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Coahoma Lions set pancake feed

The Coahoma Lions Club will be holding its annual Pancake Supper at the Coahoma Elementary School Cafeteria on Thursday.

The supper will be served from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. and it will be an all-you-can-eat affair with pancakes, sausage, bacon and milk being served. Cost for the event is \$3.50 per person with pre-school children eating free when accompanied by a paying adult.

Advance tickets to the supper are available at the Little Sooper, located on 101 South First in Coahoma.

Irene LeMarr, publicity chairman for the Coahoma Lions Club, is hoping this year's event will be as profitable as those in the past.

"I hope that everyone will come out our support our cause and have a good time," said LeMarr. "We are hoping to feed a lot of people and at this low price I don't think you can beat it."

Those that do not buy tickets in advance can still eat by paying at the door the

VFW chili supper slated for Saturday

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2013 will have a chili supper Saturday from 4-8 p.m. at the VFW Hall, 500 Driver Road.

The supper, which will include chili, cornbread and beans, is available for a \$4 donation. It is a fundraiser for projects of the VFW, which benefit veterans in the area.

For information or tickets, call Leo Welch at 267-5290. Tickets will also be available at the door.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

□ VFW Post No. 2013, 7 p.m., VFW Hall.

□ Big Spring Chapter No. 67, Orders of the Eastern Star, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 219 Main.

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.

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Filing flurry prompts one contested race for Big Spring City Council

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

Just two days after making an unsuccessful bid for the Big Spring mayor's seat, Greg Biddison finds himself in another race — this time for his District 6 slot on the city council.

"I'd like to continue to serve the people of my district with another three-year term on the council," Biddison said



BIDDISON



DAVIS



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Tuesday. "I welcome the opportunity to work with the new

mayor. I think this council can work well together." Before he gets that opportunity, Biddison will have to defeat radio host Brenda Weatherby Davis, who also filed Tuesday as a candidate for District 6.

"I want to be more involved in the community. I feel like I can make a difference. I'm not bashful. I'm not one to sit back and not speak my mind," said Davis, 41-year-old host of the morning show Ask Your Neighbor on KBYG.

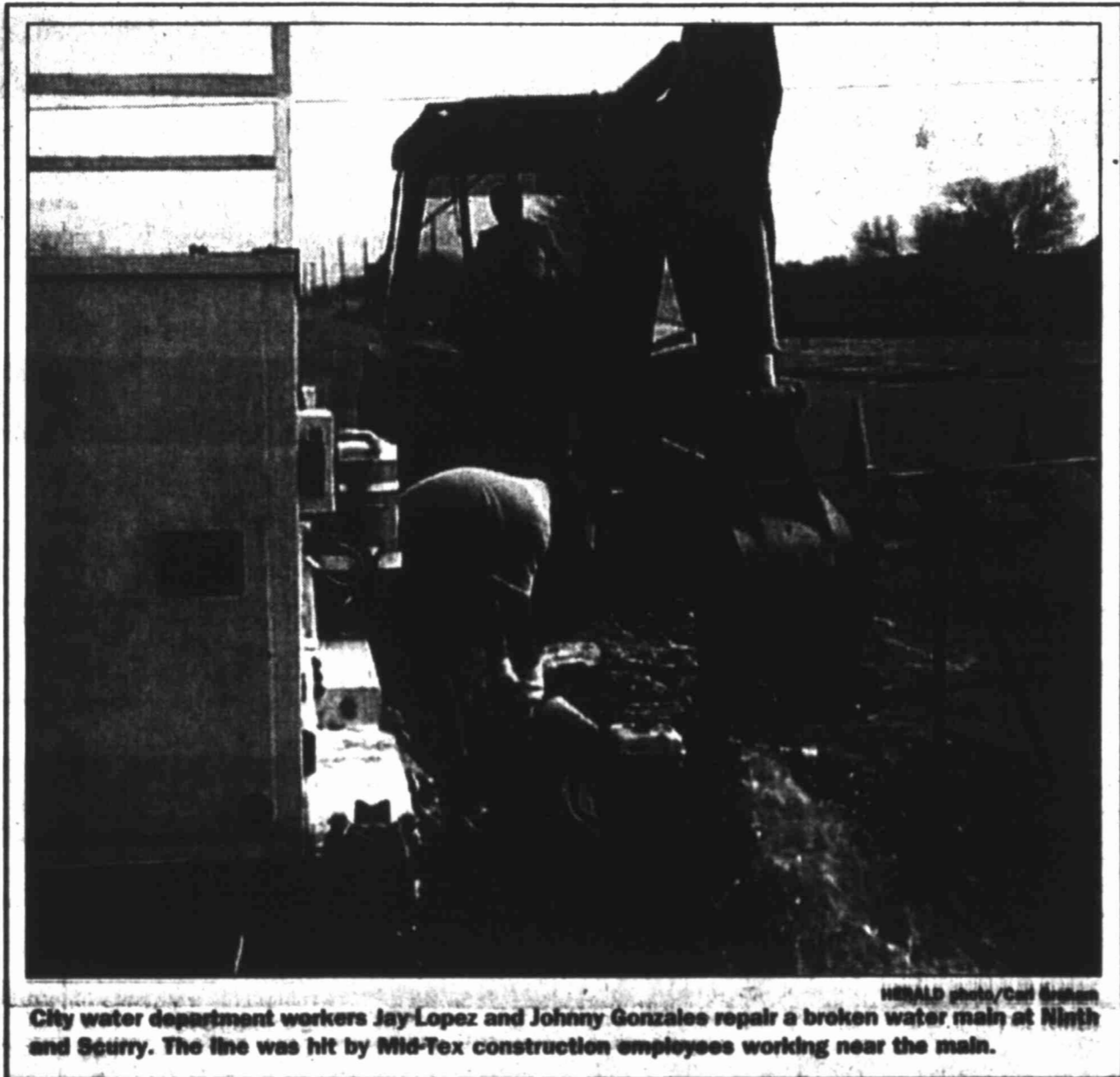
Biddison's decision to seek a second term was anticipated — he and fellow council member Oscar Garcia both announced Saturday their intention to stay on the council after they lost the mayor's race to Russ

