscaping improvements to the courthouse grounds, which, when complete, will include the repair and 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 Crocker 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 use, which County Road 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 Caterpillar, with County Judge Ben Lockhart voting in opposition because he didn't think the county's awarding of the bid to

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## CITY TOUR



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett

Elaine Loaivs and her children Vanessa, Jessica and Alicia to the Permian Basin Regional Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse's (PBRADA) City Tour Saturday afternoon. Staged at the Northside Fire Station, the event gave PBRADA 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 included games and drawings for prizes.

## FACELIFT



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett

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 of roads this summer.

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 has 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 12.8 miles in Precinct 2 and pave one mile; sealcoat 11.6 miles in Precinct 3; and sealcoat 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 seven-year 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

outcome of the project.

A total of 14.4 miles of roads were sealcoated in Precinct 1 with 0.4 miles being paved; 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.

## Jensen returns as Herald's features editor

HERALD Staff Report

After a three-year absence, Debbie Linccum 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-



JENSEN

"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

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 commu-

nity 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.

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### TODAY'S WEATHER

85 ▲ Highs 52  
Lows ▼

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.









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Table with columns for On The Air and On The Air, containing details for baseball games.

Got a story idea or a sports news tip? Call Sports, 263-7331 Ext. 238 or leave voice mail

Despite possible rules violations, Tech to host NCAA regional

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.

Competition in the six-team, double-elimination regional tournaments runs May 22-25. Pairings and the rest of the 48-team field, which includes 24 at-large, 19 automatic berths and five play-in winners, will be announced on May 19.

By their selection as regional 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.

I don't want to punish the institution 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.

Mellinger, who did not immediately 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.

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.

Jazz ousts Lakers

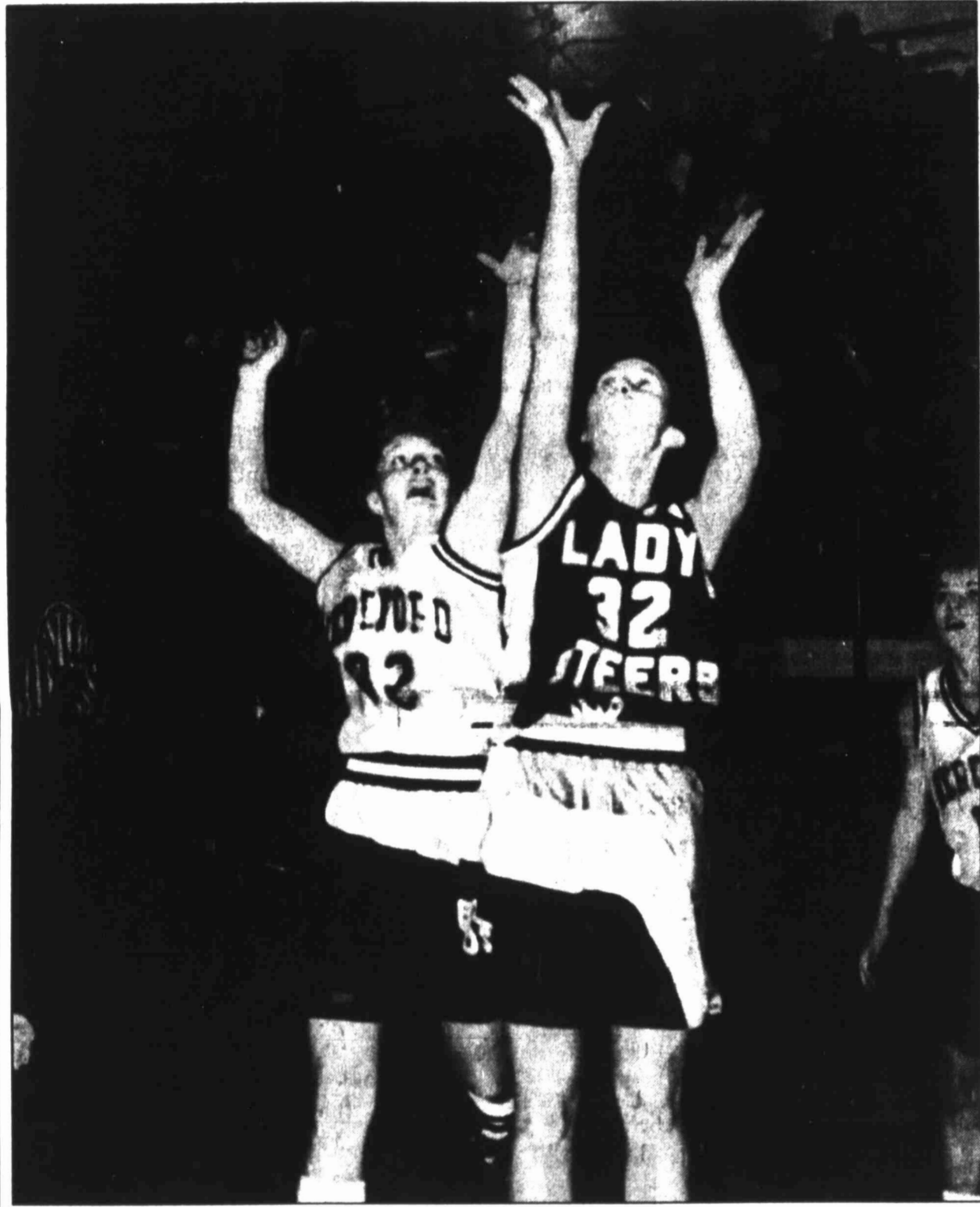
SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Karl Malone scored 32 points, including six of Utah's nine in overtime, and grabbed 20 rebounds as the Jazz beat the Los Angeles Lakers 98-93 Monday night to reach the Western Conference finals for the fourth time in six years.

