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City to use bond funds in effort to sealcoat 27 miles of streets

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Bond election funds approved by Big Spring residents a few years ago to improve city streets will now help the city sealcoat approximately 27 miles of streets this year.

The city council, earlier this week, approved Assistant City Manager Emma Bogard's request to use the street bond funds to work on the city's 7-year sealcoating project.

Periodically, the city will do an analysis to see which streets have been recently sealcoated. The goal is for each street to be sealcoated at least

once every seven years. In the last two years, the city and Howard County have sealcoated an average of about 30 miles of streets each year.

This year the city begins the final phase of the cycle and will be starting again next year on streets that were sealcoated seven years ago. The total cost of this year's project is more than \$160,000.

The city will again be working jointly with Howard County to sealcoat city streets.

The council awarded bids this week to Price Construction of Big Spring and Fina Oil & Chemical for seal coat aggregate and seal coat asphalt for the project.

Bogard said the city will also be helping residents who live along dirt roads solve their problem as well, by laying a double coat of sealcoating material on several dirt roads to help deal with problems such as mud from rainstorms, potholes and other mishaps associated with dirt streets.

Bogard added residents along these roads who want to participate in this effort are being asked to pick up half the cost of sealcoating the dirt roads.

In May, Big Spring Postmaster Richard Saxton addressed the council saying several unpaved roads within the city limits are causing some problems for mail carriers.

According to Saxton, carriers tend to

have a tremendous passage problem when it rains. The precipitation compounds road problems which already exist in the north, west and southeast parts of town.

"We've had several minor accidents that could have been much worse," Saxton said. "All we want to do is work with the city and come up with some sort of initiative to improve driving conditions, not only for the postal service but for the community as well."

He suggested that some sort of committee, made up of postal service representatives and city officials, be formed to look at possible solutions to the problem.

Sealcoating some dirt roads will help the problem, but only for a couple of years.

Last year the city and county formed a sealcoating committee of city councilmen John Paul Anderson and Tom Guess; county commissioners Sonny Choate and Jerry Kilgore; County Road Administrator Eddy Jameson; Bogard; City Engineer Ralph Truskowski and City Manager Gary Fuqua.

With the help of the county's asphalt distributor and chip spreader on past projects, the city has saved money by not having to contract out for labor at the rate of about 75 cents per square yard.

PROJECT CONTINUES



A bulldozer removes rubble from around the base of the old railroad water tower this week as the area near Beal's Creek is being cleared away as part of the creek widening project.

Budget headaches seem to intensify for city manager

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

It wasn't as if City Manager Gary Fuqua didn't expect to get a small headache while hammering out a budget for the 1996-97 fiscal year, but changes in several programs in the last few weeks have increased the size of that headache.

The main change was the restructuring of the city interests in the Big Spring Correctional Centers and the agreement with Cornell Corrections.

As with any budget there are areas that must be cut as well as programs that have to be maintained to insure adequate services to the citizens of Big Spring, but with the city no longer having the 250 employees of the correctional centers on its payroll, the city is having to plan a budget while also trying to restructure the city's insurance benefits package and figure out how to include employee pay raises.

A handful attending Tuesday's council meeting were not pleased with the council's 2-2 tie vote that killed a motion to help fund the fire department's request to help it obtain an accelerant detection dog.

Following Tuesday's meeting, one man said, "The city has \$3.7 million sitting in the bank and it can't come up with \$5,000."

It's not \$5,000 the city can't come up with, but it's the fact that \$5,000 for an accelerant detection dog was not budgeted for this year and the fact that if

you make an expenditure for one department, especially during budget time, you're going to have to do it for everyone else according to one city official.

As much as possible, people should not think of the \$3.7 million as money available to spend on dozens of programs, Fuqua said.

That money is currently in the city's depository in a 90-day interest-bearing treasury bill account drawing 5.299 interest. At the end of 90 days the \$3.7 million will have earned the city an additional \$48,330.

Fuqua said when the 90-day period is up the city will shop around to see where it is best to invest the money.

"Treasury bills are the most secure avenue," Fuqua said. "As far as investing with the state, TexPool guarantees a one-to-one match, meaning if the city invested the \$3.7 million with TexPool, the city is, at least, guaranteed its principal and there are no penalties for early withdrawal."

Blackshear backs Fuqua's plan to not touch the money and is also sticking to his own position that people should not worry about the \$3.7 million as part of the budget and leave it in the bank to draw interest and serve as the city's contingency fund.

"What I'm saying is if we have some opportunity to invest the money and be able to bring hard dollars back to the city, I wouldn't be opposed to investing the

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BSISD budget cuts touch almost all but instruction

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

The cuts touched virtually every area in the Big Spring Independent School District (BSISD) — except instruction.

"None of the educational areas were cut at all," explained BSISD Board of Trustees President Glynn Mouton following Tuesday night's workshop on the 1996-97 school year budget.

The process of preparing the budget went so smoothly, aided in-part by an increase in taxable

property valuations within the district of \$57.648 million, that the three-day schedule was instead completed in two, giving trustees the night off Wednesday.

Trustees reached an agreement on an annual budget of \$22,109,338, which would necessitate a tax rate of \$1.384, or a reduction of 3.8 cents per \$100 property valuation.

To get to that point, trustees directed district staff to define more than \$300,000 in expenses

that could either be delayed or cut, pending receipt of funding through Dec. 31.

Twelve of the 26 items earmarked for elimination were listed in the budget at a cost of \$10,000 or more:

- New school bus, \$45,000;
- Electrical upgrade at Bauer Elementary, \$40,000;
- Replace windows at College Heights Elementary, \$30,000;
- Utility van for warehouse, \$25,000;
- New pickup for maintenance, \$20,000;
- Air-conditioning equipment (if bond passes), \$20,000;
- Supplies for Alternative School, \$15,000;
- New walk-in freezer (if bond passes), \$15,000;
- New driver education car, \$13,500;
- Lighting upgrade at Bauer Elementary, \$12,000;
- Rhino mower for ground maintenance, \$10,000;
- Emergency lighting at Memorial Stadium, \$10,000.

Government offering assistance for providing feed for livestock

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Local livestock producers having to buy supplemental feed for livestock due to the drought now have an avenue of relief through the Howard County Farm Service Agency.

FSA Executive Director Rick Liles said the U.S. Department of Agriculture FSA office has decided to lend Emergency Feed Assistance to producers throughout much of Texas, including Howard County and surrounding areas.

"Normally, producers would not be feeding this time of year, but they have had to purchase supplemental feed for livestock because of the drought," Liles said. "A high percentage of the state is eligible for emergency feed assistance and local producers interested in the programs need to come by my office by 5 p.m. (Friday) Aug. 9."

Liles added the emergency assistance should help offset extra costs livestock producers have incurred by having to purchase supplemental feed because of dry conditions.

Triathlon, final Sunset Walks scheduled this weekend

HERALD Staff Report

Looking for something to do this weekend? Here's your ticket to weekend activities in and around Big Spring.

This feature is published each Friday and will include a variety of activities. It is limited to activities of a general nature, community fund-raisers, community functions, free performances, etc. It is not available to commercial ventures or for such events as dances where admission is charged.

To submit your activity, send it to "Weekend Ticket," Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79720.

If you wish, you may fax your



listing to 264-7205 or bring it by the Herald offices at 710 Scurry St. No information will be taken

by phone.

• Spring City Senior Center dance, tonight, 7:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m., Spring City Senior Center. Music by CW & Co.

• Heritage Museum, today from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, Big Spring. Learn about the history of Big Spring and Howard County.

• Comanche Warrior Triathlon spaghetti dinner, Saturday at 6 p.m., Dora Roberts Community Center, 100 Whipkey Drive. The dinner serves as a fund-raiser and a kickoff for the triathlon, which is scheduled for Sunday morning.

• Nature Walks and Sunset

Tales, Saturday from 8-10 p.m., Big Spring State Park. Park Ranger Ron Alton leads a tour of the park, showing historical carvings and pointing out various flora and fauna while Heritage Museum Curator Angle Way tells tales of the past.

This will be the last Nature Walks and Sunset Tales of the summer.

• Comanche Warrior Triathlon, starts at 7:30 a.m. Sunday at Comanche Trail Park.

The fourth annual event includes a half-mile swim in Comanche Trail Lake, a 20-mile bike ride and a 4.3-mile run.

Competition will be held in 11 age groups.

Timing everything if Montford leaves Senate for Tech

LUBBOCK (AP) — The socially conservative Lubbock County Republican Executive Committee essentially could choose two state legislators if Sen. John Montford's seat opens, as expected, and a special election is held in November.

Montford, D-Lubbock, is reportedly the leading candidate for Texas Tech University's newly created chancellor's position. Two announced suitors for Montford's seat are Lubbock Republican representatives — Delwin Jones and Robert Duncan — who would have to aban-

don their re-election campaigns if the special Senate election is held Nov. 5.

That's the date of the general election, and state law prevents a candidate from running for two different offices on the same ballot in most cases.

The county political parties would have a chance to nominate candidates for the open House races. While the Democrats hadn't nominated anyone to face Jones or Duncan, county chairman Mark Harmon said his party probably would

take the opportunity to fill the ballot slots if the chance arises.

Ultimately, however, the socially conservative wing of the GOP likely stands to benefit if the election falls on Nov. 5.

"It's a Republican district," said Jones, who along with Duncan has said he wants to run for the Texas Senate if Montford leaves. "I don't foresee a Democrat winning it."

Most of the GOP's Lubbock County precinct chairs, who would elect a legislative candidate if a spot on the ticket opens up, are from the right side of

the spectrum.

"I guess most of them would never have dreamed of being in a position to choose the next state representatives, but now it looks like that might happen," said Tim Lambert, the county's most prominent social conservative and a member of the National Republican Executive Committee.

GOP county chairman Marc McDougal, a moderate, believes everyone in the local party can agree upon palatable statehouse candidates.

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TODAY'S WEATHER

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Tonight, partly cloudy. Low around 70.
This weekend, partly cloudy, highs in the mid 90s. Lows around 70.



OBITUARIES

William H. (Billy) Cauble

Service for William H. (Billy) Cauble, 55, Snyder, will be 2 p.m. Saturday, July 27, 1996, at Bell-Cypert-Seale Chapel in Snyder. Burial will be in Hillside Memorial Gardens, Snyder.

Mr. Cauble died Wednesday, July 24, at Scott & White Hospital in Temple, after a sudden illness.

He was born on July 29, 1941, in Snyder. He married Debbie Trammell on Dec. 7, 1962, in Snyder. He was a truck driver. Mr. Cauble was a former resident of Big Spring.

Survivors include his wife: Debbie Cauble, Snyder; a daughter: Amanda Haney, Garland; a son: Corey McDaniel; and an aunt: Ola Lee McMullan, Big Spring. He is also survived by two daughters and one son of California.

Arrangements under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home, Snyder.

Guadalupe Cervantes

Service for Guadalupe Cervantes, 83, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She died Friday, July 26, 1996, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Fuqua

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money," Blackshear said. "There are ways that we can use the money wisely and I don't want to have to look back in four or five years and see that we wasted it."

"This (contingency fund) is something we've needed for a long time and now that we've got it, I'm going to fight to keep it where it is," Blackshear added.

Any way you want to look at it, the budget process is difficult for everyone involved, according to Fuqua.

Other changes that have added to the budget headache is major water leaks and the aftermath of the May 10 hailstorm. The city has had to use funds it didn't count on having to use to make repairs, meaning ending fund balances as of Sept. 30 won't look quite as good as city officials had hoped they would.

As of Oct. 1, 1995, the current city budget reflected a total combined amount of funds available as \$39.3 million.

Fuqua estimates the 1996-97 budget, without the correctional centers being included, will be somewhere in the low \$20 million range.

A final draft of the proposed 1996-97 budget should be ready by the middle of next week, according to Fuqua, at which time it will be submitted to the council for its review. The council will make adjustments where it deems them necessary.

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Willa Cornelia (Connie) Minchew, 58, died Wednesday. Services were 11:00 A.M., Friday at College Baptist Church. Graveside services will be 3:00 P.M., Saturday at Hinton (Okla.) Cemetery. Guadalupe Cervantes, 83, died Friday. Services are pending.

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IN BRIEF

THE DEADLINE TO REGISTER to vote in the upcoming Big Spring Independent School District bond election is Aug. 15. Early voting begins Aug. 26 with the regular election Sept. 14.

If you want to vote early, you do not have to register by July 26. Everyone has until Aug. 15 to sign up and if you don't have your registration card, your name will still be on the list. Just show some kind of permanent identification when you go to the polling place.

THE EAGLES LODGE is having a stew supper Sunday, July 28, from 5 to 8 p.m., 703 West Third. The cost is \$3 for stew, cornbread and fixings. Proceeds go for the building fund. Carry out orders welcome. Call 263-6862.

THE 73RD ANNUAL Howard/Glasscock Old Settlers Reunion is Saturday, Aug. 3 in the East Room of the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Registration, a barbecue lunch and bingo will be at the coliseum in conjunction with the second Big Spring Antique Show. That night, the Old Settlers Dance will be at the Dora Roberts Community Center with the Pete Jenkins Band playing.

Cost for the luncheon is \$6 for persons between the ages of 12 and 65 and \$3 for those under 12 or over 65. Tickets to the dance are \$5 per couple and \$3 per individual.

ALL RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL are invited to an ice cream supper on Thursday, Aug. 8, at 6:30 p.m. in the Kentwood Senior Center. The Big Spring-Howard County Retired School Personnel Association urges everyone to attend.

WOODMEN OF CAMP 312 is hosting a family picnic at 6:30 p.m. on Aug. 1. The picnic will be at the Old Settlers Pavilion at Comanche Trail Park.