McEwen. Garcia also filed Tuesday to retain his District 2 seat on the council. As yet, he is unopposed.

That gives the upcoming May 6 council elections a full slate as the third incumbent, District 4 representative Tommy Tune, had filed for another term more than a week ago. He is also unopposed.

Davis said that while she lives just outside District 6, she is

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City water department workers Jay Lopez and Johnny Gonzales repair a broken water main at Ninth and Sperry. The line was hit by Mid-Tex construction employees working near the main.

Council

New mayor receives oath; city approves water well bid, buying pumps, motors

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

Big Spring City Council accepted the low bid on water well for Comanche Trail Park Golf Course and handled routine items Tuesday before swearing in new mayor Russ McEwen.

McEwen, who won the seat in a special election Saturday, immediately called for a work session.

"I'd like to get to know the council better, have you get to know me, and I'd like to do some goal-setting," he said.

"I am looking forward to working with you, absolutely and positively," McEwen added.

After some brief discussion, it was decided to hold the session at 5:30 p.m. on March 27 in council chambers.

Canvassing of the election returns and McEwen's oath of office took place after formal business of the council. Earlier, the group decided to accept a bid of \$21,920.40 from Choate Well Service to install a well at the city golf course.

"We have a couple of options that could lower the cost," said Emma Bogard, assistant city manager. "Whether we use PVC or steel will depend on what we run into down there. If we can use PVC, we can save some money there. Also, the bid called for a 60 horsepower pump. We may be able to go with a smaller pump. We feel this bid may come in less, but it is hard to tell you that until the well is actually drilled."

In other business, the council

decided to spend an estimated \$67,000 to replace five pumps and motors in its water distribution system instead of \$56,000 to try and repair them. Two of the pumps are at the water treatment plant; the other three are located at the city park, said Todd Darden, director of public works.

"We are asking the council to allow us to replace these instead of having them repaired. They were installed in 1967 and when you consider availability of parts and the time factor, plus warranty, we feel we will be better off replacing them," Darden said.

Some \$65,000 had already been budgeted for the repair of replacement of the equipment, he noted.

"I feel like our estimate on that was liberal. We may be able to purchase them for that (budgeted) amount," he told the council.

Councilman Chuck Cawthon made the motion to approve the purchase, saying, "You are going to have trouble finding parts for pumps that are this old and when you repair them, you are still going to have 1967 pumps. Let's replace them."

Approval was unanimous. The council approved a memorandum of understanding with Crossroads Housing Development Corporation.

"This will allow us to use state and federal funds to do affordable housing projects," said Paul Pryor, who heads up the corporation, which was formed from the Big Spring Housing Authority.

