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Results mixed for incumbents

Challengers win two races, lead another heading into run-off

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

District 2 City Councilwoman Pat DeAnda must face challenger Oscar Garcia in a May 31 runoff election to determine who will represent District 2 on the next Big Spring City Council.

A total of 118 votes were needed to avoid a runoff in the District 2 race, but Garcia, who received more votes than DeAnda or Bob Taylor, was 11 votes short of the needed total.

Garcia received 107 votes to 88 for DeAnda and 38 for Taylor.

When the vote total was announced at City Hall, Garcia said, "Now we go back to work."

"The votes tell me that we need to go back to the community and task to the people in the district," Garcia added.

In the District 4 council race, incumbent Tom Guess was handily defeated by challenger Tommy Tune, while Greg Biddison won outright a three-candidate race for District 6.

Tune received 304 votes to 122 for Guess while Biddison tallied 141 votes, avoiding a runoff with Mason by five votes. Mason had 104 votes and Rinard 25.

According to Garcia, he expected a close race because DeAnda is an incumbent and is popular, but beating her vote count in Saturday's election gives him momentum going into the runoff.

"I would like to triple my vote count or better," Garcia said.

As for DeAnda, the next move is to develop strategy and get the voters out.

"I hope the fact that I've been in Big Spring all my life will help me," DeAnda said. "I have tried to articulate the concerns of District 2. I don't do what's popular, I do what's right."

"We talk about equality, but many of us turn around and do the opposite," DeAnda added. "Today, honesty and fairness is a matter of interpretation."

Where the runoff is concerned, DeAnda said she wants people to vote on her record.



Winners in the respective races will be sworn in at the next regular school board meeting.

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Baker defeated in BSISD re-election bid; Fraser, Hollar retain seats

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Nine-year Big Spring Independent School District (BSISD) Board of Trustees member Don Baker was unseated Saturday by Frank A. Long for the board seat in District 4.

Long also fared well in early balloting (116 to 80), received 228 total votes to Baker's 180.

Baker, the current board vice president, said he is disappointed in the results because there are 3,800 voters in District 4, but a little more than 400 cast ballots.

"It's also one of those deals where there were two people who wanted to serve their community," Baker said. "Big Spring is home and I've raised a family here, but haven't decided if I will run for any other boards."

Long expressed excitement about his victory saying he was humbled and honored at the same time.

"It was a good race and I look forward to serving," Long said.

Long also didn't waste any time expressing his feelings about today's education system saying he's disappointed in today's new way of teaching.

"We need to get back to memorization, learning

rules and repetition," Long said. "I think we need to teach our children where we came from and what it took us to get here."

Long added he doesn't like the way today's society is changing and hopes to do something to change it.

There aren't any planned deviations from what he campaigned on either.

"I will support all curriculum that emphasizes family values," Long said. "And I believe that by following Biblical principles we can successfully achieve the best education. And I also support our teachers and administration."

District 2 incumbent Larry Hollar retained his

seat on the Big Spring Independent School District Board of Trustees by defeating challenger Steve Jeter 179 votes to 127 votes.

Hollar was unavailable for comment, but Jeter was gracious in defeat and expressed his desire to continue on in public life.

"It was a clean race and exciting," Jeter said. "I'm disappointed I didn't win, but I probably have a greater resolve now to do more in the community and stay active."

In the at-large race, incumbent Steve Fraser easily retained his seat in Saturday's election by

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CHRISTMAS IN APRIL



HERALD photo/John H. Walker
Carlos Gonzales (left) and Conrad Mezick paint and scrape a house on South Main during Saturday's Christmas in April. The two were part of a team from the Big Spring Herald that worked on the home.

Commissioners must wait on approving grader bids

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Representatives from John Deere and Caterpillar dealer West Texas Equipment will have to wait until Howard County commissioners meet on May 12 to see which company will get the bid for two motor graders for the county's Road and Bridge Department.

Commissioners put the issue on hold earlier this week following discussions with representatives from both companies.

Earlier this month, commissioners called a special meeting to reconsider a bid originally awarded to CAT for the two machines.

On March 24, commissioners

voted 4-1 to award the bid to CAT, with County Judge Ben Lockhart voting no because Caterpillar's bid was a little more than \$5,000 greater than that of John Deere's bid of just over \$157,000.

One of the main sticking points in awarding the bid in March was a buy-back deal.

Caterpillar was willing to offer \$130,000 in trade and John Deere representatives told commissioners that at this time it was not feasible for them to offer a buy-back deal as part of the bid.

In discussing the bid, Commissioner Sonny Choate said, "I think we ought to take the recommendation of the fellow who will have to drive the graders," referring to Road and Bridge Administrator Eddy

Jameson. In March, Jameson told commissioners that dollar for dollar, he thought Caterpillar would be the best buy for the county and that he'd go with the buy-back.

Monday, Jameson changed his opinion, saying "Dollar for dollar, we'd be better off keeping the machines we've got. We are looking at the possibility of engine overhauls pretty soon."

According to Jameson, the graders currently being used by the county are approaching between 7,900 and 8,000 hours of use, and overhauling an engine will run the county around \$15,000 each.

