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Early voting in mayor's race ends Tuesday

Early voting in the Big Spring mayor's election ends at 5 p.m. Tuesday in secretary's office at city hall. Seeking the office are councilmen Greg Biddison and Oscar Garcia and former councilman Russ McEwen. Election day is Saturday. The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. in city council chambers.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY
□ Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third.

TUESDAY
□ Intermediate line dance classes, 9 a.m. Senior Citizens Center.
□ Big Spring Rotary Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

WEDNESDAY
□ Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room.
□ Senior Circle Big Spring Mall walkers meet 9:15 a.m. in front of movie theater box office.
□ Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.
□ Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, Industrial Park.
□ Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

THURSDAY
□ Gideons International, Big Spring Camp No. U42060, Hermans, 7 a.m.
□ Big Spring Senior Citizens Center Art Classes, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 55 and older.
□ Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.
□ Genealogical Society of Big Spring, 7:15 p.m., Howard County Library.
□ Masonic Lodge No. 1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster.

FRIDAY
□ The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.
□ AMBUCS, noon, Brandin' Iron Restaurant.
□ Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. All seniors invited.

SATURDAY
Dance, 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third. Members, guests welcome.

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Moss Creek Lake will have 'official' reopening on Wednesday

By **BILL McCLELLAN**
News Editor

Spruced up by some fresh bright paint, more user-friendly camping areas and cleared of brush, Moss Creek Lake will reopen to the public Wednesday.

The small recreational area has been closed since October, when Big Spring City Council decided to pledge \$20,000 for renovations. For the past five months, inmates with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice's Wilderness Camp have

been building and reconstructing pavilions, barbecue pits and tables, laying lines for water and sewer to the RV area and clearing overgrown areas.

"We think everyone will be real pleased," said Emma Bogard, Big Spring assistant city manager. "There has been a lot of hard work going on out there."

The city is planning an "official" reopening of the park on Saturday, with snacks and drinks and some prizes, said Bogard.

"We'll actually open March 1

but that's a weekday, so we're inviting everyone out on Saturday to celebrate the reopening of the facilities," she said.

About the only work left to be done is some seal-coating of some of the roads. Officials are waiting for summer to do that. Still, some roadwork has been done. Base material has been placed on roads along the south side of the lake, and they have been oiled. The county helped with grading and smoothing roads on the north side, Bogard said.

Those who frequented the lake prior to October will notice a lot of changes. Pavilions have been painted and roofs replaced with new sheet metal. Barbecue pits have been replaced or repaired, as have the picnic tables. The dam has been cleaned of brush and on the south side, there is a volleyball court and playground area. Brush and debris have been cleared out of a lot of areas, making the old paths that lead down to the water more accessible.

Campsites on the north side of

the lake that had become perilously close to the edge of the overhang because of erosion have been moved back for safety's sake.

In all 27 sites were addressed. At some, work was extensive; others received just a facelift.

One area that has received special attention is the RV park. All 16 sites for recreational vehicles in the park area have water and electricity now, and five sites feature sewer hookups as well.

Brightly painted pavilions also grace the RV area,



Dental hygiene students were busy Saturday at their annual fair, held from 10 a.m. until noon. Levi Hutchinson is being helped to spin the wheel for a prize by a Howard College dental hygiene student.

Dance festival expected to draw a crowd

By **GINA GARZA**
Staff Writer

More than 100 visitors are expected to the fourth annual Line Dance Festival which will be held Wednesday, beginning at 9 a.m. at the Spring City Senior Center.

The event is being sponsored by the senior center and a local line dance group the Spring City Stompers, and is expected to draw a large crowd.

"We will have a large crowd from all over, approximately 100 visitors. We do this for fun and not for competition," said Dorothy Kennemur, coordinator.

According to Kennemur, 15 groups have signed up. "Each group will do three dances and you would be surprised at the names of the groups and dances," she said.

There will be door prizes and "goodie bags" for each group. Kennemur also said there

would be a drawing for a red barbecue grill and an Afghan with the Big Spring logo on it. "The event is free to all. All anyone has to pay is for their lunch," she said.

"People really look forward to coming to Big Spring to see the dances and the dancers, especially in their neat costumes," said Kennemur.

Some of the groups will include the Senior Strutters of

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Glasscock Co. ISD board sets interviews with superintendent finalists

By **GINA GARZA**
Staff Writer

Glasscock County ISD board of trustees has scheduled a dinner meeting next week with each of the three finalists for the superintendent position.

Tommy Hancock, superintendent for Westbrook; Joe Spaulding, who is currently employed by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) in Austin as the Planner Three Division of Accountability Evaluation; and Steve Long,

superintendent of Rule; make up the list of finalists.

