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New activities set for 75th reunion of Old Settlers

Four new activities will be included with this year's 75th edition of the Howard/Glasscock Old Settlers Reunion, set for Saturday, Aug. 1 at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

"The board decided to add activities to increase the opportunities for participation," explained board president John Burson.

In addition to the reunion's bingo session, lunch and dance, a 42 tournament, horseshoes tournament, dunking booth and fiddler's contest will be added.

"We had a fiddler's contest for a number of years before it was discontinued, and we think there might be enough interest to start that up again," Burson said.

What's up ...

WEDNESDAY

□ Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room. Call Archie Kountz, 267-3821.

□ Line dance classes, 1-3 p.m., Senior Citizens Center following lunch. For more information call 398-5522 or 267-1628. All ages welcome.

THURSDAY

□ Genealogical Society of Big Spring, 7:15 p.m., Howard County Library. Call Berrice Cason at 267-8542 or 267-7236.

□ Texas Tech Ex-Students Association, Big Spring Chapter, 6 p.m., Sparenberg Building, 309 S. Main.

□ Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room. For more information call 267-6479.

FRIDAY

□ Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Music by CW & Co. Area seniors invited.

SATURDAY

□ Big Spring Squares call 267-7043 or 263-6305 for more information.

□ Blood drive, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., the Lodge, 219 Main Street, conducted by United Blood Services of San Angelo.

Donors wanting to make appointments may contact Marvin Wise at 263-2767.

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Doctors warn unacclimated people to avoid heat if possible

By KATHY GILBERT
Staff Writer

As temperatures rise, it is important for people to stay inside and keep cool, medical expert say.

"It's a big problem," said Dr. Ben Allen, an environmental medicine instructor, ex-Marine, and former field surgeon for Desert Storm operations in Kuwait and Iraq.

Heat stroke is a true medical emergency, Allen explained. Immediate treatment is necessary to prevent death or permanent injury.

"When I was in Desert Storm, the No. 1 cause of injuries, initially, were heat injuries," he said.

More than 4,000 deaths occur in the United States each year from heat

stroke, Allen added. It is the second leading cause of death among athletes.

The number one medical recommendation to prevent heat injury is to stay hydrated, Allen said.

In hot climates, people don't realize how hot their bodies really are, said Allen. "In dry heat, sweat evaporates very quickly. We feel comfortable, but we lose fluids very quickly."

Limiting outdoor activities is the second most important way to beat the heat, Allen explained.

"Marines train hard," he said. "When I joined the Marines, they found they had significant deaths from training during the 1960s. They started looking to minimize those deaths and found that unacclimated troops can't do what acclimated

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Heat injuries rise with temperatures

By KATHY GILBERT
Staff Writer

Heat stroke is a true medical emergency, medical experts say. People should take precautions to avoid heat injuries when temperatures hover in the 100 degree range, said Dr. Ben Allen, an environmental medicine instructor and former flight surgeon in Desert Storm.

Heat stroke is caused simply by the overheating

of the body, Allen said. The normal body metabolism produces heat at a rate of 100 Kcalories per hour. Direct sunlight adds about 150 Kcalories per hour, while moderate work adds another 300-600 Kcalories per hour.

Bodies shed extra heat in two ways, through radiation and evaporation.

The harder it is for bodies to cool, the greater the danger of heat stroke, Allen explained.

Staying in cool places, reducing activity, and drinking extra water are good methods for preventing heat stroke, because they help the body stay cool.

Signs of heat stroke are altered mental status, a temperature above 105.8 degrees, a lack of sweat and sometimes nausea or vomiting.

Shivering, seizures, hypotension and other

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Coahoma's Delvin White (28) strokes an almost classic pose as he follows through on a pitch from New Deal's Clayton Bybee in the third inning of Monday's regional semifinal game at Howard College's Jack Barber Field. White would rip the first of two doubles he hit on the day moments later, helping lead the Bulldogs to an 11-4 win. Coahoma now faces the winner of tonight's Abernathy-Shallowater game. Please see related story and photo on Page 5.

Task force

Wilkerson: Pulling out of Basin's Drug Task Force was the right decision

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

In February, Howard County District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson was reluctant to discuss the county's participation with the Permian Basin Drug Task Force, and now feels that he made the right decision in not committing the county financially considering event of the past 48 hours.



WILKERSON

Because of serious allegations of wrongdoing against the task force and Commander Tom Finley, the Criminal Justice Division of Gov. George W. Bush's office is withholding funding of the organization.

Funding for the group was cut off at midnight Sunday and the 28 employees were placed on paid vacation as of 8 a.m. today. No comment was available from Finley or any of the task force members.

Published reports indicate the task force could be dissolved at a special meeting of the Ector County Commissioners' Court Thursday.

As for the group's demise, Wilkerson said he had the same concerns in February that the governor's office recently responded to.

"I didn't think the county

should have been involved with this group," Wilkerson said. "I would be happy to participate in the building of a new task force under new management."

Howard County Sheriff Bill Jennings had conversations in the past with the task force, but said his office never worked any cases with the group.

"I would also go along with a new task force," Jennings said.

The task force has an annual budget of \$1.4 million and without state funding, it's unlikely that the participating counties could fund the full amount.

The Texas Rangers, FBI and the Texas Attorney General's Office have been investigating the task force for about 18 months.

The task force was formed 10 years ago and in that time seized \$28 million worth of drugs, 469 vehicles, \$2.5 million in cash and 255 weapons. It arrested 4,968 people and assisted other police agencies in seizing an additional \$6,848,133.39 worth of drugs and arresting an additional 926 people.

Earlier this year, several Howard County residents expressed some concern that the task force was not active in Howard County.

Counties had participated with the drug task force depending on whether or not district attorneys deemed it necessary.

Counties the task force had signed up to participate includ

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Lack of quorum doesn't dampen firefighters' spirits

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The lack of enough members to constitute a quorum caused Monday's meeting of the Ambulance Advisory Board to be canceled, but didn't dampen the spirits of members of the Big Spring Professional Firefighters Association (PFA).

PFA President Paul Brown is a 14-year veteran of the Big Spring Fire Department (BSFD) and said he has spent nearly his entire career trying to get the current emergency medical services (EMS) system in place, now he would like the

Ambulance Advisory Board to review the system.

"We had planned to ask the committee to re-evaluate the EMS system and see where we are now and whether or not we're meeting our objectives," Brown said.

The problem with the EMS department, according to Brown, is not a new problem, but one that has yet to be corrected — the bottom line.

"We have had as many as three accountants serve on the advisory committee and they all come up with different figures," Brown said. "One minute were up and the next minute we're

down."

"The system was never supposed to be a cash cow," Brown added. "Our goal was to break even provide a better level of patient care than what the previous provider did."