Caterpillar's bid the second time around (including trade-

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TODAY'S WEATHER

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Today: Partly cloudy. High in the lower 90s. Low in the 50s.
Monday: Partly cloudy. High in the lower 90s. Low in the 50s.
Extended outlook: Tuesday through Thursday, fair. Highs from the mid 80s to the lower 90s. Lows in the 50s.

Separatists lay down their arms, surrender

FORT DAVIS (AP) — Texas separatists laid down their arms and left their mountain hideaway Saturday, ending their weeklong standoff with authorities. Two armed, camouflaged followers fled into the woods.

Richard McLaren, the self-styled ambassador of the Republic of Texas secessionist movement, negotiated a deal with the Texas Rangers and walked away with three followers. His wife, Evelyn, had left a few hours before.

"They had a military-style

ceremony at which they laid down their arms ... in a circle," Texas Department of Public Safety spokesman Mike Cox said.

Cox said there were 10 rifles, several handguns and between 500 and 700 rounds of ammunition.

McLaren signed a "cease-fire document" and did not use the word "surrender," Cox said.

"It was a cease-fire and they agreed to come out," he said. "We are delighted to finally resolve a standoff situation that has been in the national lime-

light in a peaceful manner."

An explosives team was being brought in to search the area because authorities found cans of gasoline, batteries and electrical wires in McLaren's house trailer.

The Department of Public Safety was searching for Richard Frank Keyes III and Mike Matson. They disappeared into a heavily wooded canyon wearing green camouflage and were believed to be carrying two rifles and a 9 mm pistol.

Authorities were using dogs, airplanes and troopers on horse-

back to search for them, Cox said.

Before the group surrendered, Ralph Matson told The Associated Press: "My brother feels that he would rather die fighting for somebody's rights than spend the rest of his life in jail."

After Mrs. McLaren left the trailer mid-morning Saturday, she told officials that those she left behind were ready to come out. At that time, details for the cease fire were finalized. It was

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FACES OF A BUSY WEEKEND



There were big doings in Big Spring this weekend. Clockwise from left, Marissa Hernandez enjoys the food at the Cinco de Mayo festival on the grounds of the La Vadera Club. The festivities continue through tonight. Shanna Young delivers ballot boxes at city hall during Saturday's municipal election. Junior and Irma Moralez cook for the Cinco de Mayo celebration. Senior Kim McLellan finds her cap and gown in preparation for Big Spring High School's graduation ceremony.

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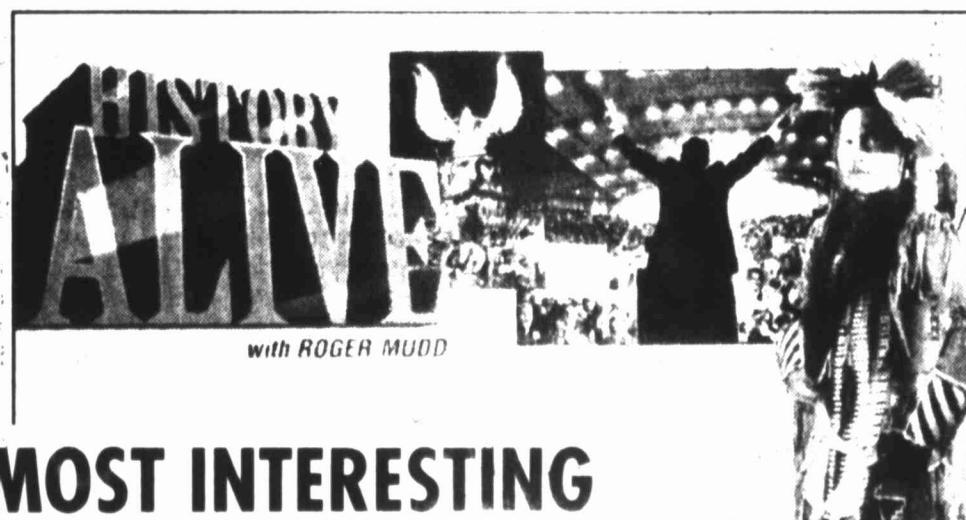


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Old West lives on in mountainous Fort Davis

FORT DAVIS (AP) — The road cuts across the shoulders of the Davis Mountains like a rollercoaster without rails, banking, twisting and turning through acres of trees rocking in the West Texas wind.

It creeps through ranches that have existed for decades, and slips under the far-seeing eyes of the McDonald Observatory.

Occasionally a deer or stray calf will wander onto the blacktop, and taillights flash red.

When it finally descends back to only slightly more level ground it will seem this road has slipped out of the 20th century at the same time that it broke free of the wooded slopes.

The buildings here are shaded by wooden porches that went

out of style in another era. Real cowboys, men who wear spurs because they need them and earn their living working cattle, are apt to be walking the streets. It wouldn't seem at all strange to watch someone ride up on a horse and tie it to a hitching post.

This is where the Old West in more than just a memory.

Yes, there are cars and telephones, satellite dishes and ATMs, but there is something about this place that has never been touched by the modern world.

"History is very important to us," says Wanda Adams, who lives down the dirt road running by one of the town's churches.

This week, the modern world intruded on Fort Davis when armed separatists from the Republic of Texas movement took two people hostage, forcing a standoff with scores of Texas Rangers and highway troopers that has dragged on for days.

But as the town's residents point out, crime of any kind is unusual, let alone an incident of this magnitude.