NBA

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 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.

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TEAM MVP



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

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 BSBS softball team who received an award for outstanding female scholar-athlete.

The 1996-97 school year was a

major success for BSBS girls' teams. The basketball team won its sixth straight district championship, the track team won its third straight league title, the softball squad was co-champions of the district in its first year of UIL-sanctioned games, and the volleyball team rebounded from a last-place standing in 1995 to place fourth last season.

Big Spring Mayor Tim Blackshear started the evening by reading a proclamation designating today as Big Spring High School Girls Athletics Day.

Girls basketball coach Ron Taylor presented two awards

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Eight Hawks receive 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 all-conference first team were: Catchers - Nathan Nelson, Howard, and Ike Pohle, Odessa College. Infielders - T.J. Runnells, Howard College.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

From staff and wire reports

Softball touney 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 touney

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.

Burkett finds way around Cleveland

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 year.

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

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 long-ball 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 Monday 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 25-year-old rookie also singled in his first big-league at-bat and scored on Bobby Bonilla's two-run 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.

# Once a legend, now a coach: Bird takes reins of Pacers

**INDIANAPOLIS (AP)** — Rested but restless, Larry Bird was anxious to get back to an active job in basketball. He knew, though, it wouldn't be with the Boston Celtics, the only NBA team he played for.

Five years after a painful back forced him into retirement, Bird is the new coach of the Indiana Pacers, the only team he ever seriously considered coaching, he said Monday.

"I wanted to be the Pacers coach in the worst way," he

said at Market Square Arena, his first public appearance since he accepted their offer last week.

Bird, an Indiana native, was a special assistant for the Celtics the past five years and helped recruit Rick Pitino from Kentucky to become Boston's new coach.

"Because I played there," Bird said. "There are so many good memories there, I didn't want to tarnish that at all. You can't replace the times and the

years I spent there, but this is a 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 12-time 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.

He said he was asked to

coach the Pacers in 1993, before 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 consider taking it."

When Brown left to become coach of the Philadelphia 76ers, Bird was ready.

"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 opportunity now, this might be my last opportunity," the 40-year-old Bird said. "I've always been very competitive. If you want to compete in the NBA, you have to play or coach. I'm too old to play, and the only other option is to coach."

Pacers president Donnie

Walsh said he wasn't concerned 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 ball games," Walsh said. "If you look at his career in high school and college and the NBA and the records of teams before he got there and after he came, you can see he's had a substantial impact wherever he's gone."

## BANQUET

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Monday — most improved player to senior point guard Brandi Purcell and outstanding player to District 4-4A MVP Kim Robertson.

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 first-team all-district, while pitcher Angie Phillips, second baseman Honey Belew, catcher Jessica Cobos, third baseman Melissa Martinez, shortstop Brenda Austin, first baseman Heather Spence and outfielders Mouton and Stefanie Kennedy were named to the all-district first team.

Outfielder Sunni Smith and designated hitter Juanita Valdez were named to the all-district second team.

Volleyball coach Traci Pierce presented two awards Monday, naming Falani Williams the most improved player and Sharon Fleming the team's MVP.

## WJCAC

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Howard; Ryan Anholt, NMJC; Levi Groomer and Rene Solis, El Paso Community College; and Rolando Ortiz, Frank Phillips College.

- Designated hitters — Mario Parros, EPCC; and Mike Vento, NMJC.
- Outfielders — Brandon Plunkie, Howard; Paul Boykin, OC; Greg Horton and Denny Seybert, EPCC; and Jeremy Schwab, NMJC.
- Pitchers — Josh Jones and Ryan Price, Howard; Aaron Dinkel and Eddie Misquez, NMJC; and Cade Allison, OC.

### Honorable mention team

- Catchers — Mike Wood, EPCC; and Travis Welch, NMJC.
- Infielders — William Hawkins, Howard; Damon Beard, Justin Ham and Miguel Bustos, OC; Radimus Torrez and Jim Baily, NMJC.
- 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.