Hancock will be interviewed Monday, March 6, Spaulding on Tuesday, March 7, and Long Wednesday, March 8. Each meeting will begin with dinner in open session and adjourn to closed session for each interview.

Hancock has been the superintendent for Westbrook since 1997. He received his bachelor's degree in agriculture education from Texas Tech University. He also received his master's

degree from Tech. He achieved his superintendent certification from Sul Ross University.

Before being superintendent, Hancock was the principal in Ira from grades kindergarten through high school, as well as principal at Aspermont High School. He was also principal the junior high school in Friona.

Spaulding received his bachelor's degree from Harding University in Searcy, Ark., with a major in social science and a minor in English. He received

his master's degree from the University of Houston with a major in administration education.

He has been employed by TEA since 1988. Prior to that, he was the superintendent of the Dell City ISD, assistant to the superintendent at the Eanes school district, and principal of the middle school at Eanes.

Long has been superintendent at Rule since 1995. He received his bachelor's degree from Angelo State University majoring in science and physical edu-

cation, and his master's degree from Abilene Christian University. Long received his superintendent certification from Sul Ross University, Alpine.

Prior to being superintendent, Long taught and was a coach in Roby and Water Valley.

"Clyde Greer, senior consultant superintendent search service of the Texas Association of School Boards in Austin, is doing all the work on these spe-

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Isaiah 58 helping provide food, other goods for needy

By **CARL GRAHAM**
Staff Writer

Hunger in Howard County is a problem — but as long as there are agencies such as the Isaiah 58 project to help out no one will be turned down.

Isaiah 58 was established to help stop hunger. It is a ministry which provides food and clothing at no cost to those who can use a helping hand.

According to Paul Smith, vice president of operations, it is not uncommon to have around 20 families come in for assistance on any given day or night.

The ministry, located at 107 Runnels, is manned strictly by volunteers from the community.

"Our volunteers come from all walks of life," said Smith. "They are retirees, housewives, ministers, and some who come

in on their day off from their regular job."

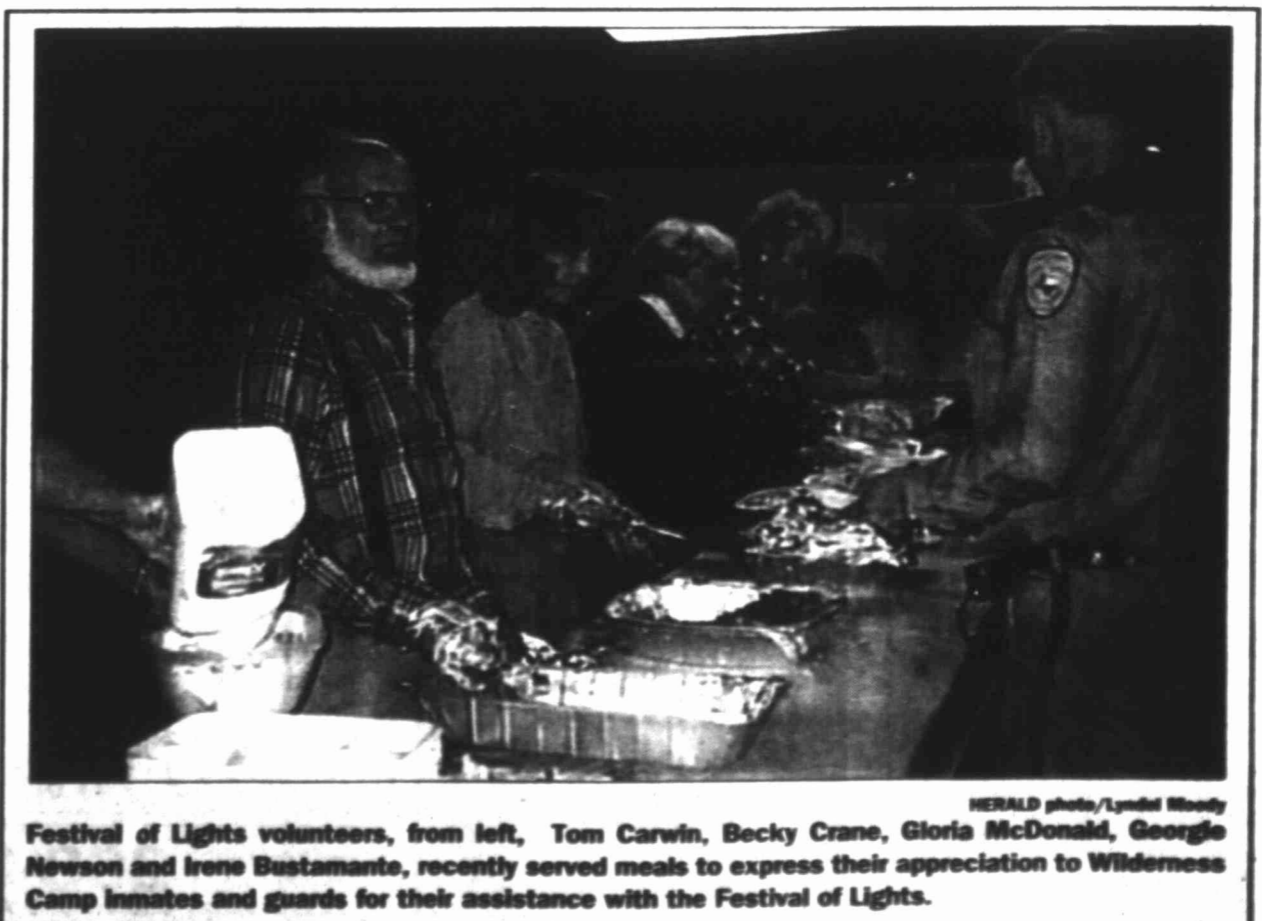
There is no cost for the services the agency provides and there is no need to qualify. The only requirement is to come through the door and be interviewed. There, the needs will be assessed on an individual basis. Food and clothing will be given as the needs of the individual or family are determined.

