Big John's Feedlot earns spot in Texas Monthly feature

By KELLIE JONES

Features Editor

If you pick up the May issue of Texas Monthly, you'll see two mentions of Big Spring in it.

The first one is Big John's Feedlot included as an honorable mention in the magazine's list of "The 50 Best Barbecue Joints in Texas." On page 97, the local barbecue restaurant is given an honorable mention award for atmosphere for "its funky pine-post

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Man indicted for northside murder arrested again

By KELLIE JONES

Features Editor

Rosendo Montana Jr., 30, of 301 NW 10th, has been charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and a hearing is scheduled to have him held without bond.

He is accused of stabbing Luz De La Santos, 27, of 1606 Austin, eight times in the upper torso, face and head. The

a.m. April 13 in the yard of and possession of a controlled Santos' home.

Montana had been indicted for murder in October 1996 for the death of Kenny Guzman, who was killed during a shooting on the north side of town a month earlier.

Montana was released on a \$55,000 bond March 17.

According to his arrest record, at the time of his arrest last October, he also had two warrants out for revoking his incident happened around 2 probation, as well, for delivery

substance.

Municipal Judge Gary Tabor had originally set Montana bond at \$500,000 but the grand jury voted to reduce the bond to \$100,000 last fall.

District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson said the Texas Constitution allows prosecutors to request a person be held without bond if "they have been indicted for another offense and while out on bail, they commit a crime, we can rants for their arrests.

request a hearing within seven days of their arrest to have them held without bond."

Wilkerson said the hearing will be either April 28 or April 29 and District Judge Robert Moore will decide if Montana can be held in jail without

Big Spring Police Capt. Lonnie Smith said there are two other suspects involved in the stabbing and detectives are in the process of securing war-

James Barr named conservationist of year

By JOHN H. WALKER

Managing Editor

Barr, long-time Howard County farmer/ranchwas named Conservation Rancher of the Year in Howard County by the Howard Soil and Water **Conservation District.**

The presentation was made during the district's 24th annual awards banquet Tuesday night at La Posada Restaurant.

The district also presented trophies to nine winners in the district's poster contest.

Barr first arrived in Howard County in 1932 and has farmed and ranched here since 1948, operating a cow-calf operation.

District officials said Barr has demonstrated a genuine concern and interest in conserving his soil and water resources on his ranching operation. Specifically, brush management has been a key conservation practice he utilizes.

Barr, who credits district staff with providing much needed assistance, has aerially sprayed Spike herbicide on 1,204 acres to control shinnery oak. By doing so, he has greatly improved his grass production for cattle grazing, which also helps control wind and

water erosion on his ranch. He then followed up the Spike application by deferred grazing during the growing season for



Long-time Howard County rancher/farmer James Barr (left) is presented the 1997 Howard Soil and Water Conservation District's Conservation Rancher of the Year Award by John Wayne Metcalf.

establishment.

He has also root plowed mesquite and other brush species and then range seeded these acres to re-establish desirable grasses such as blue grama, blackwell switchgrass, sideoats grama and green sprangletop.

Over the years, Barr has also operation — most notably mule

plant improvement and grass been credited with doing an deer and turkey. excellent job in livestock water By managing his grazing and distribution, which has given him the ability to rotate and rest pastures.

In addition, this also allows wildlife to water in his stock tanks, draws and livestock troughs which has allowed him to manage the wildlife on his

providing water, he has improved the habitat for deer, turkey and quail.

Barr has served on the Howard College Board for 20 years, the Federal Land Bank Board for 34 years and served on the FSA county committee for nine years.

Challengers in-tune, incumbents absent at school forum

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

There was a noted lack of disagreement — and incumbents - at Tuesday's forum for candidates seeking seats on the Big Spring Independent School District Board of Trustees.

The three incumbents up for election — Steve Fraser, Larry Hollar and Donnie Baker declined to attend the forum, which was hosted by Concerned Women of America. That left challengers Steve Jeter, Mike Robinson and Frank Long to field questions ranging from local control of school systems to the appropriateness of cer-

tain curriculum. Predominantly, the three men found themselves in agreement with each other on the major issues, saying they believed the current board is doing an adequate job. They added, however, that they they are running for spots on the board out of concern for the quality of educa-

Robinson, who is contesting Fraser's at-large seat, said that if elected, he would stress added emphasis to teaching math, natural science, history and language courses. In addition, he would like to see high school students leave school with at least some knowledge of a foreign language.

Long, who is challenging Baker in District 1, said he

wants a return of "old-fashioned" values and principles to the school system.

"I think we need to get back to what made this country great," Long said, "and teach it to our

Jeter, a father of three who faces Hollar in District 2; said his major concerns as a trustee would school funding, governmental intervention in local districts and combating "sex and violence" at schools.

During the question-andanswer portion of the forum, the three challengers found themselves in agreement on most of the issues, coming out strongly in favor of parental participation in the education process and local control of school districts and against issues such as excessive homework, over-emphasis on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills test and curriculum that runs counter to family values and teachings.

Among other issues the candidates addressed:

· Term limits — All came out against them.

 Discipline — All said strong discipline is essential to good learning. Sex education — All said it is the

responsibility of the family. · Curriculum - All agreed core subjects, such as history and English, should be bolstered.

· Trustees bidding for contracts The candidates said trustees should refrain from bidding for school district services. The practice is currently accepted.

Conservation district recognizes poster winners

"Rangeland" Use It - Don't Abuse It" was the subject of the 1997 conservation poster contest for Howard County school children. The contest was sponsored by the Howard Soil and Water Conservation District for students in the 4th, 5th, and 6th grades. Grand Prize winners from participating schools received awards at the District Annual Awards Dinner April

Educational cartoon booklets and teacher's guides are given to the local schools in advance of the contest. In addition to providing entertaining reading, the booklets help the children understand how important our Nation's natural resources are to people, wildlife and all living things. This year's poster contest

winners are:

Coahoma: Grand Prize

Stephanie McIntosh, (Clawson) 1st Jonathan Gomez, 2nd - Amanda Carl, 3rd - Darrick Shifflett, Honorable Mention Maria Calixto, Ana Lackey. (Haile) 1st -Miranda Parsons, 2nd - Carol Yockers, 3rd - Will Allen, H.M. -K.C. Huckabee, Christina Grove. (Wilson) 1st - Chance Clanton,

2nd - Cade Bowlin, 3rd - Clinton Harle and Seana Reilly, H.M. Crystal Ortez.

(White) 1st - Morgan Barron.



Winners of the 1997 Howard Soil and Water Conservation District's poster contest included (front from left) Kendal Adams, Kentwood; James Wilkerson, College Heights; Amanda Appel, Moss; and Chris Guillen, Bauer. Back row, Stephanie McIntosh, Coahoma; Tim Overton, Marcy; Russell Grant, Goliad; Kacy Liles, Elbow; and Erica Stewart, Washington.

2nd - Nicholaus Molina, 3rd -Savanna Hambrick and Jenifer Collier; HM - Blake Holman.

(Best) 1st - Grant Bartlett, 2nd Cody Pennington, 3rd - Harley Bennett, HM - Whitney Wells. (Cornett) 1st - Leslie Kennedy, 2nd Haley Butts, 3rd - Cesar Rodriguez, HM - Victor Yanez.

(Jiles) 1st - April Latimer. Bauer: Grand Prize - Chris Guillen; (Long) 1st - Kurt Boubek, 2nd - Georgia Kate Lombardo, 3rd Wesley Parks, HM - Cristal Lopez, Fabian Carpenter, Corey 2nd - Felipe Lopez, 3rd - Steven Green, Amanda Pina.

(Graves) 1st McCullough, 2nd - Riquee Ison, 3rd - Heather Parnell, HM -Valerie Gonzalez, Jake Valencia, Timothy Sanchez, Brett Griffin, Ralston Coates (Chancy) 1st - Kristin Choate

and Daniel Hinojos, 2nd - Shane Tarleton, 3rd - Israel Vela, HM -Courtney Koch, Jeremy Cerda. (Evans) 1st - Martin De Los Santos and Heather Hernandez,

Gomez, HM - Mark Sheedy, Andy Cuellar. (Tucker) 1st - Gentry Lunsford,

April Tadad, 3rd - Tyrin Cox Longley, HM - Elizabeth Puga, Ezikiel Reyes, Cierra Londin. (Penny) 1st Jessica Brooks, 2nd

Reagan Creswell, 3rd - Cheyenne Rawls, HM - Eddie Diaz, Edward Martinez.

College Heights: Grand Prize

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House passes legislation on vets' homes Tuesday

HERALD Staff Report

Legislation filed by State Rep. David Counts, D-Knox City, to help make possible a state veterans care home has been passed by the Texas House and could soon be on Gov. George Bush's desk who is expected to sign it into law.

Senate Bill 1060, which the House passed in lieu of a companion bill, would enhance the Veterans Land Board's authority wit espect to management of the assets of the Land and Housing Assistance Programs, as well as give the board the authority to establish other veterans assistance programs, such as veterans assistance centers or care homes.

The bill has been returned to the Senate where changes made in the House must be approved before being submitted for the governor's signature.

Texas veterans currently receive nursing home care in either nursing home care units at Veterans Administration hospitals, or at contracted community nursing homes, which currently cost the state's Medicaid program about \$20 per day, per person.

The construction of veterans care homes would create significant savings for the state, Counts said.

"A recent study submitted to the legislature indicates that three 150-bed facilities, in Texas operating at 90 percent capacity, would save the state \$30 million over a 10-year period," Counts said. "The cost savings stems from a per diem payment to the state for each day of nursing care rendered in a facility. with the veterans paying a daily co-payment from the amount of their VA pension or

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Today: Partly cloudy with a slight chance of evening showers and thunderstorms. High near 80. Low in the 50s.

Thursday: Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms, a few possibly severe. High in the upper 70s. Low in the lower 50s.

Extended outlook: Friday through Sunday, a chance of showers and thundersto ns. Highs in the upper 60s to mid 70s. Lows in the 50s.

Family Dollar to open store at mall in June By CARLTON JOHNSON

Staff Writer

Big Spring residents will have the opportunity to welcome another national retail chain to Big Spring Mall in June as Family Dollar plans to open a store in the western half of the Anthony's location.

Anthony's currently occupies approximately one-half of what was once JC Penney's.

The mall is currently home to several stores including Sear's, Bealls, On Cue, Athletic Supply,

Radio Shack, the Casual Shoppe and several others.

Family Dollar will offer area residents an 8,500-square-foot store in which to shop.

The store will be located on the far west side of the mall next to Anthony's and will be occupying the remainder of the former J.C. Penney store.

"Family Dollar will only have an exterior entrance, which could be an advantage," Mall Manager Tammy Watt said. "The store could opt to close earlier than the mall does or stay open later."

"We are really excited about the addition of Family Dollar to the Big Spring Mall family," Watt added. "Family Dollar will be a real asset and will fill a need that Big Spring Mall currently does not offer.

The projected opening day for Family Dollar is June 15, according to Watt.

"We've started demolition in the area next to Anthony's and are cleaning up the inside of the area," Watt said. "We're probably looking at the first of June before Family Dollar begins moving in and setting up."

Getting Family Dollar to Big Spring is a deal that has been in the works for about seven months, according to Watt.

"Family Dollar is a strong tenant wherever they are," Watt

With the addition of Family Dollar, the mall's occupancy is about 80 percent, according to

"Only four small areas totaling about 8,000 square feet remain vacant," Watt said. "Progress is slow (as far as filling spaces), but we're getting

Toxey R. Cathey Toxey R. Cathey, 76, Big

Spring, died Tuesday, April 22, 1997, in a Lubbock hospital following an illness. Private memorial services will be at a later date.

Toxey was born on Sept. 25, 1920, in Coahoma. He grew up in Coahoma and Big Spring. graduating from Big Spring High School in 1938. He later moved to California and while there, Toxey, his father and sister ran a drive in restaurant. He also attended a university and drama school in California. He married Christ Cathey. She preceded him in death. After the death of his father and sister, he and his wife bought a dress shop and they managed it for several years. Later he began playing the role of Santa Clause for different department stores in California including. Bullocks, Macey's, and Zacks Fifth Avenue. After moving back to Big Spring he went to Dallas and sat for the cover of Best Catalog. He had also been featured in several ads for various department stores as their Santa. This past Christmas he was Santa at HEB in Big Spring.

He is survived by: two aunts, Frankie Walker and Florence Rhotan, both of Big Spring; two nephews, Jack Cathey, Sr., and Bobby Cathey, both of Big Spring; and numerous cousins. Arrangements under the

direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel

Opal Snelling

Graveside service for Opal Snelling, 93, Big Spring, will be 3 p.m. Thursday, April 24, 1997, at Trinity Memorial Park with Dr. Kenneth Patrick, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiat-

Mrs. Snelling died Tuesday, April 22, in a Fredericksburg nursing home.

She was born on July 28, 1903, in Snyder. She married James W. Snelling. He preceded her in death in 1976. She had worked as a clerk at the Post Office in Forsan for 21 years. She was a member of the First Baptist Church.