PLANS ARE COMPLETE for the 10th annual Payne-Seven Wells Reunion in Colorado City. Gathering for the 10th Mitchell County communities will be Aug. 3 in Activities Building of First Baptist Church, 220 Third Street, Colorado City.

Visiting and registration will get underway at 9:30 a.m. and continue through the afternoon. A brief memorial service and business session will begin at 11 a.m.

No plans will be made for the noon meal but refreshments will be served throughout the day.

All residents, former residents of the Payne-Seven Wells area are invited to attend.

THE SANDS PARENT-TEACHER ORGANIZATION Council is making a community-wide cookbook. This project will be the major fundraiser for the coming school year. The money raised will be used for college scholarships to be given at graduation. If you have a favorite recipe for the cookbook, please send to: Allison Foster, Rt. 1, Box 78A; Ackerly; 79713.

THERE WILL BE A WOMEN'S RETREAT sponsored by Wesley Methodist Church on Aug. 30 and 31. There will be a free meal served at 5:30 p.m. The retreat costs \$10 and will feature Sharon Sandhop of God's Windows. For information call 263-3326 or 264-0734.

THE RSVP VOLUNTEERS at Malone & Hogan Clinic will be doing free blood pressure checks from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 2 to 4 p.m.

THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, also known as Meals on Wheels, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, we need you. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

'Suddenly Susan' finds cushy slot

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Dying is easy, goes the old theatrical saw; comedy is hard. Especially if it's must-see TV comedy.

Consider the case of the Brooke Shields sitcom "Suddenly Susan," which premieres this fall in NBC's promised land — Thursday night, immediately after "Seinfeld" and before "ER."

With one creator, two sets of producers and uncounted anxious studio and network executives under its belt, the series is being rewritten and recast just two months shy of its debut at 8:30 p.m., Sept. 19.

Filming of a new first episode begins in two weeks. Actors were being auditioned this week for the supporting roles.

This is the second major overhaul for the series, which started life as a comedy-drama. The impression of chaos could be misleading: "Suddenly Susan" may yet turn out to be the enormous hit NBC is banking on, a show worthy of its Cartier-class gift of a time slot.

"I can name you any number of successful shows that were thrown together at the last minute," contends William Morris executive Sam Haskell, whose talent agency represents Shields.

"Fresh Prince of Bel-Air," which enjoyed six seasons on the air, is one that came together in that amount of time or less," Haskell said.

The elements seem promising enough. There's Shields, who proved herself a surprisingly deft and likable comedienne on a "Friends" episode. She plays Susan, a dependent young woman thrust into an independent life.

So what's so tough here — some snappy writing, solid supporting cast and nice camera work to show off Shields' beauty and charming aptitude for pratfalls, and "Suddenly Susan" scores in its cushy time slot.

Shields pronounced herself excited at the prospect of welcoming new co-stars. NBC Entertainment chief Warren Littlefield seemed equally enthralled by the last-minute "Susan" scramble.

She was just coming off her highly touted appearance on Warner's "Friends," and scripts were being lobbed at her like marriage proposals. NBC was looking for a strong addition to Thursday night, and Warner wanted to provide it.

Shields, who had signed a development deal with Warner, fell in love with the character, Jonas said.

Enter producers Billy Van Zandt and Jane Milmore ("Martin"), entrusted with a further, hurried revamp of "Suddenly Susan" for Shields. Two weeks later, their script was filmed as the pilot.

OK, but not great. NBC had uttered the magic words "Thursday night" and the bar was raised.

Enter Dontzig and Peterman. The basic theme of a young woman whose romance falls apart and who suddenly finds herself flying solo remains, but much else is changed.

Shields' character is transformed from editor at a small book publishing house in Southern California to a magazine writer in San Francisco, a "more active environment," the producers say.

Nancy Marchand ("Lou Grant"), cast as Shield's grandmother in the pilot, may stay with the series if Warner can find a way to accommodate the New York-based actress.

ON THE RUN

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

-Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. Big Book Study.

-Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281. Bring a lunch.

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

-Nature Walk and Sunset Tales 8 to 10 p.m., Big Spring State Park. Call 263-4931 for more information.

-Open birthday night, covered dish 7 p.m. and birthday meeting 8 p.m., 615 Settles. This is to celebrate AA Sobriety yearly birthdays.

SUNDAY - Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

-Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 11 a.m. closed meeting and 7 p.m. open meeting.

MONDAY - Big Spring Evening Lion's Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third. Call Jan Noyes, 267-5811.

-Project Freedom, Christian support group, 7 p.m. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241.

-TOPS Clubs (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 5:30 to 6 p.m. in the 6 p.m. meeting, Carriage Inn, 507 W. 17th. Call 263-1770 or 263-0883.

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

TUESDAY - 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.

-Support Group for Depression, 7 p.m., Dora Roberts Rehab Center, Third and Lancaster.

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

-Narcotics Anonymous, 6:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

-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.

WEDNESDAY - Line dance lessons are taught after lunch (12:45 p.m.) at the Senior Citizens Center. If you are interested call 267-1628.

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-Spring Tabernacle Church,

TEXAS LOTTERY

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1209 Wright, has free food for area needy, 10 a.m. to noon.

-Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classed, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., 55 and older.

-Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center small cafeteria.

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

-Genealogical Society of Big Spring, 7:15 p.m., Howard County Library conference room. Enter through West entrance. Call Bernice Cason, 267-8542 or 267-7236.

-Masonic Lodge #1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster. Call Dalton Lewis, 263-8411.

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MARKETS

Oct. cotton futures 71.90 cents a pound, down 7 points; Sept. crude oil 20.48, down 26 points; Cash hog steady at 50 cents higher at 61.50 cents even; slaughter steers steady at \$1 lower at 63 cents even; July live hog futures 59.45, up 47 points; Aug. live cattle futures 68, down 22 points. Courtesy: Delta Corporation.

Table with market prices for various commodities like ATT, Amoco, Atlantic Richfield, Atmos Energy, Boston Chicken, Cabot, Chevron, Chrysler, Cifra, Coca-Cola, De Beers, DuPont, Exxon, Fina, Ford Motors, Halliburton, IBM, Laser Indus LTD, Mesa Ltd. Prt, Mobile, Norwest, NUV, Pepsi Cola, Phillips Petroleum, Polaris, Rural/Metro, Sears, Southwestern Bell, Sun, Texaco, Texas Instruments, Texas Utils. Co, Unocal Corp, Wal Mart, Amcap, Euro Pacific, I.C.A., New Economy, New Perspective, Van Kampen, Prime Rate, Gold, Silver.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents during a 24-hour period ending 8 a.m. Friday:

• AVEL RAMIREZ, 49, of 1604 W. 13th, was arrested on outstanding local warrants.

• JIMMY P. YANEZ, 47, of 1002 N. Main #28, was arrested on outstanding local warrants.

• LUTHER TURNER, 41, of HC 76 Box 73A, was arrested for driving while license invalid. He was transferred to the county jail and later released on a \$1,500 bond.

• ROOSEVELT JOHNSON, 48, of Dallas, was arrested for no driver's license, no insurance, defective equipment and an outstanding Dallas County warrant.

• CALVIN WILLIAMS, 43, of 2904 Cherokee, was arrested for public intoxication.

• ARACELI GONZALEZ, 19, of 2900 Cherokee, was arrested on outstanding local warrants.

• INVESTIGATING SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES in the 1600 block of Gollad, 500 block of Birdwell, 200 block of Young, 300 block of Aylesford, 500 block of W. Third, 2400 block of E. Marcy, 300 block of Rannels and Comanche Trail Park.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF/CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING ISSUED in the 1900 block of E. 25th.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION in the 1200 block of Douglas.

• CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING ISSUED in the 1000 block of N. Main.

• LOUD PARTY/NOISE in the 2500 block of Chanute, 2500 block of Langley and 1700 block of Young.

• THEFTS in the 400 block of Dallas, 900 block of Willia, 2300 block of Wasson and 1200 block of E. 11th.

• ASSAULT in the 1600 block of Avion.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF in the 3300 block of W. Highway 80.

SHERIFF

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

• DOG HARASSMENT at a residence in Forsan. The complainant told deputies someone had been harassing their pet dog.

• GROUP OF MEN DRIVING FAST on Interstate 20 near mile marker 184. The caller also said the men were making hand gestures to other drivers.

RECORDS

Thursday's high 90 Thursday's low 69 Average high 95 Average low 70 Record high 105 in 1940 Record low 60 in 1933 Rainfall Thursday 0.00 Month to date 0.60 Month's normal 1.71 Year to date 4.93 Normal for the year 10.47 **Statistics not available

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TEXAS BRIEFS

Man escapes again from Orange County Jail

ORANGE (AP) — A man who escaped from the Orange County Jail two weeks ago has done it again.

Authorities at Orange say that David Neal Porterfield, 24, removed the steel grating from the air conditioning vent in his cell, climbed through it and escaped through a roof exhaust fan Thursday morning. He had escaped from the same jail July 13 by climbing over razor wire surrounding the jail. He was arrested the next day in Houston as he left a hotel with his girlfriend.

Authorities say they believe Porterfield was headed to Houston again. The man was being held in jail originally on a bond forfeiture after he was released following his arrest on a felony theft charge.

Orange County Chief Deputy Sheriff David C. Bailey said Porterfield is considered dangerous.

"Anybody that would escape from a jail for a second time, I would say is dangerous," Bailey said.

Constable indicted on perjury, tampering charges

TYLER (AP) — A Smith County grand jury has indicted Constable Linda K. Tilley on charges accusing her of lying about her law enforcement credentials and presenting a false license in a criminal trial.

The indictment was returned Thursday at Tyler at the end of an 11-week state investigation. It alleges that Ms. Tilley is not licensed by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education, as required by law, and actually failed a test for certification.

Ms. Tilley declined comment on the indictment, but said she was surprised.

The grand jury returned three indictments accusing her of perjury, aggravated perjury and tampering with governmental records.

Woman claims magistrate made unwelcome advances

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A woman has filed a complaint accusing Municipal Court Judge Russell Mitchell of making unwelcome sexual advances, the San Antonio Express-News reported today.

The woman says she was in Mitchell's court because of traffic tickets at the time of the incident.

A police report of the incident quoted the 34-year-old woman as saying Mitchell made the "unsolicited and unwelcome sexual advance" on her on June 13.

Municipal Court Judge Jerry Valdez is scheduled to be tried Monday on a charge accusing him of beating his girlfriend, whom he has since married.

Army critical of Clinton's airport security steps

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Majority Leader Dick Armey has suggested that President Clinton was trying to grab headlines by moving to increase aviation security in the wake of the TWA Flight 800 tragedy.

Asked Thursday about Clinton's steps regarding such matters, the Irving Republican said: "We need to have as much security as possible."

But, he added, "My own view is these decisions should be made by real professionals that have committed lifetime careers to it, not by snap judgment by politicians that want to have a headline statement."

Earlier in the day, after meeting in New York with the grieving families of Flight 800's victims, Clinton ordered new aviation security measures. He also assigned Vice President Al Gore to oversee a commission that will conduct a top-to-bottom review of airline safety.

Clinton said inspectors will hand-search more luggage and screen more bags and that all airliners — to or from the United States — will be searched before takeoff. "The safety and security of the American people must be our top priority," he said.

Embattled head of Texas Rangers retiring

AUSTIN (AP) — Maurice Cook, leader of the elite Texas Rangers law enforcement agency since 1992, has told superiors he will retire at the end of next month.

Cook's recent tenure has been marred by claims of plummeting morale in the crime-fighting unit and accusations of sexual harassment and discrimination by two female officers.

The Associated Press reported in February that Department of Public Safety Col. James Wilson had given Cook an ultimatum to leave the Rangers. The DPS oversees the 173-year-old Rangers force.

Last month, Cook sued the AP claiming that report was false and defamatory. He also sued two Texas newspapers, two reporters, Travis County Sheriff

Terry Keel and Houston attorney John Phillips, claiming libel and intentional infliction of emotional distress.

In February, Cook denied he planned to retire, telling The Brazosport Facts: "I haven't said I would retire yet. When I say it, I can let the public know. There is no dishonor in retiring."

Neither Wilson nor Cook was immediately available to comment Thursday, but DPS spokeswoman Sherri Deatherage Green confirmed Cook had submitted his formal notice of retirement Wednesday.

"As I look back on my years with the Texas Department of Public Safety, I do so with a sense of accomplishment" Cook's letter said.

"I thank God I have obtained

my goal of being a Texas Ranger. ... In my opinion, I am retiring from the greatest law enforcement agency in the world. ...

"I leave the Texas Rangers with a sense of accomplishment, not for myself but for the Texas Rangers," he said.

His retirement is effective Aug. 31, the last day of a favorable state retirement package.

Cook, 53, has been in the Rangers for more than two decades. His historic tenure as senior captain saw the first recruitment of women into the agency in 1993. Since then, accusations of sexual bias have surfaced.

Cheryl Steadman, a Ranger from Houston who resigned in 1994, and Lisa Sheppard of Corpus Christi, who angrily

spurned a Ranger job, sued Cook, the agency, the DPS and others last December in federal court.

"They don't know what sexual harassment is and they couldn't care less," Steadman said last month.

She and Sheppard declined comment on the announcement.

"I know that my reputation has been tarnished by the false reports of the news media," Cook said. "It is very distasteful to me that the news media cannot write about all the good things one has done. Rather, they relentlessly try to come up with some negative things over which we usually have little or no control and then feature this story to meet their objective."