"We try to help families out once a month," Smith said. "They are times however, when people are unable to help themselves and we work with them if we can."

The agency is always in need of those individuals who have a caring heart and are able to volunteer a few hours of their time each week.

"We need a minimum of

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Festival of Lights volunteers, from left, Tom Carwin, Becky Crane, Gloria McDonald, George Newson and Irene Bustamante, recently served meals to express their appreciation to Wilderness Camp inmates and guards for their assistance with the Festival of Lights.

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Bush blasts Microsoft trial, backs more visas for high-tech workers

SEATTLE (AP) — George W. Bush opened a campaign swing in the final days before Washington state's presidential primary by criticizing the Clinton administration for pursuing an antitrust case against Microsoft Corp.

A federal judge, ruling in a case brought by the Justice Department and 19 states, has found Microsoft to be a monopolist that abused its power. A final verdict is expected by early spring.

Flanked by several high-technology industry leaders in a news conference Sunday at the Boeing Co. Flight Center, the Texas governor said, "I stand

on the side of innovation, not litigation."

Bush would "seek to resolve (the case) in a way that does not break up the company," added Sen. Slade Gorton, R-Wash. "I don't think a Bush administration would have brought the case to begin with."

In another high-tech issue, Bush said he would expand to 200,000 the number of six-year H-1-B visas that allow companies to hire foreign workers. The current number is 115,000.

Arguing that the domestic talent pool is dry, high-tech officials have been seeking an increase in the number of visas. Last week, a bill cosponsored

by Gorton was introduced to boost the number to 195,000 visas in each of the next three years.

Congress granted a temporary expansion of the program in 1998. Without congressional action, the would drop to 107,500 on Oct. 1 and to 65,000 annually a year later.

Bush repeated apologies he had made earlier in the day in Austin over a campaign appearance Feb. 2 at Bob Jones University in South Carolina, a Christian school whose leaders have criticized the Pope and labeled the Catholic church a "Satanic cult."

"I made a mistake. I regret

not having spoken out. No excuses," he said.

His GOP rival, Sen. John McCain, has assailed Bush for not using the appearance to denounce those views and the school's ban on interracial dating.

While apologizing, Bush lashed out at McCain's campaign tactics, especially the telephone calls McCain acknowledged his campaign workers placed to Michigan voters before the primary there last Tuesday.

"I became very troubled by the guilt by association and the slandering of my good name," Bush said.

"I'm disappointed with John McCain," he said.

"This is a man who paid for phone calls implying I'm an anti-Catholic bigot. I don't appreciate that kind of campaigning."

McCain has denied that the calls portrayed Bush as a bigot.

At least one Republican voter, Lawrence Schmitt, 68, a Catholic from Port Orchard, said McCain's tactics on the issue had turned him off.

"It's guilt by association. Anybody with an ounce of brains should detect that," Schmitt said.

Asked what he would do to appeal to independent voters

everywhere, Bush said: "I'm going to talk about education a lot. I'm going to talk about my record."

He did just that in a visit Sunday evening to Clover Park High School in Lakewood, south of Tacoma.

