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Hot weather's no friend to county courthouse employees

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Assistant News Editor

The weather seems to be no friend to Howard County Courthouse workers. With last Friday's devastating hailstorm still a horrifying memory for many, courthouse employees are facing the prospect of a West Texas heat wave that promises desert-like temper-

atures near 105 degrees by Friday in which they will bake without air-conditioned offices.

As a result, County Judge Ben Lockhart and commissioners announced Monday that offices in the main courthouse will operate on a revised schedule — opening at 7:30 a.m. and closing at 4 p.m. — until further notice. Courthouse employees will be given 30 min-

utes off for lunch. The schedule became effective today.

Kay Kennemur, the judge's secretary, noted that repair of the courthouse's heating and air-conditioning system are part of the renovation program currently under way.

"They started working on the heating and air-conditioning in December," Kennemur said, adding that the previ-

ous system had not worked well for at least the past two years. "We're hoping that by the middle of June we'll have some air conditioning."

"It's still going to be extremely hot in here, but at least leaving by 4 p.m. will allow people to miss one of the hottest hours of the day," she added. "Some of these offices don't have windows, and others have windows in places it does-

n't do any good. For now, most of us are bringing fans, turning them on and trying to make the best of it."

Asked if courthouse employees might start arriving for work in shorts and the like, Kennemur said, "I'm sure you'd find a lot of them voting for showing up in swimsuits, shorts and halters, but unfortunately that's not an option. We have to be professional."

STORM CLEAN-UP



City of Big Spring crews and residents of Purdue Ave. clean up the leaves and branches that were knocked off of the trees during Friday's hailstorm. City crews have worked steadily to help residents dispose of the refuse created by the storm. HERALD photo/Tim Appel

Farmers, ranchers get some moisture; reservoirs don't

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

With all of the sustained damage from last Friday's massive hailstorm, it's easy to forget that some rain did accompany the storm, which is good news for local farmers and ranchers depending on their location.

So far, according to Howard County Farm Service Agency Executive Director Rick Lyles, there has not been an official report to determine how much damage Howard County livestock producers suffered within their herds.

"Out south of town we got a pretty good shower, but I still don't have any reports of damage to area livestock," Lyles said.

Lyles added, "Any little rain helps and the little rain we did get prior to the hailstorm definitely helped."

The damage to grasses due to the storm probably won't be very severe because of the time of year it is.

"If we had this type of storm in the fall when grasses aren't likely to grow back, we'd be facing a problem, but because it's spring the grasses should grow back without any problems," Lyles said.

The Colorado River Municipal Water District has also been keeping a sharp eye on the clouds as well hoping to get some measurable amounts of rain that might produce runoff in lakes Ivie, Spence or Thomas.

Public Information Coordinator Martha Hamilton said, "It looked so promising last (Monday) night, but things went around us again."

According to Hamilton, Friday's hailstorm did produce measurable amounts in some areas, including an inch at her residence in Sand Springs, but only .44 inches at Lake Ivie, .20

at Moss Lake, and .40 inches at Beal's Creek, which was not enough to cause any runoff in any of CRMWD's reservoirs.

Because of the drought situation CRMWD is proposing a mix of Lake Spence water with Lake Ivie water at the district's 100-million gallon terminal storage reservoir near Midland International Airport.

CRMWD will only pump Lake Spence water when the demand for water is greater than the amount of water that can be pumped through the Lake Ivie pipeline. Big Spring's peak demand last year was 10 million gallons of water per day.

The rain that followed Friday's hailstorm was still not the significant shower farmers are looking for, but Howard County farmers do have an avenue of relief where the drought is concerned.

Applications for emergency farm loans caused by the drought, high winds and cool temperatures in crop year 1995 are being accepted by the Howard County FSA.

According to the FSA, farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 80 percent of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue in business or \$500,000, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest rate would be 3.75 percent.

As a general rule a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan. Proceeds a producer received from the federal Crop Insurance program will be considered when determining loss.

Lyles said application for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until November 4, but producers should apply as soon as possible.

County names 5-member grievance committee

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

As a result of the recent complaints filed against County Road Administrator Eddy Jameson by County Road and bridge employees for mismanaging the department, the Howard County Commissioners officially named a five-member grievance committee to handle such complaints.

Commissioners named Margy Thompson Bradberry, chief juvenile probation officer; China Long, Precinct 1 Place 1 Justice of the Peace; Jackie Olson, County Auditor; Melinda Hernandez, Westside Day Care Center; and R.J. Alexander Jr., Texas (TU) Electric retiree, as the grievance committee.

Kay Kennemur, secretary to County Judge Ben Lockhart, said the committee will only

meet when Lockhart, the county's grievance officer, can't solve a dispute and deems it necessary to forward a complaint to the committee.

Road and Bridge employees had alleged that Jameson was guilty of the following infractions within the department:

- Special treatment for certain employees (including the falsification of timesheets).

- Grievances being met with verbal abuse and harassment.

- Removal of seniority within the department and the ethics and motives involved.

As for the duration of the committee, Kennemur said how long the committee stays together will depend on the group of commissioners sitting on the Commissioners' Court when the question comes up.

When commissioners announced they would form a

grievance committee, Texas Public Worker's Association Staff Representative Pam Johnson she was pleased that commissioners would form a grievance committee of local citizens, but was still waiting on a response from the court as to the investigation into the charges employees brought against Jameson.

"The only thing we were asking for was for the road and bridge employees to be heard. I think a grievance committee made up of citizens is an excellent idea if that's what the commissioners are going to do. I think it would solve a lot of problems," Johnson said.

She added the TPWA is looking to commissioners to show some concern over the allegations that have been made.

"If we get a response from commissioners and we feel

there has been a thorough investigation, we'll accept the commissioners' findings, but if we don't feel there has been an adequate investigation into the allegations, we will pursue the matter further and seek a grand jury investigation," Johnson said.

Commissioners have conducted their own investigation and gone over time sheets to look for alleged violations and found only one mistake they say could have been an oversight on Jameson's part.

Johnson has made a request to Howard County District Attorney Rick Hamby's office to look into the allegations, but has not received a response to her request.

She added, "If it becomes necessary, we may also request some records through the Texas Open Records Act."

Midland firm not with Red Cross, ordinance enforced

HERALD Staff Report

Big Spring City Police were enforcing violations of the itinerant vendors' law Monday afternoon, including one by Midland's Builder's Square II. Builder's Square II had a table set up in the hallway leading to the American Red Cross' Disaster Relief facility at Trinity Baptist Church on 11th Place.

The only problem is that they didn't have permission from the Red Cross and they didn't have their proper permits as required by the city. At about 3:45 p.m., a complaint was filed by the Big Spring Herald with

the city and the police department was called to enforce the itinerant vendor's law. At that point, store representatives packed their materials and left.

"They (Builder's Square) called me this (Monday) morning and asked if they could set up with us," explained Ellen Pate, director of the Midland County Chapter of the American Red Cross.

"I personally talked with them and told them no, they couldn't do that. I told them if they wanted to try and do something like that, they would have to talk with city officials."

But what someone from Builder's Square told a repre-

sentative of the city permit office when they called early Monday to see if they needed a permit was that they would be working with the Red Cross.

"They said they were working with the Red Cross. They were told that if they were working with them, they wouldn't need a permit," explained assistant city secretary Shanna Young after completing a call to the permit office.

But instead of working with the Red Cross, representatives of Builder's Square were busy soliciting business from persons on their way to see the Red Cross about possibly obtaining disaster assistance.

On the church's outer wall was a sign directing persons needing Red Cross assistance to a hallway. Positioned next to that sign was one for the building supply company. A second sign was hanging from a table that was angled into the hallway leading to the Red Cross.

At the table were credit card applications, a variety of brochures promoting materials sold by the firm, a sampling of roofing tiles and worksheets, where prices were being written down for newly turned prospective customers, as well as estimates being written down.

When questioned, the Builder's Square representative at the table said they didn't

need permits "because they were working with the Red Cross."

Builder's Square manager Jeff Krall said late Monday afternoon that the story he was getting about the Red Cross not allowing his company permission was different from the one he had been told by his employees earlier in the day.

"They told me they did have permission," he said. "I'm getting two different stories and have to check things out."

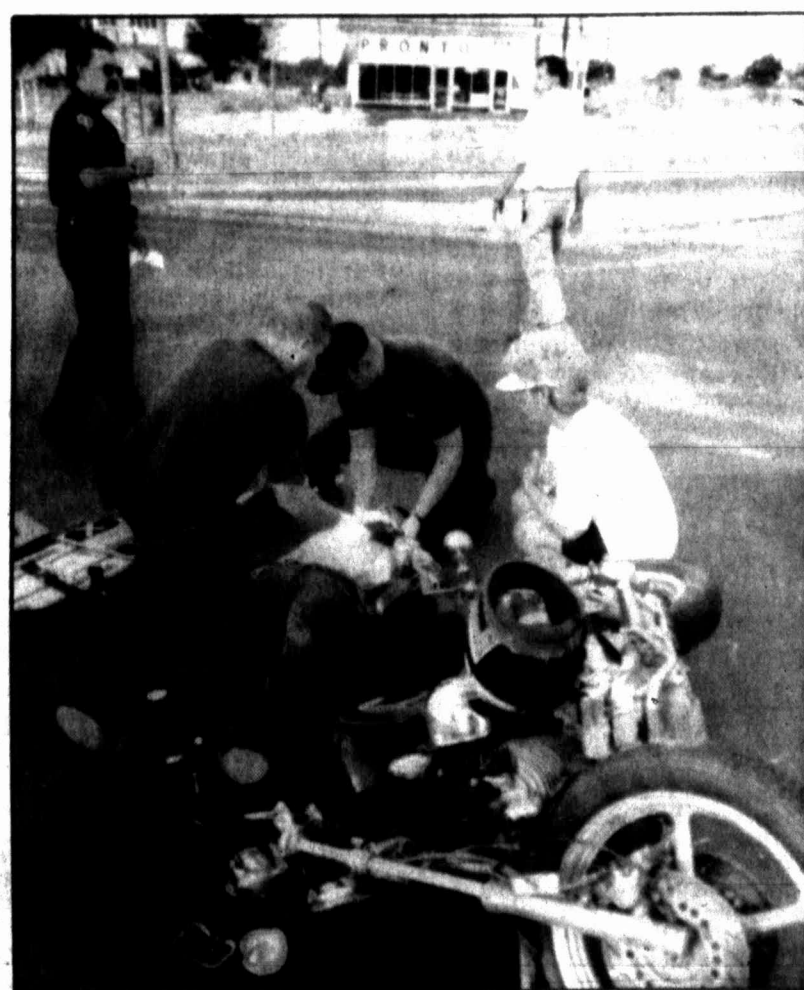
"We certainly don't want to do anything wrong, nor do we want to do something that gives the perception we are doing anything wrong," Krall said.