Landmark Lone Star Brewery to shut down Sept. 27

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The Lone Star Brewery, the products of which became symbols of Texas pride over 63 years, will cap its last bottle of beer on Sept. 27, its new owner has announced.

Detroit-based Stroh Brewery Co., which bought the brewery's brands from bankrupt G. Heileman Brewing Co. earlier this month, announced the shutdown Thursday.

The brewery, a San Antonio landmark since 1933, is the smallest of 10 Stroh owns. The company said it considers the Lone Star Brewery too small and inefficient to remain com-

petitive but too big to function as a microbrewery.

Modernization of the 63-year-old plant would have cost more than \$40 million, said William Henry, president and chief executive officer of Stroh, which acquired Lone Star and other properties from the G. Heileman Brewing Co. this month.

"Although this decision to phase out brewing production in San Antonio has been difficult, the age of the brewery, coupled with the excess brewing capacity in the United States and within our own brewery network, left us with no viable alternative," Henry

said in a news release.

Employees were informed of the decision late Thursday. The production stop was expected to put 170 of the brewery's 230 workers out of work during a two-month phase-out.

"The decision to phase out production in San Antonio in no way reflects on the work of the employees," Henry said. "In fact, these fine employees have worked diligently to continue to brew and package very high-quality beers over the years."

The Buckhorn Museum and hospitality facilities, which occupy almost one-third of the 32-acre brewery site, will

remain open and its 25 employees will be retained. The museum complex attracts about 150,000 visitors a year.

A seven-employee San Antonio field sales office also will remain. However, the Lone Star and Lone Star Light brands will be produced at Stroh's brewery in Longview in East Texas, which has three times the brewing capacity of the San Antonio plant, officials said.

Officials expect that of the 199 brewery workers, 20 to 25 will retire and five to 10 salaried employees will relocate to fill open positions at other Stroh facilities.

Canadian spells way to national Scrabble championship

DALLAS (AP) — Sure, you could win the National Scrabble Championships — if you knew words like cavie, valgus and knur.

Adam Logan of Canada parlayed those and other little-known lexemes into the title and \$25,000 first prize Thursday, beating 415 players from 35 states and six other foreign countries.

The 21-year-old graduate mathematics student said he used his education to advantage in the five-day competition.

"It uses the same analytical skills as in math," Logan said of

the game, which is a mixture of a crossword puzzle and anagram and is played with 100 lettered tiles on a multicolored board.

"You have to think about what sort of tiles you are likely to be dealt."

Asked what he'll do with the money, the Harvard student

said: "I have student loans to pay off."

Logan, who graduated from Princeton University at age 19, began winning Scrabble tournaments when he was just 14.

Two words — "balanced" and "uncloyed" — helped him win the 27th and final round.

"I'd never been this close to

the (national) title before," he said. "I had better luck this time and better tiles."

Logan actually clinched the championship Wednesday night, three games early, based on his total points by spelling words like cavie against Jim Geary of Phoenix, a computer programmer in avionics.

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Quote of the Day

"It doesn't matter who does the job, only that the job is done."
-Anonymous

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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

Each Friday, the Herald salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play.

This week we salute:
• **BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL**, whose safety program was judged as both the seventh-best in Texas and the United States. The group was recently recognized at the national convention.

• Organizers, participants and supporters of the **HIGH PLAINS JUNIOR RODEO**. The decision to switch organizations was obviously a good one, as participation was greatly increased.

• **BRADY MILLS and JEFF LEWIS**, former Howard College baseball players, on being named to the National Junior College Athletic Association Academic All-America team.

• Members of the **HOWARD COUNTY 4-H SHOOTING CLUB**, on their showing at the regional level and on their qualifying for the state tournament.

• **SUMMER OF SUCCESS** participants, for their efforts to paint barrels donated by FREECOM so that they may be used as trash barrels in Comanche Trail Park.

• **DONNA McMAHON** and her corps of volunteers, including the **HARLEY OWNERS GROUP**, for their efforts on behalf of the fourth annual Comanche Warrior Triathlon, scheduled for Sunday morning at 7:30.

Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing — no phone calls.

In an election year, the budget disappears

By DALE McFEATHERS
Scripps Howard News Service

WASHINGTON — Does anybody here remember the budget battle? Anybody? OK, does anybody here remember the budget?

What do you mean "no"? The budget dominated the news all last year, and even this year into May. It dominated the headlines and the TV news.

To refresh your memory: The Republicans took over Congress and right away said they were going to balance the budget. President Clinton said he, too, was going to balance the budget.

The Republicans said, "Oh, yeah? We're going to balance the budget faster." And Clinton said he would balance the budget better.

Everywhere the citizens hotly debated who was telling the truth about balancing the budget. Or, more exactly, who was lying the least. Or, to be even more precise, who was telling the less outrageous howler.

Even the town drunk in Bridge Freezes Before Road Surface, Ohio, (the town gets the signs cheaply by stealing them) was muttering in his beer about the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act.

"Boys," he would say, "if President Carter had any guts he'd veto that fiscal fraud. Who's buying?"

Even if you didn't want to talk about the budget, Newt Gingrich would personally come to your house and make you discuss it, all the while pulling copies of the Contract With America from his briefcase like some sort of crazed Willy Loman.

"Stop it, Newt," you would say. "You're scaring the children."

What do you mean, "Who's Newt Gingrich?"

He was the new Speaker of the House, who took over promising a real revolution. He had an answer for everything and was on the covers of all the news magazines and inescapable on Sunday morning TV.

No, nobody's seen him around lately. He just sort of disappeared.

Anyway, Newt started this big

White House. There were stalemates and threats and twice the government shut down and once the Republicans threatened to throw the United States into default.

It was a really big deal at the time. The controversy got so ugly, nasty and childish that simply by appearing mature and responsible the Senate Majority Leader, Bob Dole, won the Republican presidential nomination.

Oh, come! You must have heard of Bob Dole. You were kidding, right?

The budget battle finally came to an end when Congress passed a bill for the fiscal year after it was half over. Everybody thought Budget Battle II might be even uglier.

But guess what? This is the year of the Stealth Budget. Very quietly it is sneaking through Congress, making no waves, no ripples. A senior Republican adds \$11 billion to the budget so the Quilting Society of Yield, Miss., can crochet a main battle tank, and not even the most zealous budget cutter raises a whimper.

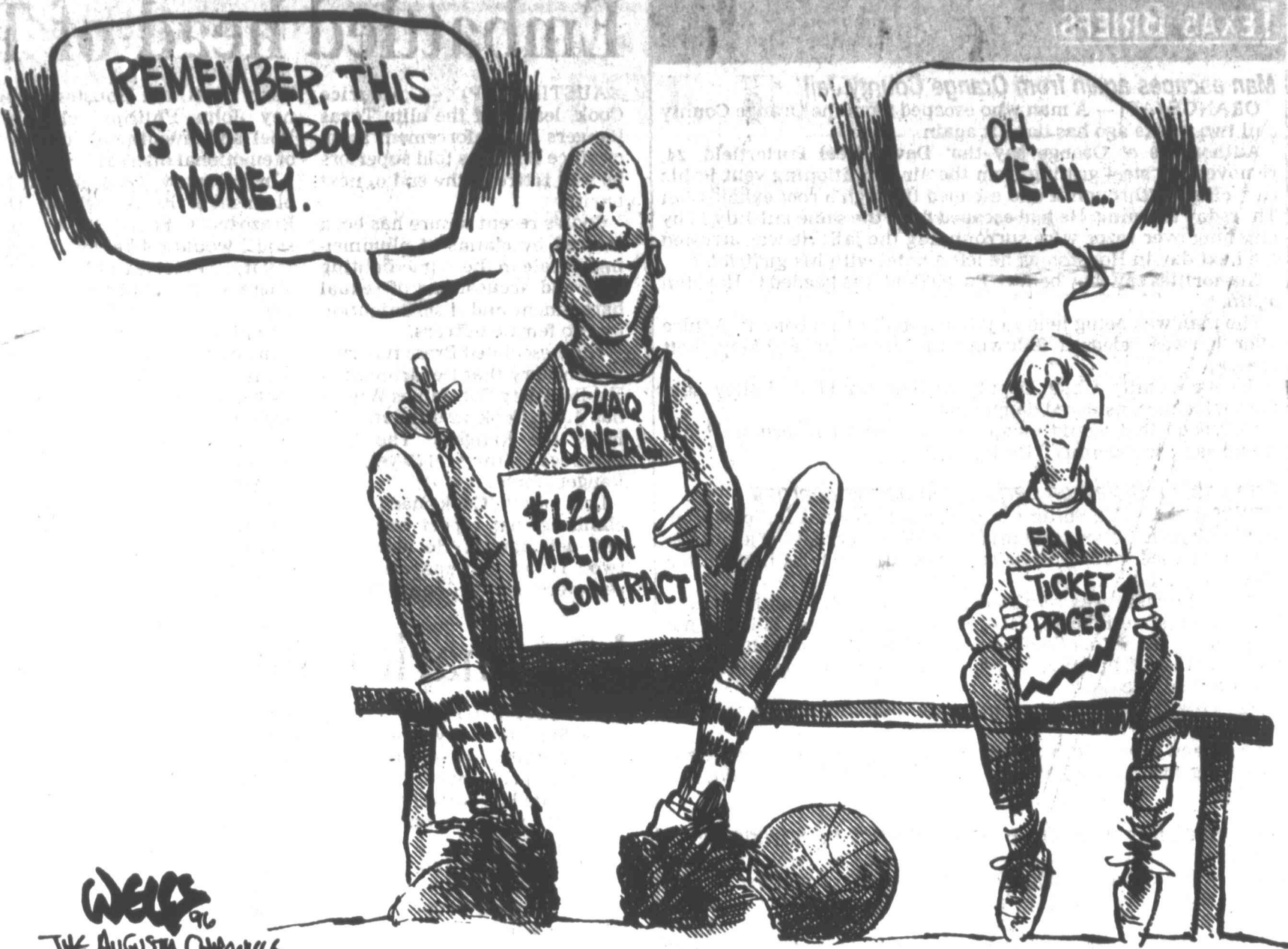
Even President Clinton is silent on the budget. Of course, he is busy out in the country, opening a new sidewalk here, dedicating a new parking meter there, delivering the commencement address at a canine obedience school. You know, the usual business of the presidency.

Congress is about to knock off for the month of August. The lawmakers will do it very quietly because they don't want you to get the impression they're taking a vacation or anything.

When Congress comes back in September, if the budget still isn't done, the lawmaker will let bygones be bygones and just stuff all the loose ends into a big piece of legislation called a continuing resolution. Then they'll go home again, by Oct. 4 at the latest.

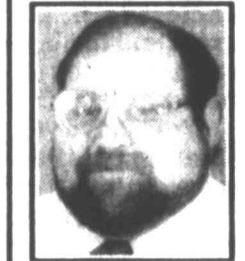
Not a word will be said about the budget.

Why? Because it's an election year. Oh, you know that already? Never mind.
(Dale McFeathers writes this column weekly for Scripps Howard News Service.)



NY woman wants to learn about Big Spring dad

I've always considered myself lucky ... no, make that blessed by having been the first son of very young parents, and my father had been the first born of young parents.



John A. Moseley
Asst. News Editor

The result being that I had an opportunity to spend a number of years in the company of grandparents and great-grandparents, not to mention all the great-aunts and great-uncles, and the stories they'd tell of their forebears.

All that said, I was reminded recently of just how much I take some of the gifts I've been given for granted.

A friend of mine, June Tucker, called to say she'd got

ten a letter from a woman in Ontario, N.Y., named Sandra Tucker Allen, who seems almost desperate to learn something about her father, a Big Spring native, and his family.

Mrs. Allen's letter touched June. "I really wish I could call her and help her out, but we aren't the same Tuckers," June said when she called to ask if there were something the Herald could do about distributing the letter.

June dropped the letter by the office, and after reading it, my old jaundiced newsman's heart felt a tug or two, as well.

In excerpting Mrs. Allen's letter:

"My name is Sandra Tucker Allen. I am 52 years old and the daughter of James Tucker and Ruth Alquist. I think my father's middle initial was S. He was killed in World War II when I was only nine months old. I know very little about him or his family. He was originally from Big Spring, Texas.

"... I am hoping to reach some cousins or even aunts and uncles from my father's family.

"I have very little information about my father. Here are a few things I think are correct: My mother and father met on Lookout Mountain in Tennessee. I believe they were both in the Army. They were married on Sept. 3, 1943. He was shipped out shortly after their marriage, about three days.

"I was born on June 5, 1944, in Rochester, N.Y. He was in Europe at the time. He was killed during the war on March 28, 1945. I vaguely remember when we had the burial. I must have been about three or four years old. He is buried in the West Webster Rural Cemetery ... I put a pot of flowers on his grave every Memorial Day.

"If he was related to you, could you please send me some information about him. When was he born? I believe I was told that there was a large family, maybe eight or nine brothers and sisters. Where was he in the

birth order — oldest, youngest, middle? What were my grandparents' names? Do I have any aunts or uncles alive?

"... My mother remarried when I was five years old. I have three sisters and a very loving step-father who adopted me when I was six. I have always wondered about my father's family. It is a very large hole in my life."

She included a picture of herself and her husband.

Call me a sentimental romantic, but I really do hope there's someone reading this today that can offer Mrs. Allen some help. Hopefully, it's a member of her family.

If you are a relative, or know how to reach them, she can be reached by writing Sandra Tucker Allen, 5685 Lincoln Road, Ontario, N.Y. 14519.

Now, if you'll excuse me, I think it's time to sit down a write a little note home to my folks.

(John A. Moseley is assistant news editor of the Herald. His column appears on Fridays.)