"When I'm president, I'm going to remind people that our most important job is to love our children with all our hearts," he told the crowd of 600.

At one point, a small child asked him, "When elected president, do you promise to be a lot, lot better than Bill Clinton?" — to which Bush replied simply, "Yes."

Youth incarcerations more than doubled from 1985

WASHINGTON (AP) — As states moved steadily to prosecute more young people as adults, the number of prison inmates under 18 more than doubled between 1985 and 1997.

In 1985, 3,400 youths 17 or younger were committed to adult prisons on conviction in either juvenile or adult courts. By 1997, the number of such youths had more than doubled to 7,400, the Justice Department reported Sunday.

Young inmates by no means are overrunning the prisons' adult population of 2 million, and just 5 percent of all young offenders serve sentences in adult facilities, researchers said. But data suggest that today's violent young offenders are more likely to do prison time than in years past.

That's partly because of an increasing number of state laws that take away their legal status

as minors and make them more accountable, researchers say. The crackdown, fueled in part by high-profile school violence, has placed children as young as 11 on trial in criminal courts.

"Many states have increased the number of provisions that allow juveniles to be handled in the adult system," said report author Kevin J. Strom, a researcher with the Bureau of Justice Statistics.

The report, based on state prison records reported annually to the Justice Department, noted that while 37 states and the District of Columbia consider 18-year-olds adults for criminal purposes, most also allow "certain categories of offenders under 18 to be incarcerated in adult prisons and housed with older inmates."

Debate continues to rage over the merits of handing out adult punishments for legally classi-

fied youth who commit crimes. Californians will vote March 7 on a ballot proposal that would make it easier to charge juveniles as young as 14 as adults for serious crimes and impose life sentences.

"There's some justification for public frustration with the juvenile system," said Vincent Schiraldi, director of the Justice Policy Institute, a think tank opposed to mandatory sentencing. "But sending them to the adult system en masse is no solution. It's hardly a resounding success for the people it's got."

Yearly youth commitments to prison climbed steadily between 1986 and 1995, then leveled off, the report said. Over the years, more youths were imprisoned relative to the number arrested. In 1997, 33 youths were sent to prison for every 1,000 arrests for violent crimes, up from the 18

per 1,000 in 1985.

Seven in 10 young offenders who received adult punishment in 1997, the latest year state prison records were available, were convicted of violent crimes. Of that total, 37 percent were jailed for robbery, 13 percent for murder and 13 percent for aggravated assault, the report said.

The inmate data do not specify whether young offenders are convicted in juvenile or adult courts, but Strom said it is known that a small percentage go from the juvenile courts to adult incarceration.

Historically, young offenders' fates were mostly decided by juvenile court judges. But after a spate of drug-gang violence and school shootings in the last decade, state lawmakers decided adult prisons could more effectively deal with violent or chronic youth offenders.

Microsoft expanding its wireless online service

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Microsoft Corp. is introducing an interactive version of its online service for cell phones and handheld computers that lets users not only receive information, but send messages or make an Internet purchase.

It's yet another step in the company's strategy to extend its Web presence through its online network, MSN, to consumers wherever they might be. Like others that operate Internet portals, including America Online and Yahoo!, Microsoft wants to expand its reach well beyond the personal computer.

"The wireless Web is now turning into a highway," said Brad Chase, senior vice president of MSN. "It is no longer a side road."

Company chairman Bill Gates was expected today to launch the latest version of MSN Mobile, an offshoot of the MSN online service, at the Cellular Telecommunications Industry Association convention here.

Gates is among a number of high-profile speakers attending the event, many of whom don't come from traditional cellular phone companies but are part of the burgeoning drive to offer wireless data.

Microsoft also planned to announce agreements with Nextel and AirTouch Communications Inc. to offer the interactive MSN Mobile service. Company officials say they are building relationships with others as well.

MSN Mobile was introduced last year, allowing users to receive wireless information like stock quotes, weather reports and lottery information in text message form on interactive pagers and cell phones. As part of its announcement, the company said WebLink Wireless Inc. and Totally Free Paging Inc. have agreed to offer an enhanced form of these one-way notifications on their products.

The new version of MSN Mobile, to be available in April,

will make it possible to send and receive information on a wireless device when using MSN services such as Hotmail for exchanging e-mail, Expedia.com for making travel plans and MSN MoneyCentral for managing personal financial matters.

That means consumers can check and respond to their Hotmail messages or find an itinerary and then a book a ticket on Expedia using a cell phone or handheld computer with Web capabilities.