Brown said the department's activity as a first responder on medical calls continues to be a problem because of city politics.

"City politics has restricted the calls our first responder units can respond to," Brown said. "What we want is for this committee (a community-based oversight committee) to be able to do their job. We want to tell the city council that they are

not the professionals in the EMS system."

Where training is concerned, Brown said the department continues to put good money behind bad.

"We train people and in two years they're gone," Brown said. "The department should be hiring fully qualified people."

"The reason people are leaving is because of salaries," Brown added. "Salaries should be commensurate with other position around the area. In a recent state survey, conducted by the Texas State Association of Firefighters, Big Spring was seventh from the bottom

(ranked 72nd) of the 79 cities responding to the survey concerning salaries as well as a variety of other categories."

The fire department provides 75 percent of the public's protection and the committee and the council need to make a commitment to the EMS system, according to Brown.

"Last year we received a 4 percent salary increase (3 percent actual salary and 1 percent to the pension fund) and this year we're supposed to get a 3 percent increase (2 percent actual salary and 1 percent the pension

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Anderson: First responder issue is one of cutting costs

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

One of the issues that was not discussed at Monday's meeting of the Ambulance Advisory Board was that of the Big Spring Fire Department's engines serving as a first responder units for the EMS department.



ANDERSON

Paul Brown, a BSFD employee

and president of the Big Spring Professional Firefighters Association (PFA), says fire department personnel want to be able to respond to more calls than they are currently allowed to.

BSFD Chief Frank Anderson said the department does respond as a first responder on calls involving cardiac patients, respiratory patients and on certain calls classified as unknown medical.

"We are in the process of holding our costs down, so we have restrained some first responder activities," Anderson said. "However, we will always

respond to cardiac, respiratory and unknown medical calls in some areas."

As for the other areas Brown says are of a concern to him and other department personnel, Anderson says the powers that be do understand the concerns of the EMS and fire department personnel.

As for the department losing trained personnel to other communities, Anderson said in many cases it's something that cannot be helped.

"Traditionally, Big Spring has had trouble competing with places like Midland, Odessa, Lubbock, Abilene and San

Angelo," Anderson said. "Social amenities also have a lot to do with it. Young people today want a lot of action — something they won't get in Big Spring."

"Our job is prevention," Anderson said. "We want to hold down property loss and death."

Anderson said he believes the mayor, city council and city manager are all understanding of concerns within the fire department.

"I will do anything I can to improve the equipment, working conditions and standard of living of fire department

employees," Anderson said.

According to Anderson, the changes implemented in the department last year are causing some of the red ink the EMS department has been in since it was started in October 1995.

For the first seven months of fiscal year 1998, the department shows a net income of \$33,574.51, which when added to the retained earnings at the beginning of the fiscal period of -\$382,185.51 shows the department's deficit has been decreased to -\$348,611.00.

"The trend in revenue projec

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OBITUARIES

William James Cotten

Memorial service for William James Cotten, 57, Pasco, Wash., will be 7 p.m. Thursday, June 4, 1998, at Myers & Smith Chapel with Rev. Walter McCall, pastor of Midway Baptist Church, officiating, and assisted by Raymond Dunagan. Private burial will be at a later date in Coahoma Cemetery.



COTTEN

Mr. Cotten died Wednesday, May 27, in Kennewick General Hospital, Seattle, Wash. He was born on Oct. 3, 1940, in Deport. He graduated from Coahoma High School in 1962. He had worked for the City of Coahoma and later moved to Tyler and worked for Brookshire Wholesale before moving to Pasco, Wash., in 1987. He was a member of the Eagles Lodge and Tri-City Christian Church. He had also been a volunteer fireman in Coahoma.

He is survived by: his wife, Brenda Cotten of Pasco, Wash.; one daughter, Megan Cotten of Pasco, Wash.; three step-daughters, Katrena Gaines, Genny Gaines and Amber Gaines, all of Pasco, Wash.; one step-son, Bubba Gaines of Pasco, Wash.; his mother, Mary Thurman of Sand Springs; two sisters, Merle Berry and Pearl Cotten, both of Sand Springs; four grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews, aunts and cousins.

Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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tions looks like thing are improving," Anderson said. "If this holds true, we're slowly pulling ourselves out of the red, but it's going to require more. We currently looking at other ideas as to how we can improve our revenue situation."

As for the issue of losing personnel, Anderson said a number of things are looked at during the interview process of new applicants, including background, training and certification.

The BSFD has not trained its personnel from the ground up

in the last 18 months, according to Anderson, and the majority of the last three classes have been candidates with at least a firefighter and emergency medical technician (EMT) certification.

"When we're satisfied that a candidate meets our criteria, I ask them if they will commit to at least two years in Big Spring," Anderson said. "Before we invest, we want to be sure we're getting our money's worth."

By not having to train a candidate from the ground up, Anderson says the department saves six months and approximately \$15,000 on rookie school and EMT training.

"We recently tested and have 30 people on our eligibility list and three-fourths of them are already certified as firefighters with an EMT endorsement," Anderson said.

Despite ongoing concerns and complaints from the PFA, Anderson says he will stay focused on his responsibility.

"I intend to stay focused on my responsibility to provide this community with an efficient, professional fire department and ambulance service and I'm not going to be distracted," Anderson said. "I have been told that the mayor, city council and city manager are fully behind the EMS department and want it to succeed, and so do I."

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fund)," Brown said. "Our health insurance premiums went up last year as well and we lost the 4 percent increase to that."

"The rhetoric is that the council is looking at salaries first this year, but the are not willing to sit down and talk to us about it," Brown added.

The BSFD has five strategically located (fire) engine companies and they are not being fully utilized, according to Brown.

According to PFA Secretary-Treasurer Mitch Gill, the six paramedics the department lost in March left because of salary concerns.

"Our people tell us that they are always at the top of the list when they test in other places, especially Midland," Gill said. "The story is that the people we lose to Midland automatically receive five points when they test there because of the training they receive here in Big Spring."

"We have top notch training here," Brown said. "But what we have to do now is something to keep the people we train."

TASK FORCE

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ed Andrews, Borden, Crane, Ector, Glasscock, Jeff Davis, Loving, Midland, Presidio, Reagan, Reeves, Terrell, Upton, Ward, Winkler and Culberson.

"We have counties calling us everyday wanting to join the task force, but it's not up to us who actually participates," Finley said in February. "We're funded through the federal government through the Criminal Justice Division of the governor's office, so it really doesn't cost a county anything to participate with us."

In the past, some counties, including Howard, had donated some funding to the task force, but it was actually designed to make its 25 percent match of funding through the drug seizures and such, according to Finley.