Rhetorical drug war breaks out

WASHINGTON — We have a new drug war — between Republicans and Democrats.

Sensing an issue on which to score points with the public, Bob Dole and the Republican National Committee have started an almost daily barrage of criticism against President Clinton's handling of the nation's somewhat forgotten crusade against illegal drugs, claiming Clinton has been AWOL in the war on drugs.

Democrats, with their rapid response team ready to riposte, can give chapter and verse on all the Clinton initiatives to combat illegal drugs.

As often is the case, the truth is somewhere in between.

Republicans got lucky when it turned out that 21 White House employees kept their jobs despite having revealed past illegal drug use. This made it seem that druggies were in charge of the country, whereas most of them admitted to inhal-

ing a trial marijuana cigarette or two at some time in the past. Clinton himself admitted in 1992 that he tried marijuana as a young man but insisted he didn't inhale.

White House spokesman Michael McCurry pooh-poohed the seriousness of new GOP anger over the 21 White House employees who used drugs. McCurry said, "I was a kid in the 1970s. Did I smoke a joint from time to time? Of course I did."

That prompted Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad, a Republican, to declare that McCurry was sending "the worst possible message to the youth of America at a time when drug use trends and attitudes clearly indicate a need for more of the right message."

The White House Office of National Drug Control Policy responds by saying there are 3.6 million chronic, hardcore drug abusers but that 50 million Americans have tried illicit drugs and rejected them and should warn their children about the dangers. But, the office said, "no Americans should be precluded from serving their country in any position as long as they now reject all illicit drug use."

More serious for the rest of the nation is what is happening

with use of illegal drugs. And that's where Republicans have a serious point — we are losing the drug war because use among the youth is increasing.

Retired Army Gen. Barry McCaffrey, the administration's new drug czar, says that in the last few years heroin has made a "major resurgence" and become the "principal drug of menace" in Los Angeles, Baltimore and Seattle. And it's not the inner-city unemployed who are addicted, it's the young white males with jobs.

The other new worry, McCaffrey warns, is that "ferociously addictive" methamphetamines have "hopscoched" around the country and are being easily manufactured with what he calls a knowledge of high school-level chemistry.

Republicans are right in saying that until now Clinton has put a low priority on curbing illegal drugs. They are wrong in saying he's done nothing.

For one thing, despite diplomatic consequences, Clinton decertified Colombia to express U.S. anger that its 10,000 "narco guerrillas" have not been controlled.

Clinton also has asked Congress to approve spending \$15 billion on anti-drug efforts. The Republican-controlled Congress, which complains

Clinton is not spending enough money on drugs, approved \$7 billion for fiscal year 1997.

What's really the bone of contention is that Republicans think Clinton's approach is to spend too much money and put too much emphasis on drug treatment and not enough on enforcement and drug interdiction at U.S. borders. McCaffrey concedes that less money is being spent on interdiction but argues that the amount of drugs seized is increasing. But that could be because more illegal drugs are in circulation.

Where McCaffrey is absolutely right is to argue that if children go from age 10 to age 20 without smoking, without abusing alcohol and without using illegal drugs, chances are those children will never have a drug problem. Thus a major solution is education.

Behind the GOP's rhetoric that Clinton is AWOL on the drug issue and the defensive White House reaction that past use of illegal drugs by its employees is irrelevant lies a serious and excellent topic for election-year debate.

It's too soon for a ceasefire, but this war needs public arbitration.

(Ann McFeathers covers the White House and politics for Scripps Howard News Service.)



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Deal paves way for health insurance, minimum wage bills

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional negotiators agreed to a four-year test of tax-exempt medical savings accounts, removing a major obstacle to a bill that would allow workers to get new health insurance, even if they have pre-existing illnesses.

Thursday's agreement by Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., and Rep. Bill Archer, R-Texas, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, also freed another popular election-year measure — a bill that would raise the minimum wage.

The minimum wage bill had been held up in the fight over medical savings accounts, which an insured person could use to pay routine medical expenses.

The House and Senate both

have passed differing versions of the health insurance bill, the main thrust of which provides that anyone who changes or loses a job would be able to get health insurance, even with a pre-existing medical condition.

After the agreement was reached Thursday, the Senate choose conferees to work out a compromise health insurance bill with House negotiators.

The health insurance bill "will allow American workers the security of knowing that they will not lose their health coverage if they change their jobs," President Clinton said in a statement. "Raising the minimum wage for millions of America's hardest workers is also the right thing to do."

Archer said, "The American people are going to be the win-

ners now because we're going to move with this health reform bill and there's no reason why it shouldn't pass both houses."

Kennedy had blocked progress on the health insurance legislation, which he had co-sponsored with Sen. Nancy Kassebaum, R-Kan., because he objected to Republican attempts to include medical savings accounts in the bill.

The minimum-wage bill got caught up in the dispute when the assistant majority leader of the Senate, Don Nickles, R-Okla., said he would block Senate negotiators from sitting down with House lawmakers on that issue as long as Kennedy blocked the health care conference.

Although Thursday's agreement removed the main road-

block, the health bill negotiators still must resolve other problems, such as exactly what would be required of insurers to create the portability protection, and whether to require that insurers give the same coverage for mental illness as they do for a physical ailment.

The agreement between Archer and Kennedy calls for a medical savings accounts test that would involve up to 750,000 policies for the self-employed and people in businesses with 50 or fewer employees. The pilot would last four years. Those who wanted to keep the accounts after that could do so, but no one else could get them unless Congress expanded the program, the lawmakers said.

Under a medical savings account policy, workers and

employers would pay monthly premiums to the health insurer. Part of the premium would pay for a high-deductible, catastrophic insurance policy to cover major injuries and illness. Part would go into a tax-exempt savings account, which the worker could use to pay routine medical expenses or put toward the deductible in catastrophic cases.

The accounts became an issue because the House included them in its health insurance bill, which it passed 267-151 on March 28. The Senate, however, specifically rejected them when it passed its bill 100-0 on April 23.

Kennedy suggested a limited test of the accounts and the White House agreed to that, but they were at loggerheads with

Republicans over such things as how many accounts would be allowed.

"We have an agreement and we're glad that we do," Kennedy said. "We're looking forward to going forward with the conference to deal with issues of portability and pre-existing conditions."

Critics say medical savings accounts would drain the rich and healthy away from traditional insurance plans and drive up the cost of health insurance for sick people.

Supporters contend MSAs would make Americans more responsible for their own health care and would enable many people who are not now insured to cover themselves in health crises.

House kills Gingrich-backed campaign reform

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite strong backing from House Speaker Newt Gingrich, the House soundly rejected a Republican proposal to rewrite laws governing how congressional campaigns are paid for.

The 259-162 vote underscored the intractability of the campaign finance issue, which has been debated for more than a decade without yielding to a solution.

"It is an extremely difficult thing to do," said Rep. Bill Thomas, R-Calif., the primary author of the Republican proposal.

Gingrich, R-Ga., cast a rare vote in favor of the bill and spoke for it in closing floor debate, calling it "a first step in the right direction."

But a leading campaign finance reform proponent, Rep. Chris Shays, R-Conn., said fervor for reforming Congress has

diminished, even among GOP freshmen who were elected on reform platforms.

The House bill would have required candidates for Congress to raise at least half of their money from individuals who actually live in their congressional district.

It also would have allowed the ceiling on the amount individuals can give to rise with inflation and would have cut the cap on political action committee gifts by half, to \$5,000 per election cycle.

Common Cause President Ann McBride said the effect of the change would be to trim PAC giving by just 9 percent, since most PAC gifts are well under the current ceiling anyway. "It leaves in place the status quo," she said.

And in what Democrats said was an attack on organized labor, the bill would have

required unions to get permission each year from each of their members before spending any dues money for political purposes. The provision was added by Rep. Harris Fawell, R-Ill., who said most workers are unaware they don't have to support a union's chosen candidates.

"This is an absolutely fraudulent imitation of real campaign reform," said Rep. David Obey, D-Wis. "It gives the wealthy an even greater lock on the system than they have right now."

Republicans have "perfected the art of cash-and-carry government," added Rep. Cynthia McKinney, D-Ga.

The Senate was stymied earlier this year when it tried to take up a version of campaign finance reform, and Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., made it clear again Thursday that the bill is going nowhere.

Asked if it might be revived in the remaining days of this year's legislative session, Lott smiled and said, "No chance."

Thursday's House debate was aimed mostly at mollifying a public that polls show increasingly believes wealthy special interests have commandeered their government.

House GOP leaders had to scramble at the last minute to soften their bill when they ran into trouble building support in their own ranks.

They backed off plans to sharply increase the amount individuals can give to a candidate, but the bill still would have doubled the total giving allowed for wealthy individuals. And it would have put no limits on "soft money," the unlimited, unregulated cash that flows to parties from corporations and unions.

New Burundi leader installed amid world criticism

BUJUMBURA, Burundi (AP) — Soldiers removed roadblocks in Burundi's capital today and life returned almost to normal a day after the Tutsi-led military toppled the government and installed a new president.

The new leader, Pierre Buyoya, defended the coup as an act necessary to halt the ethnically torn country's "descent into hell." He was expected to outline his policies in a news conference later today.

In a radio address to the country Thursday night, Buyoya invited Burundi's deposed Hutu president to participate in an effort to rebuild the central African nation.

President Sylvestre Ntibantunganya (pronounced En-tee-bahn-toon-gan-yah) has been at

the U.S. ambassador's residence since paratroopers surrounded government buildings in the capital Tuesday night. Embassy spokeswoman Judith Kaula said he had not resigned.

Buyoya (pronounced boo-YO-yah) called on the world to "understand the purpose of our efforts."

"What happened today was not a change of regime through ambition, glory or anything else," he said. "What happened today was an action of salvation."

Western leaders condemned the coup, fearing it could bring on ethnic warfare on the scale of neighboring Rwanda's genocide, but said nothing about sending troops to restore Ntibantunganya, who headed a

Tutsi-Hutu coalition government.

This morning, the army lifted an overnight curfew that had closed businesses in Bujumbura and kept civilians at home. Soldiers in small groups patrolled the streets, nearly all stores were open and traffic was heavy.

The coup follows three years of civil war between the country's Hutus and Tutsis that has killed more than 150,000 people.

Burundi's ethnic mix — and hatred — is similar to that of Rwanda, where Hutu militia slaughtered a half-million Tutsis and moderate Hutus two summers ago. The Rwandan genocide was prompted in part by Hutus' fears that Tutsis would try to regain the power

they held until their monarchy was overthrown in 1959.

In Burundi, however, the Tutsis have been in control since the country's independence in 1962. "The military coup does not alter the balance of power, no matter who has occupied the presidency, Burundi's Tutsi-run military has always run the country."

Burundi, a mountainous country about the size of New Hampshire, lies on the northeast side of Lake Tanganyika and is bordered by Tanzania, Rwanda and Zaire.

"The politicians have failed to solve the problems, and we have decided the country cannot continue like this," military spokesman Lt. Col Longin Minani said Thursday.

Mexico making early payment on \$7 billion of loan

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexico will repay \$7 billion of a U.S. loan ahead of schedule, debunking critics who last year warned President Clinton that Americans could say adios to their dollars.

The early payment will slash the outstanding debt on the loan to \$3.5 billion and underscores an economic recovery from last year's financial crisis, Mexico's sharpest recession in more than six decades.

"The American people are being repaid well ahead of schedule," U.S. Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin said in Washington. "Default has been averted, the Mexican economy is beginning to recover and our exports to Mexico are running at an all-time high. The strategy is working."

Financial analysts said Thursday the early repayment vindicated Clinton's decision to open a \$20 billion line of credit to Mexico last year. The president made the offer using funds at

his disposal after Congressional opponents who doubted Mexico could repay the loan stalled efforts to approval the plan.

The president had argued that the United States could not afford to ignore a potential economic disaster on its southern border, especially after the two countries launched a free-trade zone with Canada in January 1994.

"Clinton has been proven right. The big winner here is Clinton and the Clinton government, even far more than Mexico and the Mexican government," Mexico City economist

Jonathan Heath said.

Analysts said the repayment would help the president's reelection effort, taking an issue away from opponents.

"No one can take the package and bludgeon Bill Clinton over the head with it in the campaign," said Delal Baer, a political scientist and Mexico specialist at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington.

Mexico borrowed a total of \$12.5 billion from the United States after a bungled peso devaluation in December 1994 brought the country close to

insolvency.

Mexico's economy has begun a slow comeback. Gross domestic product is expected to grow 3 percent this year. Unemployment, which doubled last year, has eased. So has inflation.


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◆ In the Greek system of telling time, an Olympiad was the period of four years that elapsed between two successive celebrations of the Olympian, or Olympic games.

◆ Most male lions are nine feet long from nose to end of tail and weigh from 350 to 400 pounds.

Got an item?
Do you have a good story idea for the *life!* section? Call 283-7331, Ext. 235.

Third annual Hallelujah! Big Spring set for Aug. 2



Members of Hallelujah! Big Spring practice for last year's community event. This is third year for the program scheduled for Aug. 2 at 7 p.m. at the Big Spring City Auditorium. A Praise and Missions Conference will be in conjunction with the event on Aug. 3 at Wesley United Methodist Church.

By KELLIE JONES
Features Editor

The third annual Hallelujah! Big Spring concert is scheduled for next Friday and promises to be even better than the last two years.

The event is being touted as the biggest city-wide multi-church worship event of the year and set for Aug. 2 at 7 p.m. at the Big Spring City Auditorium.

A group of singers comprised of members of a variety of churches will sing along with a chance for more audience participation. International worship and prayers leaders Eddie and Alice Smith from Houston will also be part of the celebration.