But company executives stress that as they and others forge ahead in providing wireless content, consumers increasingly will need ways to manage the information coming at them.

"When you're using a phone to browse the Web you don't have a PC keyboard in front of you," Chase said. "You don't have the features that make it a lot easier."

Microsoft says that giving consumers an easy way to tailor

the information they get is key to its mobile Web strategy.

"Our vision for mobility is that people are going to be born with a cell phone attached to their hip," said Paul Gross, senior vice president of the server applications and mobility group.

But without giving consumers a way to control their communications, that phone could easily become a hindrance, he commented.

The latest version of MSN Mobile gives users more ways to customize the information they want to receive.

They can go to the MSN Web site, set their preferences and download it to their phone. That would enable users, for example, to select that they be notified immediately when certain people send messages or to only receive stock updates at specific times of the day.

"Our PC integration allows the user to be in control and prevents wireless overload," Chase said.

Gasoline prices jump 6 cents in two weeks

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Gasoline prices jumped 6 cents per gallon at the pump in the past two weeks, surpassing the all-time peak recorded in November 1990, an industry analyst said.

High crude oil prices and strong demand combined to drive up the national average price, including all grades and taxes, to \$1.4713 as of Friday. That was an increase of 6.08 cents from Feb. 11, according to the Lundberg Survey of 10,000 stations nationwide, analyst Tribly Lundberg said Sunday.

"The international oil community is speculating that key world oil producers may increase oil production in April, which would ease oil prices and

therefore gasoline prices," Lundberg said.

"But for now, gasoline prices will probably hover around their current levels or rise even further."

Before now, the highest average price for a gallon of gasoline in the nation was \$1.46 in 1990, Lundberg said. But strong demand indicates the price increase has not created a crisis.

"Despite this record high level for gasoline prices, unadjusted for inflation though it may be, consumption has not flinched," Lundberg said. "This suggests that prices are not at an emergency high level at this point."

Crude oil prices are up amid

uncertainty over whether the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries will increase output when an agreement on lowered production expires next month.

Prices recorded Friday at self-service stations averaged

\$1.4239 per gallon for regular unleaded gasoline, \$1.5196 for mid-grade and \$1.6032 for premium.

Full-service prices were \$1.7263 per gallon for regular, \$1.8098 for mid-grade and \$1.8840 for premium.

Spokesman plays down talk of Albright, Czech presidency

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Madeleine Albright is "certainly flattered" by suggestions she seek the presidency of her native Czech Republic, but she has dismissed it without serious consideration, her spokesman says.

Some Czechs are speaking of her as a possible successor to President Vaclav Havel, who must retire in 2002. Havel, a playwright-turned-politician, helped lead the "Velvet Revolution" that in 1989 persuaded communist rulers to resign, and he also has raised Albright's name.

But State Department spokesman James P. Rubin sought to dampen the speculation Sunday.

"From time to time, senior Czech officials have approached the secretary about this possibility," he said. "She has dismissed it, although she is certainly flattered that Czechs would consider her for the post of president of her native land. She has never given this any serious consideration."

Albright, 62, plans to be in the Czech Republic on March 5-8. The visit coincides with the commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the birth of national hero Tomas Masaryk, who served as the first president of the Czechoslovak Republic after the collapse of Austria-Hungary in 1918.

Havel's chief policy adviser, Pavel Fischer, told Time magazine "it is not impossible" that Havel and Albright will discuss the presidency during the visit. The secretary, a former

professor, has not publicly discussed her plans after the Clinton administration ends next year.

Albright's visit will have some trappings of a political barnstorming tour. She will receive a gold medal from Masaryk University in Brno and will go to Masaryk's birthplace at Hodonin. She will lay a wreath at his tomb in Lany, west of Prague, and go to the capital to unveil a Masaryk statue.

Albright was born Marie Korbelova in Prague in 1937. Her father was a Czech diplomat who took his family to London as Germany took over their homeland at the start of World War II. The family then moved to Denver in 1948 rather than serve under a communist Czechoslovak government.

Havel first brought up the presidency idea in 1998. After returning to Prague from an official visit to the United States, he expressed regret that he hadn't asked whether she would be available to succeed him. "It occurred to me on the plane on my way back home," Havel said, "so I did not have the chance to ask her."

The U.S. Constitution bars Albright or any other foreign-born citizen from the American presidency, but there appears to be no legal bar to keep an American citizen from assuming the presidency of another country.

Other naturalized citizens have served in foreign governments.

Lithuania's current president, Valdas Adamkus, is a former U.S. government bureaucrat.