Herald Managing Editor John H. Walker said the newspaper filed the complaint to protect local businesses.

"If an out-of-town firm wants to come here and set up for business, there are procedures to follow. If they choose not to follow those procedures, they then need to go home," he said.

"We have a number of local businesses, some who advertise with the newspaper and some who do not, who employ people and pay taxes in this community and are in the building supply business. They follow the procedures and we feel they should be protected against outsiders who don't follow the rules."

'CYCLE CRASH



Emergency medical personnel work on a motorcycle rider that was involved in a two-vehicle accident on the south service road of Interstate 20 at the Highway 350 exit Tuesday morning. Preliminary reports indicate the motorcycle struck a pickup that had crossed in its path. HERALD photo/Tim Appel

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TODAY'S WEATHER

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Tuesday

Continued hot. Clear tonight. Highs Wednesday near 103 with lows in 70s.



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OBITUARIES

Peggy Smith

Service for Peggy Smith, 70, Big Spring, will be 11 a.m. Thursday, May 16, 1996, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rodney Tedford, minister of Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mrs. Smith died Monday, May 13, at her residence.

She was born on Aug. 5, 1925, in Slaton, and married Roy Smith on May 20, 1946, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death on Dec. 24, 1988. She came to Big Spring in 1945. She worked as a PBX operator at Malone-Hogan Hospital for seven and a half years retiring in 1985. She was a member of the Birdwell Lane Church of Christ.

Survivors include a stepson: Roy D. Smith, of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; five sisters: Ruth Quintanilla, McAllen, Betty Stevenson, Big Spring, Thelma Davis, Azle, Billie LeMaster, Grafard, and Sue Clark, Houston; and several nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials to: Nurses Hospice, 700 N. Grant, Odessa, Texas 79761 or Allison Cancer Center, 2200 Illinois Ave., Midland, Texas 79701.

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

Katharine Bettie Lamb

Graveside service for Katharine Bettie Lamb, 85, Big Spring, will be 4 p.m. Wednesday, May 15, 1996, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park with Dr. Kenneth Patrick, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating.

Mrs. Lamb died Monday, May 13, in a local hospital.

She was born on Dec. 18, 1910, in St. Louis, Mo., and married Roy Lamb on July 1, 1931, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death on Feb. 20, 1980.

Mrs. Lamb came to Big Spring with her parents, F.W. and Grace Bettie, in 1916. She graduated from Big Spring High School in 1929. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church and of the 1948 Hyperion Club.

Survivors include two brothers: Clayton Bettie, Big Spring, and Albert Bettie, El Paso; one sister: Margaret Whaley, Dallas; two nephews and one niece.

The family suggests memorials to: The American Cancer Society; c/o Lucy Bonner, P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring, Texas; 79721-2121.

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

Big Spring
ON THE RUN

THE BIG SPRING INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT has announced they will sponsor a Summer Food Service Program.

Meals will be provided at the following sites: Goliad Middle School; Bauer Elementary; and Marcy Elementary.

The program will begin on Wednesday, May 29 and conclude on Friday, Aug. 2. Lunches will be served Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at each site. Children 18 years of age and under are eligible to eat. Adults can eat at the cost of \$2.30 per lunch. There are no registration requirements.

THE BIG SPRING AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE is requesting the registration of area Native Americans; records show there are over 100 living in the community.

The purpose of the registration is the establishment of a three member Native American Advisory Board, whose main function would be to offer guidance in the coordination of the Intertribal Gathering, held annually in October.

Those local Native Americans with a proven history and cultural background in Native American customs and heritage should contact the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce at 263-7641.

SPRINGBOARD

IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES IN A SPRINGBOARD ITEM OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT GINA GARZA, 263-7331, BETWEEN 8 A.M. AND 2 P.M. To submit an item to the Springboard, put it in writing and mail or deliver it to us one week in advance. Mail to: Springboard, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, Texas 79720; or bring it by the office at 710 Scurry.

TODAY

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

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

•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.

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

•American Association of Retired Persons in cooperation with the Senior Citizens Center and Howard County Sheriff's office will present AARP's 55 Alive/Mature Driving Course from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center. This eight-hour classroom refresher course is for drivers 50 and older, given in two four-hour sessions. There are no tests or exams. One not need to be an AARP member to enroll. For further information and to register for the class, call the Senior Citizens Center at 267-1628.

WEDNESDAY

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. 12&12 Study.

•Relay for Life committee will meet at noon at the First United Methodist Church.

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Storm-damaged windshield partial cause of accident

HERALD Staff Report

The cause of a Monday night wreck that sent two people to the emergency room was partly attributed to windshield damage sustained during Friday night's hail storm.

According to the police report, Cassie Lynn Pollard, 18, was traveling east on West 16th in a vehicle with a severely damaged windshield. She struck the vehicle of Ruth Owens, 41, when she pulled into the Scurry Street intersection.

Pollard was charged with failure to yield the right of way at a stop sign and driving without insurance.

Owens and Pollard's passenger, Corey Dyer, 18, were taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center, treated for minor injuries and released.

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POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents in a 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. Tuesday:

•PAUL JOHN HOLGUIN, 30, of 1002 N. Gregg, was arrested for violating his parole and outstanding local warrants.

•GONZALO GONZALES, 17, of 2900 Cherokee, was arrested for outstanding local warrants.

•CLIFTON D. GRIFFIN, 51, of 1803 Young, was arrested for public intoxication.

•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF in the 2900 block of West 13th.

•BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE in the 1400 block of Wood and 1500 block of East Sixth.

•INVESTIGATING SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES at Comanche Trail Lake, in the 300 block of Nolan, 1600 block of Goliad, 2300 block of Morrison, 2700 block of Coronado, 1100 block of Pickins, 500 block of Birdwell, 400 block of East 18th, 1200 block of Ridgeroad, 3200 block of Avenue C, 3400 block of West 80, 500 block of San Jacinto and 400 block of Goliad.

•DISTURBANCES/FIGHTS in the 2000 block of Goliad and at Comanche Trail Park.

•DOMESTIC DISTURBANCES in the 800 block of Wyoming, 1000 block of North Main and 600 block of McEwen.

•DISORDERLY CONDUCT in the 2100 block of Warren.

•THEFTS in the 2300 block of Wasson, 900 block of Willia and 400 block of Scurry.

•BURGLARY OF BUILDINGS in the 100 block of West Second and at Simlar and Swords.

•MINOR ACCIDENTS in the 500 block of East Fourth, 2500 block of March and 500 block of Hillside.

•MAJOR ACCIDENT in the 1600 block of Scurry.

•LOUD PARTIES in the 1400 block of Lincoln and 500 block of Westover.

•ASSAULT in the 700 block of East 11th.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following incidents in a 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. Tuesday:

•SIDNEY DEWAYNE PARKER, 27, of 400 N.E. 12th, pleaded guilty in County Court to driving with a suspended license. He was sentenced to 14 days in County Jail and fined \$440.

•CAR FIRE on Long Shore Road.

•SUSPICIOUS PERSON at the post office in Luther.

CLARIFICATION

A cutline in Sunday's Business Section contained incomplete information. Steve and Sonya Madry are in partnership with Rebecca Cannon in the Water Shoppe.

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Gold 390.00-390.60

Silver 5.31-5.34

Monday's high 99

Monday's low 73

Average high 84

Average low 57

Record high 103 in 1956

Record low 42 in 1953

Rainfall Monday 0.00

Month to date 0.29

Month's normal 1.10

Year to date 1.70

Normal for the year 4.64

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RECORDS

IN BRIEF

A SPRING BAND CON-

CERT will be at the Forsan

High School Auditorium at 7

p.m. Thursday. The concert

will feature Forsan ISD's sixth,

seventh and eighth-grade bands

as well as the high school band.

The concert is free and open to

the public.

THE DISABLED

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Chapter #47 is going to have a

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CAUBLE SCHOOL

FRIENDS and alumni will

meet at the Elbow School cafe-

teria on June 1 at 10 a.m.

Guests are encouraged to bring

covered dish lunch to be served

at noon.

Gifts and door prizes will be

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TEXAS BRIEFS

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Report: 'Something has gone wrong at the Housing Authority'

LUBBOCK — The Lubbock Housing Authority may have mismanaged hundreds of thousands of federal dollars in what appears to be an agency run amok, a federal agency has found.

A technical review conducted at the housing authority from Feb. 26 to March 1 outlined management problems, primarily finance-related.

"The complete lack of internal controls affecting all areas of management, particularly the financial area, was apparent immediately," the review stated.

One of the most serious problems centered on payments totalling \$451,967 during the past two years to a local cabinet-making company without procuring a contract or going through a bid process.

Local officials criticize lawmakers' diversion of highway funds

LONGVIEW — Critics are concerned that future driving could be threatened by state lawmakers dipping into the \$3.4 billion state highway fund to pay for other projects.

County commissioners in neighboring Harrison and Marion counties in East Texas have adopted resolutions urging the Legislature to leave the fund alone.

"People like the highways," said Harrison County Judge Rodney Gilstrap. "Texans are pretty proud of the system we have, but if we don't leave the funds alone ... then there will be a price to pay in the future."

At least some legislators view the fund shifting to such recipients as local governments, the state prison system and the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation as justified.

Austin screenwriter contends he had idea for 'Twister'

WICHITA FALLS — An Austin playwright and screenwriter contends that the blockbuster movie "Twister," released to theaters last week, was the uncredited result of a screenplay he wrote.

"Somewhere, I got left out of the process," William Hauptman is quoted as saying in Tuesday editions of the *Wichita Falls Times Record News*.