The council also approved going out for bids on a city depository and allowing city officials to hire a temporary attorney until they can hire one. The city has been without a full-time attorney since Jim Finley accepted a similar position with Longview late last year.

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New fees approved at Moss Creek Lake

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

It will cost a little more to stay overnight at Moss Creek Lake in the future, but the fee for

gaining entrance to the city-owned recreation area will stay the same, Big Spring City Council decided Tuesday.

Most of the additional charges are a result of five months of cleaning, repair and renovations at the property, which reopened to the public last Wednesday.

"The old rate for the RV area was seven dollars a night. Now we have water and electricity to all of the sites there and sewer hookup to some of the sites. So

LAKE FEES

Entrance fee	\$3 per vehicle
Yearly permit	\$35 per family
Full RV hookup	\$15 per night (water, electric, sewer)
RV hookup	\$10 per night (water, electric)
Pavilion rental	\$25 per 24-hour period
Paddleboats, canoes	\$3 per hour
Volleyball net/ball	\$5 per 3 hours
Overnight camping	\$6 (includes entrance fee)
Boat launching	\$2

we are proposing \$15 dollars a night for full hookup and \$10 per night for water and electricity," said Emma Bogard, assistant city manager. "We have done some comparison with other RV parks in the area and we feel this will be in line with what they charge."

Recreational vehicles can also stay at the park on full hookup for \$70 a week.

"There was discussion about

monthly rates, but it is not really set up to serve people to stay months at a time and even if it were, we feel the weekly rate is not out of line with monthly rental of an apartment," said Bogard.

Overnight camping is now \$6, up from \$4. That fee is per site, and not per individual. The fee to launch a boat is \$2, up from

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BSHS Academic Team wins big; on to state now

By Lyndel Moody
Staff Writer

The Big Spring High School Academic Team took first place in the Permian Basin Academic Challenge held in Lubbock.

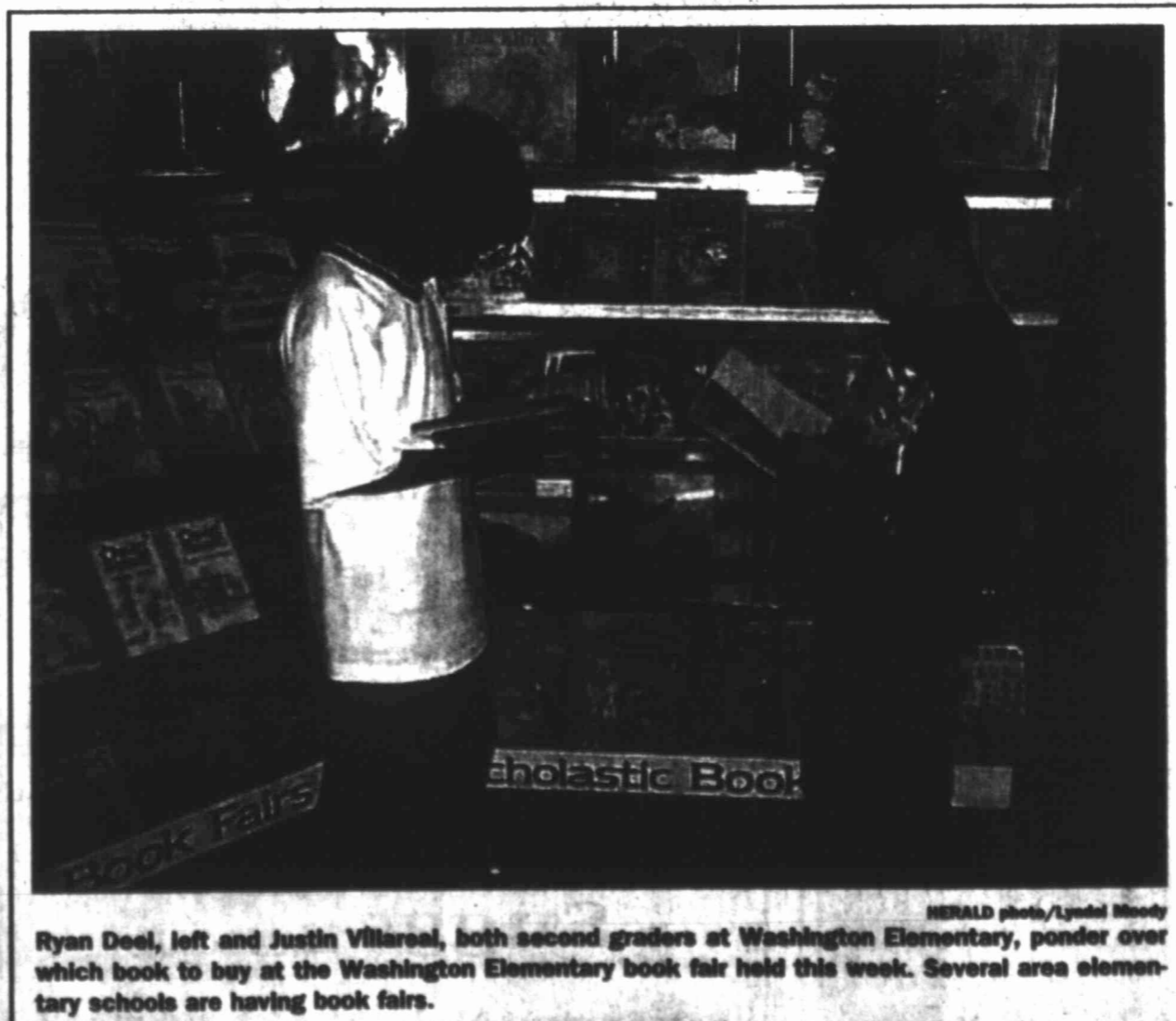
"They were qualified to go on to state," said Elizabeth Saenz, sponsor for the team.