In fact, the siege isn't actually taking place in town — it's a good 10 miles to the southwest in a rural subdivision, the Davis Mountains Resort.

Most of the time Fort Davis is quiet and peaceful. People are friendly with strangers and outgoing, though never enough to insert themselves into someone else's business.

They are tough and many lead simple lives, forsaking modern amenities, and are extremely independent. They probably would have been pioneers, because not everyone can sur-

vive this rural life.

"People come out and stay for a while and they can't find a way to stay," said Kelly Fenstermaker, executive director of the Chamber of Commerce.

The town is here partly because the ranchers keep it here. Agriculture is one of the area's primary industries. Tourists drawn to the observatory, the 80-year-old Limpia Hotel — named after a nearby creek — and the restored Army fort are increasingly important as well.

So certainly, the town has evolved.

But what is surprising is how many things have remained the same.

The population of 1,200 is said to be roughly the same as it was when settlers began to move in around the original Fort Davis, established by the Army to protect travelers crossing the wide expanses of high desert from Indian bands.

The fort was a remote outpost, part of a chain that included Fort Bliss in El Paso, and Fort Stockton, 240 miles east of El Paso. The town remains nearly as isolated today.

The only way in is through the narrow, curving roads hugging the face of the mountain range. The nearest metropolitan areas are hours away, yet it takes just a few minutes to traverse this town without a stoplight.

The road to the south quickly leads into fields of yellowed grass, punctuated by clumps of scrub brush, that stretch into a far and hazy distance. It's hard to imagine any man has ever

walked there.

Mountains loom near and far, some with craggy faces made up of massive boulders piled skyward. Others seem softer, with earthen peaks that climb gently into the air.

It's out here that one can see why people really want to be here.

During the day, the sky is a never-ending sheet of blue untainted by even a trace of pollution. At night, it burns with the light of billions of stars, tiny blazing pinpoints from horizon to horizon.

"Fort Davis is one of the last places where you can come to get beautiful country, fresh air and quiet and be in the middle of vast space," Fenstermaker said.

It's also one of the only places where a little of what was is still alive.

TEXAS BRIEFS

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Authorities find body of abducted Granbury girl

GRANBURY — Nine-year-old Cody Patterson was wearing only his underpants and barely conscious because of a fractured skull when he wandered out of a graveyard and flagged down a man exercising his horses nearby.

Then, as he faded in and out of consciousness, Cody was able to murmur the name of the man he said had beaten him and kidnapped his 11-year-old sister. Through blood-caked lips, he beseeched police: "kill Bobby Woods."

Police believe Woods, an ex-boyfriend of the children's mother, abducted Cody and Sarah Patterson.

Cody's skull was smashed and he was left for dead. His sister's body was found Friday, three days after the children vanished, on a heavily wooded hillside about 80 feet from Lake Granbury. She had knife wounds to her neck.

Police say they believe Woods took the children from their home. The graveyard where Cody was found is about eight miles away.

Chemical exposure more widespread than believed

EL PASO — Declassified documents show American soldiers in the Persian Gulf War may have been exposed to far more chemical and biological agents than the government has admitted, according to a copyright report today.

The El Paso Times reported official logs kept for Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf during the war indicate at least two types of nerve gas or other poisons may have been used against the United States and allies on more than 20 occasions between Jan. 17 and March 12, 1991.

The Pentagon, which had earlier acknowledged only one incident of troops being exposed to such chemicals, did not confirm the report. Troops from the El Paso area who served in Desert Storm were in several of the areas where these exposures were reported.

Prosecutors crack down on drugs, crime along border

HOUSTON — Prosecution of immigration crime jumped 74 percent last year in South Texas, according to the annual report of the U.S. Attorney's office in charge of the area.

Statistics show the U.S. Attorney's Office in Houston prosecuted 520 cases of illegal immigration in fiscal 1996. The previous year, the office prosecuted 298 such cases.

The only other category of crime for which prosecution increased was drug crimes. It was up 13 percent from 561 cases in 1995 to 636 cases last year.

Prosecutions of violent crime such as bank robberies and weapons violations, white collar and "other" crimes all decreased, the office said in its annual report on the Southern District of Texas.

Software engineer must share idea with company

McKINNEY — A software engineer has to let the company that fired him in on his secret.

State District Judge John Roach ruled Friday that Evan Brown, a former software engineer at DSC Communications Corp., has until May 14 to divulge a software idea that's potentially worth millions.

Under the judge's order, Brown must share the idea with a 10-member team from the Plano-based telecommunications company, but the team can only evaluate and protect the idea, possibly by patent.

An upcoming jury trial will then determine who owns the idea. Roach ordered the creation of the team, requesting that it keep careful and confidential records of everything it learns and not share it with anyone outside the team until the trial.

Former Boy Scout leader gets 15 years in prison

DALLAS — A 42-year-old former Boy Scout leader has been sentenced to 15 years in prison for molesting two boys under his supervision.

Marshall "Benny" Tyre III must serve at least seven years of his sentence before he's eligible for parole under the terms handed down Friday by District Judge Lana McDaniel.

Tyre, who had pleaded guilty to two charges of aggravated sexual assault, had asked for probation. Prosecutors had sought a sentence of at least 50 years.