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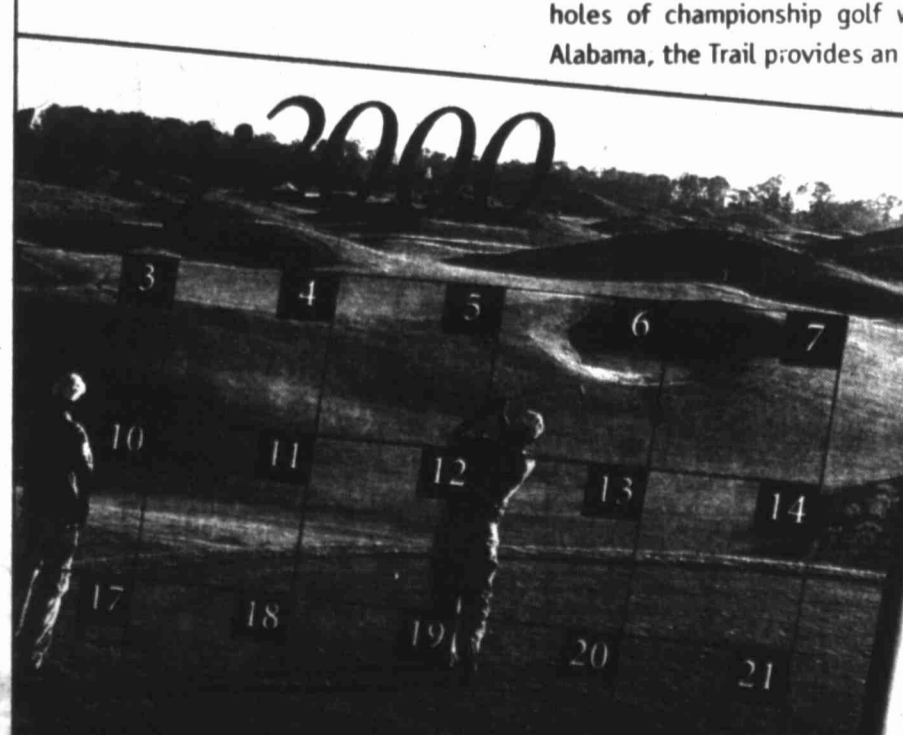
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EDITORIAL

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OUR VIEWS

Take the time to cast a vote in mayor's race

Tuesday is the last day to cast a ballot in the early voting period of the Big Spring mayor's election. We're pleased to note that citizens have been responding to the election positively.

Seeking the mayor's post are current councilmen Greg Biddison and Oscar Garcia and former councilman Russ McEwen - all qualified candidates who have some knowledge of the position.

The candidates have been attending various functions, speaking to groups and individuals, responding to questionnaires and, in general, espousing their ideas for our city's future.

While the Herald has endorsed McEwen in this race, we appreciate the fact that choosing our next mayor is a democratic process.

The deadline to cast a vote in the early period is 5 p.m. Tuesday in the city secretary's office at city hall.

Election day is Saturday, and the polls will move a few feet west - to city council chambers.

The position of mayor is a key one in our city. The mayor is a leader, who, with the council's help, will guide our city in the years to come.

Please vote.

OTHER VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

I recently received my first speeding ticket in 26 years of driving. Not having any experience in such matters, I opted to plead not guilty.

After the police officer testified (in Judge Tabor's court), I was allowed to ask questions.

After my questions, the attorney for the city continued, "So you don't have any PROOF that you were not speeding?"

Of course, I had no

"proof."

After being found guilty, arranging to take the Defensive Driving class and leaving the courtroom, it dawned on me what had happened.

I was guilty because I could not prove my innocence - ie. "guilty until proven innocent." What a concept.

I thought the I.R.S. was the only governing body that could do that!

DONNY GREEN BIG SPRING

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Covering the Courts: Physician, conceal thyself

The rule on criminal trials is clear. The Sixth Amendment says that in all criminal prosecutions the accused has a right to a trial that is both speedy "and public."



JAMES J. KILPATRICK

What about civil trials? Does the spirit of the Sixth Amendment animate the mundane suit for damages brought by Jones v. Smith?

Remarkably, the Supreme Court seems never to have ruled on the question directly. Now an opportunity is at hand for the high court to take a case from Charlotte, N.C., that presents the issue squarely.

and for performing unnecessary surgery. He sued for restoration and damages.

The hospitals responded by filing a motion for summary judgment. When the motion came on to be heard in the Superior Court for Mecklenburg County, the hospitals moved for an order closing the hearing and sealing the peer review records.