Hauptman, a Wichita Falls native who captured a 1985 Tony Award for "Big River," said he wrote the original screenplay about four years ago, when he was swept up by a big-time Hollywood film deal with Steven Spielberg.

Three years later, the deal was a disaster and he was left twisting in the wind, Hauptman said.

Entrepreneur wants to revive Houston-Galveston train

HOUSTON — A railroad entrepreneur who already has failed once to keep a Houston-to-Galveston train running wants to try it again.

Franklin Denson, president of the Texas Limited excursion train, is pushing to resurrect the service that ran on weekends for five years until 1994.

Denson also wants to spend \$2.5 million to renovate Houston's old Union Station, which last served passengers in 1974, for his train.

"We need things that are exciting and interesting that other cities don't have," Denson says. "Hotels and shopping aren't enough."

Target auto rates considered, new rounding rule proposed

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer says he will decide in a few weeks where to set target auto insurance premiums.

Bomer on Monday considered arguments from insurance and consumer representatives on the issue. He also released a proposed change in the way part of those rates are calculated.

Two state judges, who heard from the same insurance and consumer representatives speaking before Bomer on Monday, recommended a more than 6 percent increase to the average benchmark rate for most drivers.

The panel recommended a greater increase for risky drivers insured through a special program.

Consumer groups said that recommendation amounted to a 24.2 percent. An insurance group, which asked for a 46.5 percent increase, says the recommendation amounts to a 31 percent increase.

About 3 percent of the state's 8 million drivers are insured through the Texas Automobile Insurance Plan Association, according to Susan Slivinske, of the Texas Automobile Insurance Service Office, an industry group.

Benchmark rates serve as a target for Texas insurance companies. They can vary from the benchmark by 30 percent above or below.

Insurers say an increase in the benchmark does not mean

an increase for consumers.

But consumer groups argue that each time the benchmark has gone up, premiums have followed.

In addition to considering arguments over the judges' recommended benchmark rates, Bomer released a proposal to clarify a part of the rate calculation process.

The state's two largest auto insurers, Allstate Insurance Co. and Farmers Insurance Co., are being sued in South Texas for rounding premiums twice.

Bomer said the state's rounding rule has always required that rates be calculated once to the nearest dollar. But he said the rule is not clear and has been explained incorrectly by

his department.

Bomer said his pending proposal, which will be considered at a hearing next month, clarifies the rule. The commissioner said the new rule could be in place by Sept. 1.

According to the pending lawsuit, which claims Allstate and Farmers have bilked their Texas customers of more than \$100 million through their double rounding method, the companies are the only insurers that double round.

Farmer's spokesman Mark Toohey said the company will continue double rounding until a new rule is in place. He said it would take up to four months after a new rule to change to a single rounding system.



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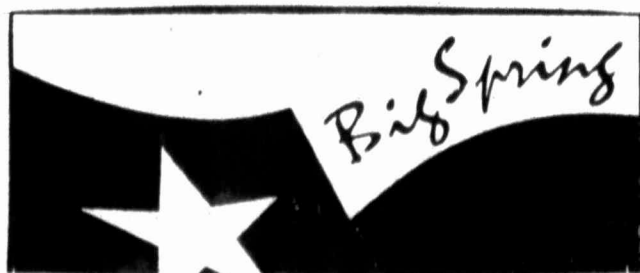
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OUR VIEWS

Kids' Zone quite an accomplishment

Hats off to you, Big Spring, for Kids' Zone. It's quite an accomplishment and something wonderful we can leave for our children and grandchildren.

Yes, the catalyst behind the project was Katy McAteer, but the project would never have come to pass had it not been for hundreds and hundreds of local and area residents who gave of their money and their time.

We need to remember the efforts by schoolkids to cover the gymnasium floor at Trinity Baptist Church with "Koins for Kids' Zone."

We need to stop and think about the folks who gave money while Laurie Churchwell tap way into the Guinness Book of World Records.

There were car washes and garage sales ... there was the Harley Owners Group and much, much more.

It was, as Lee Rushing, pastor at Crossroads Community Fellowship, said at Sunday morning's dedication and prayer service — a community came together at Kids' Zone.

Men, women and children from all walks of life and from all parts of the community ... from all ethnic backgrounds and from all socio-economic classes worked side-by-side and hand-in-hand to see the project to a successful completion.

And, as Pastor Rushing said Sunday morning, now that it is done, we can look back and say what we have done is good.

It is very good.

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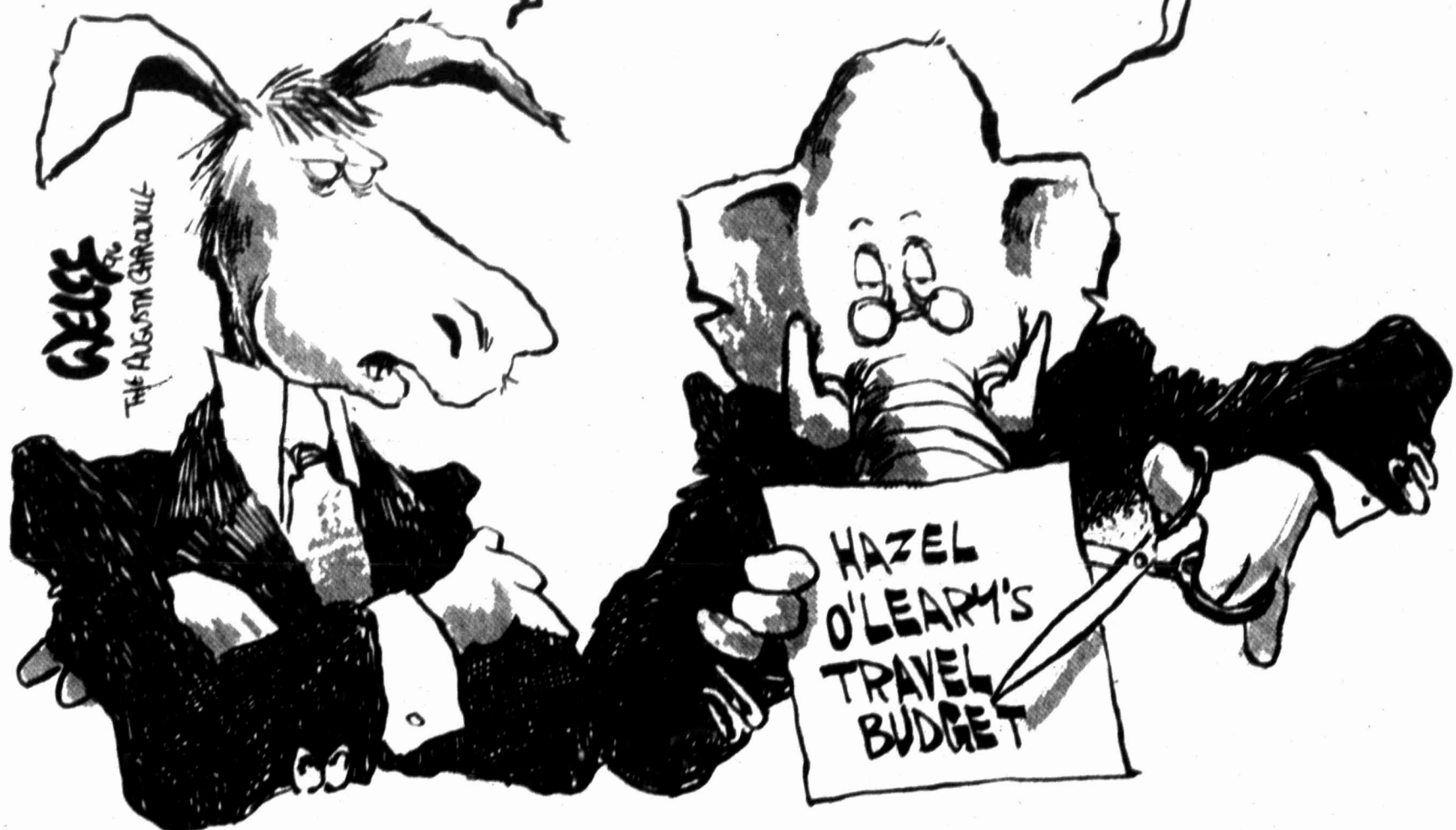
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Answer to Rodman riddle is in mind of beholder

At this point, I thought I had heard all the theories on why Dennis Rodman has captured the imagination of Chicagoans and the media.

As a Bulls fan, I find my interest in Rodman limited to whether he can grab rebounds and avoid going berserk and kissing a referee on the lips.

I won't read his silly book because I honestly don't care what he and Madonna did or didn't do, so long as they didn't do it on my front porch.

But someone has come up with an intriguing explanation for all the interest in Rodman.

I don't know this person's name because he or she posted the thoughts on America Online under one of those anonymous handles.

The message was directed at a Tribune sports columnist who thinks that Rodman is something of a jerk.

The on-line correspondent disagreed and wrote:

"You seem to be out of touch with the phenomenon of Dennis Rodman and his appeal to the fans of Chicago."

"Dennis is like a piece of art. People want to get a closer look to see what it really is."

"It says different things to different people. No two people look at an object of art in the same way; such is true of Rodman."

"Art also holds value differently. The first guy to buy a Picasso probably didn't expect it to be worth millions. Others may question the value of the work of that artist to this day. I see parents and children

clamoring for his jersey not to endorse Dennis as an example, but more as a symbol of 'touching' an unusual piece of art."

"... Look at what the Bulls really are. In a museum there are great works of art (Jordan) forming a solid foundation to your viewing pleasure. There are pieces whose attraction remain steadfast but slightly under the attraction of the great works (Pippen, Kerr, et al)."

"The works that draw the greatest attention are those which provoke curiosity, can inflame human emotions both good and bad, be seen as sexy, sexless, anti or pro, be controversial in every respect."

"It is the intent of the artist. We have the best of the museum pieces to enjoy. These pieces are all priceless in their own right."

"Take Rodman for what he is ... an oddity which enhances the team, regardless of how people view him."

When I read the message, I thought: "That is really goofy. A work of art is something you hang on your wall — maybe a sailing ship or a bowl of fruit. It is not some six-and-a-half-foot goofus who likes to put on

women's clothing and mumble weird thoughts."