She is survived by: nine grandchildren including. Brenda Rawls and Terry Montgomery, both of Forsan, Vicki Thorpe, Big Spring, and Debbie Riffe, Greenwood; 17 great-grandchildren; and 13 Salvation Army great-great-grandchildren.

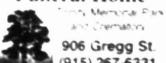
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Twila klaus, 59, died vur day. Graveside services will be at 10.00 AM Thursday, at Trimity Memorial Park

Carol V. McClure, 51, died Tuesday Graveside services will be at 1130 AM Thursday at Mount Olive Memorial Park

Opal Snelling, 93, died Tuesday Graveside services will be at 3.00 PM Thursday at Trinity Memorial Park.

Robert Askew 53, died Wednesday Services with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home

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

Carol V. McClure

Graveside service for Carol V. McClure, 51, Big Spring, will be 11:30 a.m. Thursday, April 24, 1997, at Mt. Olive Memorial

Ms. McClure died Tuesday. April 22, at her residence. She was born on Dec. 3, 1945,

She has no known survivors. Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home

Wyone Jameson

and was a homemaker.

Service for Mrs. Wyone Jameson, 75, Colorado City, will be 2 p.m. Thursday, April 24, 1997, at Kiker-Seale Chapel with Dr. Ted Spear officiating. Burial will follow in the Colorado City Cemetery. Mrs. Jameson died Monday,

April 21, in Bangs.

She was born on Jan. 19, 1923, in Glen Cove. She married Myrle Jameson on Aug. 6, 1938, in Colorado City. He preceded her in death in 1983. Mrs. Jameson was a rancher and a homemaker. She was a member of the Daughters of the Nile Temple No. 100, Eastern Star Lodge No. 58, Business and Womens Professional Association and a Life Member of the Congress of Paren and

Colorado City since 1923. Survivors include: one son, Jerry Jameson, Early; two sisters, Betty Gassiot, San Angelo, Ruth Clifton, Abilene; three brothers, Billy Colley, Ira, Bob Colley, Big Spring, and Leon Colley, Houston; two grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

Teachers. She had lived in

The family requests donations be made to the Jaysn Jameson Scholarship Fund; c/o Southwestern University; Georgetown, Texas: 78627 or a favorite charity.

Arrangements under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home, Inc., Colorado

Robert Askew Service for Robert Askew, 58.

Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral He died Wednesday, April 23,

1997, at his residence.

set Thursday

HERALD Staff Report

The Salvation Army's annual meeting and doll auction is set for Thursday and tickets are now available for those who want to attend A luncheon kicks off the event at 11 30 a m. at Garrett Hall of the First United Methodist Church

During the meeting Salvation Army employees will present to the public the type of services provided during 1996 to the Big Spring community

After the meeting, the annual dol' auction is a chance for people to purchase the prize-winning dol's dressed during the Christmas season.

The cost of the tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased in advance at the Salvation Army's main office, 811 W Fifth, or at the door on the day of the event.

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(Liggett) 1st - Adrianne Solgado Jessica Chavera, Kenn Hanson.

Adams; (Holbrook) 1st · Heather Vassar and Rachel Gee; 2nd Cambrie Cooke; 3rd - Cheridan Felty, HM - Heather Knappe, Jessica Tipton.

(Bell) 1st · Vanna Gaston; 2nd Kyndra Watson and Ben Ward; 3rd John Marino; HM - Bradley Bair, Melody McDaniel.

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(Grant) 1st - Toni Flores, 2nd Beltran.

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and Jerry Doporto; 2nd - Shannon Higgins, 3rd - Tiffany Lan, HM -Joe Martinez, Justin Watson, Kentwood: Grand Prize · Kendal

(Boyd) 1st · Amy Hanes; 2nd

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Osburn, Stefan Stone, Chad Home, Angie Pace, Abbie Wilkinson, Mitchell Hooper.

Goliad: Grand Prize - Russell

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Marcy: Grand Prize Tim Overton, (Helms) 1st · Veronica Rodriguez, 2nd - Daniel Hull, 3rd -Carlos Rameriz, HM - Ashley Ornelas, Marissa Loya, Jared Phillips

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Vanderstice, Kelsey Torres, Joey Loyd. Washington: Grand Prize - Erica Stewart; (Lain) 1st - Robbie Wilkinson, Kristina Woodruff and Brandon Brooks, 3rd - Ryan Boyd, HM · Beatrice Juarez, Tammy

Fann, Jonathan Mata. (Wood) 1st - Ashley Hodge and Alicia Martinez, 2nd - Bridgette Coleman and Summer Smith, 3rd Shameka Houston, HM · Stephanie Frisby, Justin Leonard.

Karissa Ann (Hall) 1st -Colderon, 2nd - Kristi Tolison, 3rd Melissa White.

(Woodall) 1st - Brandy Olivas. 2nd · Vanessa Bustamente, 3rd Ysi Moreno and Nicholas Rivera, HM - Rachel Childs, Joseph Noble, and Catrina Calderon.

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exterior and hunting-lodge inte-John Price, owner of Big

John's, said someone from Texas Monthly called him a week ago to verify his mailing address. "They didn't tell me what it was for. They just wanted to check my address because they were going to send me a copy of the magazine. A few people have told me they've seen the article.

Price has owned the restaurant for 27 years and has been located in the same spot, 802 W. Third, since he opened its doors. He said the most popular dish ordered by his customers is the beef and sausage combination plate. "I get my sausage from Bo Jackson in Post. We also have homemade desserts like banaha pudding and pecan

Price added a customer wrote in to Texas Highways about his barbecue joint and it is also mentioned in that magazine

this month as well. Once you've read about the barbecue places, just flip over one page to read about the Colorado River and its water district. In fact, there's even a picture of Colorado River Municipal Water District General Manager John Grant on page 99. He's standing in the dry bed of Lake J.B. Thomas with the Big Spring-Snyder intake behind him.

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Social Security."

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There are 504,000 veterans 65 years of age or older in Texas and that number is expected to grow to more than 525,000 by 2010, Counts noted. Estimates indicate there are currently 16.500 veterans receiving benefits from the state's Medicaid program, with about 1,600 of

them living in nursing homes. Counts said 65 percent of the cost for construction of a veterans care home would be federally funded, the remainder pro-

vided by the state. "This proposal makes good financial sense," said Counts, who served 32 years in the Texas National Guard and retired at the rank of lieutenant colonel. "But more importantly, it's the right thing to do."

During debate on the House floor. Counts noted that all citizens owe a debt to the nation's veterans.

"Freedom is not free. Somebody has to pay," he said. "Our veterans answered the call and paid the price. I do not think that we will ever be able to fully repay that debt, but at least we can make sure that these folks have the care they need and deserve in their golden years."

MARKETS

May cotton 71.10 cents a pound, up 2 points; June crude oil 19.58. down 1 point; Cash hogs steady at 57; slaughter steers \$1 lower at 68: June lean hog futures 84.62, down 37 points; April live cattle futures 69.70, up 37 points. Courtesy: Delta Corporation. Noon quotes provided by Edward D. Jones & Co.

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POLICE

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

 MICHAEL KENMUIR, 33. of Deanville, was arrested for public intoxication and outstanding Brazos County warrants. ROBERT DANIEL COSBY

JR., 49, of 1202 E. Third, was arrested on outstanding local and Mitchell County warrants. ISIDORO TREJO GALAN

JR., 45, of 808 N. Nolan, was arrested for public intoxication. · CATHERINE RENEE

MAYBERRY, 46, of 538 Westover No. 235, was arrested for theft over \$50. JOSE LOUIS ONTIVEROS JR., 18, of 710 Creighton, was arrested for theft under \$50 and a criminal trespass warning

was issued against him. · BURGLARY OF A HABI-TATION in the 4000 block of

Dixon. BURGLARY OF A VEHI-CLE in the 500 block of Westover and 500 block of E.

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CIOUS ACTIVITIES in the 1000 block of Birdwell, Comanche Trail Park, 400 block of E. 14th, 200 block of Carey, 500 block of E. Seventh, 100 block of Owens and intersection of Marijo and N. Monticello.

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 DISTURBANCE/FIGHT in the 800 block of Creighton. ASSAULT in the 1900 block of Hale.

DOMESTIC DISTUR-BANCE in the 2900 block of Clanton.

SHERIFF

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

 MYRELL SIMPSON, 23, of 2911 W. Highway 80 No. 4, was released to Ector County authorities for revocation of

probation.

 WILLIAM RANDALE JOHNSON, 38, of 410 Martin Luther King Blvd., was trans ferred from the police depart ment after being arrested for driving while intoxicated and criminal mischief. He was later released on bonds totaling \$3,000.

BRADFORD HULL BURGTORF, 29, of Dallas, was arrested on an outstanding Dallas warrant and remains in custody under a \$500 bond. THEFT on Sterling Road.

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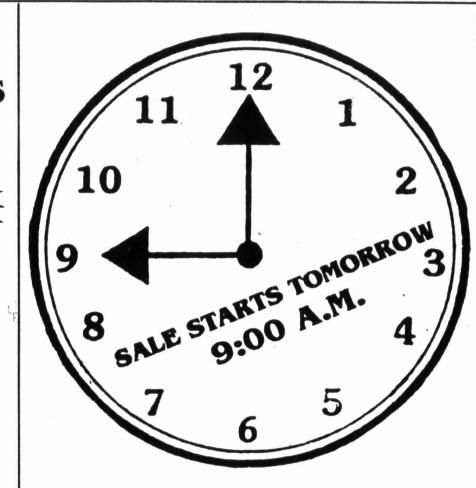
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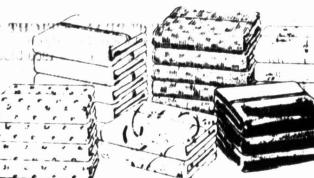
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Bush says legislators with doubts should pass tax plan anyway

about a bill that would overhaul the state's school tax system should go ahead and pass it, giving Texas voters a chance to decide the matter.

The bill and a constitutional amendment, requiring statewide voter approval, were to be taken up in the House today.

"I think we ought to get something out. I think we ought to let the voters decide," Bush said.

"I think the people of Texas ought to be saying, 'Get something out of the House and give us a chance to make

- Gov. George W. our opinion known. Give us a chance Bush said legislators who have doubts to decide on the constitutional amendment, whether or not we are happy with school property taxes and Robin Hood and how things are funded," Bush said.

The comments by the governor raise the ante for House members who are considering voting against the measure. Bush had private meetings scheduled with legislators all day Tuesday to bers to make," said Bush, who declined to speculate whether there were enough votes in the House to pass the bill. "I think members on both sides of the aisle are struggling with the decision, both Republican and Democrat."

Rep. Paul Sadler, D-Henderson, chairman of the House committee that drafted the tax plan, has said he's confident there are enough votes in the House to pass the bill.

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ly 80 percent.

Rep. Brian McCall, R-Plano, said he's

likely to vote against the bill and will not simply send it to voters. "I believe I was elected to make hard

decisions rather than pass them on to voters," he said. The bill would lower local school

property taxes by about 50 percent. It would raise the state's share of school funding from about 47 percent to near-

To pay for it, the bill would expand the state business tax, increase some taxes, add to the list of goods and ser-

expect each member to do," Sadler vices subject to the sales tax and commit about \$1.3 billion in additional state funds to education.

Supporters of the bill, including the governor, say it spreads the overall tax burden more evenly across the state. significantly cuts property taxes and provides a better system in which to fund the state's 1,044 public school dis-

Opponents say it would continue to leave much of the tax burden on the poor and middle class, make it more difficult for some businesses to remain in Texas and result in little overall tax relief.

Senate OKs tax appraisal bill of rights

AUSTIN (AP) - Saying homeowners should have more control over property value appraisals that drive how much they pay in taxes, the Texas Senate has voted to allow deferred tax payments and simplify appraisal appeals.

'Texans are losing their homes and being forced to move because of increases in their property tax rates," said Sen. David Cain, D-Dallas, "We have checks in the law to protect against runaway tax rates but there are no safeguards when it comes to runaway tax appraisals.

"We all know if the rates stay the same but the appraisal value goes up, we're paying higher taxes.'

His bill was approved 30-0 Tuesday by senators and goes to the House, which was preparing to debate a bill to overhaul the tax system by lowering local property tax rates and increasing some state

Gov. George W. Bush, a Republican who has led the drive for lowering local property taxes, said appraisal reform is a key part of the effort.

"That's an important ingredient to make sure that property taxes, once down, stay down." Bush said

The Senate also voted 30-0 for a proposed constitutional amendment that would work with Cain's Property Tax Appraisal Bill of Rights to allow elderly Texans whose school taxes have been frozen to continue to get the tax break if they move

The amendment, which goes to the House, requires a twothirds vote of the Legislature and approval on a state ballot to be enacted.