The 1997 summary of drugs seized by the task force included cocaine, crack, heroin, LSD, marijuana, methamphetamines and other various drugs having a state value totaling \$3,435,186.40.

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more serious problems may also occur. Irreversible brain damage

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may result if the body temperature rises above 107 degrees, Allen said.

To heal heat stroke, body temperatures must be lowered quickly, he added.

A lukewarm bath works well, he said, but ice water should be avoided. Because ice water is not very evaporative, it does not cool as well as lukewarm water. "It's paradoxical but it's true," Allen said.

Rapid air flow, using a fan or wind, helps cool the body, he said. Most importantly, a cool place should be found.

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troops can do." Now Marine training programs have "Black Flag condition" alerts, explained Allen. When temperatures rise above 104 degrees, as they have been this week in Big Spring, unacclimated troops must limit their outdoor activities to about five minutes at a time.

It takes "a good week" of reduced activity in 104 or higher degree weather to become acclimated to the heat, said Allen.

A third way to prevent heat stress is to get to a cool place, the Big Spring family practitioner said. People need to be "vigilant," he added, to check in frequently with friends and family who cannot afford air conditioners.

"People should remain inside if they have any lung or heart disease," said Dr. Micheal Stephens of Scenic Mountain Multi-Specialty Clinic. Sunscreen and hats should be worn, he advised.

People should drink about two-to-three times their normal amount of water when they are outside, and avoid exercise, he said.

"If you feel faint or have had heat stroke before, seek medical attention," Stephens said.

Animals, too, feel the effects of soaring temperatures. "Animals are susceptible to heat stroke, just like people are," said Dr. Scott Burt of the Highland Animal Hospital of Big Spring.

"At no time should animals ever be left in the car," he explained. "They should be kept in a shaded area and given lots of fresh water."

As with humans, exercise should be limited during the hottest parts of the day. "If an animal is overheated, it should be sprayed down with lukewarm water and moved to a cool spot," Burt added.

Heat stroke can cause death in animals, just as it can in people, he advised. If an animal loses consciousness, its owner should bring it to a veterinarian for medical attention, he explained.

SPRINGBOARD

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*Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., 615 Settles.

*Narcotics Anonymous, 6 to 7:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

*Beginning line dance class will be taught at 9 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-1628 for more information. All ages welcome.

*Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at the VA Medical Center on fourth floor.

*Compassionate Friends, support group for parents who have experienced the death of a child, 7:30 p.m., First Baptist Church Family Life Center. Enter by the southeast door. Call 267-2769.

*VFW Post No. 2013, 7 p.m., VFW Hall.

*Cancer support group, 7 to 8 p.m., VA Medical Center room 213. Call Beverly Rice at 268-5077.

*Coahoma senior citizens luncheon, 11 a.m., Coahoma Community Center.

*Book club meeting, 7 p.m. Howard County Library. The book, "People of the Fire" by Michael Gear will be discussed.

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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.

MARKETS

July cotton 73.40 cents, down 19 points; July crude 14.94, down 2 points; Cash hogs steady at 50 cents higher at 43.50; cash steers steady at 63; June lean hog futures 62.30 up 50 points; June live cattle futures 65.32, up 36 points.

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CORRECTION

A photo outline in Sunday's Herald contained an incorrect identification.

In the photo on Page 4B, the youngster in front in the photo is Reagan Creswell. He is the stepson of Ricky Mitchem, new president of Mitchem and Sons.

RECORDS

Monday's high 106
Monday's low 71
Average high 89
Average low 63
Record high 107 in 1916
Record low 46 in 1919
Precip. Monday 0.00
Month to date 0.00
Month's normal 0.09
Year to date 4.50
Normal for the year 7.00

FIRE/EMS

Following is a summary of Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reports:

Friday
12:07 a.m. - 100 block Airbase Road, medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

2:23 p.m. - Interstate 20, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

4:35 p.m. - 1700 block Runnels, trauma call, service refused.

4:55 p.m. - 500 block 17th, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

8:30 p.m. - 700 block W. I-20, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

9:22 p.m. - 1400 block E. Sixth, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

11:14 p.m. - 200 block NE 8th, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

11:44 p.m. - 1000 block NW 1st, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activities between 8 a.m. Monday and 8 a.m. Tuesday:

*AUBREY CONWAY, 69, was arrested for criminal trespass.

*JESSIE MORA, 21, was arrested for criminal trespass.

*ISMAEL PAREDEZ, 30, was arrested for assault/family violence.

*ANGELICA ESPINOZA, 23, was arrested on local warrants.

*SHARON CROSBY, 39, was arrested for public intoxication.

*EDNA FAZ, 36, was arrested for failure to identify.

*FAMILY VIOLENCE reported in the 200 block of Northeast Eighth.

*RUNAWAY reported in the 4200 block of Beliger.

*THEFT reported in the 1100 block of Lamesa Drive, the 1100 block of North Lamesa, the 300 block of West 16th and at the police station.

*CRIMINAL MISCHIEF reported in the 3200 block of West Ninth and the 600 block of East Sixth.

*FORGERY reported in the 500 block of East 17th.

*BURGLARY OF HABITATION reported in the 1300 block of West Fourth.

*DISOBEYING OF LAWFUL ORDER reported in the 600 block of State.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activities between 8 a.m. Monday and 8 a.m. Tuesday:

*ROBERT RODRIGUEZ, 31, was arrested for driving while license suspended.

*MANUEL ARRIAGA, 19, was arrested for unlawful carrying of a weapon.

*WILLIAM DEAN WOODARD, 28, was arrested for driving while intoxicated and driving while license suspended/invalid.

*BENITO PAREDEZ, 32, was arrested for possession of marijuana.

*MARCELLA BALCAZAR, 19, was arrested for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

*RAFAEL ANGEL GOMEZ, 19, was arrested for driving while license suspended/invalid.

*MARK ANTHONY MOLINA, 33, was arrested for driving while intoxicated, second offense.

*DEBRA JANE MOLINA, 33, was arrested for public intoxication.

*ERICK FRANKS, 23, was arrested for issuance of bad check.

*SABAS TORRES, 62, was arrested for motion to revoke parole/driving while intoxicated, second offense and motion to revoke parole/driving while intoxicated, third offense.

*RANDY DEAN ULRICH, 22, was arrested for bondsman off bond/possession of marijuana and bondsman off bond/criminal mischief.

*MARTIN MORA, 21, was arrested for burglary of a habitation.

*RAYMOND PUGA NUNEZ, JR., 48, was arrested for parole violation.

*MELVIN WILLIAM BIDDLE, 35, was arrested for motion to revoke parole/aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

*MANUEL FUENTEZ, 28, was arrested for motion to revoke parole/driving while intoxicated.