On the other hand, I am not an authority on art. I am one of those people who knows what he likes, which isn't much.

So what do Chicago art authorities say? Yes, they say, Rodman is a genuine artwork.

Amada Cruz, Manilow curator of exhibitions at the Museum of Contemporary Art, and a specialist in performance art, said:

"I am not a sports fan, but I am completely fascinated by Dennis Rodman because he is a performance artist. He is art. He uses his body and his hair as a canvas, the piercings and the tattoos and the different hair colors."

"He has this anti-authoritarian stance on the court — the way he theatrically tests calls by the refs, the way he poses on the covers of magazines. He is pushing the boundaries of what's acceptable. Artists suggest alternatives to our mundane existence and thinking in new and different ways. He is the only sports figure I know who merges theatricality with incredible athletic ability."

Tom Mapp, painting professor at the University of Chicago and director of studio programs: "He is living art on two wheels. He's a fascinating person. He should take David Stern on a date."

"I think he changes some of the formal expectations we have of athletes and males. By doing that transformation, he

is art. It's the same transformation when artists do the same thing. Van Gogh takes a wheat field and makes it into strokes of paint that make it his, but the transformation is that it's still a wheat field. We recognize Rodman as a basketball player, but he's a different basketball player. We're fortunate to have him."

Wendy Woon, director of education at the Museum of Contemporary Art: "I happened to walk out of a restaurant on Saturday and Dennis was there with his pink boa and hair."

"He is a great performance artist, the fact that he mixes sports and art. Those two worlds never meet. He's a dynamic person who's clearly into visuals and persona changes. He has this '90s chameleon thing. It's like supermodels: they reinvent themselves and become someone else. Plus his androgyny. He's a sports star wearing a boa and makeup. This is great because it breaks down myths about the male athletes."

Several other art authorities agreed, but space doesn't allow me to print their responses.

When I mentioned their views to Slat Grobik, he said: "Yeah, I can see that. Him and Van Gogh, both wacky artists. But didn't Van Gogh chop off one of his ears?"

I believe so. "Well, I'd hate to think of what Rodman might chop off. Whatever it is, he should wait till the playoffs are over. But if he goes up and they lose, Bulls fans will do it for him."



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In Indian elections, the winners may turn out to be losers

By JACK R. PAYTON
St. Petersburg Times

WASHINGTON It's hard sometimes for Americans to figure out how elections in many foreign countries aren't always won by the winners.

The way we're used to having it, the candidate who gets the most votes is the winner and gets to run things. The candidates or parties who lose get to gripe and complain but have to wait until the next election to really do anything about it. Everything is pretty simple and straightforward.

That's why a lot of us have a hard time with elections like the one that just took place in India, the world's biggest democracy. The party that ended up larger than the others by a wide margin may not get to run anything. And the party that suffered the biggest setback may wind up having the most influence.

This seemingly odd outcome is the result of two things we Americans aren't very familiar with — the parliamentary system of government and elections with three or more powerful contenders.

We've had our share of fairly strong third-party candidates, of course. Ross Perot and George Wallace come to mind

in recent years. But neither of these two got anywhere close to throwing the election results into doubt. Bill Clinton may have gotten only 43 percent of the vote, but it was enough to make him the clear winner.

The parliamentary system, however, is something else entirely. Under this system, the party that gets to run things is the one that controls a majority of the votes in a designated house of parliament. In Britain, for instance, the Conservative Party has a majority of the seats in the House of Commons, so its leader gets to be prime minister and form the government.

But these days in India — like Italy and a lot of other countries with parliamentary systems — no single party controls a majority of the votes in Parliament. So what happens is that several parties get together to form a coalition, agreeing to vote the same way and choosing a common leader. Each of these parties might be small, but if enough of them get together they can outvote a bigger party that doesn't have an absolute majority.

This is more or less what happened in India. A party known as Bharatiya Janata got the most votes and, according to the latest vote count, won 186 of the 545 seats in Parlia-

ment, clearly well ahead of the second-place Congress Party, which got 136 seats, and the third-place finisher, the National Front, with 111.

The problem with this outcome is that none of the other parties want anything to do with the Bharatiya Janata, a party that calls for what amounts to recognition of Hinduism as the national religion. The other parties worry that India's 11 percent Muslim minority might rebel and throw the country into violent turmoil, as if it doesn't have a lot of that already.

The expected scenario, then, is that even though Bharatiya Janata will try to form a government by putting together a coalition in Parliament, it likely will fail. That's when the political horse-trading starts.

If the scenario goes as expected, the Congress Party and the National Front will get together, taking in a few of the smaller parties that want a piece of the action, to form a coalition that controls at least 273 seats, or a majority in Parliament. When that happens, they can choose a common leader who can become prime minister and form a government.

This is where things could get strange.

Again, if the scenario in

India holds true, there's a real possibility that the party that suffered the biggest setback in the election — the Congress Party — could wind up running things again.

Congress, as you may know, is India's oldest and most prestigious party. It's the party of Jawaharlal Nehru and Indira Gandhi, the party that led India to independence after years of British rule, the party of the elite and lower classes alike that has run the country for all but four of the past 49 years.

But as the election results indicate, Congress has been having its troubles in recent years. Its ranks have been riddled with corruption. The lower classes, including the "untouchables," have abandoned it in droves, and many

others have concluded that it simply has been in power far too long.

Even so, Congress' leader — P. V. Narasimha Rao — has a good chance of getting to be prime minister again even though he had to resign from the job only last Friday. The thinking is that Rao is as well placed as anyone else to put together a coalition of Congress, the National Front and a few smaller groups.

If all of that seems messy and cumbersome to us here in the United States, keep in mind that the parliamentary system is the dominant form for democracies around the world. And keep in mind, too, that it has worked quite well for a long time.

For a little perspective on this, many people in parlia-

mentary democracies find our system just as mysterious and messy as we find theirs.

To see what I mean, consider this: Newt Gingrich runs our House of Representatives, Bob Dole presides over our Senate and Bill Clinton is supposed to be in overall charge of things over at the White House.

Gingrich, Dole and their followers belong to the same party but don't see eye-to-eye on a lot of things and don't bother to hide it. Every once in a while, one of them will get together with Clinton, the supposed enemy, to cut a deal. But most of the time, they're all fighting each other and none of the work we elected them to do gets done.

Everything nice and neat and straightforward.

MALLARD FILMORE

By Bruce Tinsley



Flight 592's 'black box' located when police diver steps on it

MIAMI (AP) — A police diver stumbled upon the data recorder of ValuJet Flight 592 while searching for human remains in Everglades muck, a discovery that could yield clues to the cause of the crash that killed 109 people.

"He stepped on it," Robert Francis, vice chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board, said Monday night, calling the find "extraordinarily fortunate."

Navy sonar failed to find either of the jet's recorders.

The 30-pound data recorder, buried in the muck under a few feet of murky water, was sent to NTSB headquarters in Washington for analysis, shipped in a water-filled cooler to ensure against drying that might damage it.

The recorder was bent but in good shape, Francis said. The box on the 27-year-old plane recorded fewer details than

those on newer jets. Older recorders measure only 11 functions, such as speed and altitude.

The search at the crash site resumes today for parts of the plane, human remains and the DC-9's other so-called black box, the cockpit voice recorder.

Teams of divers walked side by side on Monday, searching the swamp inch by inch and accompanied by a sharpshooter on the lookout for alligators and poisonous snakes.

The searchers filled bags with body parts, including fingers, hands, feet, but nothing larger than a knee, said Metro-Dade police Cmdr. Al Harper.

"It would be traumatic for even the most seasoned homicide detective," he said.

Retired Dade County Medical Examiner Joseph Davis, who is taking part in the investigation, said some of the victims might never be identified. "I don't

hold any hope we'll find any recoverable large parts of people," he said.

The divers have also been selectively collecting small pieces of the jet that could be considered "significant," Francis said, "and these may be a bundle of wiring, or a particular switch, or whatever it is."

The pieces could be "early indicators of what might have happened," he added.

Francis said the jet's engines, found Sunday, would undergo a thorough examination but that an early inspection showed no "catastrophic damage."

The Atlanta-bound jet crashed Saturday shortly after takeoff from Miami with 104 passengers and five crew members. The crew reported smoke in the cockpit and cabin before the tower lost contact.

Before flying from Atlanta to Miami on its next to last flight earlier Saturday, the plane was

delayed by maintenance problems, according to records reviewed by investigators. A worker had to replace circuit breakers for the plane's fuel pump twice before the plane was cleared to take off.

Francis said he couldn't "start to comment" if there was any link between the circuit breaker problem and the crash.

At the crash scene, about 30 divers in rubberized suits to protect them from skin-irritating jet fuel walked through the water in shifts that lasted only 15 to 20 minutes because of the conditions: heat in the 90s, swarms of mosquitoes and horseflies, razor-sharp saw grass, and water 6 inches to 5 feet deep over the thick muck.

As the search dragged on, some relatives of crash victims were becoming frustrated.

"By the time they get out there, with those alligators and stuff, she'll be all ate up," said

Raquel Perry, daughter-in-law of crash victim Wilhemina Perry of Miami.

In other developments: In April, the Federal Aviation Administration ordered that a wiring bundle on all 816 U.S.-registered McDonnell Douglas DC-9s, MD-90s, and C-9 (military) aircraft be rerouted to "prevent the potential for a fire and uncontrolled smoke throughout the cockpit."

The FAA said there had been reports of "chafing found on the wire bundle" in an overhead control panel. The order takes effect Wednesday. FAA spokeswoman Drucella Anderson told The Associated Press that connecting the potential problem to the crash would be purely speculative. The agency has said it does not yet know the cause of the smoke in the cabin and cockpit of Flight 592.

CBS News reported that the FAA was to be investigated by

the Department of Transportation as part of an overall probe in the wake of the crash. The department was investigating the possibility that the FAA knew ValuJet was headed for trouble before the crash. The network said the FAA declined to comment.

Pilot Candelyn Kubeck had concerns about the safety of the older DC-9s she was flying and kept meticulous records of all problems she found, her stepmother said.

"She wrote down everything that she ever found wrong with a ValuJet plane, in order to bring it to the attention of those in charge," Joan Chamberlin told KCAL-TV in Los Angeles.