Cain cited the case of Georgia Hussong, an elderly widow from Terrell who found herself facing a bigger monthly payment on a smaller home when a move made her lose her tax

Morales allows Senate access to HMO report

AUSTIN (AP) A draft report that Kaiser Health Plans of Texas didn't want the public to see says the HMO repeatedly denied and delayed payment of emergency care services and failed to comply with required procedures.

The Texas attorney general's office ruled Tuesday that the Texas Department of Insurance report is a public record.

Kaiser, which settled a lawsuit with the state last week, had sued the department earlier this year to block the release of the report.

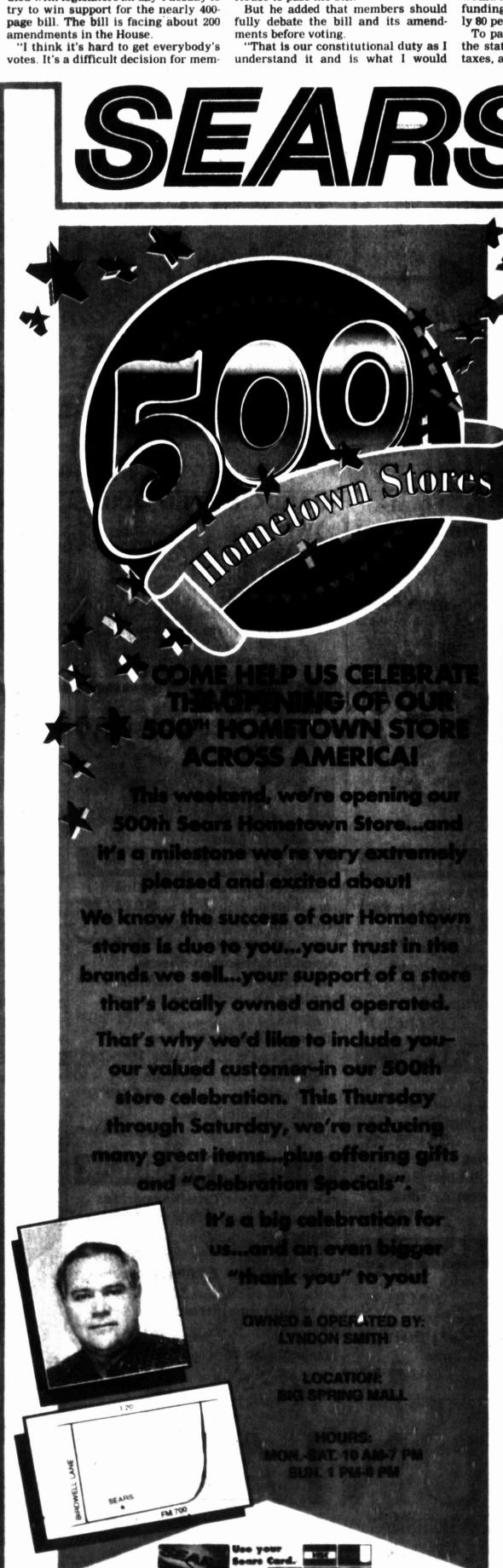
The settlement requires Kaiser to improve its record keeping and claims payments and requires more financial backing from Kaiser's California parent.

In the report, the department alleged that Kaiser retroactively denied payment of emergency care even though its nurses had recommended it.

In one instance, an emergency room claim was denied for a child who fell and broke a foot. The child's parents called Kaiser's medical advice phone number and were instructed to go to an emergency room, according to the report.

Another example cited involved a Kaiser patient who experienced complications related to diabetic shock.

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Bombing trial jury seated, but identities are unknown

DENVER (AP) - The panel selected to hear the Oklahoma City bombing trial sat together in the jury box for the first time, their faces shielded from reporters and their names, backgrounds and races kept secret by the judge.

Sources close to the case told The Associated Press the jury consisted of seven men and five women, with three men and three women selected as alternates.

Jurors will determine the guilt or innocence of Timothy McVeigh, a 28-year-old Gulf War veteran who faces the death penalty if convicted in the April 19, 1995, bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building. The blast killed 168 people and injured hundreds more.

No court session was scheduled today.

Military raid ends Peruvian hostage crisis

LIMA, Peru (AP) - Rebel in a triumph for President leaders were kicking around a soccer ball in the reception hall when Peruvian commandos struck the Japanese ambassador's mansion from three sides with explosives and bullets. The daring daylight raid rescued 71 hostages held for four months by a small band of rebels.

One hostage and two soldiers died during Tuesday's wellplanned assault. All 14 rebels were killed in the operation that

Alberto Fujimori.

The standoff had focused global attention on the little-known leftist Tupac Amaru rebel group, which took over the mansion Dec. 17 in an attempt to free comrades held in Peruvian jails. The rebels have waged a guerrilla war in Peru since 1984.

An emotional Fujimori, wearing a bulletproof vest and standing on top of a car, said he had to attack rather than give in to rebels.

"In Peru, there's no room for attack. Fujimori never comterrorism," he said, using a mented on the tunnel but a bullhorn to be heard over a throng.

The attack started with an explosion in a tunnel under the reception hall where eight of the rebels were playing soccer, presumably the same tunnel that rebel leader Nestor Cerpa said was being dug last month when he called off peace talks for six days.

Cerpa alleged March 6 that the government was digging a tunnel and planning a surprise police colonel in charge of security around the ambassador's residence said the charge was "an invention" of the kidnap-

After blasting the area underneath the rebels, part of a 140man elite military-police team then poured through the compound's front gate and blasted open the mansion's front door.

Other soldiers attacked from the rear, and a third unit climbed to the rooftop and helped hostages flee the build-

Moments later, smoke poured from the residence. Triumphant soldiers hauled down the guerrillas' red flag, and hostages and rescuers cheered and jubilantly sang the Peruvian national anthem.

The president fought back tears as he read the names of those killed - Supreme Court Justice Carlos Giusti and two army officers, members of his teenage son's security guard.

Fujimori said Giusti apparently died of a heart attack after he was shot during the assault. It was unclear who fired at him.

The president said 25 other captives were injured in the gunfire and explosions that rocked the compound. Two had serious injuries: Peru's foreign minister, Francisco Tudela, and another Supreme Court justice.

Morihita Aoki, the Japanese ambassador, was also wounded.

Conservatives warn of serious budget rebellion

WASHINGTON (AP) - Even as budget talks between the Clinton administration and Congress become more serious, 10 conservative senators say they may oppose a deal if it fails to trim spending or taxes to their taste.

'If you're not going to draw a line in the sand for principles like this, I don't understand why you want public office to begin with," said Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas.

The conservatives, led by Gramm and Sen. Brownback, R-Kan., were hoping to pressure GOP leaders to avoid making big concessions to the White House at the negotiations. The bargainers are trying to strike a compromise for balancing the budget by 2002 while paring taxes and spend-

The GOP senators issued their threat at a news conference Tuesday and in a letter to Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss. They set five conditions for

their support: Lower domestic spending.

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"We cannot, in good conscience, support any budget package that violates these five reasonable thresholds," the letter said.

The conservatives' opposition would only complicate efforts to line up votes for a budget agreement, especially if others support their demands. On the other hand, their defection adds little to the likeliest scenario of a bipartisan budget deal: Some conservatives and liberals prob ably would oppose it, and both sides' moderates will support it.

Asked about the letter, Lott spokeswoman Susan Irby said, 'They're obviously expressing concerns that we Republicans have, period, about a budget agreement."

The conservatives took their stand as bargainers readied for a third week of meetings.

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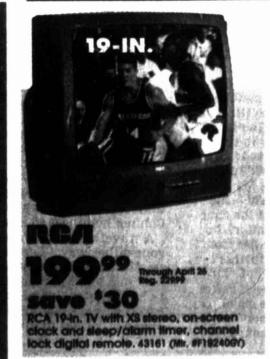
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OUR VIEWS

Conserving resources is everybody's job

t is significant that on Earth Day, the Howard Soil and Water Conservation District recognized its conservation rancher of the year as well as nine youngsters in its annual conservation poster contest.

The district honored James Barr, long-time Howard County farmer/rancher, as its 1997 Conservation Rancher of the Year.

One of the definitions of conservation is "the controlled use and systematic protection of natural resources, such as forests, soil, and water systems."

And from what district officials said of Barr's efforts, that's exactly what he has done over the years.

To recognize an adult's efforts to conserve our natural resources ... to leave something behind for our children and grandchildren ... is a worthwhile endeavor, but we are especially supportive of the district's efforts relating to its conservation poster contest.

As Ray Russell, chairman of the Howard Soil and Water Conservation District's board of directors pointed out Tuesday night, the poster contest often is as close as some of the students will ever get to learning about the land and conservation.

Student winners included Chris Guillen from Bauer, Stephanie McIntosh from Coahoma, James Wilkerson from College Heights, Kacy Liles from Elbow, Russell Grant from Goliad, Kendal Adams from Kentwood, Tim Overton from Marcy, Amanda Appel from Moss and Erica Stewart from Washington.

The poster theme was "Rangeland: Use It — Don't Abuse It."

We need to remember that nearly one third of the land in the United States and Canada is rangeland. Rangeland supplies forage for food-producing animals, products such as minerals, chemicals and fuel, a habitat for wildlife and recreational areas for humans.

We must remember, as soil and water conservation officials point out, the decisions we make in rangeland management ultimately affect the quality of our lives and the health of our planet.

As we think of this, we should be appreciative of the efforts of those involved in soil and water conservation because, whether we realize it or not, it affects and is important to us all.

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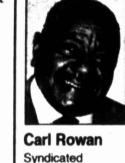
The Tax Foundation has been lumped in with those paid by the Center for Budget and figuring out Tax Freedom Day secretaries, firefighters, teach-**Policy Priorities.** for a quarter century now. ers and laborers. Finally, and perhaps most This year, however, I was bet-You can see the difference between "average" and "medi-

Tax Freedom Day or is it tax myth time?

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WASHINGTON — As Americans were rushing to finish up and mail in their income tax returns last week, they may have heard or seen some eye-popping figures from the Tax Foundation. It pro-

jected that "Tax Freedom Day" the day when the average American will have earned enough money to pay all



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had been extended to "another new record" this year: May 9th. And it said that on average Americans will spend 2 hours and 49 minutes of each working day laboring to pay

A great many taxpayers probably heard these numbers and cursed the IRS. I heard them and thought, "There they go again."

ter prepared for its claims, thanks to an assessment by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, a Washington-based research organization. It advises taking the Foundation figures with several grains of salt.

In the first place, although the Tax Foundation carefully notes that all taxes — state, federal and local - are included in its projection, by releasing its report on April 15 it misleads people into thinking that federal personal income taxes are the main issue.

In fact, these constitute less than one-third of the taxes counted by the Foundation. Slightly more than one-third are other federal taxes such as payroll, excise and corporate taxes, and the other one-third are state and local taxes.

Secondly, notes the Center, the calculations are based on AVERAGE income and taxes rather than medians. This skews figures because the taxes paid by millionaires are

an" in this example offered by the Center. Suppose four families with \$25,000 incomes each pay \$5,000 (20 percent of income) in local, state and federal taxes, and one wealthy family with a \$500,000 income pays \$180,000 (36 percent) in

The average income of all five families is \$120,000 and their average tax rate is 33 percent. But four of the five have incomes of just \$25,000, and those four pay 20 percent of their income in taxes, not 33 percent. In this example, the median family — the one that falls in the middle with half earning more income half earning less - makes \$25,000 and pays 20 percent of its income in taxes.

Using the average tax rate instead of the median violates the approach that most analysts use and exaggerates the proportion of income the typical family pays in taxes, says

importantly in my opinion, the Tax Foundation doesn't talk at all about what Americans get back for the taxes they pay. Your paycheck may go partly for taxes, but you're still working for your own well-being and that of your children.

Sure, there's far too much waste and needless spending in government. But remember, our federal taxes pay for national defense, air traffic controllers, highways. They provide food, health care, disability benefits for the needy. Payroll taxes finance Social Security and Medicare for older Americans. State and local taxes go for schools, parks, police and much more.

So go ahead and joke, even gripe, about the IRS and taxes. But recognize what life would really be like if Tax Freedom Day were Jan. 1st.

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On further reflection, it should be farther

By JAMES J. KILPATRICK

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A few weeks ago Jana Novotna defeated Iva Majoli in the quarterfinals of the Lipton Tennis Championships in Key Biscayne, Fla. After the final point, Ms. Novotna collapsed for a few seconds on court. According to The Associated Press, she said: "It was such a relief. I was just lying there saying, 'That's it. I don't have to run any farther."

According to Robin Finn in The New York Times, she said: "I was lying there saying, 'That's it. I don't have to run any further."

Before I get to my principal point, let me say thank you to Ms. Novotna for saying that she was lying, not laying, on the court. Bless you, Miss. May you win a hundred matches.

Now, the AP is the Old Reliable, and Ms. Finn is the best tennis reporter in the business. The AP used "farther," Ms. Finn used "further." I have no idea what Ms. Novotna actually said - she was out of breath at the time but as a stylistic matter, did the victory prevent her from running farther or further?