*JESUS GONZALEZ, 44, was arrested for public intoxication.

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Nell Harris Ringener, 68, died Saturday. Services were at 10:00 AM Tuesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment followed at Colorado City Cemetery.

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Ida Flores, 76, died Saturday. Services were at 10:30 AM today at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Burial was in Mt. Olive Memorial Park.
Fred Miracle, 67, died Monday. Services are pending.
William James Cotten 57, died Wednesday. Memorial service will be 7:00 PM, Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Private burial services will be at a later date in Coahoma Cemetery.

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Clothes, food pour in to help South Dakota tornado victims

SPENCER, S.D. (AP) — Their tiny farming town is virtually gone, but the tornado-ravaged residents of Spencer are so swamped with donations of clothes, food and more that an armory in a nearby town can't hold it all.

On Monday, as dazed residents continued to sort through the splintered heaps of rubble that were once their homes, more help was announced: each of the 320 residents would get \$1,000 from the South Dakota Community Foundation.

The tornado that struck Saturday left six dead, all at least 62 years old.

Demolished were the post office, fire station, library, bank, all four churches and more than two-thirds of the homes.

Only about a dozen houses were left standing in the town 55 miles west of Sioux Falls.

"The thing that touches my heart is that most of the victims were elderly," said Elizabeth Dole, president of the American Red Cross. "They lost their homes, but they also lost a lifetime of memories."

Though Spencer was hit the hardest, weekend storms left at least 11 more

dead, stretching east to New England. Tornadoes struck the northern Plains, Midwest and the Northeast, destroying homes and businesses and knocking out power to more than 1 million customers.

The disaster here is different because the town was so decimated, said Dole, who spent a half-hour looking at the damage. "Here we have almost a total town destroyed."

President Clinton has issued a disaster declaration for McCook County, making federal aid available for cleanup, rebuilding and temporary

housing. Vice President Al Gore will tour the devastation Wednesday afternoon.

While experts continued to tally the damage, donations of clothes, food and supplies came from around the country. Much had to be stored in Salem, a few miles to the east.

Gov. Bill Janklow promised that in a few years, the entire town would be back — from the bank to the post office to the homes.

"Spencer's going to have what Spencer had before. It's going to be fine," Janklow said. "You know what

it's going to be hurting for? Trees."

Not everyone shared his enthusiasm. "If I could get out of here today, I'd leave," said Richard Spildener, 78.

He and his wife of 51 years, Lorraine, survived in their basement, thought the roof was ripped off and the garage destroyed. Mrs. Spildener had spotted the tornado moments earlier, called her son to warn him and then she and her husband ran downstairs.

"It was a big, round bomb," said Mrs. Spildener, 77. "You couldn't tell it was a tornado because the bottom was as big as the top."

Texas starts insurance program to help 'underserved'

AUSTIN (AP) — Good drivers in nearly 400 ZIP Code areas are going to get some help in finding reasonably priced auto insurance, the Texas Department of Insurance announced Monday.

The new program could save drivers hundreds of dollars in the areas that currently are underserved, Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer said.

The agency's new Market Assistance Program is designed to help good drivers find lower-priced liability coverage more in line with their driving record.

It will be implemented in four stages, starting July 1 in El Paso and Travis counties and the Lower Rio Grande Valley. On Sept. 1, it begins in Harris County; Nov. 1 in Dallas and Tarrant counties; and Jan. 1 for the rest of the state.

The new program will be available to drivers who meet these eligibility requirements:

- Living in one of 383 ZIP Codes designated as "underserved" because they had higher-than-average concentrations of drivers in county mutual insurance companies or in the state's assigned risk plan for drivers turned down by at least two insurance companies.

— A clean driving record, with no traffic citations for at-fault accidents or moving violations during the three years prior to applying.

"We often hear that many good drivers pay too much for car insurance because they were stuck in high-risk county mutual companies or in the assigned risk plan. I want to make sure these drivers have a shot at less expensive coverage," Bomer said.

An insurance industry spokesman said most companies generally support the new program.

"Increasing the availability of auto insurance in the ZIP Codes targeted ... is a concept which the insurance industry and regulators have wrestled with for a number of years," said Jerry Johns, president of the Southwestern Insurance Information Service.

Johns said it is impossible to predict how successful the new program will be. "Those insurers participating in this program are pleased to be a part of an effort designed to meet the real or perceived problems some people may be having finding auto insurance in Texas," he said.

According to the state insurance agency, the program will offer motorists a toll-free phone line to help determine eligibility.

Applications from eligible drivers will go to eight insurance company groups that agreed to participate.

The eight — Allstate, Farmers, GEICO, Nationwide, Progressive, Prudential Property & Casualty, Southern Farm Bureau and State Farm — write about two-thirds of car insurance sold in Texas.

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OUR VIEWS

Let's find a way to fund bike cops in our city park

The word from the Big Spring Police Department that the summer bicycle patrols in Comanche Trail Park were being severely curtailed because of budget cuts came at about the same time assistant city manager Emma Bogard was telling us about increased vandalism in the park.

To us, it seems as if curtailment of the bike patrols because of monetary concerns is much akin to cutting off one's nose to spite your face.

In case you missed it, in the time since the Wilderness Workforce crew has completed the fountain over near the Amphitheatre, vandals/thieves have stolen all of the plumbing and all of the plants.

Not once, but twice.

So what's the dollar value on that? And just because the workers who completed the fountain are prisoners doesn't mean you don't place a dollar value on the amount of their work.

In time periods when the bike patrols were not active, we've seen vandalism at Kids' Zone, we've seen vandalism on the new deck at the spring, we've seen the Native American prayer circle destroyed ad infinitum.

Yet, over the past two summers, the vandalism seems to have abated as officers rode through the park on their bikes.

Police officers who have worked the bike patrol in the park are adamant that it is a beneficial patrol — that it works to reduce crime and vandalism in the park and that it also works to promote community goodwill between police officer and citizen.

We would hope the city could find a way to come up with the money to pay the cost of this beneficial program ... after all, with the increasing level of vandalism in the absence of the officers it seems rather obvious that this is a lot like the Fram commercial in that we can pay now, or pay later.

Let's pay now and attack the problem.

OTHER VIEWS

Social promotion, the practice of passing students who don't make the grade, benefits no one. School districts that fail to educate shortchange not only students but their prospective employers and taxpayers.

However, state leaders, including Gov. George W. Bush, who say they will introduce legislation next year to end social promotions, should proceed with great caution.

The Waco school district has become a guinea pig for an experiment to end social promotions. It is an issue that promises to be contentious as Texas approaches the November gubernatorial election.