The Smiths are songwriters and musicians and have produced many albums. The latest is entitled "Most Holy One." In the past, Mr. Smith was the worship leader at Calvary Baptist Church in Houston for 13 years and pastors at another Houston church now. He is also coordinator for the United States Prayer Track of Mission America 2000 and the AD2000 and Beyond Movement.

Admission is free. Families and children are invited and

nursery care will not be provided.

In conjunction with Hallelujah! Big Spring is a Praise and Missions Conference on Saturday, Aug. 3. The Smiths will be in attendance along with Dr. Greg and Debbie Walker, missionaries in China.

"The Walkers gave up a medical career in Houston to go to China to be missionaries. They will share their story and how God led them in their missionary journey," said Lee Rushing, pastor of CrossRoads Community Fellowship.

The Saturday event is a day of sessions of worship, missionary testimonies, teaching and instruction. At the end of the day, there will be a time of prayer/intercession for the Big Spring area and the world.

The conference is from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 4 p.m. at Wesley United Methodist Church. Nursery care will not be provided.

Both programs are being sponsored by First Church of the Nazarene, Wesley United Methodist Church, First Baptist Church, Living Water Ministries, Miracle Revival Center, Cornerstone Church and CrossRoads Community Fellowship.

Verbal abuse from the boss

Scrrips Howard News Service

Q: Is there any way I can stop verbal abuse from my boss? Her sarcasm and ridicule are affecting my health, but I'm not in a position right now to go

is supposed to be an intelligent, educated doctor. What should I say to him in private? — Ticked off in Fort Wayne, Ind.

A: Say the same words in private as you would in public: "Thank you for a wonderful afternoon!" Keep your opinion to yourself regarding his comments about the little boys. Your boss may be educated, but he sure was behind the door when the brains for good parenting were passed out. I feel sorry for his older child.

Q: Your readers probably never would dream of extending professional courtesy to a plain, ordinary maid, but we need it just as much as lawyers and accountants. I can't speak your language very well, so I'm dictating this to an American friend.

I came to New York from Warsaw only a few months ago, so the only job I could find was as a hotel maid. Every day it is easier for me to understand your language and the terrible things tourists say about maids. We do have feelings, you know, and we are people! We're just trying to do our job and most of us aren't interested in your jewelry or your clothes.

Just say "Good morning" to us and "thank you" when you feel we've done a good job. — Sophie in Manhattan

A: It really takes someone on the other end of the mop to tell it like it is. You're so right about how many of us perceive the "chambermaid" in a hotel — almost like an invisible robot. Thanks for pricking our traveler's conscience.

Dr. Paula Bern, author of "How to Work for a Woman Boss," has taught executive seminars at Pittsburgh's Carnegie-Mellon University's Graduate School of Urban and Public Affairs. Questions may be mailed to Dr. Paula Bern, 1090 Vermont Ave. NW, Suite 1000, Washington, DC, 20005. Questions can be answered only through this column.

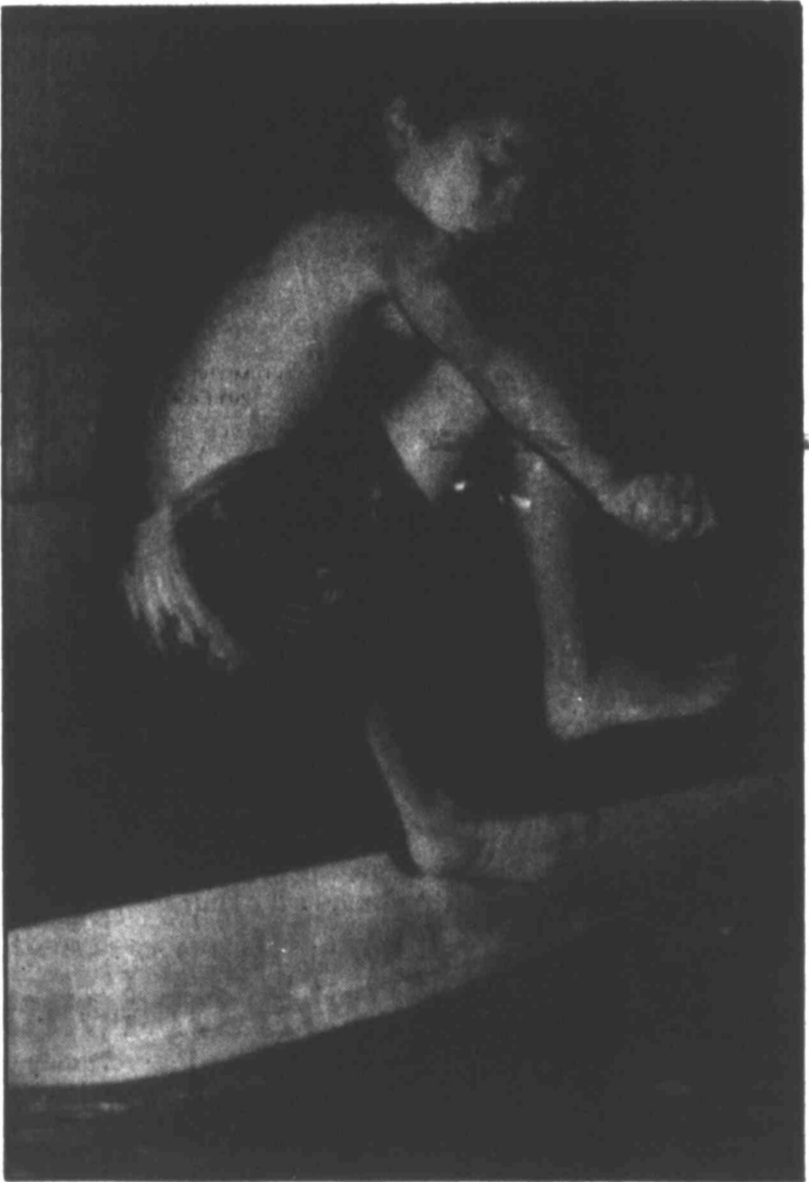
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job-hunting. She's not a bad person, but it's pretty hard to answer her when she's always saying, "Why can't you get anything right?" My ego is shot and my stomach is in knots. — Sign me Desperate in Dayton

A: I feel for you. My first employer used that type of language and I found the only way I could cope was to write an angry letter to him — venting all my feelings — and then throw it away. Later on I discovered I could occasionally lighten up the situation by pretending to assume he actually wanted an answer to his sarcastic questions and offer one — silly ones that included blaming everyone from my teachers to my parents. No matter how you react, your goal must be to diffuse rather than absorb this sort of workplace abuse.

Q: My wife and I just returned home from a fantastic barbecue hosted by the senior partner in a medical group that I joined just last month. Everyone who had children was told to bring them along, which offered us a great opportunity to get acquainted with my new colleagues and their families. One event marred the day for me: My new boss kept comparing his five-year-old to his two-year-old. Within the children's hearing, he repeatedly said, "My older son isn't a brain like the younger one. I'm giving him karate lessons for that reason — at least he'll excel at something." What a horrible thing to do to the older boy! And this new boss of mine

COOLING OFF



Michael Alvarez jumps into the YMCA swimming pool Wednesday afternoon. — HERALD photo/Tim Appel

Shocked at a Pentecostal revival

Scrrips Howard News Service

Dear Father Hansen: I was invited to a revival at a friend's church and was shocked at what I heard and saw.

People were yelling and screaming, some with strange sounds coming out of their mouths, and when the preacher touched people, many of them collapsed on the spot. My friend explained that they were "slain by the Spirit." I was glad to get out of there. I thought that any minute they would bring the snakes out. What do you think about all of this?

Dear Reader: I think it's not for you! What you describe is fairly common in churches which emphasize the literal manifestation of spiritual gifts in worship. These are loosely described as Pentecostal churches because the Holy Spirit was received on the Jewish feast of Pentecost, according to the Acts of the Apostles.

Many people experience healing and renewal through such forms of prayer and worship, and while I, like you, am not drawn to it, we would be wrong to condemn it.

We learn some things from Pentecostal churches. First, they challenge the Christian community by their witness to make the Bible more important than other historical documents. While some might not agree with the often literal

interpretations prevalent in Pentecostal churches, for all Christians the Bible is the basis for belief and authority. If

FRIENDS

non-Pentecostals do not necessarily hold that the literal truth is the truth revealed, then in what sense is the Bible the inspired word of God? Pentecostals challenge us to have an answer.

Second, the Pentecostals challenge the Christian community to engage their hearts in their relationship with God. Other Christians may see in Pentecostals a distrust of the sciences when they appear to conflict with established Biblical interpretations, the discouragement of legitimate questions which confront traditional ideas and a tendency to accept supernatural phenomenon with an uncritical eye.

Third, Pentecostals challenge us to place God at the center of our lives. We might question their interpretation and application of faith, but their simple trust in God and their willingness to let the Spirit of God consume and direct them reminds all Christians that they are called, essentially, to be Spirit-filled and Spirit-led. Many Christians see the

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CLUBS IN BRIEF

Deadline for club news is Wednesday at noon.

Big Spring Genealogical Society

Jo Throwing, Snyder, will be the speaker when the Big

Spring Genealogical Society meets on Aug. 1. Her topic will be "Secrets Old Photographs Can Reveal." Mrs. Throwing, an enthusiastic member of the Scurry County Genealogical Society, has done extensive research for several years and has acquired skills and historical knowledge related to the field of genealogy.

The meeting will be in the

Howard County Library Conference Room at 7:15 p.m.

on Thursday, Aug. 1. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

Rainbow Girls

An open invitation to all past and present Rainbow Girls, please join us for our 50th Birthday Celebration, Saturday, August 3, 2-4 p.m., 219 Main,

Big Spring, International Order of Rainbow For Girls, Big Spring Assembly #60.

Eastern Star

Big Spring Chapter No. 67, Order of the Eastern Star, Dinner, 6:30 p.m., Stated Meeting, 7:30 p.m., August 6.

TIPS 'N' TRIVIA

Camping

(NAPS)— What to pack:
•Cooking gear - can and bottle openers, cork screw, pans and kettle, serving and eating utensils, plates/bowls/cups, hot dog skewers, pitcher and sealable plastic containers.
•Recreation gear - camera, film, outdoor toys/games, binoculars, swimsuits, fishing tackle and sports equipment.
•Camping gear - tent and accessories, sleeping bags and pads, lantern, cooler, campstove, charcoal and lighter fluid, folding chairs, water jug, flashlight and first-aid kit.
•Other - bug spray, sunscreen, water, drinks and towels.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Hunter education course

There will be a hunter education course from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Aug. 17-18 at the Chamber of Commerce building. Boyce Hale will be the Hunter Education Instructor.

Any individual may take the course on a voluntary basis and is encouraged to attend regardless of requirements. This course is open to adults and youngsters and will include instruction in rifle, shotgun, handgun and primitive sporting arms handling and safety; outdoor responsibility and ethics; laws and regulations; wildlife conservation and identification; hunting traditions; field care of game; and wilderness first aid and survival.

The minimum age of certification is 12 years. The course cost is \$5.

Old Settlers Reunion Aug. 3

The 73rd annual Howard/Glasscock Old Settlers Reunion is Saturday, Aug. 3 in the East Room of the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Registration, a barbecue lunch and bingo will be at the coliseum in conjunction with the second Big Spring Antique Show. That night, the Old Settlers Dance will be at the Dora Roberts Community Center with the Pete Jenkins Band playing.

Horse show on Saturday

The Howard County Youth Horseman Club is sponsoring a horse show Saturday. The show starts at 10 a.m. The show will be at the HCYHC Arena located off the Garden City Highway (Hwy. 33).

THE LAST WORD

The greatest lesson in life is to know that even fools are right sometimes. —Winston Churchill

Wise men profit more from fools than fools from wise men; for the wise man shun the mistakes of fools, but fools do not imitate the successes of the wise. —Marcus Porcius Cato, The Elder

No man has a right in America to treat any other man tolerantly, for tolerance is the assumption of superiority. —Wendell Wilkie

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CHURCH IN BRIEF

Deadline for church news is noon Wednesday.

East Side Baptist Church

On July 28, East Side Baptist will celebrate our eighth Anniversary. Service at 10:15 a.m.

Followed by lunch and afternoon service. Special features include Rev. Jimmy Johnson, Borger, speaking at the 10:15 Service. Watchman Quarter, Andrews, 10:15 a.m. and afternoon service at approximately 2 p.m. an enactment of Jesus Christ marriage to His Church.

Baker's Chapel AME

Baker's Chapel AME Church Senior Choir will have their Annual Musical, Sunday, July 28 at 3 p.m.

Several churches will participate in this sing service. The community is invited to attend.

Hillcrest Baptist

Hillcrest Baptist Church Youth Group is sponsoring a Youth/College Vacation Bible School starting Sunday evening, July 28 through Wednesday evening, July 31.

Times are 7 p.m. till 10 p.m. each night, with the first night's meeting at the Old Settler's Pavilion at the city park. Anyone going into the seventh grade this new school year up to and including college age are invited to attend.

Each night will consist of games, competition, praise songs, specials, Bible Studies, goodies, wild and crazy activities and fun. Wednesday night, all VBS'ers will have the city pool after Bible Study to get wet and cool off.

Contact Gary Phillips at home, 263-1565 or Hillcrest Baptist, 267-1639, if you have any questions.

Miracle Revival Center

A.C.T.S., Alcohol Chemical Treatment Series, begins Wednesday, July 26, at 7:30 p.m. Miracle Revival Center is hosting a program which is a series of 12 sessions - meeting once a week. This is designed to reach every walk of life and area of bondage concerning drugs and alcohol. This is not just for those who struggle personally in these areas, but for the ones who want to be educated so that they will know how to minister to others in the community.