It's a close point, but "farther" would have been better than "further." The general rule is to use "farther" for distances, and in the course of

that three-set match Ms. Novotna had run a great distance indeed. My recommendation is to use "further" for matters of degree: "The committee will have to delve further into the correspondence." "I pray you will have nothing further to do with this scoundrel!" "Mr. Clinton gave no further thought to the mat-

The guideline for "further" and "farther" is a wavering guideline, but it's the best I have to offer. Another uncertain rule governs the use of "less" and "fewer." Generally speaking, we are taught to use "fewer" for things that can be counted and "less" for quantities that can be measured, but don't lean too hard on that generalization.

This headline was clearly wrong: "Less states now have warheads." This usage was plainly right: "Kasich said that eliminating federal waste could mean that less taxes are needed to support roadwork." This too was plainly right: "Less than five weeks after the election, Clinton had eight of his Cabinet nominees in line."

A travel writer could have gone either way: "I define a small ship as 200 passengers or less, and less can mean as few as half a dozen." Here the 200 passengers were seen as a quantity, rather than as a

numeration. The half a dozen could be counted.

Thinking of numbers: A couple of years ago our major media conspired to mess up the depiction of numerical change. Thus we get this typical befuddlement: "The jobless rate in January rose to 8.8 percent from 5.6 percent in December." It is beyond me why such respectable publications as The New York Times and The Wall Street Journal now persist in this backward formulation.

Ed Rubenstein in National Review irks me in the same way: "Membership in church groups fell to 33 percent in 1994 from 43 percent in 1974."

Surely it would be clearer and simpler to state that the jobless rate rose from 5.6 in December to 8.8 in January, and church membership fell from 43 percent in 1974 to 33 percent in 1994. That is the natural progression of things, to rise from the smaller to the larger, or to decline from the larger to the smaller. Harumph!

Continuing on a stylistic note: In "The Elements of Style," E.B. White warned against the use of qualifiers. He described such words as "rather, very, little, and pretty" as "leeches that infest the pond of prose, sucking the blood of words." By way of example, from The Wall Street

"Mr. Gore's press secretary barred reporters from covering Mr. Gore's speech to the American Chamber of Commerce on the rather lame grounds that it was a 'working meeting."

During the American League championship games last October, The New York Times noted that Baltimore pitcher Mike Marshall was 9-1 against the Yankees, a fact that greatly diminished "the importance of his rather pedestrian 11-14 record this season.'

Pluck those leeches! The Journal would have had a stronger editorial with "lame grounds," rather than "rather lame grounds," and the sportswriter would have been better off with "pedestrian 11-14 record" than with "rather pedestrian record." A starter who goes 11-14 for the season has a lousy record.

As I've said a good many times before, there are mighty few rules of English composition. There's no unwavering rule on further or farther, or less and fewer (or bring and take, for that matter), and if your conscience tells you to dilute "lame" to "rather lame," all right, go ahead. If you like weak tea, drink it.

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Dear Betty,

Ask Betty

I am the mother of two

boys, ages 2 and 5. As hard as

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bles, too often they just skip

the good stuff. I do get them

to chew a multi-vitamin every

makes me feel a lot better.

In a perfect world, your

kids would gobble their

greens without a qualm.

Unfortunately, most 5-year-

olds are more finicky than

that, which means a multi-vit-

amin supplement is an

option. But don't for a minute

think that a supplement is a

replacement. It's not. Kids

need to be exposed to a vari-

ety of foods early and often.

Too many parents simply stop

trying after their children

utter their first few "yucks."

Dr. Marc Jacobson, member

of the American Academy of

Pediatrics' nutrition committee, reports that "the average

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Getting children to exercise to a video beat

feet may be stomping to the aerobic beat, thanks to a new exercise trend among children.

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Instead of being budding couch potatoes, more and more preschool- and elementary-age children are joining classes or popping in videos that have them following aerobic dance routines.

Fitness experts are hailing the new trend as something that's long overdue. Estimates are that more than 60 percent of children in the U.S. are inactive - and at-risk for such health problems as obesity and cardiovascular disease.

A lack of exercise has health consequences, said Van Davis, fitness coordinator of the Waco Family Y.

Not only are kids heavier than generations ago, but they have higher cholesterol levels and are generally much less physically fit.

"The main thing is endurance," Davis said. "A lot of kids get tired right away" when asked to run relays at school.

the fitness levels, improve their ing trend.

WACO — The patter of little cardiovascular fitness so they have healthy hearts and helps them develop better coordination, she said.

> And, Davis said, aerobics has another benefit. Besides burning off blubber, it is noncompetitive. Aerobic exercise has no scores, and no winners or losers. Therefore, an out-ofshape youngster doing aerobics won't be belittled because he can't catch the ball, make a home room or because he's always the last runner to finish a race, Davis said.

> Those doing tapes at home have it even better. They are working out in a private setting, away from the eyes of other kids who could jeer them.

> If kids are going to watch television, plunking a fitness tape in the VCR is a way to get them off the couch and physically active, said Davis. "It's a great workout for a kid," she added.

Jim Craft of Minnesota-based Collage Video, publishers of "The Complete Guide to Exercise Videos" mail-order catalog, said children's exercise Exercise helps kids improve video tapes are part of a grow-

give these things away," he said of fitness videos geared to children. "It certainly is more (popular) than it was even a few years back."

The videos are geared to small fry — as young as ages 2 to 5 years, in some cases. The routines are simplified to be age-appropriate so little ones can follow along.

And instead of Jane Fonda or Tamilee Webb, kids have their own stars. They're tickled when Elmo, the Sesame Street muppet who became last Christmas season's hottest-selling doll, leads them in 'Elmocize.'

"Elmo has done real well for us because of his popularity,' Craft said. To young girls, even Elle Macpherson can't top Barbie. The fashion doll becomes animated, and really moves, when she's on her own exercise video.

Parent-child tapes are also en vogue. "Workout with Mommy & Me" and one featuring "Daddy & Me" are intergenerational routines.

"Parents can do the activities with the kids in the living

"Five years ago, we couldn't room," Davis said. "That would make a great parent-child bonding time."

> Whether enrolling a child in a kid-oriented exercise class or buying an exercise video. Davis urges parents to keep fun in mind.

'We never mention the word 'exercise' too much," Davis said about the classes for children at the Family Y. To young participants, the various exercise activities featured in class is just "play," she said.

Yet, the kids may be going through obstacle courses, running relays, stepping, jumping or hopping to music during a given class. Sounds just like shhh!, don't tell the kids — the e-word. Exercise.

Some ideas about choosing an exercise video for your child

In choosing an exercise video for a child, parents should select one featuring a fun, but not too heavy-duty, workout.

"It needs to build some fun into it," to hold kids' interest, said Jim Craft of Minnesotabased Collage Video.

Look for exercise videos with high-energy music, kid-friendly moves and fantasy settings. To hold fleeting attention spans, action shots should quickly change from one set of moves to another.

"The Complete Guide to Exercise Videos," Collage's mail-order catalog, lists youth fitness videos with such fanciful name as Swamp Stomp (ages 4 and up); Funhouse Funk, (for ages 8 to 12); and Chicken Fat (ages 3 to 8).

Instead of using traditional dance step names, such as grapevine or step-ball-change, the Hip Hop Animal Workout (for ages 5 to 10) has more kidappealing terms. There's the Elephant Glide, the Anteater Shuffle, Funky Kangaroo or Condor Flap.

For older ages who find cartoon fantasy passe there is an exercise video modeled after the skills they need for such youth sports as baseball or soccer. Its exercises are based on movements for those games pitching a ball, for example.

Collage Video catalogs or tapes can be ordered by calling (800) 433-6769.

ODDS & **ENDS**

By The ASSOCIATED PRESS

DES MOINES, Iowa — In this beauty contest, being bowlegged and wrinkled is a must and slobbering is preferred.

The winner of the Drake **Bulldog Beauty Contest on** Monday was Sadie, the 3-yearold pride of Steve and Becky Baker of Indianola, Sadie beat out 48 other bulldogs from as far away as Madison, Wis,

Sadie becomes the official mascot for the Drake Relays, an annual track event which begins Friday. Drake University's mascot is the bull

The victory is old hat for the

Bakers, who have had two other bulldogs win the beauty contest — Deuce in 1989 and Brooks in 1991.

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) - Three children have been accused of breaking into an elementary school and stealing alphabet flash cards and a hole punch. The youngsters, ages 7 to 10.

were arrested Sunday after police said they broke into **Arbor Hill Elementary School** and set off the fire alarm. They will have to appear in court. Authorities couldn't say what

the children's motives were. The school was closed for spring break. A Better Choice, a group

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tually accepts it. Moral of the story: keep fighting the fight.

Dear Betty,

When I'm under the weather, homemade chicken soup makes me feel better. Can I make it in advance and freeze it? Biloxi, Miss.

Absolutely, and plenty of it. Cool first in the refrigerator and skim off all visible fat that congeals on the surface. Store in freezer-safe plastic containers, leaving about an inch of space at the top. Label with the date and freeze up to six months. Defrost in the refrigerator or in the microwave.

Consumers have responsibility in having garments dry cleaned

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Idaho, the Graham family rode

along with a potato farmer har-

vesting spuds. They watched

whales swim off the Alaskan

shore and played baseball on

baseball's "Field of Dreams" in

The Grahams have visited 38

states, but it wasn't until

Philadelphia, the City of

Brotherly Love, that their red,

white and blue van was plun-

Wichita, Kan., toured the his-

Independence Hall, where the

Declaration of Independence

was signed, thieves stole about

\$4,000 worth of electronic

equipment and CD-ROMs on

the Grahams — Marlene, 38,

Craig, 42, Courtney, 12, and

Collier, 4. They planned to

check out New York City next

and had 12 states to visit before

The robbery didn't slow down

Saturday.

dered while parked at a meter. While the family from

district

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — In heading home on July 4.

around

Few consumers, according to dry cleaning and finishing to understand that some spills

Once stains reappear, they are difficult or impossible to remove. Delaying cleaning increases the risk of permanent

The sooner a stain is treated, the greater the chance that it Consumers can help the dry

cleaner to do a better job of cleaning by telling the dry cleaner of any potential stains, including those invisible

It is also helpful to know what kind of food or ingredient was spilled on the garment, how long the stain has been Invisible stains can occur present and any techniques the consumer may have used to remove the stain.

It is important for consumers

And they didn't seem too

"The actions of one person

does not a city make," Marlene

Graham said Monday from

Atlantic City, N.J. "We had a

comparison to the disappoint-

ment of not being able to visit

Independence Hall because of

Independence Hall was closed,"

Mrs. Graham said, calling the

"We're just heartbroken that

The national tour began

about three years ago, after Mr.

Graham's brother died of

leukemia. The Grahams were

working 10-hour days, shuttling

their kids between day care

cars, the pagers and the cell

phones. And we just reached a

meltdown," Mrs. Graham said.

"We said, 'Let's do something

"We had the house and the

In fact, the theft paled in

great time in Philadelphia."

an asbestos-removal project.

robbery a "small incident."

Family on national tour rolls on, undeterred by theft

bummed out by the theft.

from even mildly acidic/alkaline foods and beverages can cause colors to fade in fabrics. The reaction is slow. Color loss depends on the sen-

sitivity of the dye, the fiber content, acidity/alkalinity and time of exposure on the fabric. can be removed successfully. Hair spray and perfumes often cause surprise stains, especially on silk and wool fibers.

Though appearing to be invisible, hair spray and other hair preparations may oxidize and become visible with age, exposure to light and heat. Stains usually appear as tan,

gray or black raindrop-like splatters. In some cases staining causes the fabric to feel

Pointing out potential stains to the dry cleaner can alert them to taking precautions that might prevent staining and costly losses to the consumer.

Graham quit his job as a real

estate agent, Mrs. Graham sold

the community newspaper she

founded and they sold their

house. They pulled their older

child out of sixth grade to

home school her during the

They bought a \$30,000 cus-

tomized van, complete with

closet space and a television

and video cassette recorder,

· Spending two and a half

weeks in Hawaii, staying for

free in a beachfront cottage

provided by a family Mrs.

Roosevelt National Park in

North Dakota with a buffalo

rolling in the dirt next to the

van. After a few moments, it

Rolling Easter eggs on the

stood up and walked away.

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Waking up in Theodore

Graham met on the Internet.

and they were off.

Among the highlights:

crazy."

Role of women in Santa Anna's army remembered

HOUSTON - With their menfolk they made the arduous trek into Mexico's Texas territory with Santa Anna's army. Its mission was to stamp out the rebellion there.

They were called soldaderas, literally meaning women soldiers. Actually they were the soldiers' women, not combatants.

They were wives, sweethearts, sisters, mothers, even grandmothers of poor foot soldiers tagging along with the army in accordance with Mexican tradition.

Few of their names or accounts of their lives have made it into history books, and now they are largely forgotten.

But they got some recognition here this past weekend. Women portraying them demonstrated their crafts at a replica of a Mexican camp, one of the exhibitions set up at the San Jacinto Battleground on Saturday.