"I thought he deserved more time, but at least he didn't get the probation," Assistant District Attorney Eric Mountain said.

Tyre was arrested in November when the father of an 11-year-old reported that his son was molested on a weekend Scout campout. After the arrest, another boy came forward and said Tyre molested him four years before.

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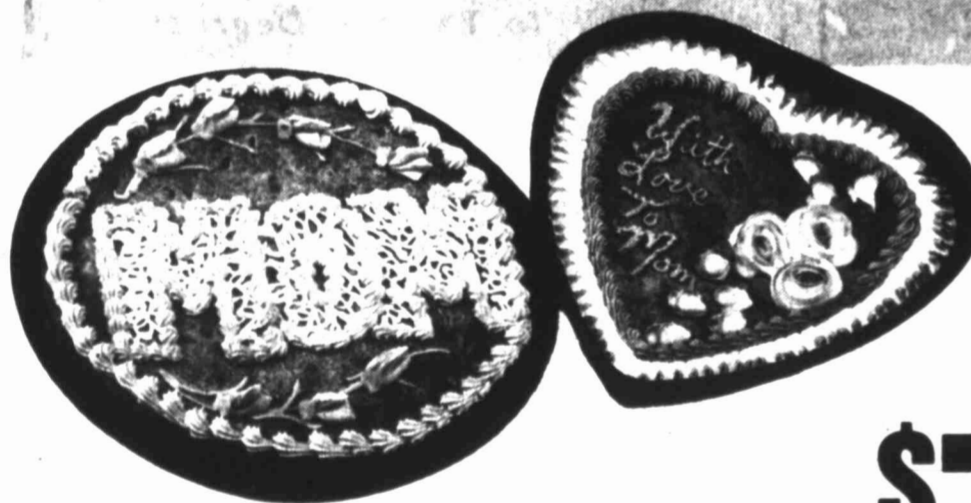


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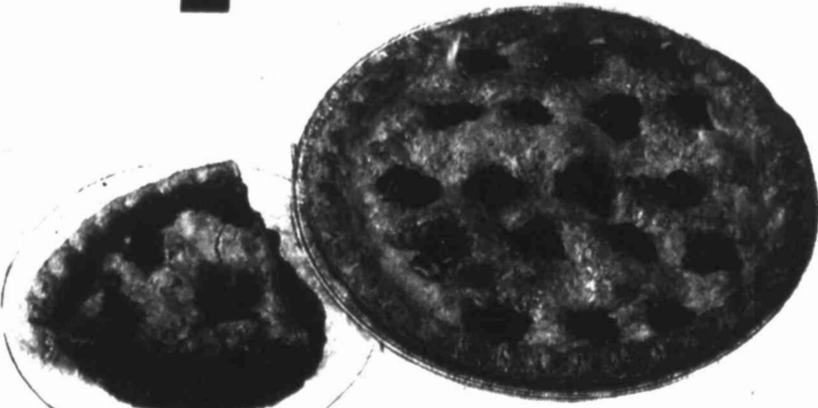


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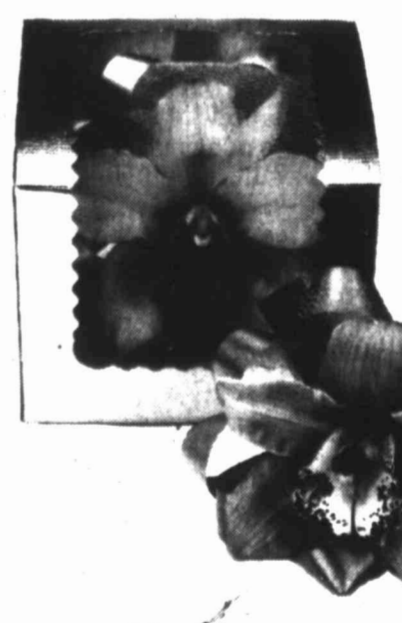
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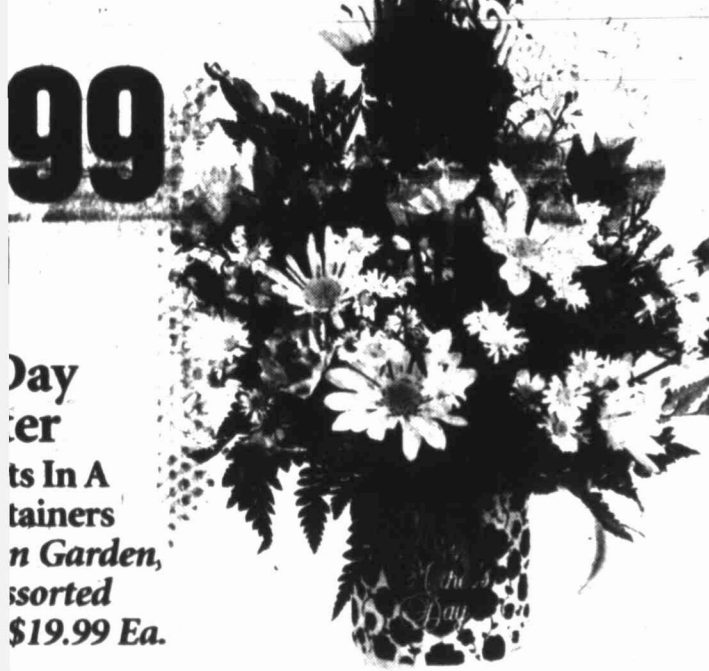
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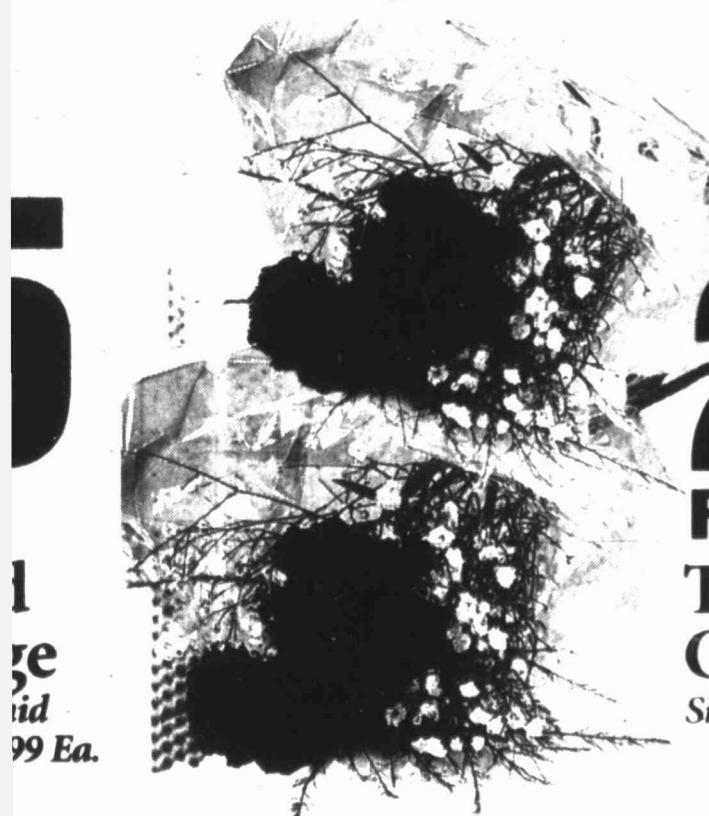
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Gas prices on the rise despite stable crude costs