As recent results show, most Texas students are passing the test. Certainly, the state should aim for higher standards than those reflected in the TAAS test. Mastery of the 10th-grade level test falls short of the caliber of education needed in an increasing technological work force. But state leaders should provide adequate remedial support for students as they work toward raising educational standards.

AUSTIN AMERICAN-STATESMAN

The Supreme Court was correct to limit liability of police sued by suspects in high-speed chases. However, the ruling was more about suspects than innocent bystanders. The decision stems from a 1990 accident that claimed the life of a 16-year-old California teen, Phillip Lewis.

He was a passenger on a motorcycle that was being driven at a high speed, prompting a police chase. Lewis was

killed after the cycle driven by Brian Willard, tipped over and was struck by a police car driven by a Sacramento County sheriff's deputy. Lewis' parents sued but now have been rebuffed by the court's ruling.

The justices correctly concluded the officer "had done nothing to cause (Willard's) high-speed driving ... and nothing to encourage him to race through traffic at break-neck speed."

Critics of the ruling have been vocal. One remarked: "Flight from the law is no way to freedom, but jeopardizing the lives of bystanders, and indeed the officers themselves, is not sound police strategy." But the ruling is not as black-and-white as they interpret it. The shade of gray involves "innocent bystanders."

Police need to apprehend wrongdoers, who should know they can't escape simply by outrunning police. Does that mean police now have carte blanche to play cowboy in pursuit of fleeing suspects? Absolutely not.

The public, in particular innocent bystanders, should have some reasonable expectation that they won't find themselves between a suspect fleeing recklessly and a speeding police car or cars.

No court ruling completely excuses police from using good judgment. They should not forget, and stringent departmental policies should continue to reflect, that their main duty is to protect the public. That duty applies even in the pursuit of fleeing suspects.

THE HOUSTON CHRONICLE

Americans need personal responsibility

It used to be said that what America needs is a good 5-cent cigar. Today, what America needs is a good dose of Alfred

Korzybski and Zen Buddhism. Too many Americans are floating around like balloons about 2,000 feet from reality.

Korzybski was a Polish thinker and philosopher who developed the theory of general semantics. Zen stresses living in the present moment and being anchored to reality. Both are pointing in the same direction.

Language is a code, a set of symbols to represent reality. But, as Korzybski stressed, the symbol is not the thing itself. The word "tree" is not the thing sticking up out of the ground with leaves on it. Unfortunately, people, especially people who deal in words, forget that. They construct a world out of word symbols that

in fact exists only in their heads.

Look at all the road apples being dropped over the school-yard shooting in Oregon. Culture: TV. Movies. Guns. All of these are being blamed for four deaths, but in reality, the blame rests entirely on the shoulders of Kipland Kinkel, the 15-year-old who is charged with the shooting.

If you wish to understand why he did it, you will have to talk to him. The culture didn't do it. He did it. Thirty-eight million American kids from age 10 to 17 share the same culture as Kinkel, but only he decided, allegedly, to shoot up his school and murder his parents.

Human beings do not exist in the abstract or the collective. They exist as individual flesh and blood beings, each unique. Words such as "children," "society" and "culture" are abstract symbols that represent nothing but a generalization. They do not exist in reality. Have you ever seen a society? Have you ever touched a culture? Of course not.

What you can see and touch are individual human beings and individual works of art,

entertainment or what passes for either. Each work, each book, each TV show, each movie and each painting are all the products of individual human beings. The publication broadcast or production of those products is authorized by individual human beings. Flesh and blood individuals with names.

If you have a problem with a Disney product, you have a problem with Michael Eisner. If you have a problem with a Time-Warner product, you have a problem with Gerald Levin. And so on. Nothing is produced by abstract forces or magic. Individual human beings are responsible for everything you see or read.

Only when we drop the abstractions and generalizations and begin to deal with each other as individuals, individually accountable for our actions and nonactions, will we ever even begin to solve problems.

Of course, there is an entire industry of political demagogues, editorialists, academics and grant-parasites in the social worker industry who perpetuate this idea of group think and of blaming problems

on abstractions. After all, there is no money to be made in dealing with Kipland Kinkel, which is why this crowd wants to blame his actions on everything but him.

If you are a politician and you blame Eisner or Levin for lousy music or shows, they will be offended and won't give you a political contribution. So, like Bill Clinton did, you can blame "culture" without naming the people who produce the products that constitute the culture and, therefore, can continue to hit them up for contributions.

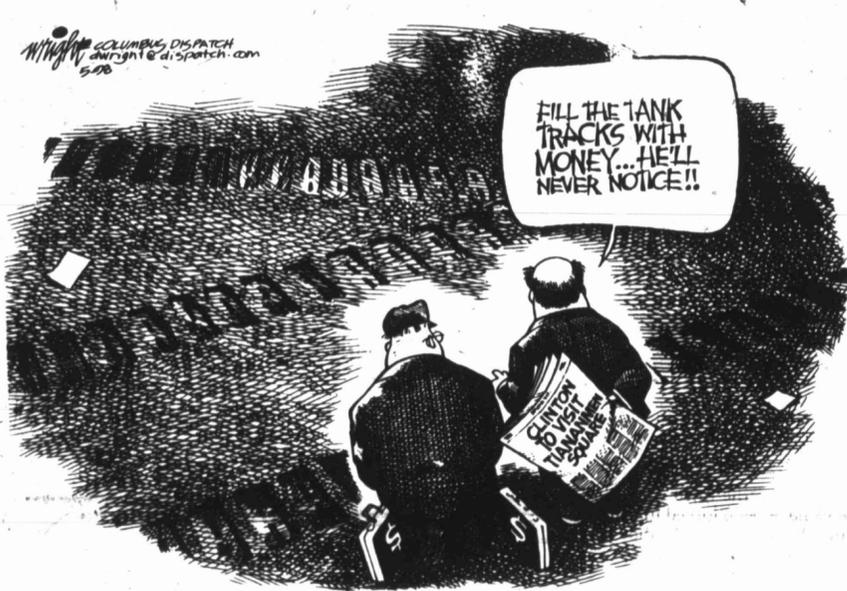
Even concepts such as love and compassion are abstractions and not the things themselves. Too many people are loving and compassionate in the abstract but indifferent and even spiteful to the individual human beings around them.

We need to live in the world and not in our heads. We need to recognize individual responsibility for words and deeds. We need to stop making excuses for ourselves and for others. Otherwise, as Zen teaches, we will have been born dreaming and die drunk.

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CHARLEY REESE



Today's kids miss green feet time

Our feet were green by this time every year. Not pale green. The putrid green a movie cowboy's bullet-bit leg gets just before the drunken doctor says, "We're going to have to take that leg, son."