This occurred during the annual commemoration of the historic battle fought there April 21, 1836, which gave Texas its freedom from Mexico.

Sylvia Carrier of San Antonio, coordinator of this particular exhibition, noted that the role of these women was foraging for food to supplement the meager rations the soldiers were for all practical army supplied, doing the cooking, making soap and washing clothes, caring for the children they brought along.

Nursing the sick and wounded and administering herbal remedies ranked as one of their major contributions because the army, led by Mexico's dictator, Gen. Antonio Lopez de la Santa Anna, lacked any medical corps.

This was especially important at this time, writes historian Stephen L. Hardin, author of 'Texas Iliad, A Military History of the Texas Revolution."

Hundreds were falling "to dysentery, exposure and tele, a fever produced by drinking stagnant we er," he explained.

Through the ages women have similarly joined many armies. The army of Alexander the Great and the Persian forces it fought were examples. Centuries later so were some American units during Revolutionary War days and later campaigns against Indians.

Such women may get lumped under the broad heading of "camp followers," which sometimes has also included prosti-

purposes their wives even though they weren't legally married," said Margaret Henson, president of the Texas State Historical Association, "The charge for being married by priests was more than many poor Mexicans could afford."

Mary Lou Moe, a member of San Antonio's Living History chapter, said her study of history indicates that to get soldiers the Mexican Army sometimes might resort to taking men out of jail or getting poor Indians drunk. Then their women would find out what had happened and follow them.

"The families didn't want to be separated," she said. Just about every soldier "probably had a woman along. Some might have a couple like a mother and a sister or a mother and a wife or a sweetheart." "The march up to Texas was

a very rugged trek for all involved," Moe said. "The cold weather in the mountains of northern Mexico was especially hard on Indians from tropical regions, and a lot of them died on the way.'

The women and children, following at the rear of the Mexican columns pursuing the

"Many of the women with the Please see WOMEN, page A8

TIPS 'N' TRIVIA

Keep those home fires from burning

and school.

(NAPS) - Here's how:

 When purchasing a smoke detector look for the Underwriter Laboratories (UL) label, which indicates fire-code standards have been

• Check to see if the detector operates with a common battery. Those that don't frequently have a custom battery than can be hard to find in stores. Replace batteries at least once a year, usually done when the time change occurs in the spring and fall.

· Dust and test detectors monthly. Test an alarm by exposing it to Place detectors in key locations throughout the home. One at the top

of each stainwell leading to sleeping areas and one on each floor and/or each distinct living area, including the basement and attic. Keep at least two fire extinguishers in the home, one in the kitchen and one in the furnace area.

· Prepare escape routes and plan and practice regular family fire drills.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

AARP driving course offered The American Association of Retired Persons 55 Alive/Mature Driving course is being present-

ed at the Big Spring Mall April 29 and 30. It runs from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. including one hour for lunch

The AARP's eight-hour classroom refresher course is designed for drivers 50 years of age or older. Enrollees must attend both sessions to receive a certificate which entitles the driver to up to 10 percent reduction in auto insurance premiums for each of three years. There are no graded tests or exams. Membership in AARP is not required.

Tultion is \$8 and students are issued a helpful workbook to keep. Interested persons may make reservations to attend by calling the mall office during regular hours at 267-385? or in the evenings at 267-2070.

THE LAST WORD

The primary office of a newspaper is the gathering of news, comment is free, but facts are sacred.

Charles Prestwick Scott

The past is but the beginning of a beginning, and all that is and has been is but the twilight of the dawn.

H.G. Wells

God loves an idle rainbow no less than laboring seas. Ralph Hodgson

Autobiographies ought to begin with Chapter Two. Ellery Sedgwick

SUPPORT GROUPS

Support group information may be submitted in writing to Gina Garza or Kellie Jones For more information, call 263-7331, ext. 238 or ext. 235.

MONDAY

•Al-A-Teen, 7:30 p.m., 615 Settles.

•Turning Point A.A., 8-9 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

•TOPS Club (Take off pound sensibly), weigh-in 5:30 to 6 p.m., Carriage Inn. 501 W. 17th. meeting starts at 6 p.m. Call 263-1340 or 263-8633.

•Project Freedom, Christian support group for survivors of physical/emotional/sexual and/or spiritual abuse. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241 for dates/times of upcoming groups.

 Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

•Encouragers Support Group (formerly Widow/Widower support group) first and third

Mondays each month. First Monday meetings are at a local restaurant at 6 p.m. Third Monday meetings are at 5:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church Seventh and Runnels (enter through north door). We have various activities, such as guest speakers, play games, have covered dish supper, visit or go out to eat. For more information call 398-5522 or 399-4369.

·Big Spring Group of Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad.

·Alzheimer's Association support group, 7 p.m., Marcy House on Wasson Road, second

TUESDAY

•Support for MS and Related Diseases, 6:30 p.m. second Tuesday of each month, Canterbury South. Public invited. Call Leslie, 267-1069.

·Al-Anon, 8 p.m., 615 Settles. ·Seniors' diabetic support group, 2 p.m., Canterbury South. Call 263-1265.

 Compassionate Friends support group for parents who have experienced death of a child, 7:30 p.m. first Tuesday in February, April, June, August, October and December in the

Family Life Center Building. First Baptist Church, 705 West Marcy. Enter by southeast door. Call 267-2769.

·Diabetes support group, second Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom.

 Cancer support group, first Tuesday of each month, 7-8 p.m., VA Medical Center room 213. Call Beverly Rice, 268-5077.

"Most Excellent Way," a chemical dependency support group, Tuesdays, 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

 Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. closed meeting.

·Family Education and Support, sponsored by Howard County Mental Health Center, meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Corral, 611 E. Third, followed at 7 p.m. by the monthly meeting of the Big Spring Alliance for the Mentally Ill.

Counseling Samaritan Center of West Texas will have Dr. Ronald Meyer, D.Min., LCDC, LMFT, specializing in individual and marriage counseling, Attention Deficit Disorder and chemical dependency, available for clients at the First Christian Church. Appointments for counseling services are made by calling 1-800-329-4144.

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

WEDNESDAY

 Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920.

 Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. 12 and 12 study.

·Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas will have Sharon Beam, who is a licensed professional counselor interim specializing in play therapy for children, adolescent counseling and women's issues, available for clients at the First Presbyterian Church, Runnels and Eighth St. Appointments for counseling services are made by calling 1-800-329-4144. **THURSDAY**

·Salvation Army drug education program, sponsored by Permian Basin Regional Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, 7 p.m., Salvation Army

building, 308 Aylford. Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

·A.D.D.A.P.T. non-profit support and learning organization about attention deficit disorder, learning disorders and dyslexia. Meets second Thursday of September, October, November, January, February, March, April and May, Cerebral Palsy building, 802 Ventura, Midland.

•Grief Support related to the death of a loved one. Call Nurses Unlimited, Inc., at 264-

 Alzheimer's Association Support Group, fourth Thursday of the month, Comanche Trail Nursing Center, 3200 Parkway, 7 p.m.

 Support Group Depréssion meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehab Center, Third and Lancaster.

FRIDAY

•Turning Point A.A., 8-9:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

 Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. Big Book Study. SATURDAY

Alzheimer's Association

Group, Support second Saturday of the month, Carriage Inn Retirement Center, 501 W. 17th, 10 a.m.

·Family support group for current and former patients and their families, 1 p.m. weekly, Reflections Unit of Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Call

Beverly Grant, 263-0074.

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

• "So I Forget," Attention Deficit Disorder support group for individuals and couples, first Saturday of the month from 9 to 10:30 a.m., Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas, Inc., Midland. Call the center at (915) 563-4144 or 1-800-329-4144. Cost is \$15.

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·West Texans Living with Chronic Fatigue & Immune Dysfunction Syndrome/Fibromyalgia, 1-3 p.m., on different Saturdays of the month, HealthSouth facility at Hwy. 191 and Loop 250, Midland. Call Joann Carney, (915) 686-7977, or Marsha Brunet, (915) 337-4829. SUNDAY

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

Odds

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which provides grants for underprivileged children to attend private schools, announced Monday that it would donate alphabet flash cards to the school.

'Students should not have to resort to stealing alphabet flash cards to supplement their education," spokesman Tom Carroll said.

OCEAN CITY, Md. (AP) -Coke is officially the real thing in Ocean City.

The City Council voted 6-1 Monday night to enter into a \$1 million contract with Coca-Cola Corp. to make soda the town's official soft drink.

Coca Cola promised the money over five years in return for exclusive sales

rights at places like Town Hall, the convention center and events. Town revenues are flat ance the budget without raising taxes.

Councilman Vince Gisriel,

Texans, "provided comfort

from the rigors of the cam-

paign," said Hardin, a Victoria

well-intentioned contributions,

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whose primary concern was

their family instead of their

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White House lawn.

"Still," he said, "for all their

College history professor

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who has long opposed the deal, cast the lone dissenting vote.

"What is next, only one brand of candy bar to be sold on city property?" Gisriel said before the vote. "Will we next have the official cereal of Ocean City, or the official athletic shoe?"

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) - Are they getting older in West Virginia?

The median age of the state's 1.8 million residents was 37.7 years as of July 1996. That makes residents of the Wild and Wonderful state the oldest in the nation, edging Florida's 37.6 years, the U.S. Census Bureau reported Monday. The median age means half the population is older and half is

The federal figures showed West Virginians aged 25 to 44 comprised the largest group of residents last July, at 516,683.

It's certain some soldaderas

were with Santa Anna's men

when they met defeat by

Texans commanded by Sam

Houston in the Battle of San

Jacinto, he said, "and we know

at least one of them got killed."

Hardin referred to the contro-

versial death of a Mexican

woman in the aftermath of the

battle. Col. John Forbes, com-

missary general of the Texan

Army, allegedly slayed her

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with a thrust of his saber.

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(915) 263-2781

Changing the

NEW YORK (AP) — CBS is shuffling the deck on its morn-

Jose Diaz-Balart, one of three anchors of "This Morning" with Jane Robelot and Mark McEwen, will leave the studio to report from around the country, announced.

continue to anchor the 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. hour of "This Morning," which has tried to boost sagging ratings by giving its affiliates more time for local

Robelot.



network Robelot and McEwen will

Cynthia Bowers, a co-anchor of the early-morning "CBS Morning News," will become the sole anchor of that show and anchor the 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. hour of "This Morning" with

Bowers' current co-anchor on "CBS Morning News," Kristin Jeannette-Meyers, will become a legal correspondent for CBS.

names unremembered and

graves unmarked." Hardin said.

Texas are so reticent about

acknowledging the hardihood

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the Mexican soldiers and their

"If you went down to Chiapas

in southern Mexico now where

those revolutionaries are holed

up in the mountains," added

Mary Lou Moe, "you'd proba-

bly find their women with

women as well.

'It's a shame that we here in



We'd like to salute secretaries everywhere, who take care of all the important details and keep things running smoothly, day in and day out. Thanks for making our jobs so much easier!

Southwestern A-1 Pest Control salutes Valerie Hill Denise Wagner

Big Spring Printing salutes

Beth Newman

Barber Glass salutes Becky Hale Lila Harrison

Big Spring Auto Glass

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anniversaries, engagements, birth announcements, Who's Who, military) are due to the Herald office by Wednesday at

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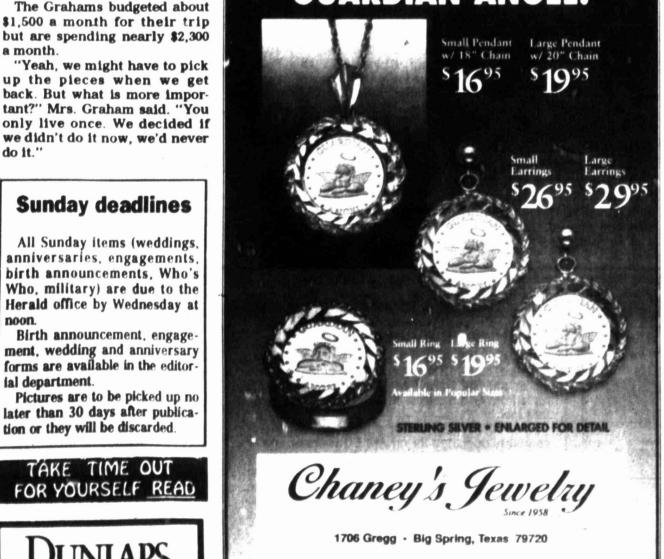
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Li, Coahoma golfers qualify for state play

By STEVE REAGAN

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For Hsiao-Hsuan Li, the task was tougher, but not impossi-

For the Coahoma golf team, it was simply unprecedented.

Li, Big Spring High School's junior tennis star, qualified for his third straight trip to the state spring tournament with a second-place finish at the Region J-4A tennis tournament Tuesday at San Angelo.