The Observer carried its protest to the North Carolina Supreme Court, but to no avail. Speaking through Burley B. Mitchell Jr., who was then chief justice, the court acknowledged that civil court proceedings generally must be open to the news media.

foster effective, frank and uninhibited exchange among medical peer review committee members.

In its petition to the U.S. Supreme Court, the Observer describes the state law as a kind of "sweetheart deal" cooked up by doctors, hospitals and insurers.

The Observer's petition stands on solid First Amendment grounds. Trial courts do not belong to doctors or lawyers or to companies that write insurance against malpractice.

Granted, there are times when a trial judge properly may seal certain exhibits or deny access to hearings in chambers. The national security is an overriding example.

Confidential and candid peer review, but when "candor" is camouflage for "cover-up," the press should be heard.

Lower appellate courts repeatedly have recognized and supported public access to civil proceedings. Counsel for the Observer cite cases from eight states and six federal circuits in which a right of access to civil courts has been upheld.

In what is known as the DePasquale case of 1979, the U.S. Supreme Court found "no principled basis upon which a public right of access to judicial proceedings can be limited to criminal cases."

That strikes me as sound doctrine. Open the courtroom doors and set aside the seals!

The Cliche...



Senator Robb's Super Tuesday legacy

Sen. Charles S. Robb, D-Va., is the man most often hailed, or berated, as the principal architect of Super Tuesday.



JACK ANDERSON

He accomplished this as one of the members of the Democratic Leadership Council, the organization that successfully pulled the Democratic Party away from the George McGovern faction and moved it to the center.

In the Election of 1988, when Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis captured the Democratic nomination, Robb, not yet a U.S. senator, was a major player.

Although he endorsed Tennessee Sen. Al Gore Jr.'s presidential bid just before Super Tuesday, he acknowledged that his preference is

still "Nunn of the above" - a reference to Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga.

"Al Gore," he said, "has attempted to articulate a message for the future that has appeal to moderates and conservatives... but his record does not have the same appeal."

The basic problem was that most of the delegates then were likely to be liberal. Robb agreed that the "super delegates" - those automatic delegates coming from the ranks of Democratic governors, party leaders and members of Congress - included more conservatives than did the group chosen on Super Tuesday.

So enter Gore, the occasional conservative, as the choice of last resort for Robbian Democrats.

Robb did give the Rev. Jesse Jackson his due: "Barbara Jordan (of Texas) said, 'Jesse, you've got to stop scaring people.'" And Robb acknowledged that Jackson had thereafter stayed away from those bigoted remarks that "he seemed to revel in then, in '84."

"I have fundamental disagreements with him about foreign policy," Robb said. Further, he viewed as divisive Jackson's "reintroduction of class consciousness" into the political arena, but conceded that Jackson had "managed to excite people.... He is dynamic and entertaining."

And excitement is what it may all come down to. Robb described a convention as "an emotional happening." And he went on to say, "Bill Bradley is a friend, but he doesn't stimulate people emotionally."

Bradley was probably Robb's second choice for the presidency, after Nunn. But absent Nunn and Bradley, Robb opted for Gore, while at the same time implying the unlikelihood of his nomination.

So who did Robb expect to win the brokering process in that primary of 1988? Non-candidates Nunn or Bradley? Jackson? Gore? No, Robb expected the one who won: Michael Dukakis.