Whenever barefoot season came, Mother had to mix a little Clorox in some soaking water to bleach away the grass stains.

It breaks my heart to read about children going to school year-round. I know all the good, academic reasons the experts offer, but still. A life without summer? How will today's kids know the difference between childhood and the dreary rest of life?

When will they jump through sprinklers and wade storm sewers and concoct magic potions with a Christmas chemistry set? When will they lie across their beds, heads over the side, hair dragging the floor, in the proper dreaming position? When will they have green feet?

There was nothing quite like the end of a school year. At Dalraida Elementary in Montgomery, we went out with a bang.

The whole school was divided into two teams. There were the underdog Greens and the

haughty Golds. I was a Green, though not because of my feet.

The last week of school there was Play Day, a kind of Casual Friday for cupcake-bearing room mothers and antsy pre-adolescents. We wore clothes to show our loyalties -- green ribbons in our hair, green laces in our sneakers.

I have been to the Olympics in Los Angeles, Barcelona and Atlanta. I have seen Wilf Shoemaker ride in the Kentucky Derby, and Auburn beat Alabama at Legion Field.

But no athletic contest compares to Play Day at Dalraida, the steady, mounting excitement as each grade got marks for everything from jumping jacks to volleyball. The principal, head woman in charge, made the official announcement at the end of the day. Every year, the cocky, creepy, overfed Golds won.

It took at least 30 minutes to get over the agony of defeat. Summertime was at hand; nothing could mar the thrill.

I didn't do anything spectacular during summer vacation. Nothing organized, anyhow. I sometimes rode my bike to the YMCA for a dip in America's most chlorinated pool, but that was as close as I ventured to green feet.

Mostly I hung out with Donnie Nobles, my best friend. We collected Coca-Cola bottles out of ditches and redeemed them at the corner store. With the loot we bought a jar of marshmallow cream and took turns dipping our pointer fin-

gers into the goo.

Donnie wanted to be a writer, too, so we filled a lot of journals with mysteries that had heroes who strongly resembled us. One summer we decided a neighbor was a Russian spy, and we spent a lot of time monitoring his comings and goings. For hours we would debate whether or not he was signaling cohorts by a pull of his draperies.

At 1 p.m. I went inside to watch my favorite soap opera, "The Doctors," which was set at a hospital where more hearts were broken than fixed. Oh, the hanky-panky that went on in the labs, the cafeteria, even the operating room. Those doctors had precious little time to worry about healing.

At some point during those endless, uneventful summers, my entire family packed up the Buick and pointed it toward Central Florida. Central Florida was different then, an endless row of orange trees, and big, blue lakes.

Daddy fished and Mother took us to the same tourist haunts year after year. We climbed the Citrus Tower, saw the Singing Tower (towers were big in Central Florida) and watched the fancy water-skiing at Cypress Gardens.

On the drive home I always spilled my souvenir Orange Blossom perfume on the car's hot rubber floor mats. That sweet, over-ripe smell smelled just like summer.

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Howard College slates boys' basketball camp

Howard College has scheduled a boys' basketball camp for June 8-11 at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The camp, which will be directed by Hawks Head Coach Tommy Collins, will be staffed with selected high school and college coaches, as well as Hawks players.

Sessions will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Wednesday and from 9 a.m. to noon on Thursday.

The camp fee is \$95 per participant, which covers tuition, equipment, a noon meal and a camp T-shirt.

Players should bring shorts, a pair of basketball shoes, athletic socks, spending money and have a medical examination form completed by their doctor.

For more information, call Howard College at 264-5040.

Coahoma hoops camp is slated for June 8-12

The Coahoma Super Hoops Basketball Camp has been scheduled for June 8-12 at Coahoma High School.

Open to players between the ages of 9 and 14, the camp's sessions will be conducted from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each day.

Registration fees are set at \$50 per camper.

For more information, call Kim Nichols at 394-4755 or 394-4535.

Ragball tournament slated for June 12-13

The fourth annual Big Spring USGA Co-ed Ragball Tournament will June 12-13 at the Roy Anderson Softball Complex.

Team fees are \$10 per player with each team having no more than 15 players and no less than 12. Teams should have an equal number of male and female members 12 years or older.

For more information, call Jo Ellen Canales at 263-3623.

Rodeo golf tourney to benefit crisis fund

A golf tournament, held in conjunction with the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion & Rodeo will be held Thursday, June 18, at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Proceeds from the tournament benefit the Justin Cowboy Crisis Fund.

Each team will be composed of A, B, C and D players, as well as a PRCA performer.

Fees will be \$35 per player, which includes green fees, golf cart and lunch. Prizes will be awarded to the top three teams.

For more information, call Jack Birdwell at 264-2366.

Slow-pitch tournament set for June 12-14

The Big Spring Industrial League will host a double elimination men's slow-pitch softball tournament June 12-14 at Cotton Mize Field.

Trophies and a dozen balls will be awarded to the top three teams. Members of the first- and second-place teams will also receive prizes.

Entry fees are \$110 per team and the deadline for entries is 7 p.m. Thursday, June 11. For more information, call Jesse Rios at 264-6129.

Country club slates 6-6-6 golf tourney

A 6-6-6 golf tournament will be held Saturday and Sunday at the Big Spring Country Club.

The tournament's format calls for six holes of scramble play, six holes of low ball and six holes of modified alternate shot competition each day.

Entry fees are set at \$60 per player, plus cart rental. A barbecue dinner will be held following Saturday's round. For more information, call the pro shop at 267-5354.

Quarterback Club will meet tonight

The Big Spring Steers Quarterback Club will meet at 8 tonight at Bob Brock Ford to new elect officers.

Devil Rays' Arrojo stymies Rangers' power for 4-1 win

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Juan Gonzalez, Will Clark and Ivan Rodriguez were a combined 0-for-12, which spoke volumes about Rolando Arrojo's latest pitching performance.

The rookie right-hander shut down the Texas Rangers 4-1 Monday night for his eighth victory for the Tampa Bay Devil Rays. No pitcher for a first-year expansion club has ever reached the mark faster than the former Cuban national team star.

"He's a good pitcher," said Rodriguez, the AL's leading hitter with a .373 average. "He has so many delivery points, it's hard to pick up the ball."

Arrojo (8-3) allowed four hits, struck out a season-high nine and walked one in seven innings to win for the sixth time in his last seven starts.

Gonzalez, who had four homers and nine RBIs in his previous two games, went 0-for-4 with an RBI groundout. Clark, who rejoined the Rangers after missing three games to attend to personal business, and Rodriguez also went 0-for-4.

"When he needed to make pitches, he did," Clark said. "He was making up stuff to the right-handed hitters. He was throwing 2-0 sliders. He works quick and throws strikes. That's the mark of a good pitcher."