Coahoma's golfers, meanwhile, hop-scotched four places in one round to claim the cochampionship of the Region I-2A Golf Tournament at Shady Oaks Golf Course in Abilene and their first-ever trip to the

Class 2A state tournament. Li had won the last two regional singles titles, but realignment brought Fort Worth Boswell's Scott Eddins to this region. Eddins, who defeated Li two years ago in the state finals, took a 6-3, 6-4 victory to win the regional title Tuesday.

"I thought (Li) did about as well as he could possibly do," BSHS coach Ralph Davis said. "At state, (Eddins) will be the hands-down favorite ... but he'll be in the opposite half of the bracket, so if things go right,

REGIONAL ROUNDUP

we'll meet him in the finals.' Eddins, known for his powerful serve, was broken twice by Li, but more than returned the

favor throughout the match. Li will play in the Class 4A state singles tournament May 5-6 at the Penick-Allison Courts on the University of Texas campus. He will play a regional singles winner to be determined

Also at the tournament, Big Spring's Monica Villarreal finished third for the second straight year in girls singles, dropping a 1-6, 6-2, 6-4 match to Abbe Ulrich of Wichita Falls in the semifinals. But Villarreal, a junior, bounced back from that disappointment with a 6-2, 4-6, 6-1 victory over Sweetwater's Sarah Pennington in the third place match.

In Abilene, Coahoma's golfers were sitting fifth after the first round of play Monday, but coach Kim Nichols believed his group more than capable of closing the 10-shot gap between them and the leaders.

"At dinner (Monday), we sat

down and I asked them to realistically come up with a number they could shoot," Nichols said. "And I thought some of the leaders would come back to

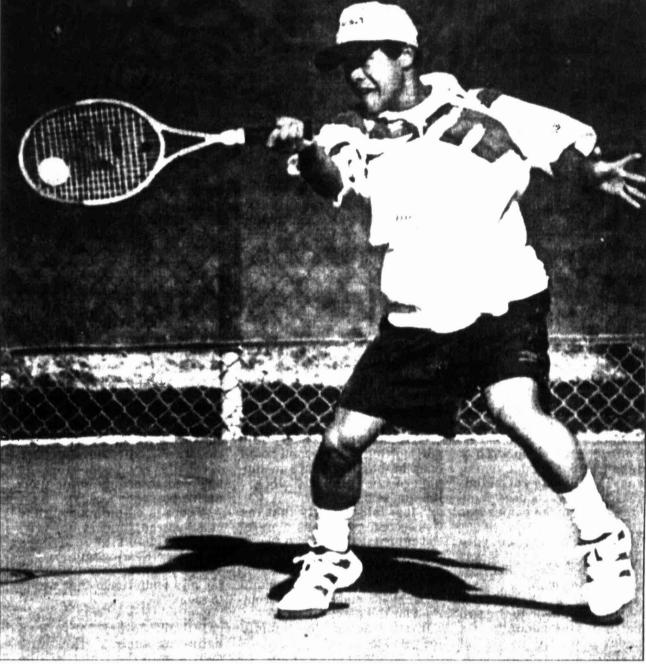
The Bulldogs started roughly, but soon regrouped for a team total 305, the best round of the day by any team. That round gave them a tournament total 623, which tied Coahoma with Memphis for the title. Memphis then won a one-hole playoff for the trophy.

Coahoma individual scores were: Blake Nichols, 78-73-151; Josh Collum, 78-75—153; Regi Roberts, 79-79-158; Kyle Wyatt, 84-78-162; and Jason Gwyn, 83-79 - 162.

The Bulldogs will play at the Class 2A state tournament May 5-6 at Lions Municipal Golf Course in Austin. Nichols last saw the course playing on it as a freshman in high school, but he is not worrying about how his team will perform there.

At least, not yet. "This feels great," Nichols said. "The last two years, the state champion has come out of our region, so I feel like we've got a pretty good chance. But we're just enjoying (the regional co-championship) right

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Hsiao-Hsuan Li, shown in this file photo, finished second at Tuesday's Region I-4A Tennis Tournament

Steers rally past Pecos for 8-6 win

special to the Herald

PECOS — In a game where runs were given out like Christmas presents, the Big Spring Steers did a little more on their own at bat to earn a 8-6 victory over the Pecos Eagles Tuesday night.

Big Spring scored seven times with two out, and turned five walks by pitcher Jason Abila into runs. Wes Mouton played a role in all five of those runs, scoring to tie the game in the third after drawing a twoout walk, then doubling down the line in left in the fourth, after three straight walks by Abila loaded the bases.

That gave Big Spring a 4-2 lead, and after Pecos rallied to tie in the fifth, it was Mouton's one-out, two-strikes single off Abila that scored Marcus Hyatt with the go-ahead run, after he reached on Abila's final walk

of the night. Aaron Boadle and Eric Harris then tagged Abila for back-to-back doubles with two out. Harris' a shot just over Joseph Contreras' head in left while Gee found the gap in right-center field for what turned out to be the winning

That's because the Steers were having problems of their own. Blake Hull, who dominated Pecos in a 5-1 win on April 10, allowed just two hits over the first six innings. But the Eagles were able to put four runs across thanks to Big Spring's problems.

Shortstop James Clemens' let Abila's grounder go through his legs in the first, and he scored on Cisco Rodriguez' RB single to left in the third, after Big Spring tied the game, Hull had the side retired when Eric Abila struck out, but the ball got by catcher Joe Owen and Oscar Luna, who walked and moved up on two ground outs,

A pair of hits by Boadle and Harris in the third scored Mouton to tie the game, but Boadle was then thrown out a home by Luna trying to score on Gee's single to right. They were the first of eight hits on the night off Abila, who lost for the first time in District 4-4A

play this season. After Mouton's double which was misplayed into an extra base and extra run by Contreras in left - gave Big Spring a 4-2 lead in the fourth, the Eagles got help again in the fifth, while trying things at 4-

This time, it was a high throw from third by Boadle on a Jason Abila grounder that set things up. It came after Luna walked, and he then beat Hull's throw to third on a sacrifice bunt. Hull caught Eric Abila looking for the first out, but John Gutierrez then looped a two-run single to left to tie the

Up by four in the seventh Hull almost got himself in trou ble. After giving up leadoff sin gles to Rodriguez and Eric Abila, he picked Abila off first,

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Elie no longer role player for Rockets

Mario Elie a long time to work his way into the Houston Minnesota. Rockets' starting lineup, and chance this season.

reputation as a good defensive value to the Rockets. player when he played for Colden State and Portland and in his first three seasons with the Rockets.

This season, trades and injuries finally gave him a shot at starting.

Now he's starting on a team that includes three future Hall of Famers

One of them, Charles Barkley, thinks Elie is the

team's MVP. defender. He has a hard assignment every night," Barkley

GALVESTON (AP) — It took began preparations for a best-felt on a lot of teams, I had an

at Angelo State University in San Angelo.

"He's the only guy on this he's making the most of his big team that can't take nights off." Phoenix Suns last year brought out," he said. Elie was a role player with a Saunders also recognizes Elie's guard Sam Cassell to the Suns. that he can handle tough

"He does all the little things for them," Saunders said. "He hits key shots, he's a 90 percent free throw shooter, he's their best defender and probably their best clutch 3-point shooter. I think he's the key for

Elie will be in the starting lineup at small forward Thursday night when the Rockets play host, to the Timberwolves, who will be "He's obviously our best making their first-ever NBA

playoff appearance. said Tuesday as the Rockets chance to start," Elie said. "I tions.

of-5 playoff series against opportunity but too many great spot and make him work for players were ahead of me.

Minnesota coach Flip Barkley to the Rockets and sent Mark Price's preseason injury assignments. helped Elie gain playing time.

lineup, I wanted to stay there and be consistent," Elie said. "I'm happy that I've been able to stay consistent this year."

Coach Rudy Tomjanovich assigns Elie to the opponents' best players, meaning Elie on Thursday night will be in the face of Minnesota's Tom Gugliotta, who averaged 20.6 points this season.

Elie said his defensive philosophy is to keep opponents out "I'm just happy I finally got a of their favorite shooting posi-

every possession and by the The big trade with the end of the game, he's worn

Elie has shown all season

"I've had to guard point "Once I got into the starting guards and big forwards and different players," he said. "The guys are depending on me to go against Gugliotta, go against (Gary) Payton, go against Grant Hill. I feel I've done a great job defending those guys and we've won most of those games.

Indeed, he's had the best season of his career, averaging 11.7 points, four assists and three rebounds per game.

He led the team in 3-point accuracy (42 percent) and free throw shooting (89.6).

Texas trying to offset Mariners' start

to a fast start that carried them to an AL West championship just ahead of the Seattle Mariners.

This year it's the opposite. The Mariners are out of the gate quickly and the Rangers are trying to stay in hailing distance.

If any team needed a day off to get its house in order, it's the Rangers. They blew a 5-2 lead Monday night, losing to the Detroit Tigers 7-6 and falling 2) games behind the Mariners.

"It's just April," said Texas manager Johnny Oates. "But we can't afford to be giving any games away."

year the Texas Rangers got off allowed just one run in 19 innings, fell apart against the

"Our starting pitcher (John Burkett) was doing well then things happened that you don't like to see happen," Oates said. Shortstop Benji Gil cost the Rangers a run by booting a grounder and failed to cover second base on a grounder to

have been a forceout. The Rangers won last year by playing good defense, getting good starting pitching, hitting consistently, and doing all the little things that don't appear

Mark McLemore that could

it the box score. Against the Tigers, the Rangers had two fly balls hit in

ARLINGTON (AP) — Last The Texas bullpen, which had gloves and bounce out, includone of the Rangers' hottest hiting a bases-clearing double off Damon Buford's glove by Melvin Nieves

The Texas offense also has been spotty as the team awaits the return of slugger Juan Gonzalez, who has missed every game because of a thumb injury suffered in winter ball. Gonzalez was expected to be back at the start of May.

Meanwhile, the Rangers are at the bottom of the league in batting averag.

"It's been frustrating for us," said McLemore, mired in a deep slump himself. McLemore went 0-for-21 before he broke the hitless streak with a bunt single.

Dean Palmer, who has been

ters lately, said, "We've been getting a lot of chances to score runs and we've got to start coming through every time. We have to start capitalizing.'

The Rangers loaded the bases twice and didn't score a run against Detroit. On one occasion, the Rangers had the bases loaded with no outs. The next three batters were guilty of first pitch outs. The Rangers had 14 left on

"We needed to get runs in those bases loaded situations,'

Texas returns to action Wednesday night when Darren Oliver of the Rangers faces Omar Olivares of Detroit.

Alomar, Hirschbeck bury the hatchet to end long-running fued

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A simple handshake ended one of baseball's most disturbing episodes.

Roberto Alomar and John Hirschbeck stood in short right field Tuesday night and shook hands, a moment that all of baseball had longed for seven

months to see It was the first time that the two had met since that nowinfamous game in Toronto last September when a raging Alomar spit in Hirschbeck's

As the Baltimore Orioles took the field at Camden Yards. Alomar detoured before taking his position at second base to offer his hand and some quiet words to Hirschbeck, who was

working at first base.

Finally face-to-face, the two shared a private moment before 38,392 fans.

"I'm sorry," Alomar said. "Thanks, now maybe they'll let us both do our jobs,'' Hirschbeck replied.

Hopefully, Tuesday night's reunion will indeed allow Alomar and Hirshbeck to finally put the incident behind

"I thought it was a great gesture," Orioles manager Davey Johnson said. "I thought it was a couple of good men, getting it all over with. He's a good umpire, Robbie's a good player. Let's t'lay baseball - no more

questions."

Elsewhere in the AL, it was New York 10, Milwaukee 2: Boston 8, Cleveland 2; Seattle 7, Kansas City 2; Toronto 7. Anaheim 6; and Minnesota 5, Oakland 3.

Alomar and Hirschbeck did have another rendezvous during Baltimore's 3-2 win over the

White Sox After Alomar singled in the sixth, he was called out by Hirschbeck when first baseman Frank Thomas caught a line drive by Rafael Palmeiro and stepped on the bag ahead of the diving Alomar.

This time, there was no argu-

Before the game, Alomar said he was looking forward to stepping on the field with Hirschbeck again.

"I'm real happy it's going to happen, so we can get this thing over with," Alomar said. 'John wants to put every

thing that happened behind him, and I personally want to put everything that happened behind me.

"And I hope that from tonight on, you media guys can leave me alone and let me play the game of baseball."

Baltimore starter Mike Mussina (3-1) allowed two runs and seven hits with one walk in seven innings to earn his second win against the White Sox in five days.

Danny Darwin (0-2) took the Yankees 10, Brewers 2 At New York, Andy Pettitte

fourth win, and the Yankees scored eight runs in the fifth inning.

Tino Martinez, Derek Jeter

and Joe Girardi drove in two runs each for the Yankees, who earlier in the day acquired the rights to Japanese pitcher Hideki Irabu.