Chamberlin didn't elaborate on what her she found, but said she wouldn't have flown a jet with problems. Mrs. Kubeck, 35, was believed to be the first female captain of a commercial jet to be killed in a U.S. crash.

Readers Corner

Submissions for the next Readers Corner page should be at the Herald office by April 15. The next Readers Corner page is scheduled for April 24.

Readers are encouraged to submit stories, poems and pictures. Stories and poems should be about a page and a half in length. Photos should be in focus and not too light or too dark; please identify the subject and who took the photo.

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Israeli artillery opens up on suspected guerrilla posts in Lebanon

MARJAYOUN, Lebanon (AP) — Israeli forces pounded suspected Hezbollah targets in southern Lebanon, apparently in pre-emptive attacks to thwart any possible guerrilla activity, security sources said today.

The shelling began late Monday and was continuing at midday today, said the sources, speaking on condition of anonymity from an Israeli-occupied border enclave.

The fighting heightened tension along the border as the

United States made another attempt to set up a five-nation group to monitor an April 26 cease-fire that halted an Israeli bombing blitz against Hezbollah guerrillas. A meeting last week failed to reach agreement among France, the United States, Syria, Lebanon and Israel.

The security sources said Israeli ground batteries fired about 200 155-mm and 175-mm artillery shells on guerrilla positions facing the eastern and

central parts of the enclave.

The artillery pounded the Iqlim al-Tuffah highlands, strongholds of the Iranian-backed guerrilla group Hezbollah, or Party of God.

There was no immediate word on casualties or what had triggered the artillery fire.

Israel generally retaliates for attacks on its forces in the enclave, but the security sources suggested the shelling was intended to prevent possible guerrilla infiltration and

ambushes — and any embarrassment to Prime Minister Shimon Peres — in the runup to Israel's May 29 elections.

Israeli helicopter gunships foiled a guerrilla attempt to infiltrate the enclave Monday, a day after five Israeli soldiers were wounded in a Hezbollah bomb ambush in the enclave. Israeli warplanes went into action against the guerrillas Sunday for the first time since the cease-fire.

The violence since last week

has been the most serious in Lebanon since a U.S.-brokered cease-fire ended the Israeli offensive in which 165 Lebanese, most of them civilians, were killed and 338 Lebanese and Israelis were wounded.

Under the terms of the cease-fire, Hezbollah ended its cross-border rocket barrages on northern Israel, which provoked Israel's military campaign. Israel also stopped shooting at south Lebanon villages and both sides pledged to refrain from targeting civilians.

But the accord did not commit Hezbollah to stop its attacks on

Israeli troops in southern Lebanon, or require Israel to stop retaliating against guerrilla targets.

Israel established a 440-square-mile enclave in the south since 1985 as a "security zone" against cross-border guerrilla attacks. The zone is patrolled by 1,200 Israeli soldiers and 2,500-strong local militia.

Hezbollah has been leading the guerrilla war to dislodge the Israelis and their South Lebanon Army militia allies from the occupied enclave, rendering south Lebanon the last active Arab-Israeli war front.

Whitewater prosecutor avoids slamming Clinton

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — In closing arguments, Whitewater prosecutors walked the fine line of trying to bolster their star witness without slamming their star detractor — the president of the United States.

But prosecutor W. Ray Jahn hinted after his closing arguments Monday that he may revisit President Clinton's videotaped testimony after lawyers for the three defendants finish summarizing their cases to the jury.

"We'll talk again," Jahn told reporters asking about a possible attempt to discredit Clinton.

A lawyer for defendant James McDougal was expected to begin closing arguments today, with lawyers for co-defendants Gov. Jim Guy Tucker and Susan McDougal to follow.

Monday's closing focused on building the credibility of banker David Hale, who testified that McDougal and Tucker conspired with him in nearly \$3 million of illegal loans, and that then-Gov. Clinton benefited from part of a \$300,000 loan to Susan McDougal.

"Did David Hale say, ... 'One of these days, I may get caught, so I better start making up stories'?" Jahn asked. "Was he thinking, 'I'm going to get in trouble. I'll pick the future president of the United States to incriminate'?"

Jahn noted that Judge Bill Watt testified that he under-

stood from Hale in 1986 that Clinton wanted to see an \$825,000 loan completed "to help his friends." Hale, an ex-municipal judge, had no reason to drag Clinton into the case then.

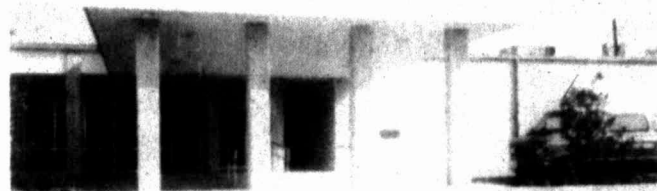
Hale pleaded guilty in 1993 to defrauding the Small Business

Administration and was sentenced in March to 28 months in prison and ordered to make \$2.04 million in restitution.

McDougal and Tucker are accused of arranging the loans and fraud. Susan McDougal faces four fraud counts; a con-

spiracy count was dropped.

Hale testified for nine days, outlining an arrangement in which McDougal and Tucker allegedly helped infuse \$500,000 into Hale's lending company to attract \$1.5 million in federal matching money.



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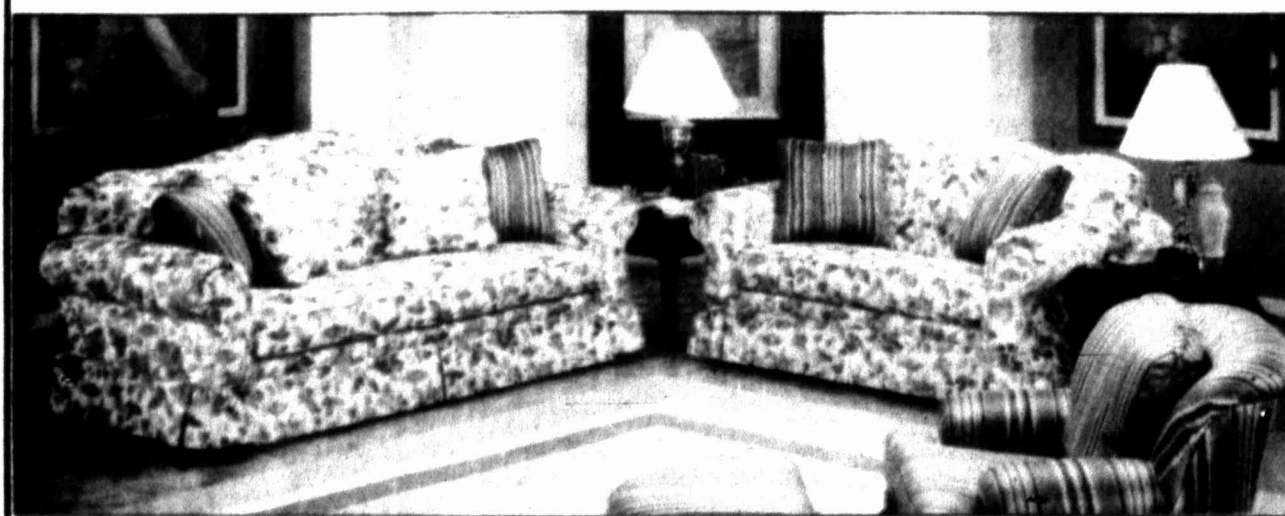
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Today	Howard College vs. NETCC (baseball), 1 p.m., Abilene	Baseball	Pittsburgh at Atlanta, 6:35 p.m., TBS (ch. 11)
Thursday	Coahoma vs. Van Horn (baseball), 6 p.m., Pecos	Basketball	Teams TBA, 7 and 9:30 p.m., TNT (ch. 28)
Friday	Big Spring vs. Dumas (baseball), 7 p.m., Lubbock	Hockey	Teams TBA, 6:30 p.m., ESPN (ch. 30)
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Saturday	Big Spring vs. Dumas (baseball), 1 p.m., Lubbock		

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Hawks eliminate OC, Blinn at state JUCO tourney

HERALD Staff Report

The Howard College Hawks apparently decided that taking the long route to the state championship game is better than not going at all.

The Hawks, after falling into the loser's bracket on the first day of the state junior college baseball tournament in Abilene, pulled themselves to within a game of the title con-

test by defeating Odessa College and Blinn College Monday at Abilene Christian University.

For the fifth time in seven meetings this season, the Hawks dispatched Odessa, and did so in convincing fashion, taking an 11-2 victory in a game shortened by the run rule.

Scott Mackenzie (8-2) pitched efficiently for the Hawks, scattering four hits while striking

out nine and walking one en route to the complete-game victory.

At the plate, meanwhile, the Hawks eschewed the long ball in favor of an attack that featured 13 hits, all singles. Right fielder Brady Mills was 4-for-4 at the plate, while Nathan Nelson and Jason Huth each went 3-for-4.

A few hours later, the Hawks found themselves in a much

tighter scrape against Blinn, but escaped with a 6-5 victory. J.D. Perry took the win, and Ben Phillips earned the save a day after pitching a complete-game victory over Wharton.

Despite surrendering a run, Phillips allowed only one hit while striking out two and walking one.

A day after getting on his team for lackadaisical play, Roper was singing a different

tune following the two victories.

"They played hard (Monday)," he said of his team. "They made some mistakes in the Blinn game, which allowed them to come back ... but they were aggressive mistakes, which is fine with me, because they played hard and that's all I want."

The Hawks face a rematch with Northeast Texas

Community College today at 1 p.m. Northeast defeated Howard 12-2 in the first round of the tournament Saturday.

Howard's Caleb Brown and NETCC's Chris Speerstra are slated to start today's contest.

The winner of the Howard-NETCC game faces winner's bracket champion Hill at 5 p.m. in the first of a possible two games for the state JUCO title.

BSHS girls mark end of great year

By STEVE REAGAN
Sports Editor

One of the finest seasons in Big Spring girls' athletics history was celebrated at the annual Lady Steers Banquet Monday at First United Methodist Church's Garrett Hall.

Among the achievements honored was the girls' basketball team's first-ever state playoff victory and an incredible streak of victories posted by the track team.