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Consumer Prices Rise, But Earnings Fall Sharply

The Labor Department said that consumer prices rose only one tenth of 1 percent last year. Gasoline prices were up 8.6 percent.

Food Prices Rise, but Inflation 'Tame'

If you grew all of your own food and didn't drive a car last year, the number was energy prices, which rose 8.6 percent last year. Gasoline prices were up 8.6 percent.

Car prices forecast to rise 20%

By Mike McLeson
Associated Press
DETROIT — Automotive experts believe the price of a new car will rise 20 percent next year.

search, which focuses on environmental, economy and safety issues. But such cooperation could expand as automakers look for ways to cut costs.

FORD AIMS TO FREEZE PRICES BY 2000
DETROIT — Ford Motor Co. aims to freeze prices of new cars by 2000.

Ice Prices Surge As Frost Damage Is Reassessed

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Corn and Soybean Prices Surge On Outlook for Tight Supplies

A Government projection of tighter corn and soybean supplies in the months ahead sent futures prices up. The department said, bean stocks in the nation will dwindle to 155 million bushels.

Ms. Ganes said, orange concentrate prices for March delivery rose 10 percent.

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Clinton, GOP agree to balance budget, cut taxes over five years

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton and Congress' Republican rulers agreed to a far-reaching budget deal that balances the budget in five years and promises significant tax cuts for middle-class families and investors.

Calling the budget "a significant breakthrough for our country," Clinton went about his business today of selling the plan to the nation — and to the lawmakers who must approve it.

"This balanced budget plan is in balance with our values," he

said in his weekly radio. "Let us now reach across party lines and seize our chance to balance the budget."

The deal reached Friday is all the more remarkable when contrasted to the bitter budget talks that led to two government shutdowns in the winter of 1995-96, leading to deep mistrust between the two parties.

It contains elements that both sides can call significant victories: for Clinton, his education incentives remain mostly intact and for Republicans, the promise of a large capital gains

tax cut with a balanced budget by 2002.

Following 2 drafts for release at 11:06 a.m. EDT

"While it is a compromise, this agreement does not compromise our principles of less Washington and more freedom," Sen. Connie Mack of Florida said today in the Republican response to Clinton's weekly radio address.

"Under this agreement, American families and businesses will keep more of what they earn," Mack said. "Washington will control less

and you will control more."

"I wanted a balanced budget with balanced values," Clinton said Friday in a subdued appearance in Baltimore with congressional Democrats by his side. "I believe we got it today."

The mood was strikingly different at the Capitol, where Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott and other GOP leaders staged a celebratory, campaign-style rally in the Rotunda, packed with springtime tourists. Lott said the agreement reflects voters' will in the 1996 elections.

"Their message was clear: Work together to finish the job of balancing the budget and end the era of big government," Lott told the crowd.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich later told the GOP rank-and-file the deal was "the completion of the Contract With America," the conservative manifesto that powered the Republican electoral triumph of 1994.

The few details of the package released so far show it will affect virtually every American — citizen and noncitizen alike. The plan would carve \$115 bil-

lion from Medicare, for example, and lead to a modest increase in premiums. At the same time, it would launch a new program of health care for uninsured children.