Pettitte (4-0) threw his first complete game in five starts, walking one and striking out

Jeff Cirillo and John Jaha homered for the Brewers. Red Sox 8, Indians 2

At Cleveland, Steve Avery continued his mastery of the Indians, allowing three hits in six innings

Avery (2) a struct out three walked five and allowed one

pitched a six-hitter for his run - the identical pitching line he had in a Game 4 victory over Cleveland in the 1995 World Series, when the lefthander was with the Atlanta

> Nomar Garciaparra went 4for 4 with three runs and hit the first pitch of the game for a solo homer off Chad Ogea (2-2). Mariners 7, Royals 2

> At Seattle, Jeff Fassero pitched eight strong innings to stay unbeaten with the Mariners, and Joey Cora hit his

14th career home run. Fassero (4-0), traded from Montreal for three minor leaguers last October, allowed five

hits and one run. He struck out seven walked

KMart parts company with Zoeller over Woods comments

Fuzzy Zoeller apologized again for racially charged comments about Masters champion Tiger Woods. That wasn't enough for keep Kmart from dropping its longtime sponsorship of the popular golfer.

Kmart announced its decision Tuesday after Zoeller called Woods "that little boy" and urged him not to request fried chicken and collard greens at the Champions Dinner when he returns to Augusta National next year.

The Troy, Mich.-based company said the comments were inappropriate and offensive, even though Zoeller said he was only joking during an

after playing the final round at the Masters on April 13.

"Regardless of the context, they are contrary to Kmart's longstanding policies that ensure our words and deeds are without bias." Kmart said in a

Zoeller, who issued a public apology in a statement Monday. apologized again Tuesday to the acting president of the North Carolina chapter of the NAACP while in Greensboro for this week's PGA Tour event.

"People who know me know I'm a jokester. I just didn't deliver the line well," Zoeller said. "I'm in a no-win situation.

interview with CNN shortly to anyone I might have offend-

Skip Alston of the National Association for **Advancement of Colored People** accepted Zoeller's apology, but also threatened a boycott of the tournament.

"He didn't insult only Tiger Woods, but the entire African-American community nationwide," Alston said, adding that Zoeller's comments weren't "funny to us. You don't pick at our culture and expect us to laugh.'

Zoeller is playing in the Greater Greensboro Chrysler Classic, which starts Thursday at the Forest Oaks Country Accept my apology, please. I Club. Hé didn't comment on the apologized to Tiger. I apologize end of his relationship with

The Greensboro Jaycees, who run the PGA tournament. issued a statement dissociating the organization from Zoeller's comments. But they went ahead with a long-planned tribute to the golfer Tuesday night because he played in the tournament 22 years in a row.

Alston said the Jaycees statement was "trying to sugarcoat their position about Mr. Zoeller." Alston said the NAACP might hold a protest during the tournament.

Kmart avoided the prospect of corporate embarrassment by cutting its links to Zoeller after reviewing the comments he made in the CNN interview.

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in the West is struggling.

"That little boy is driving

The top seed in the Eastern

Conference playoffs is one win

away from an opening-round

sweep. However, the top seed

Valeri Zelepukin scored three

goals as the New Jersey Devils

beat the Montreal Canadiens 6-

4 Tuesday night to take a 3-0

lead in their best-of-7 series.

The Devils, who had the best

regular-season record in the

East, can sweep by winning

Game 4 Thursday night at

"It's just teamwork,"

Zelepukin said. "It's five guys

working hard. You just have to

be in the right place at the

right time, and I was three

Bob Probert, known more for

brawling than scoring, scored

twice as the Chicago

Blackhawks defeated the

Colorado Avalanche 6-3 to even

their Western series at two

The Avalanche, defending

Stanley Cup champions and

owners of the best regular-sea-

son record in the NHL, have

lost two straight after easily

winning the first two games of

Montreal.

times tonight.

games apiece.

well and he's putting well,"
Zoeller told CNN about an hour after finishing his round at Augusta, while Woods was still on the course completing a 12stroke victory. "He's doing everything it takes to win. So, you know what you guys do when he gets in here? You pat him on the back and say congratulations and enjoy it and tell him not to serve fried

Zoeller snapped his fingers, turned to walk away, then added, "Or collard greens or whatever the hell they serve."

chicken next year. Got it?"

for the Champions Dinner next

Woods, as defending champion, will get to select the menu

Kmart spokeswoman Shawn al spot.

Top teams struggling in playoffs

Kahle declined to say how much Kmart paid Zoeller for the sponsorship and to have the golfer promote its products. The company has sponsored him for more than six years under a contract that originally was scheduled to expire in December 1998.

Under his deal with Kmart. Zoeller carried the company logo on his golf bag and visor and also appeared at Kmart events. He was the only pro golfer sponsored by Kmart.

Woods was in Portland, Ore., on Tuesday for private meetings with Nike, his major sponsor. A local television station showed him outside Nike headquarters shooting a promotion-

NCAA reinstates 5-second rule

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) -Four seasons after abandoning college basketball's closely guarded rule, the NCAA is overturning itself.

The men's basketball rules committee voted Tuesday to reinstate the 5-second count beginning next season. They said that, instead of enlivening offensive play, as intended, dropping the rule reduced shots and tended to make games less

"We don't announce vote totals, but I can tell you it was not close," said Larry Keating, committee chairman.

Under the rule, an offensive player may not dribble the ball more than five seconds if a defender is within six feet of him. The offensive player must shoot or pass or be called for a turnover

> The concern has been that the flow of the game hasn't been as good and the game doesn't look as good," Keating said.

"The group felt pretty strong ly this was one of the reasons Keating said. "By putting it back in, we hope to get teams more into an offensive flow rather than having one player dominate up front."

During a two-day meeting the coaches' box rule. ending Tuesday, the committee also voted to require most preto use a 40-second shot clock. instead of a 35-second shot

This will be mandatory for most preseason tournaments that begin before Dec. 1, including the Maui Classic, the Great Alaska Shootout and the preseason NIT.

"Coaches very strongly support putting the 5-second count back in, but not all are in support of changing the clock," Keating said.

"Most felt strongly that the five-second count was more of the culprit. But we put a 40-second clock in to see what hap-

If successful, the 40-second shot clock could become permanent for the 1998-99 season.

In other action, the committee voted to: Allow conferences to experiment with changing the

held-ball rule, making it an automatic turnover instead of awarding alternate possession. This will be strictly up to the conferences whether to try or

Let coaches, not just players, call timeouts.

Allow substitutions during multiple free throws only before the final attempt or after the final attempt

Enforce more aggressively

The committee also voted to season tournaments next year—with having a maximum of five—coach and warn him. The mesplayers on the free-throw lanes during foul shots. In the presea-

son tournaments, this will be mandatory. Decreasing the number on the lanes from nine to five "should clean up a lot of the pushing and shoving going on," Keating said.

Currently, under the held-ball rule, when a defensive player ties up the ball with an offensive player, possession is awarded according to an alternating possession arrow.

"There is opinion among the coaches that that is not fair, that maybe it should be a turnover," Keating said.

"We're going to put that in for any conference that wants

Beginning next year, technical fouls called for crowd behavior such as throwing debris onto the court will be counted as administrative fouls, not coach's fouls.

"Making it a coach's technical (foul) was unfair, and it probably caused some officials not to call it because it was so unfair," Keating said.

But leaving the coach's box near the team bench will be more likely to draw penalties. "We've always had a system

where coaches might step out three or four times before anything was done," Keating

"I'm sure we've opened up "Now we're telling officials their eyes," said Probert, who let conferences experiment be sure you go over to the had only three goals in his previous 44 playoff games. "We sage to coaches is stay in the lost the first two games, and

maybe they were a little overconfident, but I'm sure they're thinking now, 'Hey, this is a good team we're up against.' Now they know they're in a series.'

In other playoff games Tuesday night, the New York Rangers edged Florida 4-3 in overtime, St. Louis blanked Detroit 4-0, Dallas defeated Edmonton 4-3 and Phoenix Richter. The Rangers forced downed Anaheim 2-0.

All those best-of-7 series are tied 2-2 except for New York-Florida, which the Rangers lead 2-1.

The playoffs resume tonight with Buffalo at Ottawa, Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, and Florida at New York. Philadelphia leads 3-0, while Buffalo has a 2-1 advantage. Devils 6, Canadiens 4

At Montreal, Zelepukin scored twice in the second period and put New Jersey up 5-4 at 7:50 of the third on a power play. Saku Koivu, who tied the game 4-4 with his first goal of the playoffs for Montreal at 4:37 of the third period, was serving his fourth minor penalty of the game when Zelepukin scored the go-ahead goal. Brian into an empty net with 59 seconds left in the game. Rangers 4, Panthers 3

At New York, Esa Tikkanen scored the game-winner off the goal-net camera with 3:31 left in the first overtime Tikkanen's hard slap shot which rang off the inside of the Florida net and caromed out, required several minutes of review before the shot was ruled good. An apparent winning goal for Florida at 2:44 of the overtime was waved off when referee Dan Marouelli ruled Scott Mellanby interfered with New York goalie Mike overtime when Luc Robitaille scored with 18.9 seconds left in regulation.

Blues 4, Red Wings 0 At St. Louis, Geoff Courtnall

scored two goals and Grant Fuhr got his second shutout of the playoffs. Courtnall was one of the goats in the Blues' 3-2 loss in Game 3, drawing a five minute major and game mis conduct in the second period for head-butting Kirk Maltby Courtnall spent no time in the penalty box this time, but many of his teammates were penalized following a brawl with 1:21 remaining in the game

Blackhawks 6, Avalanche 3 At Chicago, Probert and Tony Amonte scored twice for the Blackhawks, who outworked Rolston scored short-handed and outskated Colorado Probert made it 2-2 at 5:53 of the second period.

SPORTS BRIEFS

From staff and wire reports

Little League report

No Little League or UGSA softball resutls were reported to the Herald Tuesday

Little League coaches are requested to turn in result forms to the Herald between 8 am 5 pm daily Result forms are available at the Herald's front desk

Bulldogs blast Winters

WINTERS Coahoma's lumber came alive against Winters Tuesday, as the Bulldogs blasted their way to a 21-6 victory over the Bluzzards The win leaves Coahoma

with a 14-7 record. The Bulldogs continue to lead District 8-2A with a 5-0 league The Bulldogs rapped out 20

hits, including three home runs, a triple and five doubles. Rodney Gressett had the biggest big day at the plate. going 3-5 with 6 RBL 4 runs scored and a home run

The beneficiary of this largesse was Coahoma pitcher Mike McMillan, who scattered five hits in earning the com-

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plete game victory

The Bulldogs return to action at home Tuesday against Eldorado. Game time is 5 p.m.

Plavoff set COAHOMA - The Coahoma

Bulldogettes will open play in the Class 2A softball playoffs Thursday when they face Eula in Snyder Game time is 6 p.m. at the

Snyder High School Field.

Tryouts continue Any sixth-grader interested

in playing for the Big Spring Junior High Tennis Team needs to report to the high school tennis courts today. Tryouts are from 3:45-4:30

Astros rout Padres

SAN DIEGO - As if a prolonged hitting slump wasn't bad enough, the San Diego Padres suddenly forgot how to play defense.

They committed three errors Tuesday night, leading to nine unearned runs in a 12-3 loss to the Houston Astros.

"This was just an all-around terrible game for us," manager Bruce Bochy said

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only to toss the ball over Clayton Pate's head. Rodriguez scored and Abila moved to third, from where he scored when Gutierrez walked on a wild pitch ball four

That brought the tying run to the plate, but Hull regained his composure against the bottom of Pecos' lineup. He got Strain to ground to third, got Mark Abila to fly to the left on the next pitch, then struck out Contreras on a 3-2 pitch to end the game.

The win kept Big Spring's post-season hopes alive, though they'll need help from Pecos. while the Eagles' playoff hopes depend on the Steers. Both the 3-5 Steers and 3-6 Eagles need

Sweetwater on Tuesday, to lose their final two games. The Panthers, 4-4 in district, host Pecos on Friday, and will make up their rained-out game against Big Spring either Thursday or Saturday after-Two Fort Stockton losses and

Fort Stockton, 4-2 winners over

a Steers' win Friday night in Andrews would give Big Spring their seventh straight playoff appearance. Fort Stockton needs just one win in their last two games to reach the playoffs for the first time since 1989, while Pecos needs two Panther losses and an Andrews victory over Big Spring to create a three-way tie for third and force a two-way playoff next

GOLF

Continued from page 1B now."

Also at the regional tournament, Coahoma's girls fired a team total 885 to finish 14th in their division. Individual scores were: Tonia Sparks, 98-97-195; Amy Ward, 128-124-252; Kari Caffey, 108-115-223; Jill Allen, 109-118-227; and Jennifer Smith, 132-112-244.

Rodriguez finishes fourth

SAN ANGELO - Big Spring

golfer Sammy Rodriguez finished tied for fourth place in the medalist competition at the Region I-4A golf tournament at Riverside Golf Club Tuesday.

Rodriguez finished the twoday tournament with a total score of 148, three strokes higher than winner Brad Gibson of Andrews. Lamesa's Andy Hawkins ended regulation tied with Gibson, but lost a playoff for the title.