Arrojo has been particularly tough against right-handed hitters. The Rangers were 1-for-12, and righties are only batting .164 (21-for-128) against the 29-year-old rookie this season.

Quinton McCracken had his eighth three-hit game of the season, including a

three-run homer that broke up a scoreless duel between Arrojo and John Burkett (3-5) in the fifth inning.

By getting his eighth victory in Tampa Bay's 55th game, Arrojo became the quickest pitcher to get that many during a team's inaugural season. Florida's Chris Hammond won his eighth in the Marlins' 70th game in 1993.

Roberto Hernandez got four outs for his 11th save. The Rangers finished with five hits, three by Rusty Greer.

It was the 10th straight scoreless appearance for Hernandez, who struggled early in April, but has since converted nine consecutive save opportunities.

Nevertheless, the Devil Rays closer said Arrojo was the pitcher who deserved a pat on the back a day after

Tampa Bay gave up six homers in an 11-6 loss to Seattle.

Arrojo, bothered by back spasms and biceps soreness in his previous two starts, lost his shutout in the sixth when he hit Tom Goodwin with a pitch. Greer doubled and Gonzalez grounded out for his major league-leading 72nd RBI.

Gonzalez hit four foul balls — two of them long drives into the left field stands — before grounding to third to drive in Goodwin.

The Rangers have the best average in the AL with runners in scoring position, yet were 0-for-7 Monday night. Hernandez struck out Gonzalez with two on in the eighth inning.

"Big pitchers make big pitches," Rothchild said. "He's been a key to almost every win lately."

'Dogs force New Deal into meltdown

By JOHN A. MOSELEY Sports Editor

Coahoma's Bulldogs are back in the Region I, Class 2A baseball finals for a second straight year.

The Bulldogs, the region's defending champions, chalked up a third consecutive playoff in impressive fashion Monday afternoon, pounding New Deal's Lions into 11-4 submission at Howard College's Jack Barber Field.

Coahoma will now face tonight's winner of the other Region I semifinal game pitting Shallowater (25-3) and Abernathy (14-10). That game is set for an 8 p.m. start at Lubbock's O'Bannon Field.

Simply put, the Lions literally wilted under the combined effects of another 10-hit performance by the Bulldogs, aggressive base running on Coahoma's part and the oppressive 107-degree temperature at game time.

Monday's regional semifinal win marked the third time the 'Dogs have been forced to come from behind, having allowed the opposition to get on the scoreboard first.

Bulldogs starter T.J. Green, who went the distance in improving his record to 8-0 by allowing just two earned runs on two Lions hits and striking out eight, gave his teammates most of the credit for the win.

"There were times out there when it seemed like nothing I was throwing was getting over the plate," the senior righthander explained. "We had to battle back, but the rest of these guys did a great job both at the plate and backing me up defensively."

It looked as if the Bulldogs might be in trouble early when the Lions scored a run on back-to-back singles by shortstop Robert Montoya and first baseman Spender Freeman and an throwing error charged to Coahoma right fielder Delvin White.

But Green managed to strike out Lion left fielder Marc Garcia to end the threat and the Bulldogs retaliated with an unearned run in the bottom of the second when designated hitter Jeremy Green flied to right but wound up on third when New Deal's Kasey Reiken dropped the ball and allowed it to roll to the fence.

Lion starter Clayton Bybee, would absorb the loss, then walked Walt Bordelon to put runners at the corners. Bordelon then swiped second and catcher Jay Miller's errant throw on the play allowed Green to score and tie the game.

New Deal again made the most of a Coahoma gift in the third to take a 2-1 lead, when lead-off hitter Eric Mahan reached base on an error charged to Coahoma third baseman Brandon Hancock. Mahan swiped second and moved to



Coahoma's Jeremy Green (13) tumbles into second base with a double before New Deal shortstop Robert Montoya can gather in a throw from right fielder Casey Reiken during the third inning of the Bulldogs' 11-4 regional semifinal playoff win over the Lions. Coahoma, now 17-3 on the season, now awaits the winner of today's semifinal game between Abernathy and Shallowater.

third on a single by Miller.

Mahan scored when Montoya hit into a fielder's choice play that eventually turned into a double play when Miller was caught in a run down between second and third. After he'd tagged Miller, a heads up play by Bulldogs shortstop Vincent Garcia caught Montoya in no man's land between first and second. The resulting run down ended with Garcia tagging Montoya for the inning's third out.

That's when the dam burst of the Lions. With the entire lineup having faced Bybee once, the Bulldogs were ready and sent nine batters to the plate, scoring five runs and chasing the Lions' starter.

Center fielder Jerry Mann led off the inning with an infield single and promptly swiped second, advancing to third when Miller again uncorked a wild throw to second.

Vincent Garcia slapped an RBI single to right to tie the game and swiped second. After Robert Lain drew a one-out walk, White slapped a double to right to plate Garcia and Lain.

White would move to third on a passed ball and scored on T.J. Green's sacrifice fly to center. Jeremy Green followed with a double to right. Bordelon drove in Jeremy Green with a single to right that Reiken overran, allowing Bordelon to reach third.

That shot chased Bybee and Chris Martinez came on to end the inning by getting Coahoma

left fielder Mario Garcia to fly out.

In all, New Deal would commit nine errors. After two had proved crucial to the Bulldogs' tally in the second and two more aided in the 5-run third, still another would figure in a pair of Coahoma runs in the fourth.

The Bulldog rally in the fourth began when Vincent Garcia hit a one-out single to shallow right. Catcher Aaron Ovalle then grounded to the mound, but Martinez threw wildly to second trying to force Garcia, allowing both runners to advance and a passed ball allowed Garcia to score and courtesy runner Lance Monteleone to reach third.

Monteleone scored moments later on a sacrifice fly by Lain. New Deal did its best to rally, mounting a two-out challenge in the top of the fifth and scored two runs, trimming Coahoma's lead to 8-4.

But the wheels came completely off in the bottom of the sixth when the 'Dogs scored three runs on two hits and four Lions errors.

Mario Garcia got things started by reaching base on an error and moved to second on still another error. Mann then reached base on an error.

With one out, Ovalle came up with the Bulldogs' third double of the game to plate both Coahoma runners and was again replaced on the base paths by Monteleone.

That chased Martinez from the mound as the Lions called

on Marc Garcia to try and quell the riot.

Lain, however, ripped an 0-2 offering deep to center, plating Monteleone. The Bulldogs first baseman was called out a moment later, however, when the first base umpire ruled he'd missed first base in this turn toward second.

White added a double, his second of the game and Coahoma's fifth, before Garcia could get T.J. Green to pop out in foul territory to end the inning.