Tax cuts would total \$135 billion over five years, partially offset by up to \$50 billion in increases. The tax-writing committees of the House and Senate will fill in much of the detail later, but Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin said the administration's \$35 billion education tax incentives are part of the agreement.

NEW EXHIBIT



Mike Burrow puts the finishing touches on a new exhibit at the Heritage Museum of Big Spring. The exhibit displays "Trench Art," created by soldiers out of used shells and shell cases.

Japan's pacifist constitution turns 50, some now calling for it to be rewritten

TOKYO (AP) — Inside the glass case, the Japanese Constitution, neatly written in black brush strokes on red-lined paper half a century ago, is yellowing with age.

Written by the United States after Japan's defeat in World War II, the constitution guaranteed human rights, sexual equality and religious freedom, and was remarkably democratic for that era.

It has always occupied a special place in Japanese hearts as a symbol of a vow never to repeat the mistakes of war, especially in a country whose cities were flattened by U.S. nuclear bombs.

But through the years, the debate over modifying the document, which turns 50 today, has been getting louder.

"We need to start debating how to revise the constitution," said Go Kasai, a 21-year-old history student, enthralled by the rare documents on display at the National Archives this week.

Kasai's view is gaining currency. For years, Japanese have been trying to come to terms with the ever-widening gap between the pacifist constitution, which has never been updated, and modern-day reality.

Some Japanese argue that it was foisted on Japan by the United States after the war and thus must be replaced in its entirety by a document that is more suitable to Japanese culture and history.

But ironically, the main sticking point is Article No. 9, which promises that Japan will "forever renounce war" and never maintain "land, sea and air forces as well as other war potential."

Japan already has one of the world's largest military forces. And talks are under way to step up U.S.-Japanese cooperation in regional security, such as allowing U.S. military bases in Japan to be used for combat missions outside Japan and obtaining more explicit Japanese commitments on sending its forces to foreign crises other than war.

During a visit last month, U.S. Defense Secretary William

Cohen urged Tokyo to join the United States in developing new anti-missile weapons. For several years, Washington has been pushing the country to join the regional missile defense system.

Japan's vulnerability is clear because of its proximity to communist North Korea, which reportedly has missiles that could strike the country. The U.S. State Department dismisses those reports.

Some Japanese lawmakers are pushing for a revision of Article No. 9, or at least a re-interpretation, to make it easier for Japan to take part in international and regional peacekeeping efforts.

But any such proposal is likely to meet intense resistance from the powerful antiwar elements in Japan, and from Asian neighbors that still harbor bitter memories of wartime brutality.

A constitutional revision would require a nationwide referendum.

"The fact that the constitution has remained intact for half a century is noteworthy," Kenji Urata, professor of constitutional law at Waseda University, said in an interview. "This should be welcomed in light of the goals of world peace and stability."

Opinion polls, which do not

give a margin of error in Japan, have shown a sharply divided public. While many Japanese concede that Article 9 doesn't reflect reality, some see the constitution, with its prohibitions against war, as an example for other nations to follow.

Almost immediately after Emperor Hirohito stamped his seal on the constitution in 1947,

Families, investors apparently the early winners in tax package

WASHINGTON (AP) — Early winners in the balanced budget deal's \$85 billion tax-cut package seem to be investors and families with children, including those in college.

Precisely who wins and to what extent, however, won't be known for some time.

Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin said most of the package "will be used to fund programs that will benefit middle income people."

But Republican congressional leaders and the White House offered few specifics on taxes in the ground-breaking budget deal announced Friday. Filling in much of the detail appears to have been left to Congress' two tax-writing committees.

The broad outline is for \$135 billion in tax cuts, offset by \$50 billion in new revenues, for a net \$85 billion in tax cuts over five years. The package calls for tax cuts in five areas: lower capital gains and estate taxes, education tax breaks, a per-child tax credit and expanded Individual Retirement Accounts.

Reaching those tax figures appeared to be a pivotal part of the deal between Republicans and President Clinton, said one Republican source speaking on condition of anonymity.

The official said Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott and Speaker Newt Gingrich told the president in a telephone conversation he could choose between two options: a \$250 billion tax cut over 10 years with \$35 billion set aside for education breaks, or a \$240 billion tax cut over 10 years with \$25 billion set aside for education breaks.

An hour or so later, Clinton called back to say he had opted

for the higher number, the source said. The deal was struck.

Budget negotiators also got a big boost at the last minute with word that the strong state of the economy would allow them to figure in an extra \$200 billion over the five years. That shielded Social Security from immediate changes in its cost-of-living index, eased the president's proposed cuts in Medicaid and added billions to domestic spending programs.

Although the deal had relatively strong bipartisan support, one principal, Sen. William V. Roth Jr., R-Del., the Finance Committee chairman, expressed reservations over its tax package. "I am, of course, disappointed that the tax cut is very limited," said Roth, who wanted \$193 billion in tax cuts.

A big wild card is the scope of capital gains taxes, the levy on

profits from sale of stock and other investments, which both sides said will be defined by the tax-writing committees.

Previously, the Clinton administration has offered only limited capital gains tax relief: It proposed to let married taxpayers exclude up to \$500,000 of capital gains on the sale of a principal residence.