The Lady Steers won every meet they entered this season up to the state meet, and did so in convincing fashion. Big Spring scored at least 175 points in three of its meets, and scored more than 200 points on three other occasions.

The team also set a District 4-4A record by scoring 224 points en route to the district title, then won the Region 1-4A crown by 57 points over its nearest rival.

As track coach Jay Kennedy said, "This was a special group

of people who did some special things."

Although Kennedy did not hand out awards, he did recognize the athletes who qualified for the regional and state meets this season.

Awards presented included:

- Basketball - Most improved, Heather Anderson; Best defensive player, Kara Hughes; Coach's award, Molly Smith; and Most Valuable Player, Robin Wise.

- Volleyball - Coach's award, Keesha Lott and Dee Hill; Leadership award, Molly Smith; Most improved, Natalie Newsom; and MVP, Molly Smith.

- Softball - Purple Heart, Jessica Cobos; MVP, Heather James; Pitching, Honey Belew; Newcomer, Melissa Mouton; and Utility Players, Honey Belew and Mandy Lance.

Big Spring Athletic Director ended the evening by presenting the Academic Excellence Award to Robin Wise.



Big Spring volleyball coach Traci Pierce, left, presents the team's most valuable player award to Molly Smith during the Big Spring Lady Steers athletic banquet Monday.

HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Atlanta avoids elimination against Orlando

■ NBA

ATLANTA (AP) — Shaquille O'Neal looked for a bright spot in a dismal evening.

"Winning at home makes it sweeter," he said, looking ahead to Orlando's chance to wrap up the Eastern Conference semifinals against Atlanta with a victory Wednesday night.

Of course, if O'Neal could make a free throw every now and then, the series would have ended Monday night and the Magic could be resting up for the probable meeting with the Chicago Bulls in the conference finals.

Instead, Orlando faces another game with the pesky Hawks, who blew a 20-point halftime lead in Game 4, but held on to win 104-99. After losing the first three games, Atlanta managed to avoid a sweep in large part because O'Neal's old bugaboo — foul shooting — reared up again at critical moments.

One after another, his shots clanked off the rim, most with not even a glimmer of hope of touching the bottom of the net. By the end of the night, he was 5-for-17, missing all seven in the second half when the game — and the series — was there to be won by the Magic.

"I've won more games than I've lost at the line," said O'Neal, who isn't going to win many with his 42 percent free-throw shooting in the playoffs. "Tonight was my fault. I don't make excuses for my play."

Atlanta's Steve Smith, criticized for not shooting enough in the series, seemed eager to change that perception in one night, setting a career playoff high with 35 points.

"I happened to hit a couple, so I kept shooting them and hit

some more," said Smith, who was 7-of-14 from 3-point range and 12-of-31 overall. "I got more open looks."

The Hawks were brilliant in the first half, leading by as many as 22 points and maintaining a double-digit lead throughout the second quarter. Smith and Mookie Blaylock combined to hit seven 3-pointers in the first period, one shy of the NBA playoff record, and the Hawks led 44-29 to set a franchise record for points in the opening quarter of a playoff game.

Atlanta extended the lead to 67-47 at halftime, but the Magic weren't dead. A 30-9 outburst in the opening 8:44 of the third quarter gave Orlando its first lead since the opening minute.

"You had to feel the game was slipping away," Smith said. "Orlando really came back, but we withstood their run and regrouped and got together to win this one. A game like this gives us a lot of confidence. We withstood their big run."

The Magic led 83-82 heading to the final period, but Smith, only 1-of-6 from the field in the third quarter after scoring 23 points in the first half, regained his touch. He jammed in a rebound with 3:30 remaining to put Atlanta up 96-92, then hit a 10-foot jumper as the 24-second clock wound down for a 102-97 lead with 40 seconds to go.

After Nick Anderson's basket closed Orlando within three, Smith found Christian Laettner open under the basket.

Ousted champs prep for early vacation

HOUSTON (AP) — It took Rudy Tomjanovich awhile to realize the Houston Rockets were no longer NBA champions.

"I woke up this morning and the first thing I thought was if this was a shoot-around day or full practice," Tomjanovich said Monday. "Then, I turned on the answering machine and there as a message from my daughter to my wife."

"She said, 'I guess we'll have the big restless guy around more this summer.'"

Tomjanovich and the Rockets began their vacations Sunday

after they were swept 4-0 by the Seattle SuperSonics, ending their two-year run as NBA champions.

It was not a good feeling.

"It will be a different summer than the last two summers," Tomjanovich said. "If we're going to be champions again, there will be some bitterness, disgust, whatever. Even if we did do a good job, we've got to find a way to get on top again."

The Rockets did a good job rallying from an injury-filled season to reach the playoffs as the No. 5 seed, but it wasn't good enough in the Western

Conference semifinals.

"It's disappointing but you also have to look at reality," Tomjanovich said. "I thought we played worse in some games last year and won. We just ran into a great team that did some phenomenal things. Three of those games went right down to the end."

Seattle moves on to the Western Conference finals with admiration for the battling Rockets.

"I was wondering, 'Why don't you guys just die?'" Sonics guard Gary Payton said. "They really had me going. I couldn't

believe it. They were like a vampire. You stab them 18 times and they won't die."

The Rockets' star-filled injury list slowed their season.

Houston missed 157 player games with injuries. Hakeem Olajuwon was out 10 games with tendinitis in both knees. Clyde Drexler missed 30 games because of knee surgery.

Key backups Mario Elie (36 days following hand surgery) and Sam Cassell (21 days after elbow surgery) also slowed the Rockets' drive into the playoffs.

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Rangers rally to defeat Kansas City; unknown powers Orioles to win

ARLINGTON (AP) — Rusty Greer hit a two-run double in a three-run eighth inning as Texas rallied to beat visiting Kansas City 7-6 and won for the ninth time in 12 games.

Royals starter Kevin Appier was knocked out in the first when a liner by Greer struck him in the right kneecap. Appier left with the bases loaded and was taken to a hospital for X-rays, which were negative. The Royals said he is not expected to miss any starts.

With Kansas City leading 6-4 in the eighth, Will Clark hit an RBI single off Jeff Montgomery (0-2) and Greer doubled off the

■ AL

center-field wall.

Dennis Cook (2-0) allowed two hits in four innings of shutout relief. Mike Henneman pitched a hitless ninth for his 10th save.

Orioles 4, Athletics 3
David Wells is sidelined with a case of gout. Scott Erickson twisted his ankle playing pepper. All of a sudden, Rick Krivda could be a key starter for the Baltimore Orioles.

Krivda, promoted from the minors last week, pitched six

strong innings Monday night as a late replacement for the ailing Wells, and the Orioles held on for a 4-3 win over the Oakland Athletics.

"We needed that. He was great," teammate Brady Anderson said of Krivda, who allowed one run and four hits.

Randy Myers gave up two singles in the ninth, but got pinch-hitter George Williams on a grounder to short for his ninth save. It was his 252nd save, tying him with Dave Righetti for ninth on the career list.

Krivda (1-0), whose only previous major league appearance this season was a two-inning

relief stint last Wednesday in which he allowed five hits and three runs, struck out five and was helped by three double plays. The only run he allowed scored on Brent Gates' bloop single in the third.

"I think today was more anxiousness than nervousness," said Krivda, whose ERA was 13.50 after the relief appearance and 4.50 after Monday night's performance. "I knew when I pitched in relief it was not such a good outing."

Wells was scratched from the start because the gout was causing severe swelling in his right big toe. He was expected

to undergo more tests today.

Erickson hurt his left ankle before Monday's game. The severity of the injury was unclear.

"Rick Krivda did a heck of a job. A great job. I was impressed," Orioles manager Davey Johnson said. "It was just enough."

Anderson hit the game's first pitch into the right-field corner for a double, and Mike Devereaux singled. Roberto Alomar hit an RBI double and Rafael Palmeiro grounded out to first to drive in the second run.

Bobby Bonilla made it 3-0

with an RBI single to left and, after Cal Ripken doubled into the left-field corner, Bonilla scored on a wild pitch.

Brewers 6, White Sox 2

Dave Nilsson hit his first homer of the season and knuckleballer Steve Sparks (2-4) snapped out of a three-start slump.

Starting on nine days' rest, Sparks gave up two earned runs and seven hits in seven innings, leaving after Frank Thomas' leadoff homer in the eighth. Marshall Boze pitched 1 2-3 innings for his first career save.

Marlins keep winning streak going; Chicago clobbers Houston, 6-0

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

First, a no-hitter. Then, a dramatic game-ending homer. And now, a payback grand slam and an eight-game winning streak.

It's been three thrilling days for the Florida Marlins.

Two batters after Gary Sheffield was ejected after being hit by Andy Benes, Terry Pendleton hit a grand slam Monday night to give Florida a 5-2 win over the Cardinals, extending the Marlins' winning streak to eight games.

Pendleton's shot capped a three-day span in which Al Leiter pitched the first no-hitter in Florida's brief history and

■ NL

Charles Johnson hit a two-run homer in the ninth inning for a 7-5 win over Colorado.

In the sixth inning, Benes, leading 1-0, hit Sheffield on the left arm with a 2-2 pitch. Sheffield fell to the ground in pain before jumping to his feet and slamming his bat to the ground. He started to head towards Benes on the mound, but was restrained by catcher Tom Pagnozzi as both benches emptied.

Benes and Sheffield then shouted at each other for several minutes, and were both ejected

by home plate umpire Bob Davidson.

When play resumed, reliever T.J. Mathews walked the next batter to load the bases for Pendleton, who hit his fourth career grand slam and fourth homer of the season.

"It felt good; I was already fired up," Pendleton said. "The fans were screaming at us. 'Show them with the bats.' And they were absolutely right. My adrenaline was going big-time."

The Marlins' winning streak, the longest in the major leagues, ties the club record set from July 27 to Aug. 8 last year.

Temper were still pretty hot after the game.

"I don't have a problem with the way Davidson handled it," St. Louis manager Tony La Russa said. "My problem is with Sheffield. He puts a move on like that and he's in the clubhouse laughing. I don't think he should make a career pulling stunts like that."

Said Sheffield of La Russa: "Everyone is aware he's a baseball specialist."