Weekly meetings will be in the fellowship hall at 7:30 p.m. each Wednesday night. We will begin with alcohol and then each week the topic will be on a different drug or chemical. This is for all ages, for whole families, and youth groups.

We are located at 600 East FM 700, across from Golden Corral. Office hours are from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 263-7714.

Trinity Baptist Church

Elizabeth King will give a piano concert Thursday, Aug. 8, 7:30 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church, 810 11th Place, Big Spring. She is to play her Senior Piano Recital there in the Fine Arts Auditorium in early fall, tentatively September 19.

Friends of Unity

Ruth Carter, a nationally known Biblical scholar and teacher, will minister at the Friends of Unity Box Car at 2 p.m. Saturday. All are welcome.

Friends

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essence of Spirit leadership as loving one's neighbor and working for justice in the world rather than the literal manifestation of spiritual gifts such as tongues, interpretation of tongues, or being "slain" as you described.

Cari Hansen, rector of All Saints Episcopal Church in Carmel, Calif., welcomes your questions or comments. If you have a question you would like addressed, write to him in care of "Friends in Faith," The Monterey County Herald, P.O. Box 371, Monterey, CA; 93942.

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Queens of Barcelona become also-rans in Atlanta Olympics

ATLANTA (AP) — There was Janet Evans, chugging along at the back of the pack. If only she had stopped to look, she could have seen the newest darling of American swimming up ahead — way ahead.

There was Shannon Miller, tears streaming down her face after a disastrous misstep on the gymnastics mat.

Two American women who stood at the pinnacle of their

sports in Barcelona four years ago were also-rans at these Olympic Games on Thursday.

"I don't really have any regrets," said Miller, who broke down as she spoke about her eighth-place finish in the women's all-around. "I'm still going home with a (team) gold medal."

One of the Olympics' glamour events, track and field, was getting started today with finals in

two events as well as several preliminaries. Swimming was scheduled to wrap up with the Americans trying to build on their impressive medal haul, which included an Olympic record by the women's 800 freestyle relay team Thursday. The Dream Team returns to the court tonight, against China.

While Miller and Evans stumbled Thursday, two other stars from 1992 are still shining

brightly.

Krisztina Egerszegi of Hungary became the first swimmer in Olympic history to win five gold medals in individual events when she blew away the field in the 200-meter backstroke.

And Russian Alexander Popov proved once again that he is the fastest man in the pool, outstretching America's Gary Hall Jr. in a stirring 50-

meter freestyle.

"If you win first Olympics, you become famous," said Popov, who repeated his double-gold medal performance of Barcelona with wins in the 50 and 100 freestyle. "If you win second Olympics, you become great."

The greatness of the U.S. women's basketball team is becoming more and more apparent. The Americans

whipped Zaire 107-47 before a Georgia Dome crowd of 31,230 — the largest in the history of women's basketball — and appear to be an unstoppable as the other Dream Team.

"It was really exhilarating because when you walk out, you feel like you're at a men's game," said Carla McGhee, one of seven U.S. players to score in

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'Huskers dominate Big 12 poll

DALLAS (AP) — Defending two-time national champion Nebraska tops the Big 12's first preseason football poll, followed by Colorado, another Big Eight veteran, and the Southwest Conference champion, Texas.

The announcement of the inaugural poll of news media comes as 10 of the 12 head coaches of the Big 12 gather in St. Louis to meet Thursday and Friday with the media. The rankings reflect a one-to-12 grouping without regard to North and South Divisions.

Nebraska right rushing end Jared Tomich earned Defensive Player-of-the-Year honors among the 24-man, first-team-only contingent of pre-1996 All-Big-12 Conference members.

Iowa State running back Troy Davis, who led the nation in rushing in 1995 with 2,010 net yards, captured offensive player-of-the-year honors.

The Big 12 invited 120 media representatives from within the conference coverage area to respond to its preseason poll. Eighty-five media outlets responded during the July 1-22 voting period, conference spokesman Bo Carter said.

The Big 12 — comprising the former Big Eight plus Texas, Texas Tech, Texas A&M and Baylor of the old Southwest Conference — begins competition next month.

Texas was followed at fourth place by Texas A&M. The

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The Coahoma Bulldogs and Forsan Buffaloes are picked to finish at the end of the pack in District 8-2A, according to "Texas Football" magazine.

Bulldogs, Buffaloes face an uphill battle

By STEVE REAGAN
Sports Editor

For the Coahoma Bulldogs and Forsan Buffaloes, the Rodney Dangerfield syndrome still exists.

For several years, the Bulldogs and Buffaloes have battled for respect — not to mention a playoff spot — in the District 6-2A football wars. This year, the district's name has changed, but the schools' battle for respect hasn't.

"Texas Football," the annual preseason guide to Texas college and high school football, has pegged Coahoma and Forsan to be among the also-rans in District 8-2A this season.

Perennial powers Wall and Winters are picked to finish

A First Look Texas Football's District Rankings

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one-two in the district, followed by Roscoe, which advanced to the Class 1A state finals last season. Eldorado is tabbed for fourth place, followed by Coahoma, Ozona and Forsan.

Both Howard County teams have new coaches this year. Jim Edwards takes over for Eddie McHugh in Coahoma, while former Coahoma head coach Steve Park took the helm

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Switzer not pushing panic button in wake of Irvin suspension

AUSTIN (AP) — The NFL's suspension of Michael Irvin for the first five games of the season has intensified talks at the Dallas Cowboys' training camp of acquiring a veteran receiver through free agency.

But publicly, Cowboys officials say such a move isn't in the works.

"We are going to stay with what we've got right now. We will be all right," said coach Barry Switzer, adding that Kevin Williams and Deion Sanders are his projected starters at wideout.

Offensive coordinator Ernie Zampese and running backs

coach Joe Brodsky suggested Thursday that they would like to have another veteran to throw to.

"I'd love to have more receivers to pick from," Zampese said. "But I don't know the feasibility of that."

Brodsky was more forthright, saying that Sanders was too valuable as a defender to be playing wide receiver and that another veteran wideout is needed to keep teams from doubling Kevin Williams or loading up against the run.

"If it was my decision, Deion would be at defensive back," Brodsky said. "I hope we are

not kidding ourselves thinking that Deion is going to be a primary receiver. He's one of the finest defensive players in the history of the league."

"Without Michael, I don't think we will be able to use (running back) Emmitt (Smith) as much. I think defenses will stack eight or nine at the line to stop the run."

"We have to find a receiver who will not allow them to double Kevin Williams," Brodsky added. "We've got a lot of ifs."

Irvin's suspension came eight days after he pleaded no contest to felony cocaine possession charges for which he was fined

\$10,000, placed on probation for four years and sentenced to 800 hours of community service.

Cowboys vice president Stephen Jones said Irvin's salary won't count against the team's salary cap during the suspension. That money, which Jones said was "between \$300,000 and \$400,000," can be used immediately to sign other players.

"Right now, we have to look at our overall roster, and receiver is not necessarily the position we need to focus on," Jones said.

The Cowboys have shown interest in free agents such as

Art Monk and Flipper Anderson, but have little room remaining under the NFL's \$40.75 million salary cap.

Sanders has been brilliant as a spot receiver — of his 13 career receptions, four have been for touchdowns. But he's never played the position on a regular basis, and even an athlete as extraordinary as he is can't necessarily become a full-time pass catcher in one preseason.

Moreover, Sanders leaves a secondary already hurt by the defection of Larry Brown, the Super Bowl MVP who left as a free agent for Oakland.

Miller's tears reflect end of a career

ATLANTA — Unlike baseball, there's plenty of crying in women's gymnastics. Yet that only partly explained the river of tears that swept Shannon Miller out of the Georgia Dome this night.

The most decorated gymnast her country has ever known will have the chance to represent it one final time, in the individual apparatus event finals Monday night, but it won't be the same. It can't.

The gold medal Miller desired so desperately to go with the silver from Barcelona was secured the other night, when she was the biggest contributor on an American team claiming its first title ever.

But the most coveted title in her sport, the all-around, the one that was up for grabs Thursday night — that was supposed to be for her. And not simply because she came into the final seeded second, behind reigning world champion Lilia Podkopaeva.

That was the title that kept her competing four more years, enduring hurts large and small, training while all the other young women her age were getting on with their lives. That now belongs to someone else, to Podkopaeva, the short, powerful Ukrainian who is two years younger and in many ways is almost Miller's exact opposite.

"I tried to do the best I could," she said, fighting back tears one more time, this time after finishing eighth. "We won

the gold and we were so excited, but we lost focus.

"It's hard," Miller added, fighting a losing battle with her emotions. "I tried my hardest tonight."

All her long-limbed grace, her classic American good looks, the solid quality of her routines, the lift spliced into the tumbling passes and vaults like some unexpected gift — all those things were undone by a single miscalculation.

Coming out of a backwards somersault at the end of a tumbling run on her floor exercise, Miller landed and planted her left foot firmly — inches out of bounds.

The judge at the corner just a few feet from Miller didn't call the infraction immediately. Instead, a moment later, the telltale yellow flag was raised by an official on the other side. The delay was about as long as it took Miller to fall apart after she left the mat.

Eyes downcast, she walked off tied for second place. But by the time coach Steve Nunno reached her and draped an arm across her shoulders, Miller already knew her fate. She cried, perhaps for all the work and sacrifice that had carried her to that moment, a 19-year-old woman who knew what her past looked like, but not her future.

Then Miller doubled over, and when she straightened up to face the world again, she looked almost serene. If gymnastics has taught her anything, apparently, it is how to cope.

"I don't really have any regrets. I know I had mistakes on the floor, but I'm happy with my other routines," she said. "I'm still going home with a gold medal."

Yet, if there was as much jus-

tice as there are tears in this sport, Miller would have won the all-around going away. She came into these games the grand old woman of the American side, set to be the featured performer in much the same way that she had played the role of loyal understudy to Kim Zmeskal at the 1992 games.

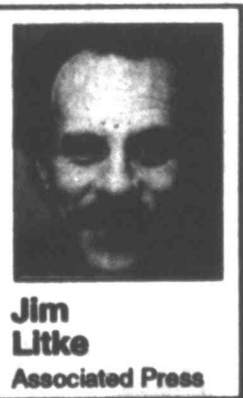
It never happened. Before it could, full-time coach and part-time PR hound Bela Karolyi announced he had found another prodigy. Then that prodigy, Dominique Moceanu, moved into the spotlight and never budged. An engaging little girl with a gymnastics pedigree as tall as she was, Moceanu was great in interviews and even wrote an autobiography, although her accomplishments still wouldn't fill a single page.

Ever the good soldier, Miller kept quiet. Just as she did Tuesday night, when teammate Kerri Strug's dramatic vault was the only thing anyone could remember about the American victory. Yet, Miller's team-best 78.028 total was two-tenths better than teammate Dominique Dawes' score and almost .3 better than Strug's. From a contributor's standpoint, it was as though Miller was Michael Jordan, and Dawes and Strug were Scottie Pippen and Toni Kukoc.

Like Jordan, she has a work ethic worth copying. Her coach once said for that reason alone, Miller was an inspiration to every girl in America. Now, because of a brave performance, a few more may remember who she is.

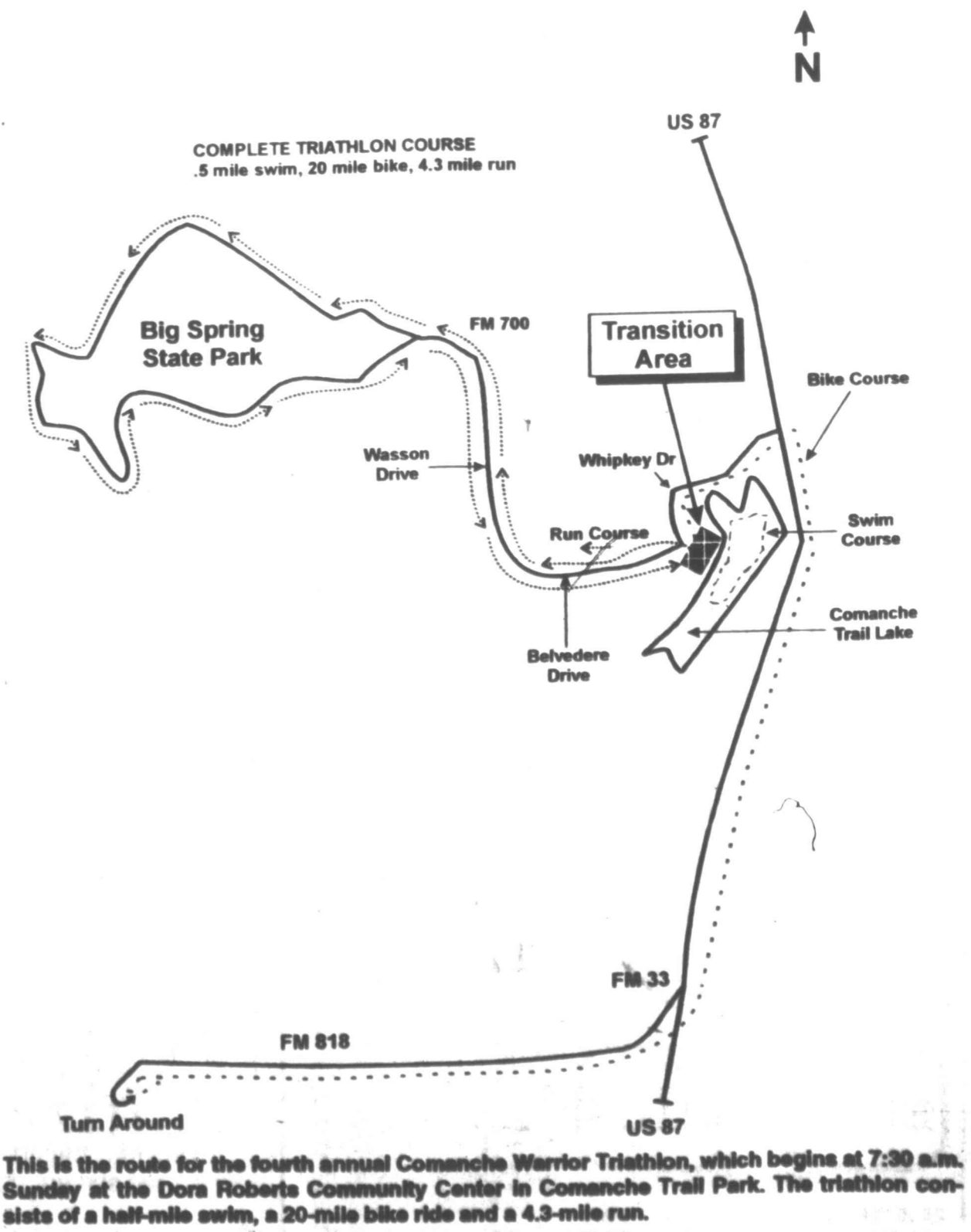
"I don't care what place she took," Nunno said. "She's a winner."