The GOP has gone much further, seeking to halve the current 28 percent tax on sale of all investments. The modest Clinton capital gains proposal would cost \$1.4 billion over five years, while the cost of the GOP plan would run to \$33 billion in the same period.

To understand the enormity of the capital gains problem, consider this: In 1994, 20.3 million taxpayers reported just shy of \$200 billion in capital gains, according to the most recent IRS data available.

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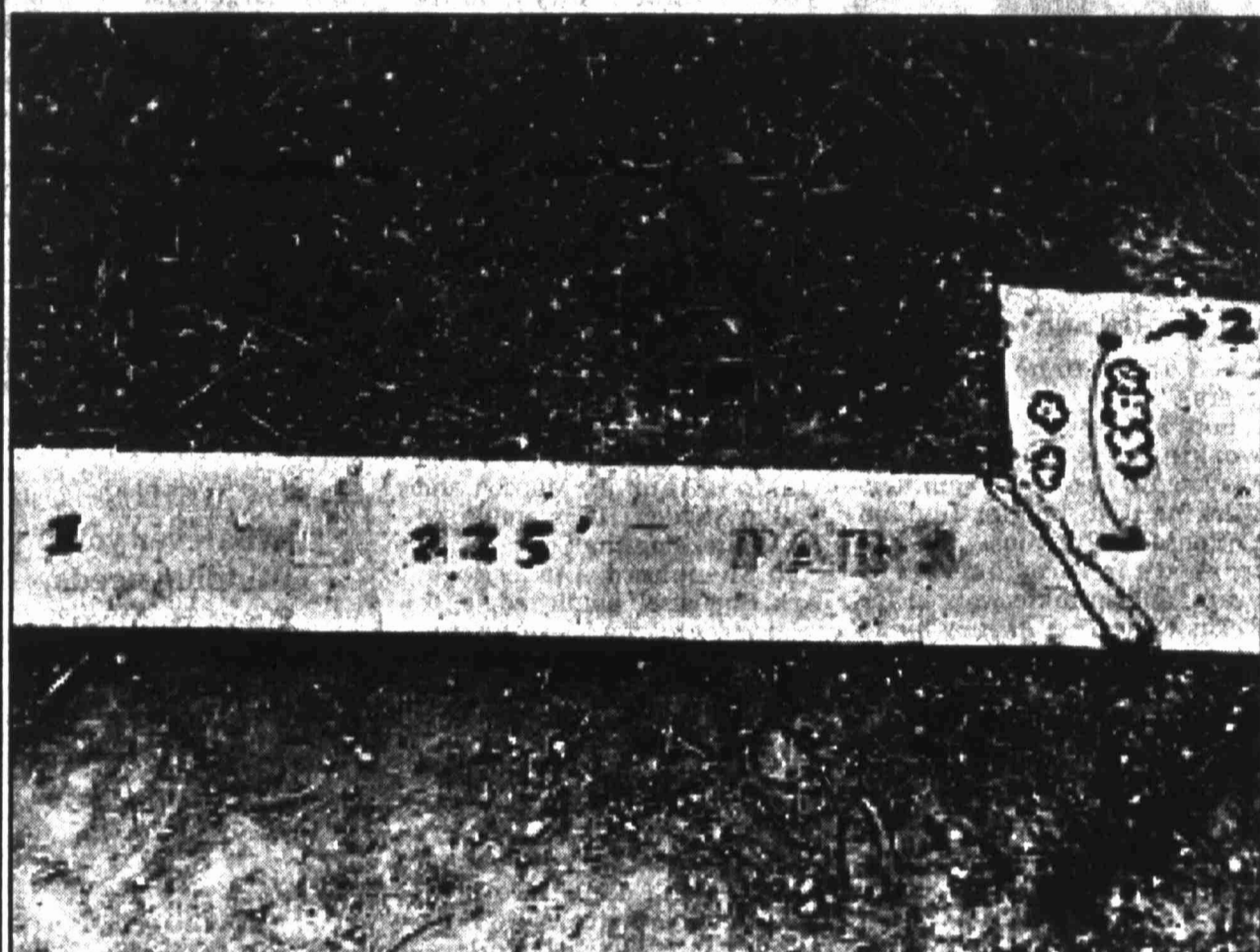
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A Disc Golf A new twist on an old game



Disc golf combines what some people say is one of the world's greatest games — golf — with one of the most popular pastimes — disc throwing.

The object of the game is much the same as with golf, where you have to hit the "hole" — which may be a pole, tree or basket — instead of using a ball and a club. Score is kept by adding up the number of throws it takes to get from the tee to the hole and the lowest number wins.

That's all there is to playing the game. Players commonly use special golf discs designed for long throws or drives, approach shots, and putts, but any disc can be used to play. The most important thing is to have fun at it.

Greg Brooks was the first to organize disc golf in this area. The first course he designed was in Comanche Trail Park and he simply marked off trees with yellow caution tape and used them as holes.

Greg later realized that Birdwell Park (behind the YMCA) was not being utilized by the public and that it would make a good course.

After the city gave him permission to build a course and agreed to start mowing it regularly, he started construction.

"Now that the park is getting mowed, it gets a lot more use," says Brooks. "It is good to see the park in use now."