"We just put too much pressure on them," Bulldogs coach Trey Morgan said following the win. "We forced some of those errors with our base running, whether or not they good decisions. But the key was putting the ball in play and making them handle the ball."

COAHOMA 11, NEW DEAL 4

Score by Inning: Coahoma 505 000 0-4, New Deal 000 200 0-11. Player stats for Mahan, Miller, Montoya, Freeman, Bybee, Freeman, Hahn, Martinez, Longoria, Green, and Totals for both teams.

Hurricanes want return of big sticks

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Before the College World Series, Miami's players shaved their heads to show team unity. Too bad for the Hurricanes that their bats haven't been as efficient as their razors.

A Miami team that hit .339 during the regular season — second-best in school history — is lagging at the plate in Omaha. The Hurricanes have scored five runs in two games, hitting .246.

"I guess we're facing some pretty tough pitchers," Miami infielder Bobby Hill said. "Other than that, I really don't know what's going on."

The No. 2 seeded Hurricanes need to find the swings real soon. Miami (51-11) plays No. 7 Long Beach State (42-22-1), the team the 'Canes beat 3-1 in their World Series opener.

In today's other game, No. 8 Mississippi State (42-22) plays No. 4 Southern Cal (45-17). The losers of both games will be eliminated.

On Monday, No. 5 LSU beat Mississippi State 10-8, and USC eliminated top-seeded Florida 12-10 in 11 innings.

Hill said the Hurricanes didn't concentrate on mechanics during Monday's practice. Instead, coach Jim Morris spent time with the hitters to discuss what they should be thinking at the plate.

"We've been swinging at the pitcher's best pitches instead of looking for the ones we like," Hill said. "From here out, we're trying to remember to be more selective and look for the stuff we like to hit."

That might be a challenge against Long Beach State's Mike Gallo (6-2, 3.34), facing the Hurricanes for the second time. Except for a solo homer by Pat Burrell and an unearned run in the second inning, he pitched well on Friday.

Gallo has a 1.93 ERA over his last six games. Meanwhile, the Long Beach bullpen has thrown well in NCAA play, allowing only three earned runs in the last 14 2-3 innings, along with 14 strikeouts.

In Southern Cal's victory, Jeremy Freitas made a big defensive play after hitting a two-run single through a drawn-in infield, starting a four-run 11th inning that lifted the Trojans past Florida.

The Gators (46-18) became the second team, after Florida State, to be eliminated from the CWS.

The Trojans broke the game open when Freitas, the only starter without a hit to that point, bounced a grounder into right field, scoring Eric Munson, who led off with a double, and Brad Ticehurst, who reached when there was no play on his bunt down the third-base line.

Florida scored twice in the bottom of the 11th.

As usual, Jazz taking low-key approach to dethroning Bulls

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Utah Jazz are tired of waiting. The Chicago Bulls are just plain tired.

Those are two reasons for the pervasive suspicion that the Jazz might be a good bet to bring an end to Michael Jordan's dynasty in the NBA Finals, which begin Wednesday night at the Delta Center.

With Jordan at full strength, the Bulls have won five championships in the last seven years. Only when he was away playing baseball, or just barely back

from playing his baseball, did the Bulls fall to win it all.

Now Chicago is in the midst of its "last dance" — one final run at a championship before the team is dismantled. Coach Phil Jackson seems gone for sure. Scottie Pippen expects to be playing elsewhere. And Jordan, pondering retirement, might not be playing at all.

A farewell title would be a neat wrap-up for a team and player who have dominated the game in the '90s. But the formidable Jazz stand in the

way. The circumstances certainly seem to favor Utah.

"In the back of all our minds, it's got to be — this is the year," the Jazz's Greg Foster said. "We've played great. We put ourselves in a position that we always wanted to be in. So there's no excuses. If we go out there and blow it, we blow it."

This time, Chicago must win on the road to take the title. Both teams were 62-20 in the regular season. But the Jazz have the home-court advantage because they won both meetings of the two

teams.

And while the Bulls sweated out a seven-game series against Indiana in the Eastern Conference finals, the Jazz swept the Los Angeles Lakers in four games. They are rested, and way past ready, for Wednesday night's opener.

By the Game 1 tipoff, the Jazz will have gone 10 days without playing anyone, the second-longest period between playoff games in NBA history. Utah's players know there is a fine line between being rested and being rusty.

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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.
ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Unexpected developments put a grin on your face this morning. You have been given the go-ahead and can complete a project that is close to your heart. A partner shares news that makes you smile. Trust your decisions. Success surrounds someone close to you. Tonight: Embrace living.***
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Suddenly, you see a professional opening. Walk on through, accepting greater freedom and creativity. A co-worker questions your decisions. Listen carefully to the feedback you get. You gain by absorbing his view and by considering his insecurities. Tonight: Pace yourself.***
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
Your imagination draws others to brainstorm with you. Listen more carefully to the information you receive. News from a distance is inspiring. Incorporate unexpected events into plans. Your flexibility helps get you where you want to go. Tonight: The fun happens now!****
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
Your foundations are solid. Take a risk, and continue on your chosen path. Someone doesn't have to agree with you, though he is likely to surprise you, with his point of view. Together, you make quite a team. Negotiate, and discuss the future. Tonight: Put your feet up!****
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
You are full of energy, fun and excitement. Let your frisky side reveal itself, especially to a partner who prides himself on being able to toss a boomerang your way. Joining in heats up the dynamic energy. Ask questions, and seek out others for their expertise. Tonight: Your call.****
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Best man ensures wedding comes off without a hitch
DEAR ABBY: A friend of mine recently asked if I would be the best man at his wedding. Of course, I told him I would be happy to.
However, there is one problem: What exactly do I do? I want to make sure I'm performing all the duties that are expected.
Would you please print a "job description" for me and all the other best men out there who are not completely sure what they are doing? It would be greatly appreciated. - THE BEST, BUT A LITTLE LOST IN NEW YORK
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- Making sure the ushers have their attire and appear for the ceremony on time;
- Providing his own outfit;
- Acting as a witness and signing the marriage license;
- Either separately or with

the ushers, providing a gift for the groom;
- Attending the rehearsal, and rehearsal dinner, if there is one;
- Volunteering to help the bride's mother in any way he can;
- Arranging for the bachelor dinner;
- Helping the groom dress and accompanying him to the church;
- Taking charge of the wedding ring;
- Presenting the clergy with the envelope containing the fee for the ceremony;
- Offering the first toast to the bride and groom;
- Mingling with the guests at the reception;
- Helping the groom dress for going away;
- Checking the car and luggage, and reconfirming the hotel reservations;
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