Unlike Jordan, Miller probably won't be coming back to the game. That fact, too, was probably reflected in the tears.



Jim Litke
Associated Press

TRIATHLON ROUTE



This is the route for the fourth annual Comanche Warrior Triathlon, which begins at 7:30 a.m. Sunday at the Dora Roberts Community Center in Comanche Trail Park. The triathlon consists of a half-mile swim, a 20-mile bike ride and a 4.3-mile run.

SPORTS BRIEFS

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A public drawing for the public hunting permits will be held Sept. 16 at the Ivie Reservoir Field Office. Persons will be notified of their acceptance by Sept. 25.

Coahoma workouts slated

The Coahoma Bulldogs will begin two-day football workouts at 8 a.m. Aug. 7. Newcomers should contact the coaching staff at 394-4624 the week of July 26.

Also, "Camp Bulldog" for incoming seventh and eighth graders will be held July 22-26. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. July 22 at the junior high school gym.

The fee is \$10. For more information, call 394-4624.

Magers to hold volleyball camp

Big Spring native Rose Magers, who helped the U.S. volleyball team win a silver medal at the 1984 Olympics, will conduct a volleyball camp Aug. 9-11 in Big Spring.

The camp will consist of two sessions. The first session, for athletes in grades 7-9, will be held from 8:30 a.m.-noon Aug. 9 and 10, and 2-5 p.m. Aug. 11.

The second session, for players in grades 10-12,

will be held from 5:30-9 p.m. each day. cost of the camp is \$45 for early registration and \$55 at the door. Applications can be picked up at Neal's Sporting Goods, 1901 Gregg St., or Athletic Supply in Big Spring Mall.

For more information, contact Big Spring High School volleyball coach Traci Pierce at 267-4047.

Hunter course on tap

A course in hunter education will be held from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Aug. 17-18 at the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce building.

The course, offered by local instructor Boyce Hale, is required for huntersborn on or after Sept. 2, 1971.

For more information, contact Hale at 267-6957.

Fryar wins academic honor

Sands graduate Courtney Fryar of Ackerly was selected an academic all-American in basketball by the National Junior College Athletic Association.



FRYAR

She will attend Angelo State University in the fall as a math major.

Fryar, a two-time all-district player for the Lady Mustangs, recently completed her sophomore season at New Mexico Junior College in Hobbs, N.M., where she compiled a 3.75 grade point average.

Forsan

Continued from page 1B after Jan East was sidelined by illness.

The Bulldogs will have numbers on their side this season with 26 lettermen (six offensive and six defensive starters) returning from last season.

Edwards hopes those numbers offset the loss of 13 lettermen, including second-team all-district quarterback Adam Tindol.

Among the returnees is Matt

Hamilton (53 catches 726 yards), who was an all-district selection at both wide receiver and defensive back, and the linebacking duo of Heath Blair (130 tackles) and Blake Nichols.

Across the county in Forsan, Park faces a common dilemma: Lack of numbers.

Only 10 lettermen (six offensive and seven defensive starters) return from last season's 2-8 team. Ten lettermen,

including star running back Rusty Baker, have departed via graduation.

Among the returning starters are running back Clay Thixton and linemen Heath Carlile, Daniel Higgenbotham, Erick Lipham and James Dunlap.

Lack of depth could be a problem again this season for Forsan: Five of the projected starters will have to play both offense and defense this season. SUNDAY: District 4-4A.

Olympics

Continued from page 1B double figures. "There were so many people. We were really pumped up."

Overall, the Americans remained atop the medals board with 32 (12 gold, 16 silver, 4 bronze), followed by Russia with 25 (13-7-5) and Germany with 22 (3-8-11).

Miller, who won a total of five silver and bronze medals at Barcelona, finally won her first gold Tuesday night in the women's team all-around. But the individual all-around turned out to be a disaster for the Americans.

Dominique Dawes, leading after the first two events, went skidding out of bounds in the floor exercise and wound up 17th. Miller's routine was ruined when she barely stumbled out of bounds.

The other American, Dominique Moceanu, subbing for injured Kerri Strug, finished ninth in an event won by Ukrainian world champion Lilia Podkopyayeva.

"I tried my hardest tonight," Miller said. "We won the gold and were so excited, we lost

focus. It's hard."

More bittersweet than disappointing for the Americans was the sight of Evans, a four-time gold medalist at Seoul and Barcelona, finishing the 800-meter freestyle near the back of the pack, more than 11 seconds behind 16-year-old winner Brooke Bennett.

"Even 20 years down the road, everybody's going to remember Janet," Bennett said. "I think Janet's always going to be the queen of distance swimming."

For Evans, there were no regrets about finishing her career with such a dismal performance, no second thoughts about coming back for one more Olympics.

"I leave with a smile on my face," she said, following through on her plans to retire after the Atlanta Games — one gold medal short of Bonnie Blair's record for an American woman.

The U.S. boxers saw their hopes wane because of two questionable decisions. Zahir Raheem was left sobbing in the ring after the referee stopped

his 119-pound bout in the first round, and 147-pound Fernando Vargas could only shake his head in disbelief when he lost a one-point decision to a Romanian.

The American men's volleyball players also were shaking their heads after a five-set loss to Cuba. The match ended when Bryan Ivie's spike attempt hit the net out-of-bounds marker on match point.

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OLYMPICS

Medal count

Table with columns: Country, G, S, B, Tot. Lists medal counts for various countries like United States, Russia, Germany, etc.

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Chicago 7, San Francisco 1

Thursday's Games Los Angeles 6, Florida 3 Pittsburgh 6, Philadelphia 4 Montreal 4, St. Louis 2 San Francisco 4, Atlanta 3 Chicago 10, Colorado 8

MINNESOTA TWINS—Signed

Tom Kelly, manager, to a three-year contract extension through the 2000 season. ATLANTA BRAVES—Claimed LHP Dean Hartgraves off waivers from the Houston Astros.

BASEBALL

American League

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists American League standings for East and Central Divisions.

National League

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists National League standings for East and West Divisions.

TRANSACTIONS

Thursday

BASEBALL American League BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Placed OF Mark Smith on the 15-day disabled list, retroactive to July 23.

NEW YORK ISLANDERS—Agreed

to terms with F Mike Donnelly, F Craig Fisher, F Brent Hughes and F Dave McLlwain. NEW YORK RANGERS—Signed LW Daniel Gossau.

Poll

Continued from page 1B Aggies will be the first Big 12 team to play a football game when they face Brigham Young on Aug. 24 in the Pigskin Classic.

team, while Colorado and Texas each had three. Nebraska players also outnumbered others in voting for the defensive team. Four Cornhuskers made the list followed by three Longhorns.

FOOTBALL

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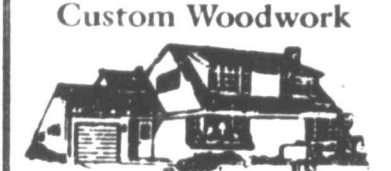
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GARAGE SALE 4119 Muir. Friday. 9:00am-4:00pm. Couch, love seat, play pin, walker, baby clothes & shoes (6-9 months), comforter & curtains.

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GARAGE SALE: 2804 Ann Dr. Saturday only 8-12. Furniture, clothing, and lots of miscellaneous.

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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) Extremes mark the day. You have fun projects on your plate. Plans could change, but you go with the flow. Connect with a relative who is at a distance. Communications flourish. There is a lot of news. Tonight: You make one appearance after another! ****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You and a partner engage in passionate arguments. Don't kid yourself, there is something going on here. You could be negotiating something else. Relish this interchange, but consider long-term wishes. Tonight: Visit a country inn. *****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Others seek you out. It is a waste of time being confused about your desires. Follow your impulses. Popularity is high; the world is your oyster. This wildness will settle down later. A friend wants to have a tete-a-tete. Tonight: Togetherness works for you. *****

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Use the early hours to finish errands. Get ready for a fun get-together tonight. You want to be the host with the most. You enjoy the planning as much as the event. Listen to feedback from a loved one while you are happily fussing. Tonight: The party begins. ****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You need the good life. Get together with a loved one. Don't let anything interfere with the best-laid plans. Don't answer your phone; stay focused. You play yourself into fatigue, but you love it. Tonight: Expect the inevitable slowdown. ****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Family matters take a high priority. Extremes mark discussions about work and home.

Understand where another is coming from, but you don't have to agree. You will find a solution. Let your imagination toss around possibilities. Tonight: Pull the shades! ****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Reach out for others, but be prepared for all types of responses. You could flip over what you hear. Maintain a sense of humor, and keep the dialogue active. You convince another that you are right. Make time for a family member. Tonight: Make it a quiet night at home. ****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Whether to spend or not seems to be the major topic as you deal with others. This back-and-forth may strike you as humorous. Examine what you expect from a partner. Friendship blossoms. Make time for a friendly late lunch. Tonight: Go where your friends are. ****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Be sensitive to a partner who is not OK and lets you know. Recognize that he may not budge emotionally. It is possible that he enjoys the attention. Make plans that also please you, so you won't feel too much resentment. Tonight: It's your treat. *****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Maintain a low profile this afternoon in order to handle certain key issues. These topics may be personal and require your attention. A nap may just fit in. Make plans for the afternoon, when you feel better and more together. Tonight: You call the shots! ****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Be more in touch with your needs for friendship. You sometimes get so hung up on pet projects that you forget how much of a social butterfly you are. Let go, and enjoy yourself. You need it. Handle a certain matter privately. Tonight: Vanish while you can. ****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You make your view clear as you take a stand. An authority figure listens. Be careful with a loved one who feels left out. An exchange of ideas brings results. Bring friends together for a celebration. Tonight: The more, the merrier. ****

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Brothers prove tennis not just for the rich

STONE MOUNTAIN, Ga. (AP) — Their first-round Olympics doubles match took place on remote Court 12, far from the nearest radar gun or corporate logo. When the chair umpire made the pre-match introductions, their coach was the only person to clap for them.

Claude and Clement N'Goran deserved more applause. Brothers in a family of 13, the N'Gorans (the name is pronounced in-gore-un) grew up in a poor neighborhood of Abidjan, Ivory Coast. They couldn't afford rackets, so they learned to play tennis with wooden paddles they made themselves.

At a private club next to their home, they worked for free picking up balls. They'd practice by hitting off a wall and occasionally fill in when a club member was late arriving for a game.

"My dad would get mad," said Clement, 26. "He didn't think there was a future in tennis, because tennis is so little in my country. And he was right."

Clement has been his nation's top player for much of the past

decade, and played singles at the 1988 Olympics. But he estimates that the most he ever made in a year was \$18,000. His 21-year-old brother made \$2,840 in 1995.

Compare that to Olympic top seed Andre Agassi, who won nearly \$3 million in prize money last year and made millions more as a sneaker salesman.

At least the N'Gorans no longer have to play with paddles. They get their rackets free from a sports equipment company.

Abidjan has a healthier economy than many African cities. Even so, it exports coffee, not tennis players.

And without coaching or financial support, the N'Gorans have been unable to fulfill their potential, said Jean Claude Delafosse, president of the Ivory Coast tennis federation.

"We are very poor," Delafosse said. "We don't have the money to push them to a high level."

Neither did the N'Gorans' parents. Their father is a retired auto factory worker, their mother a homemaker. Eight boys and three girls grew

up in the house.

"We had food and clothes," Clement said. "We weren't starving."

As a teen-ager, Clement ranked among the world's best players in his age group. He won his first tournament title at 13, and four years later he finished third in a prestigious international juniors tournament won by Jim Courier in Miami Beach, Fla.

Some confused N'Goran with a promising Croatian youngster named Goran Ivanisevic.

"I said, 'This is the black N'Goran. The other is the white Goran,'" Delafosse recalled with a laugh.

There's no confusing them now. Ivanisevic is ranked seventh in the world, Clement 767th.

Claude, ranked 362nd, lets his brother do most of the talking, but he's the better player. A 6-foot-3 left-hander with a powerful serve, he hopes to qualify for the U.S. Open next month.

As always for the N'Gorans, the chance at prize money means extra pressure, a burden foreign to top players such as

Agassi or Pete Sampras.