Donations were made by Four Seasons Siding, Do-It Center, Mike Conner, Blum's Jewelers and Brooks to pay for the poles and baskets used in the park.

There will be an all-night disc golf marathon in conjunction with the Relay for Life for the American Cancer Society and all are welcome to come out and participate. The marathon will be held in Birdwell Park starting at 4 p.m. Friday, May 16 and continuing until 4 p.m. Saturday. The goal is to have someone playing all through the night.

"We will tape small glow rods to the disc and the holes so that we will be able to see," says Brooks "it should be something to see with all of the discs flying around."

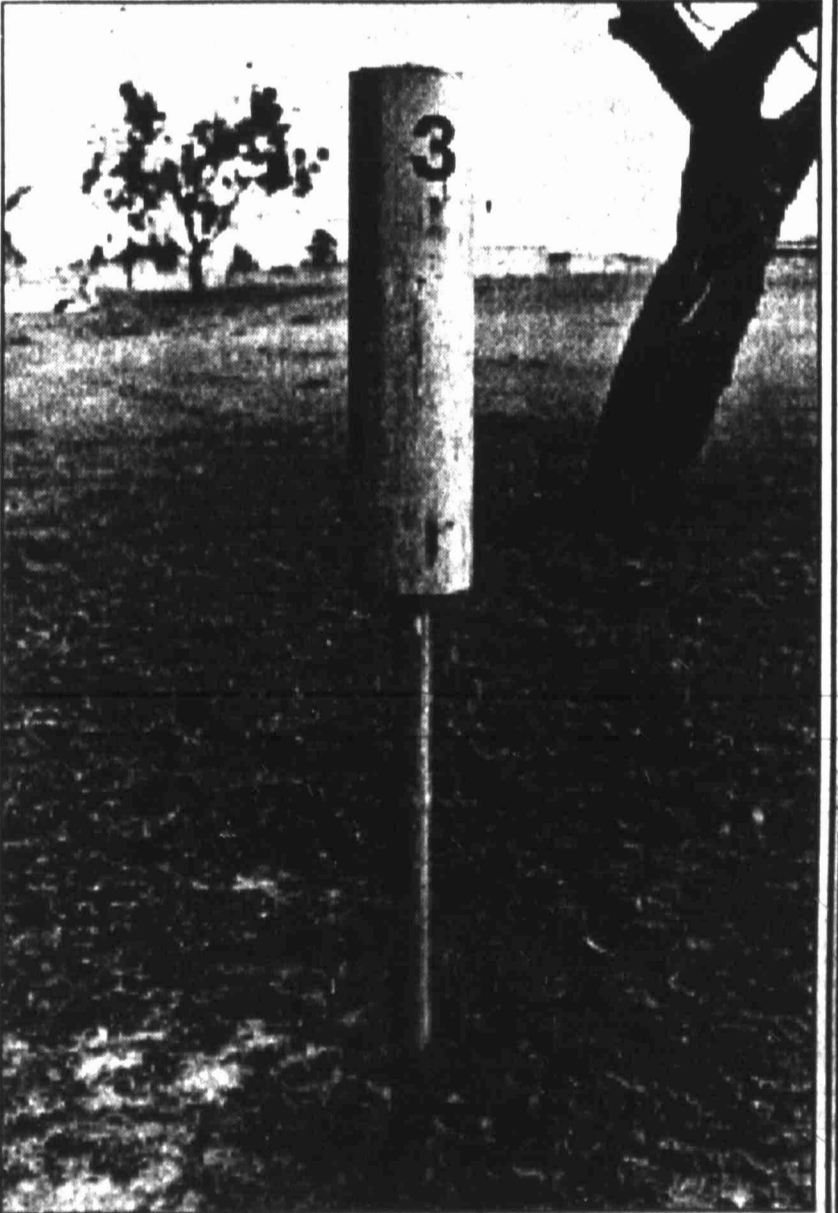
The entry fee will be \$22 for the entire 24-hour period and \$12 to play Saturday only. Of the fee, \$13 will go directly to the Relay for Life. Everyone who participates will receive a T-shirt and a disc or you can come out and borrow a disc and play anyway.

-JONATHAN GARRETT



One of the most important parts of disc golf is teeing off, as John Osborne demonstrates on the 3rd hole. (clockwise from bottom left) Greg Brooks concentrates as he throws his disc. The tee box tells the player which hole they are on, the distance to the hole, what the par is and where the hole is located. Brooks makes an easy putt as Avery Bowman watches and awaits his turn to throw. Bowman attempts a long putt for birdie. In disc golf, tone poles represents the holes and they ring when the discs hit them.

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State Farm upholds firing of 24 agents

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Andy Gaines has been a State Farm Insurance agent for nearly 15 years. When he joined with another agent to help raise money for Wayne State College...

years with the company. "This agency is like a child to me," Gaines said. "I started from scratch, I had nothing but a phone, a phone book and scraps of paper to fill up with people's insurance information..."

Vogel said Rust used objective and subjective criteria, including whether agents acknowledged wrongdoing. Vogel said Rust was out of the office and unavailable for further comment.

his fund-raising efforts, but Gaines told Soukup he did not have \$1,000 to contribute. Soukup said he would send the money, Gaines said.

Suit raises questions about temp agencies

By MARY FLOOD The Wall Street Journal's Texas Journal

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