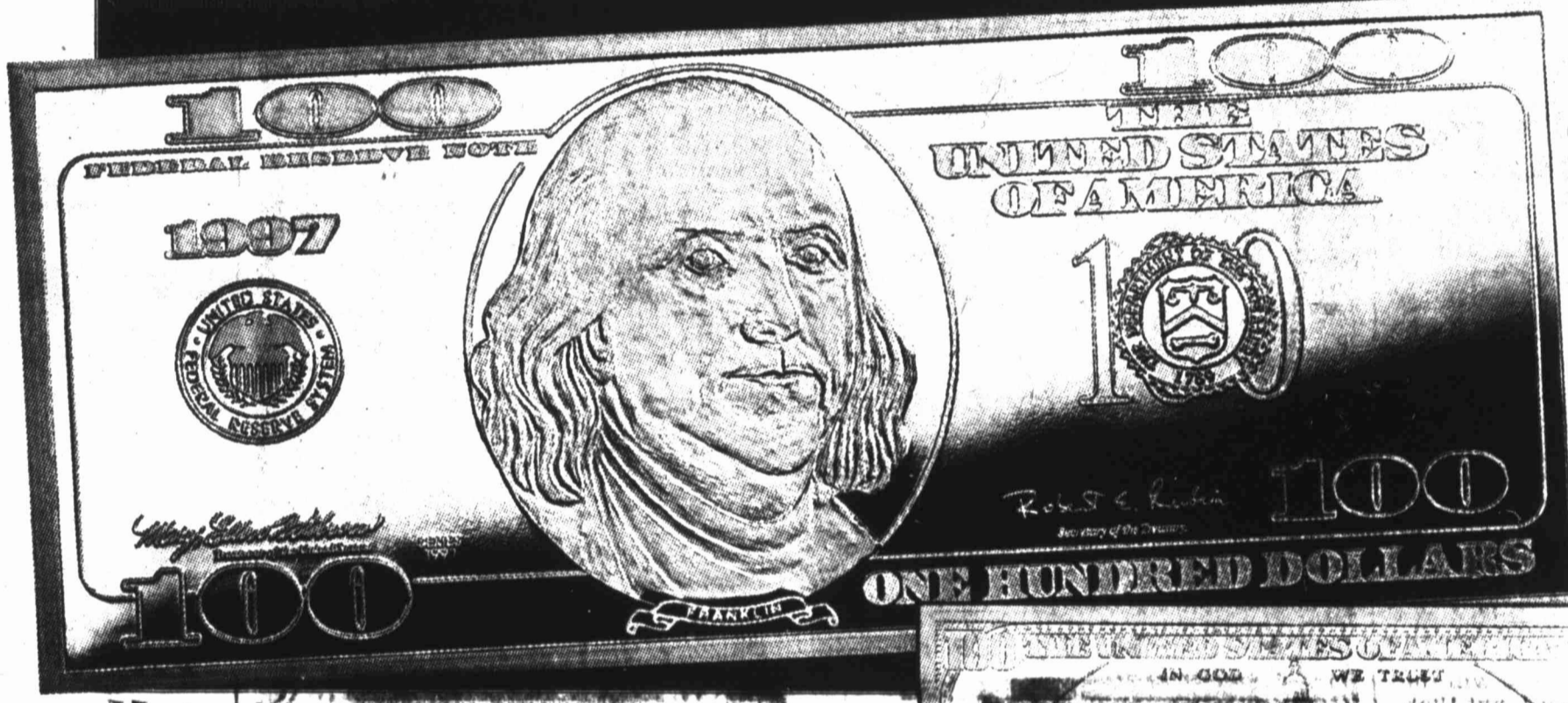
Mourning's 14-footer from 15 feet was the low point of Miami's evening as the Knicks' defense turned the Heat into a misfiring, mistake-prone shell of their former selves in a 89-76 victory that gave New York a 3-1 lead in the best-of-7 series.