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MONDAY

FEB. 28

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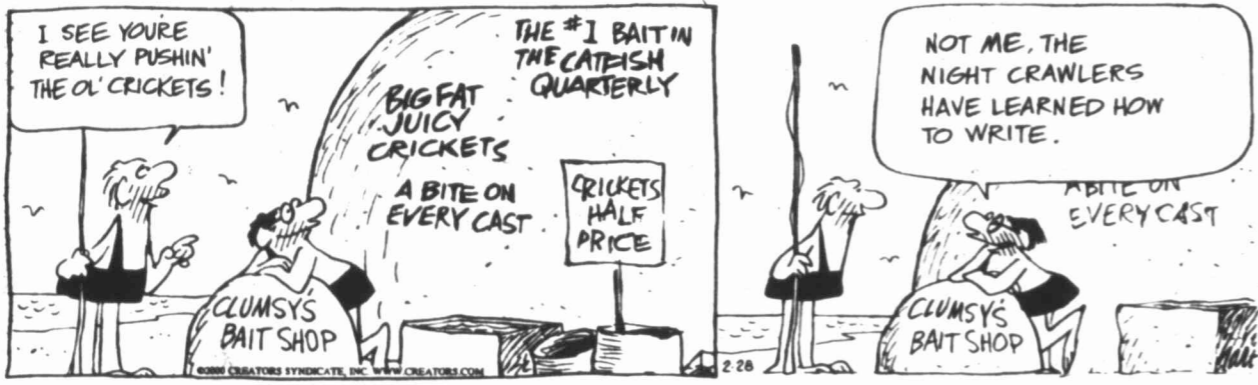
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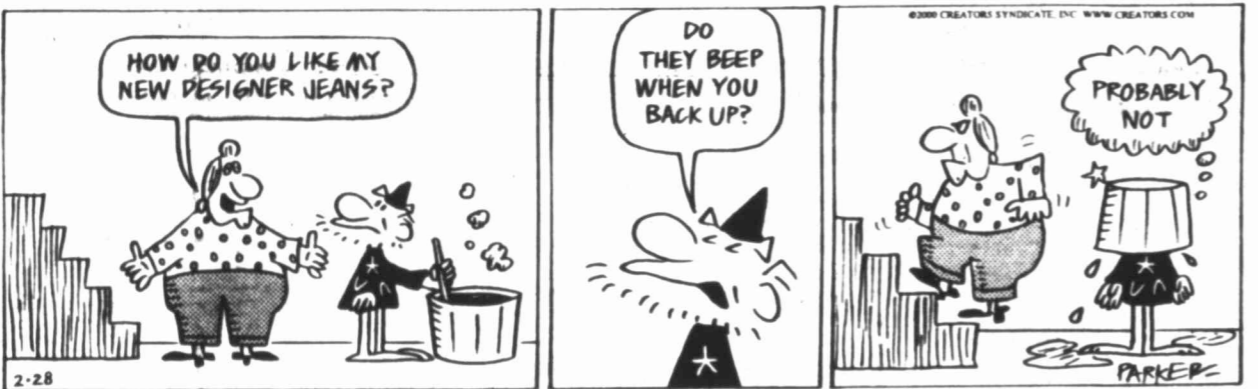
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"WHAT KIND OF FLAKES WOULD YOU LIKE THIS MORNING?" "SNOW!"

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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Monday, Feb. 28th, the 59th day of 2000. There are 307 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 28, 1854, some 50 slavery opponents met in Ripon, Wis., to call for creation of a new political group, which became the Republican Party.

and freight, the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Co., was incorporated. In 1844, a 12-inch gun aboard the USS Princeton exploded, killing Secretary of State Abel P. Upshur.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

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By Stanley B. Whitten Highwood, IL 2/28/00

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Saturday's Puzzle Solved grid with words like CATARRH, CHICANE, KRUEGER, REMERGE, etc.

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In 1849, the ship California arrived at San Francisco, carrying the first of the gold-seekers. In 1861, the Territory of Colorado was organized. In 1940, the first televised college basketball games were broadcast, by New York City station W2XBS, as Pittsburgh defeated Fordham, 57-37, and New York University beat Georgetown, 50-27, at Madison Square Garden. In 1974, the United States and Egypt re-established diplomatic relations after a seven-year break. In 1975, more than 40 people were killed in London's Underground when a subway train smashed into the end of a tunnel. In 1986, Swedish Prime Minister Olof Palme was shot to death in central Stockholm. In 1993, a gun battle erupted at a compound near Waco, Texas when Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agents tried to serve warrants on the Branch Davidians; four agents and six Davidians were killed as a 51-day standoff began. Ten years ago: Space shuttle Atlantis blasted off from Cape Canaveral, Fla. on a secret mission to place a spy satellite in orbit. Five years ago: U.S. Marines swept ashore in Somalia to protect retreating U.N. peacekeepers. Denver International Airport opened after 16 months of delays and \$3.2 billion in budget overruns. One year ago: Guerrillas detonated two bombs beside a military convoy in southern Lebanon, killing a brigadier general and three other Israelis; Israel retaliated with air raids on suspected guerrilla hideouts. Today's Birthdays: Actress Billie Bird is 92. Actor Charles Durning is 77. Svetlana Alliluyeva, daughter of Josef Stalin, is 74. Actor Gavin MacLeod is 69. Actor Don Franks is 68. Actor-director-dancer Tommy Tune is 61. Auto racer Mario Andretti is 60. Singer Joe South is 60. Actor Frank Bonner is 58. Football player Bubba Smith is 55. Actress Stephanie Beacham is 53. Actress Mercedes Ruehl is 52. Actress Bernadette Peters is 52. Basketball player Adrian Dantley is 44. Actor John Turturro is 43. Rock singer Cindy Wilson (formerly of B52s) is 43. Actress Rae Dawn Chong is 39.