"It's not like you have millions of dollars and if you lose a match you can say, 'So what?'" Clement said.

The N'Gorans came to Atlanta with modest expectations and nothing to lose, so they have enjoyed the festivities. The brothers and 20 other Ivory Coast athletes marched in the opening ceremonies.

"It was unbelievable to see all those people," Claude said.

"My favorite part," Clement said, "was when they showed the Martin Luther King part about dreaming."

The N'Gorans won their first-round match Thursday, beating Cih-Jung Chen and Yu-Hui Lien of Taipei 6-2, 6-2. They'll play Saturday against Holland's Jacco Eltingh and Paul Haarhuis, one of the best doubles teams in the world.

The N'Gorans likely will lose. But their success already resonates back home.

"It means tennis is possible in my country," Delafosse said. "In the beginning everyone said tennis is for the rich people. They can't say that now."

Last one to score wins? Cubs win ping-pong game

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The Cubs scored in the first inning. So did the Rockies.

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The Cubs scored in the fourth inning. So did the Rockies.

"I didn't know if we were ever going to have any zeroes on the board," Colorado manager Don Baylor said Thursday night. "Once one of these kinds of games gets started here, you can only sit back and hope you get somebody out."

The Cubs also scored in the fifth, but the Rockies did not, leaving the game tied at 8.

Somehow, the score remained even until the ninth, when Chicago broke through for a 10-8 victory that ended the Rockies' 11-game winning streak at Coors Field.

"I'm just glad to get out of here with a win," Cubs manager Jim Riggleman said. "I've managed too many games like this against them without a lot of success."

In other games, San Francisco defeated Atlanta 4-3,

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Montreal stopped St. Louis 4-2, Pittsburgh beat Philadelphia 6-4 and Los Angeles downed Florida 6-3.

Mark Grace drove in four runs and also scored the go-ahead run in the ninth on reliever Bruce Ruffin's second wild pitch of the inning.

"As a hitter, you've got to love this place," Grace said. "You know coming in you are going to have the chance to improve your statistics."

Vinny Castilla homered twice for the Rockies, giving him 24 this season — 17 at home.

All-Star pitcher Steve Trachsel struggled for the Cubs, giving up eight runs and 11 hits in 3 2-3 innings. He did better with the bat, however — an .081 hitter, he singled to start a two-run second inning.

Giants 4, Braves 3

Allen Watson outpitched Greg Maddux, taking a one-hit shutout into the ninth inning at San Francisco.

Watson (7-8), back from an elbow injury that had sidelined

him since July 2, gave up Marquis Grissom's double to start the game and then retired the next 20 batters.

Chipper Jones hit a three-run homer with one out in the Atlanta ninth, and Rod Beck relieved for his 19th save.

Barry Bonds hit his 26th homer in a three-run first off Maddux (10-8), who had won eight straight against San Francisco.

Expos 4, Cardinals 2

Rookie Ugueth Urbina, whose worst outing of the season came when he faced St. Louis last month, got even with seven strong innings at Busch Stadium.

Urbina (5-3) gave up three hits, and relievers Dave Veres and Mel Rojas did not allow any. Montreal improved to 7-2 against the Cardinals.

St. Louis, which had just two hits in Wednesday's loss to Atlanta, dropped its fourth in a row.

Dodgers 6, Marlins 3

Pedro Astacio made a nifty catch on a line drive that hit his left wrist, highlighting his

win at Joe Robbie Stadium.

Astacio turned his back on a liner up the middle by pinch-hitter Quilvio Veras in the seventh. It hit him in the wrist, but Astacio hugged the ball to his chest and did a celebration dance.

Eric Karros hit a three-run homer for Los Angeles. Before the game, the Dodgers signed third baseman Tim Wallach to replace Mike Blowers, recently lost for the season because of a knee injury.

Pirates 6, Phillies 4

Orlando Merced homered and drove in three runs as Pittsburgh sent Philadelphia to its 12th loss in 13 games. The Pirates won their fourth in a row.

Dan Miceli (2-6) won for the first time in four starts since he joined to rotation right before the All-Star break. Denny Neagle is the only Pirates pitcher still in the rotation from the start of the season: Danny Darwin was traded, Zane Smith was released, Paul Wagner was injured and John Erick was demoted to the bullpen.

Devil's advocate has sympathy for officers who lose their cool

DEAR ABBY: I am an 84-year-old woman who would like to play the devil's advocate, but in this case, I would like to know who the devil is.



Abigail Van Buren Columnist

An officer of the law whose job it is to reprimand anyone who is breaking the law, must drive 80 to 100 miles an hour on a freeway, chasing someone who is endangering the lives of everyone on the freeway, including himself.

Abby, how can we expect a police officer (who doesn't know whether he will go home to his wife and kids that night) to drive at breakneck speed for an hour or more, and keep his composure when he finally catches up with the criminal? If he's human, he will lash out at the culprit. Then, it seems to me, everyone is appalled at the behavior of the police officer — instead of the one who is breaking the law.

Ten-to-one, the criminal is high on something, and though the marks on him are visible, I'll bet he didn't feel the blows as much as the high he was getting on the substance, which gave him the courage to drive that fast.

What say you, Abby? — ELEANOR FROM BROOKLYN

DEAR ELEANOR: I can understand your frustration, but tolerating police brutality will not reduce our crime rate. The police are trained (and paid) to apprehend criminals. They are NOT vigilantes who may enforce their own code of punishment.

All citizens would be in great danger if taking the law into our own hands became acceptable.

DEAR ABBY: What is your opinion of people who take photographs — and, in some instances, motion pictures — of strangers in a public area without their permission?

I am not referring to celebrities, but the general public. — A.O. IN LOS ANGELES

DEAR A.O.: Photographing strangers without permission is a clear invasion of their privacy. Most people may have no objections, but on the chance that they do, they should be asked first.

DEAR ABBY: My 14-year-old son recently passed away and I was amazed at how rude people can be at a time like that.

Several people sent plants to the mortuary with a note for certain people to take the plants home with them. One family even sent a plant with a note on it asking that the plant be returned to their home after the funeral.

The funeral director told us that this was becoming a real problem for them as it was causing a great many hurt feelings.

Abby, please tell your readers if they want funeral flowers given to a certain person, they should have the flowers sent to that person's home, not to the funeral home. A grieving person doesn't need any more pain. — GRIEVING IN BUFORD, GA.

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Saves in short supply as bullpens falter

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On a bad night for the bullpens, few leads were safe in the American League.

Boston wasted a 4-0 advantage, Milwaukee squandered a three-run lead in the ninth for the second straight night, Oakland and Chicago blew two-run margins and Seattle failed to hold on to a one-run lead in the ninth.

"You get to the point where you think, how much relief have you got to have to be able to hold it?" Brewers manager Phil Garner said Thursday after his team's 5-4 loss at California.

Detroit had been 0-61 when trailing after eight innings before the Tigers came back to beat the Mariners 7-4 in 10 innings at the Kingdome.

"We haven't been behind by just one run after a lot of those eighth innings," Tigers manager Buddy Bell said with a laugh. "Hopefully, this will give us a little more confidence."

At the Metrodome, Tim Wakefield (7-10) had given up only two singles before Minnesota started the fourth with four straight extra-base hits. The Twins went on to win 16-8.

"It's a game of adjustments, and I didn't see a lot of adjustment," Boston manager Kevin Kennedy said. "There were lots of high pitches. They were up

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and they should be hit, and they were."

In other games, Toronto beat Oakland 4-3, Texas beat Chicago 4-3 in 12 innings, Cleveland beat Baltimore 10-7 and Kansas City beat New York 7-0.

At Seattle, Mark Lewis tied the score at 4 with a home run off Norm Charlton leading off the ninth and Brad Ausmus hit a three-run double in the 10th.

The Mariners' bullpen blew a save for the 13th time in 32 chances this season. Seattle relievers don't have a save this month.

"It's frustrating," Charlton said. "It's almost like they know what's coming."

Jose Lima (2-5), Detroit's fifth pitcher, went 1 2-3 innings. Lima retired five straight hitters.

"Our pitching was really good tonight," said Bell, whose staff has the worst ERA in the majors at 6.70.

Ken Griffey Jr. hit his 29th home run, giving him six in 12 games since coming off the disabled list July 14.

Angels 5, Brewers 4

Gary DiSarcina hit a three-run homer in the ninth off Graeme Lloyd (3-3). With the Brewers ahead 4-1, J.T. Snow hit a leadoff homer off Ricky Bones.

Mike Holtz (1-0) earned his first major league victory, facing only one batter, Fernando Vina, who hit into a double play.

Twins 16, Red Sox 6

Scott Stahoviak hit a two-run homer and an RBI single during a seven-run fourth, sending Minnesota to its fourth straight win. The Twins set a team record with eight doubles, including two each by Paul Molitor and Marty Cordova, in winning their fourth straight game.

Jose Parra (2-3) gave up one run and four hits in five innings. Wakefield was pounded for seven runs and seven hits in 3 1-3 innings.

Blue Jays 4, Athletics 3

Mark McGwire hit his major league-leading 37th home run into the fifth deck at SkyDome, but Joe Carter hit a two-run homer with two outs in the ninth off Jay Witasick (0-1).

McGwire, who has played just 79 games this season, became just the second hitter to reach the fifth deck. His 488-foot drive to left landed about four rows above the spot where former teammate Jose Canseco hit a ball during the 1989 AL playoffs.

Tim Crabbtree (5-2) pitched two scoreless innings.

Rangers 4, White Sox 3

Darryl Hamilton hit a sacrifice fly off Brian Keyser (1-2) in the 12th inning at Comiskey Park and Juan Gonzalez hit his 29th homer, extending Chicago's losing streak to four.

Jeff Russell (3-1) pitched three scoreless innings and Mike Henneman got two outs for his 22nd save. Texas had lost five of its previous seven games.

Indians 10, Orioles 7

Albert Belle homered twice at Camden Yards to become Cleveland's career leader and Charles Nagy (12-3) finally got his 12th win, his first since June 15.

Belle also hit a two-run single and finished with five RBIs, tying his career high. He has 34 home runs this season and 228 with Cleveland, two more than Earl Averill.

Roberto Alomar had four hits, including a pair of homers. Rocky Coppins (5-2) was the loser for the Orioles, who have lost four straight and 12 of 16.

Royals 7, Yankees 0

Rookie Jose Rosado (1-1) got his first major league victory, allowing six hits in 7 2-3 innings at Yankee Stadium.

Mike Sweeney, Michael Tucker and Damon Howard, the bottom three hitters in the order, drove in two runs each.

Mark Hutton (0-2) allowed three runs and six hits in 5 1-3 innings.

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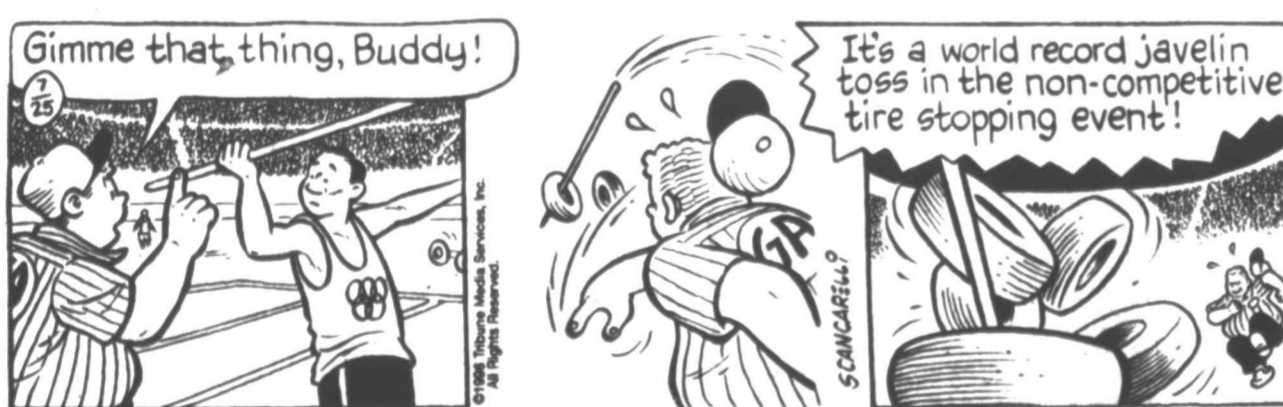
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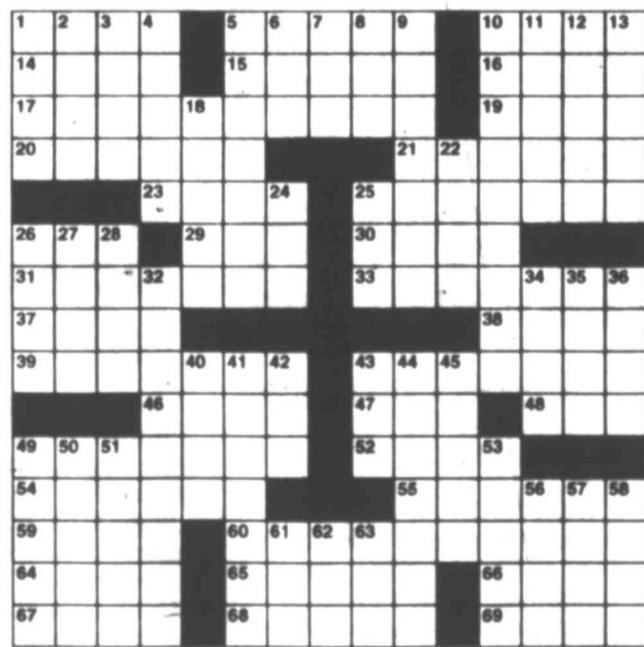
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