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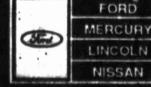
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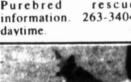
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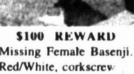
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ARIES (March 21-April 19) Take off your rose-colored glasses, especially if you were born during the last few days of the sign. You aren't seeing a professional matter clearly. A partner wants to give you insight; listen carefully. Detach, to get a more complete perspective. Tonight: Go to the movies.***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You feel inspired by what you hear. Express what is on your mind. Feedback will inspire more ideas; you might be thrilled by what comes up. Make time for a partner who is

Tonight: Make dinner for

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Focus on your professional image. A nurturing approach with a partner gives way to good ideas and greater wellbeing. Make time for a key meeting, to brainstorm. Complete as much as you can ASAP. Later, you become more social. Tonight: It's party time.***

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your imagination feeds into a partner's; you spin great tales together. Your sense of amusement adds to the discussion. Take a long lunch break; you might have to work late. Make an appointment for a dental checkup. Tonight: It could be a long night.****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Develop a clearer path to your goal. In some ways, a change in work patterns might make you happy. Try to understand the pros and cons of this decision. A partner will come up with creative ideas. Your imagination gets triggered. Tonight: Be a naughty lion!****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Honestly, the push is worth it. Reach out for others. Be more than willing to meet them halfway. Creativity, imagination and flirtation are all part of the scenario. You need a important to you. Closeness long lunch break. Return calls,

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Money matters are unclear. Be careful, though; you think you have it all under control. You have much to offer, and your choices reflect a lot about you. Later in the day, return calls and schedule a meeting. Tonight: Talk on the phone.****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You are personality-plus, which allows others to open up. You have strong instincts about the best way to handle a personal matter. Carefully consider the implications of a financial change. Be more in tune with your long-term desires.

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Think before you act, especially concerning money. Your gut feelings are right about an investment. Go within, and seek inner balance. Take time to determine your work objectives. Take action later in the day, when you feel more positive. Tonight: Go out and about.***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Instincts are right on about a boss. You wonder about your decisions, and if you are on target. Feedback later in the day indicates that you are on the right track. Accept responsibilities, clear your desk and make time for a mandatory gathering. Tonight: The party goes

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Stars get back to basics in win

EDMONTON, Alberta (AP) Mike Modano and Dallas Stars went back to basics to even their first-round series with the Edmonton Oilers.

'We said if we really pushed hard and gave it everything we had, we all thought they couldn't hang with us," said Modano, who scored a goal and set up Brent Gilchrist's gamewinner as the Stars beat the the Oilers 4-3 on Tuesday night to tie the Western Conference quarterfinal 2-2.

'That's what we thought, and that's how we played. We just wanted to push the issue and really press them more by playing in their zone, forcing them to make plays and get some turnovers.

Game 5 is Friday night in Dallas.

"We're excited to go home with two games in Dallas,' Modano said of the second-seeded Stars.

"You always meet the Cinderella teams in the first round. We know what it's like, because we shocked some teams in '91 (when the franchise was located in Minnesota). They're giving us a good test.

Gilchrist snapped a 22 tie at 1:53 of the third period, and Jamie Langenbrunner put Dallas ahead 4-2 at 5:31.

But Ryan Smyth scored for Edmonton with 1:13 left, and the Stars had to hang on for the

"They played a great game, they were really emotional," Gilchrist said of the Oilers. 'The building was a zoo, and we really had to fight."

On Sunday night, the Oilers scored three goals in the final four minutes en route to an overtime victory.

This time, their late rally fell just short.

"Just because it happened to 2:20. us last game, I think we have enough leadership to say it Arnott's power-play goal.

happened once," Gilchrist said. Edmonton forward Todd Marchant said the inexperienced Oilers weren't discouraged by the loss.

"Every player is getting more >r confidence," Marchant said. "Let's face it, for most of us,." this is our first playoff series. Every game, every day we're getting more confidence, more experience."

Modano and Dave Reid scored the first two goals for Dallas, while Andrei Kovalenko and Jason Arnott countered for Edmonton goals.

Former Edmonton goalie. Andy Moog robbed Oilers rookie Mike Grier from in close ear- 7.4 lier in the third, and turned aside Andrei Kovalenko and

Smyth late in the second. Moog finished with 30 saves. Midway through the first is.

period, Kovalenko converted, his own rebound on a power.

But Dallas, 1-for-18 on the power play in the first three. games, tied it about three minutes later after Luke Richardson was sent off for roughing Derian Hatcher.

Edmonton goalie Curtis Joseph stopped a point shot by Darryl Sydor and another by Modano, but the Stars center put in his own rebound. After Moog stopped Marchant

on an early second-period breakaway, Reid then gave Dallas a 2-1 lead on a controversial goal. Hatcher took a long pass up

the middle and went in by himself on Joseph, tripping over him and knocking the goalie. down as he shot wide. Joseph lost his stick and Reid

was there to score easily at

The Oilers tied at 8:22 on

Sister expecting new brother sings the babysitting blues

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Well, I don't want to be a mother to this baby. I just want to be a sister, one who loves and holds, and occasionally changes diapers or feeds the

I don't know how to talk to my mother about this. I am afraid that I will upset her and she'll think I don't want this newcomer in our family. She

has included me in a lot of the my door and walk in. I nearly preparations, like shopping and decorating the baby's room.

My mother works full time and my stepfather works six days a week. I already take care of my younger sister after school and when my parents go out occasionally.

I want to enjoy my teen years, free to make my own plans that won't be overruled when my parents want me to baby-sit. Can you give me any suggestions? — THE OLDEST DEAR OLDEST SISTER: It is

not unreasonable for your parents to expect you to watch the baby for short periods when they are absent, but they should not depend upon you for all of the baby's care. You will be in school for a good part of the time while your mother works, so she will need another caretaker for your brother in any event.

ents. The important thing to remember is "compromise" They should not expect you to on the new arrival.

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over the gated fence, gone into the gated backyard, put a credit card into the breakfast room door, found my purse and got my keys so that he could turn off the alarm in my car, get the remote control and open the gate, so that they could get in, come up the stairs, knock on

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Yanks aquire Irabu rights SAN DIEGO (AP) The even likened the situation to

Hideki Irabu headache is over for the San Diego Padres. Three months after first

attempting to sign the Japanese power pitcher, the Padres sold h is negotiating rights to the New York Yankees for \$3 million on Tuesday

The Yankees will also send injured outfielder Ruben Rivera and minor league pitcher Rafael Medina to San Diego in return for three minor leaguers: second baseman Homer Bush and outfielders Gordon Amerson and Vernon Maxwell

The deal is subject to approval from the ruling executive council, and the Yankees and Irabu still have to work out a contract Irabu, 27, whose fastball has been clocked at 100 mph, is expected to command a multimillion dollar signing bonus

The Padres are glad to have the affair behind them

We got a couple of good players for a guy who never played for us," center fielder Steve Finley said. "Good rid-

Irabu has said that it was his boyhood dream to pitch for the Yankees. He refused to negotiate with San Diego even though the Padres obtained his rights in a unique working arrangement with the Chiba Lotte Marines in January.

The longer the situation dragged on, the more it festered. Irabu's representatives

the internment camps where Japanese-Americans were sent during World War II.

General manager Kevin. Towers, who helped club president Larry Lucchino deal with. offers from at least 10 teams. said everyone in the front office was relieved at the deal.

"We can all focus on what's at hand, and what's important right now is our ballclub."

Said Lucchino: "I'm happy because my general manager's

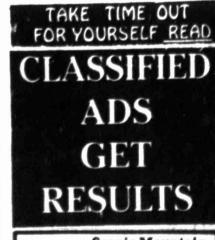
If and when he makes it to the majors, Irabu would become the third Japanese pitcher on an active roster, joining Hideo Nomo of the Los Angeles Dodgers and Shigetoshi Hasegawa of the Anaheim Angels.

Despite getting what Irabu said he wanted, agent Don; Nomura sounded subdued: Tuesday evening. He said he has been negotiating for Irabu; to return to Chiba Lotte in order to accrue enough time this season to become a free

Japan is considering changing the free-agent threshold from 10 years to nine, and Irabu calculated he needed just 48 more days under that seenario.

"We're kind of caught with our pants down," Nomura said from his Los Angeles office "Our feelings are kind of mixed.

Lucchino said it took so long because the Padres followed the proper procedure and made sure they got value in return



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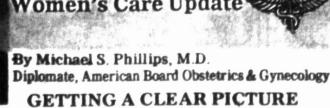
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Women's Care Update



According to recent studies, mammography has been shown to significantly reduce breast cancer deaths in women age 50 and over. Taking x-rays of the breasts is more reliable in older women because mammography works best in breasts with less dense tissue. This fact however, should not serve to dissuade younger women from getting regular mammograms. It is important that women establish a " baseline" image of their breasts (against which subsequent x-rays may be compared for physical changes) by having a screening mammogram of their breasts by age 40. Women ages 40 to 49 should have a mammogram every one to two years until age 50. After that, women should have a mammogram every year. The value of mammography largely rests with its ability to detect some breast cancers up to two years before the tumors

You should have a frank discussion about mammography and/or breast cancer with your gynecologist. If your family history includes close female relatives who have had breast cancer, your physician needs to know. Every woman of child-bearing age or older should have an annual breast exam by a trained professional and follow her doctor's advice regarding mammography. The best way to survive breast cancer is with early diagnosis. For excellent OB/GYN care, call our office at (915) 922-2222. We're located at the Medical Care Plaza, 1300 Gregg Street, every Tuesday, here in Big

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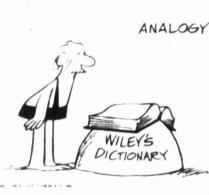
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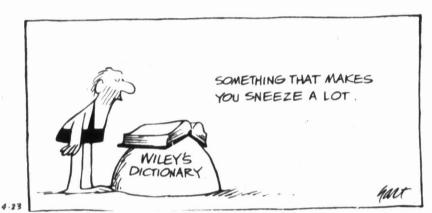
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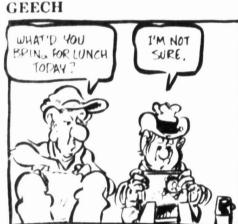




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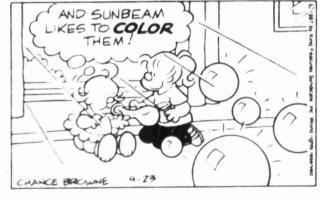
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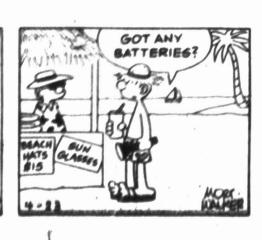




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Today's Highlight in History: April 23, 1564, is the generally accepted birthdate of the English poet and dramatist William Shakespeare. He died on the same date 52 years later.

On this date: In 1348, King Edward III of

died

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Tuesday's Puzzle solved:

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England. In 1789, President-elect Washington and his wife moved into the first executive mansion, the Franklin House, in New York.

In 1616, the Spanish poet

Cervantes died in Madrid. The

same day, William Shakespeare

in Stratford-on-Avon,

In 1791, the 15th president of the United States, James Buchanan, was born in

Franklin County, Pa. In 1896, the Vitascope system for projecting movies onto a screen was demonstrated in

New York City. In 1940, about 200 people died

in a dance-hall fire in Natchez, Miss.

In 1954, Hank Aaron of the Milwaukee Braves hit the first of his record 755 major-league home runs against the St. Louis Cardinals. The Braves won, 7-5.

In 1968, the Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church merged to form the United Methodist Church.

In 1969, Sirhan Sirhan was sentenced to death for assassinating New York Sen. Robert F. Kennedy. The sentence was later reduced to life imprisonment.

Ten years ago: 28 construction workers were killed when an apartment complex being built in Bridgeport, Conn., collapsed.

Five years ago: Fighting erupted in the Bosnian capital of Sarajevo just hours after the warring parties signed a truce amid sniper fire. McDonald's opened its first fast-food restaurant in the Chinese capital of Beijing.

One year ago: A Bronx civilcourt jury ordered Bernhard Goetz to pay \$43 million to paralyzed Darrell Cabey, one of four young men he shot on a subway car in 1984. A threenight auction of the late Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis' possessions began at Sotheby's in New York City with a bidding frenzy.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Janet Blair is 76. Actressturned-diplomat Shirley Temple Black is 69. Actor David Birney is 58. Actor Lee Majors is 57. Actress Sandra Dee is 55. Irish nationalist Bernadette Devlin McAliskey is 50. Actress Joyce DeWitt is 48. Actress Judy Davis is 42. Actress Jan Hooks is 40. Actress Valerie Bertinelli is 37. Rock musician Gen (Jesus Jones) is 33. U.S. Olympic goldmedal skier Donna Weinbrecht

is 32. Thought for Today: "Be not afraid of greatness: some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them." - from Act II, Scene 5 of "Twelfth Night," by William Shakespeare (1564-1716).

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