Benes, a teammate of Sheffield's in San Diego, phoned Sheffield after the game to patch up their differences.

"He has a lot of class for calling over here," Sheffield said. "I wasn't mad at him personally. I was just mad because I got

hit on my arm again."

Sheffield was wearing a protective pad on his arm after being hit twice already this week on the arm.

Elsewhere in the NL, it was Atlanta 9, Pittsburgh 3; Chicago 6, Houston 0; San Francisco 2, Philadelphia 1; San Diego 5, New York 2; and Montreal 3, Los Angeles 2.

Braves 9, Pirates 3
Tom Glavine won his 10th consecutive home decision against Pittsburgh.

Glavine (4-3), unbeaten against the Pirates in Atlanta, gave up three hits, struck out four and walked two in six innings, helping the Braves

win for the eighth time in nine games. He added a two-run single.

David Justice drove in four runs, and Mark Lemke went 4-for-5 for the Braves.

Danny Darwin (2-4), starting against Atlanta for the first time in six years, took the loss. **Cubs 6, Astros 0**

Steve Trachsel gave up one hit — a leadoff double in the first inning — for his first career shutout.

After Brian Hunter opened the game with a double, Trachsel (3-2) gave up a walk in the second inning before retir-

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Bulldogettes play Friday

The Coahoma Bulldogettes open play at the Class 2A state softball tournament at 1 p.m. Friday against Slocum (21-6).

All UIL state softball games will be held at the Pleasant Valley Sportsplex in Austin.

In the other Class 2A semifinal, Blooming Grove (18-6) faces Shiner (15-7) at 3 p.m. If Coahoma wins its semifinal, it will advance to the state title game at 9 a.m. Saturday.

Pirates top Rangers

In local Junior League action, the Pirates rolled past the Rangers 12-2 in a game called after five innings.

Clint Bamert struck out seven and scattered two hits to pick up the win. Colby Ditto and Heath Gregory each had two hits for the victors. The Pirates improved to 2-0, while the Rangers fell to 0-2.

Local team in San Angelo

Deal With It, a Big Spring UGSA Div. IV softball team, finished second at a recent tournament in San Angelo.

In its first game, the team beat San Angelo Morales 5-3, with Jessica Cobos picking up the win. She allowed only one hit and struck out four.

Melisa Martinez had two doubles and Somer Leubner had a two-RBI double.

Deal With It dropped a 3-2 decision to San Angelo Milds in the second game. Honey Belew took the loss despite pitching a four-hitter. Martinez again had two hits.

In game three, Big Spring defeated San Angelo Ward 6-3 with Martinez getting the win and Cobos hitting a two-run homer.

The win advanced Big Spring to the championship game, where the team suffered an 11-5 setback to San Angelo Mild. Jackie Martinez and Belew shared pitching duties, allowing six hits.

Stallings set personal record

Jeremy Stallings, a University of Florida junior and Stanton High School graduate, ran a NCAA and USA Olympic Trials qualifying time when he set a personal record of 1:47.57 in the 800 meter run at the Florida State Twilight Meet held May 11 in Tallahassee, Fla.

The NCAA championships will begin May 29 in Eugene, Oregon, while the Olympic trials will be held June 14 in Atlanta.

Stallings' next meet will be the SEC Track and Field Championships Sunday at the University

of Kentucky.

UGSA hosts ragball tournament

The United Girls Softball Association will host a ragball tournament for anyone 13 years of age and older.

All proceeds benefit the local UGSA chapter. Entry fee is \$10 per person. For more information, contact 267-1993, 263-7206, 263-0778, 263-3623 or 267-4657.

KOC hosts softball tournament

The Knights of Columbus will hold their second annual men's softball tournament May 17-19 at Hildalgo Park, located on Orchard and Tyler streets in Midland.

Entry fee is \$110, and entry deadline is May 15. Mail entry fee to: Knights of Columbus 9215, Attn: softball tournament, P.O. Box 50743, Midland, Texas 79710.

YMCA offers services

The Big Spring YMCA will have a summer swim team league open to boys and girls in grades 1-12.

Other services on tap for this summer include:

- Free swim lessons May 20-23. Space is limited.

- Summer camp program open to children in grades K-6.

- Co-ed power sand pit volleyball league. Organizational meeting will be Tuesday at the YMCA.

A recreational sand pit volleyball league also is forming. Organizational meeting is Monday at the YMCA.

- The co-ed softball league will hold its organizational meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday at the YMCA.

- For more information on these services, contact the YMCA at 267-8234.

NAYB schedules national tourney

North American Youth Basketball will hold its 10th annual tournament and championship July 24-28 in the Longview-Tyler area.

Spaces still remain for the tournament, organizers said.

There are 10 brackets of competition. A five-game guarantee is \$275, while a 10-game guarantee is \$425.

Entry deadline is May 24. For more information, contact Tommy Aldridge at (903) 845-5192 during the evenings.

Rockets

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The Rockets have the heart of their lineup back, although they'll be a year older.

Olajuwon, 33, is signed through 1999, although there is an option clause following next season. Drexler, 34, signed a two-year extension earlier this year and Robert Horry and Erickson Brown are signed through next season.

Cassell has two years remaining on his five-year contract signed his rookie season but point guard Kenny Smith completed his contract this season and so did Elie.

The Rockets haven't indicated any major changes.

"I don't think 'breaking up' is the right word," owner Leslie Alexander said. "We'll try to add things to make things better. But we always try to do that. We added Mark Bryant last year. We'll try to do something for next year, too."

The Rockets' memorable title run took off two seasons ago when they blew a 20-point lead and lost Game 2 of the Western Conference semifinals to Phoenix. Charles Barkley thought the Rockets were dead then.

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ing 14 straight. He struck out six and walked three in his first complete game this season.

Sammy Sosa homered for the third straight game for Chicago.

Shane Reynolds (5-2) lost his first road game in six starts this season.

Giants 2, Phillies 1

At Philadelphia, Matt Williams homered in the seventh inning to snap a tie, and three San Francisco pitchers combined for 14 strikeouts.

With the score tied 1-1 in the seventh, Williams hit a 1-0 pitch from Sid Fernandez (2-3) deep into the left-field seats for his ninth homer.

Mark Gardner (4-1) struck out nine in 6 1/3 innings. Rich DelLucia struck out four of the five batters he faced, and Rod Beck got three outs for his ninth save.

Padres 5, Mets 2

At San Diego, Fernando Valenzuela held New York to five hits in 6 2/3 innings, his longest outing for the Padres, and Brian Johnson drove in four runs.

Valenzuela (2-1), who twice worked 6 1/3 innings last season in his first year with San Diego, struck out two and walked one.

Johnson hit a two-run double as part of a three-run eighth inning.

That loss earned Houston the name "Choke City." By the end of their first title run, the Rockets' home became "Clutch City" and remained so through the 1996 playoffs.

Their memories won't be tainted by detractors who say they won in years that Seattle was upset in the first round and Michael Jordan was on his baseball sabbatical.

"Those were the people who doubted us that first year against New York and the second year against Orlando," Horry said of the two title

series. "You can't take it away from us because 20 or 30 years from now, they're just going to see 'Houston Rockets, world champions.' They're not going to see, 'Well, they didn't play Mike Drexler.' They're just going to see us as world champions."

The Rockets know what they had and what they've lost.

"This is a business and we're in the business of trying to achieve championships," Brown said. "You know what? Business was good the last two years."

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State pairings

AUSTIN (AP) — Pairings for the 1996 UIL State Softball Championships May 17-18 at the Pleasant Valley Sportsplex:

Semifinals

Friday, May 17

Conference 5A

Peerland (28-6) vs. Keller (29-8), 5 p.m.

Conference 4A

Waco Midway (29-4) vs. Azle (27-7), 1 p.m.

Conference 3A

Brenham (32-7) vs. Brownwood (23-8), 3 p.m.

Conference 2A

Slocum (21-6) vs. Coahoma (20-10), 1 p.m.

Conference 1A

Blooming Grove (18-6) vs. Shiner (15-7), 5 p.m.

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AMENDING CHAPTER 18 OF THE BIG SPRING
CITY CODE BY AMENDING ARTICLE 3-SECTION
18-408 (5) MISCELLANEOUS FARES AND
CHARGES.
Shanna Young
Asst. City Secretary
0960 May 12 and 14, 1996

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COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 310 NOLAN, BIG
SPRING, TEXAS, TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING
REQUEST FOR A REZONE.
The property owner of a 157 x 150' Lot, described as
Block 1, Lots 2 & 3 of Brennan Addition (1001 Bell
Street) is requesting a Rezone of this property from
MF (Multiple Family Dwelling) to NB (Neighborhood
Service) for the use of a Home Health Agency.
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COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 310 NOLAN, BIG
SPRING, TEXAS, TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING
REQUEST FOR A REZONE.
The property owner of a 140 x 90' Lot, described as
Block 8, Lots 7 & 8 of Jones Valley Subdivision (1001
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 15:

Use your ability to grounded
yourself and your high creativ-
ity make for continued success.
You are a dynamo this year
mentally and personally. There
is little that can stop you. What
is important is understanding
where others are coming from.
Be aware of a tendency to be
one-sided in your views. If you
are single, romance blooms. To
keep it on an even keel, be sen-
sitive to another's feelings. If
attached, learn to be more
empathetic so your relationship
can flourish. TAURUS is a soul
mate.