"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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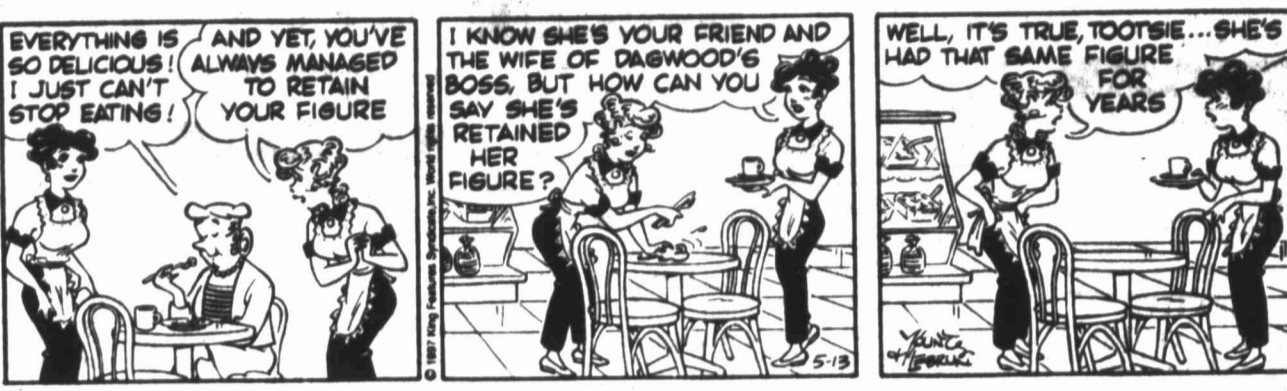


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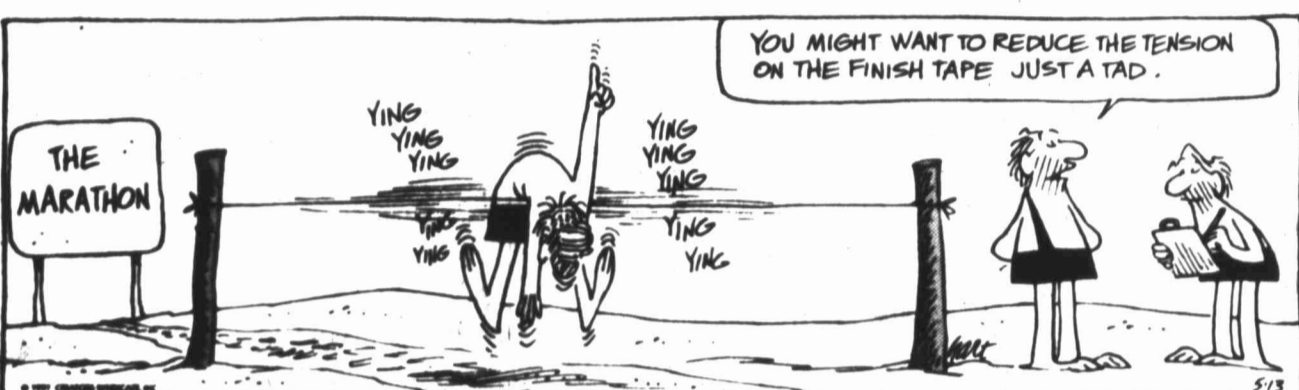
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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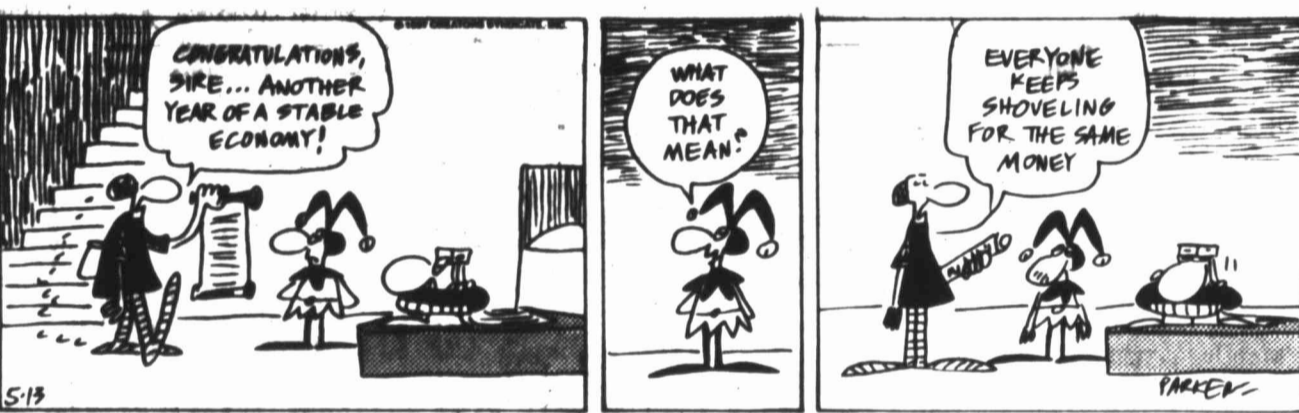
133rd day of 1997. There are 232 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On May 13, 1981, Pope John Paul II was shot and seriously wounded in St. Peter's Square by Turkish assailant Mehmet Ali Agca.

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.

THE Daily Crossword

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

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GASOLINE ALLEY



SNUFFY SMITH



BEEBLE BAILY



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. 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 three-person 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. A tornado killed more than 800 people in Bangladesh. 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 38. Actress Julianne Phillips is 35. Country singer Lari White is 32. Singer Darius Rucker (Hootie and the Blowfish) is 31.

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