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)
You might not like the news
you are hearing from others.
Question everything, and
expect the unexpected. Do a
better job of listening when oth-
ers are talking about their
monetary needs. Make good
choices for yourself, and you
will help others as a result.
Tonight: Indulge. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
You might be backtracking,
reorganizing and making deci-
sions rather quickly.
Understand your limits, but
focus on what you want.
Charisma is high, and you na-
vigate through changes with a
great deal of ease. Others sim-
ply want to please. Tonight: A
smile goes a long way. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
Much is going on that you
choose not to discuss. You gain
perspective through willing-
ness and openness. Listen,
think and evaluate before react-
ing to sudden and startling
news. You will need time to
consider and discuss. Tonight:
Make this a personal night. ***

HOROSCOPE

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
The unexpected occurs with an
associate and funds. Be flexi-
ble, and understand others'
boundaries. A solid front helps
defuse this volatile situation
and opens new doors. You will
come out a winner in the long
run. Trust your judgment.
Tonight: Out and about. ****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You
are in the limelight. A partner
reacts in a most unpredictable
manner. A boss could be very
impressed with you. Stay open
in your decision making
processes. Understanding is
important with others, even if
you do call the shots now.
Tonight: Work late. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Make some phone calls, and
explore alternatives. You will
be surprised by what another
comes up with. Remain in con-
trol. Examine, question and
realize that nothing is stable
right now. Be rational when
dealing with a co-worker.
Tonight: Shop for a new CD.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Be
discreet. You and others will be
happier in the long run. The
unexpected occurs, and you see
life in a renewed manner. A
flirtation could cause you a lot
more trouble than you are will-
ing to handle. Eye the future in
a key partnership. Tonight: Let
it all hang out. ****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Listen to what others are say-
ing. Your viewpoint is subject
to dramatic change. A matter
involving property takes a sur-
prising turn. Concentrate, and
be goal-oriented.
Communications open up a
new vista. You are pleasantly
surprised. Tonight: Say yes.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.
21) Question what you want
with care. An experience opens

you up to a new possibility.
Make work your highest priori-
ty. You might need to screen
calls in order to concentrate on
the task at hand. Handle
finances with extreme caution.
Float with a choice. Tonight:
Be ready to burn the midnight
oil. *****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.
19) Though there could be prob-
lems financially, you have the
wherewithal to get through.
Your ingenuity is called upon.
You find an unusual solution to
a problem. Share your impres-
sions. The door to discovery
swings open. Tonight: Not all
ideas have to be about work!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Your reaction to a fundamental
life change may startle you and
others as well. Take pause, and
consider which way you want
to go. Work on informed
responses rather than automat-
ic reactions. You will be far
more successful that way.
Tonight: Hanging out. ***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
You jolt yourself with a key
realization. Think about what
is happening with another to
attain what you want.
Discussion and reflection lead
you down the path to accom-
plishment. Trust what you are
hearing, and question another
less. Tonight: Join a friend for
dinner. *****

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Wife of handy husband is ready to throw his wrench

DEAR ABBY: Please help me.

I'm at my wit's end.
My husband (I'll call him Herman) is a retired builder who likes to putter. We just moved to Florida and live

in a lovely neighborhood. My problem is everyone, no matter where we go, seems to think that Herman is his main-
tenance man.

Abby, my husband gets dizzy spells! Our neighbor, who's the same age, often asks Herman to fix his roof, hang his Christmas lights or cut his palm trees. He doesn't give us a moment's peace.

We came down here to retire, not so Herman could be every-
one's free maintenance man.

If we go on vacation to visit his family in Canada, the same things happen. It's no vacation. My poor husband comes home exhausted and aching and has to be in bed by 6:30.

I've had it. I'm ready to explode. If I say anything, Herman gets mad.

If people can afford to live in Florida, they can afford to pay someone to do the work. We don't need the money. We need the peace of mind. Herman says we need friends. I'm happy with the ones we have. Your thoughts, please? — FORMER SNOWBIRD

DEAR FORMER SNOWBIRD: Your husband sounds like a sweetheart, but he shouldn't confuse free handyman services with friendship. No one who values his friendship would ask him to risk injuring himself.

Since Herman won't listen to you, a word of caution from his doctor might help. Tell his physician that despite his dizzy spells, your husband continues to do high-altitude handwork. If that doesn't succeed, the next time the neighbor asks your husband to do something he shouldn't, cheerfully inquire about how much insurance coverage he's carrying — in case someone who's been having dizzy spells should fall off his roof or out of his tree.

DEAR ABBY: In a recent letter written by "Miserable in Missouri," the husband kept telling his wife, "My mom did-

n't do it that way." I am 88 years old and have kept this poem for more years than I can count. It carries the same message:

"He didn't like my pudding
"And he didn't like my cake.
"My biscuits were too hard.
"Not like his mother used to bake.
"I didn't perk the coffee
"And I didn't make the stew.
"I didn't mend his socks
"Like his mother used to do.
"As I pondered for an answer
"I was looking for a clue.
"So I turned and boxed his ears.

"Like his mother used to do."
Abby, I enjoy your letters and remarks, and often take them to the senior center and share them with others. — MARION V. COLLINS, MILTON, DEL.

DEAR ABBY: Our family was invited to my brother-in-law's wedding. The invitation said "Adults only" and noted that a baby sitter would be provided at the house. Nice try, but no go. Look at it from my side: I'm to drive to a strange state, a strange city, a strange house, leave my two-year-old with a stranger, and then off for six hours and have fun? Fat chance! I'd worry and so would my child. Furthermore, a kid is not a pork chop or a dog; you can't freeze it or tie it up in the back yard.

Our options were: I stay with my child and my wife attends the wedding and reception alone, or we disobey the rules and bring our kid, or we don't go. Period. However we do it, the hosts are not going to be pleased, but that's life.

We attended the wedding as a family. I brought books and toys, parked in a corner of the reception hall, took my kid to wrestle on the lawn and explore the country club. Then I read to him. Afterward, I apologized to the hosts, who were very gracious.

But what disturbs me is how brides lose track of what their wedding is all about. Because they're spending \$25,000, they plan a major Hollywood production or a Disneyland extravaganza. They want to direct and make everything perfect. It's not going to happen.

A wedding is nothing but a fancy party a celebration bringing families and friends together. Uncle Albert is just as likely to get drunk and paw the women, or Cousin Bruce to start a fight, or Jeannie to flirt with the groom as my kid is to spill his punch. You might as well note on the invitation: "No

drunks, punks, flirts or smokers." If a bride wants a flawless affair, she should hire a producer, choreographer, and actors to stand in as family, and then mail videos to "invited guests."

Five years from now, when these brides have their own toddlers, they'll receive an invitation to a wedding with a P.S.: "No kids allowed." Then they will understand that every hurt comes home. — A FAMILY MAN IN BANGOR, MAINE.

DEAR FAMILY MAN: Although you make a strong statement supporting kids at weddings, the fact remains that you brought an uninvited guest — a 2-year-old who is not responsible for his behavior — over the objection of your hosts. You should have declined the invitation, or your wife should have attended alone.

DEAR ABBY: Please address this annoying problem in your column:

Many TV programs — and this includes documentaries and nature series — have background music so loud it drowns out the dialogue. We feel that background music should be just that — background; it should enhance, not overpower. I hope you think this is important enough to address in your column. — MR. AND MRS. ELLINGTON MILLS, HOT SPRINGS, ARK.

DEAR MR. AND MRS. MILLS: I agree. I've become an expert lip-reader, having watched "N.Y.P.D. Blue" on ABC since its beginning. What a terrific series — but why does the background have to be so loud?

DEAR ABBY: This is for "Dance Dilemma in St. Petersburg, Fla.":

If the father-in-law-to-be is telling the young couple how to run their wedding, what will the future be like?

Come on, Abby. I've married off four children, and they each had a dollar dance following the wedding. It has become a tradition, just like removing the bride's garter and tossing the bouquet.

If millionaire daddy-in-law is embarrassed by the dollar dance, he should make it a \$100 dance and throw in a stock option for good measure. — THERESA IN MUSKEGO, WIS.

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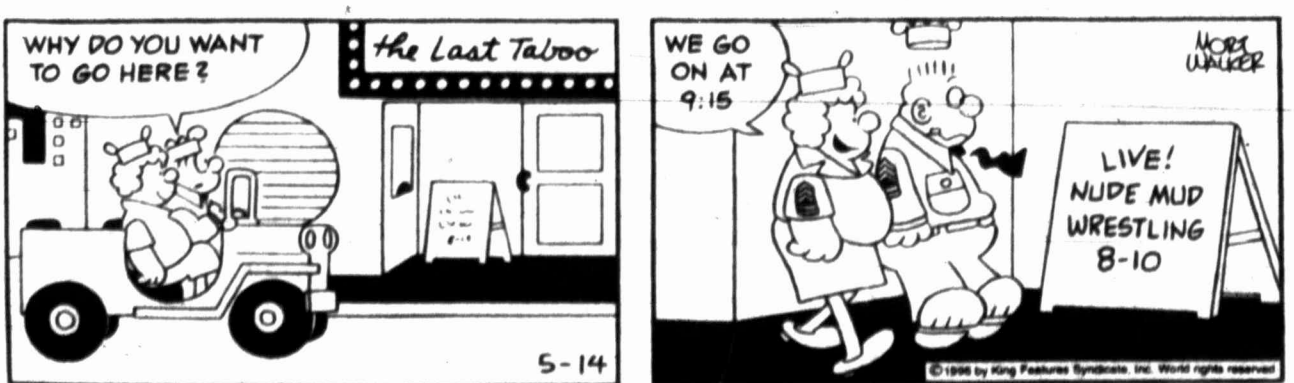
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THIS DATE
IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, May 14, the 135th day of 1996. There are 231 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 14, 1796, English physician Edward Jenner administered the first vaccination against smallpox to an 8-year-old boy.

On this date:
In 1643, Louis XIV became King of France at age 4 upon the death of his father, Louis XIII.

In 1787, delegates began gathering in Philadelphia for a convention to draw up the U.S. Constitution.

In 1804, the Lewis and Clark expedition to explore the Louisiana Territory left St. Louis.

In 1904, the first Olympic games to be held in the United States opened in St. Louis.

In 1942, the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps was established.

In 1948, the independent state of Israel was proclaimed in Tel Aviv as British rule in Palestine came to an end.

In 1955, representatives from eight Communist bloc countries, including the Soviet Union, signed the Warsaw Pact in Poland.

In 1973, the United States launched Skylab 1, its first manned space station.

In 1975, U.S. forces raided the Cambodian island of Koh Tang and recaptured the American merchant ship Mayaguez. All 40 crew members were released safely by Cambodia, but some 40 U.S. servicemen were killed in the military operation.

In 1980, President Carter inaugurated the Department of Health and Human Services.

Today's Birthdays: Opera singer Patrice Munsell is 71. Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., is 54. Rock singer-musician Jack Bruce is 53. Movie producer George Lucas is 52. Actress Francesca Annis is 52. Actress Season Hubley is 45.

THE Daily Crossword by Mary Brindamoor