"They also won a spot in nationals because they were undefeated during the competition."

The team consists of senior Guido Toscano, juniors Roseanna Quintero, Jason Baker and Justin Nichols, sophomore Nathan Smith and freshman alternate, Guan Ausbie.

"The team did an excellent job, and I am very proud of

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Ryan Deal, left and Justin Villareal, both second graders at Washington Elementary, ponder over which book to buy at the Washington Elementary book fair held this week. Several area elementary schools are having book fairs.

Liles third at regional spelling bee

By GINA GARZA
Staff Writer

Kacy Liles, eighth grader from Forsan Junior High School, took third place at the regional bee in Lubbock Saturday.

"She went out on the word transference in the 16th round," said Debbie Liles, her mother.

The bee went on for a total of 20 rounds.

Joreen Belocura of Hobbs, N.M., won first place by spelling competency. Bianca Diaz of Seminole took second.

"We are very proud of her. She's really improved. Two years ago she didn't even place," said Liles.

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OBITUARIES

Viola Mae Glenn
Funeral service for Viola Mae Glenn, 90, Stanton, will be 10 a.m. Thursday, March 9, 2000, at First Baptist Church, Stanton, with the Rev. David Harp, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will follow at Evergreen Cemetery.

Mrs. Glenn died on Tuesday, March 7, in a Midland hospital. She was born on Oct. 1, 1919, in Lincoln, Ark., and married O.R. (Bob) Glenn on April 23, 1949, in Canyon. She was a member of First Baptist Church and the China Painters Guild. She served as chairman of the hostess committee at First Baptist Church for several years. She came to Stanton in 1959, from Midland and worked as a beautician for over 30 years.

She is survived by: her husband, O. R. (Bob) Glenn of Stanton; four daughters, Bonnie Franklin and Marjorie Chandler, both of Stanton, Bobbie Graves of Midland, and Robbie Boykin of Goldthwaite; a brother, Royce Edward Boyce of Canyon; 14 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the following: American Cancer Society; 2304 West Wadley; Midland; 79705, Hospice of Midland; 911 West Texas, Midland; 79701, or First Baptist Church of Stanton; P.O. Box 1168; Stanton; 79782.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home.

Janice Pickle Harris
Service for Janice Pickle Harris, 95, Austin, formerly of Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She died Monday, March 6, 2000, in an Austin nursing home.

Violet Melton
Service for Violet Melton, 73, Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She died Tuesday, March 7, 2000, in a local hospital.

William Leech
Memorial service for William Leech, 72, Balmorhea, will be 11 a.m. Saturday, March 25, 2000, at the Jefferson Memorial Cemetery Chapel, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Mr. Leech died on Saturday, March 4, in a Big Spring hospital.

He was born on Sept. 21, 1927, in Option, Pa., and worked in material control for Fischer Body at General Motors. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, was Past Commander of the VFW and Past Commander of the American Legion.

He is survived by: one daughter, Karen Skaife of St. Louis.

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Mo.; one sister, Loretta G. Cushey of Finleyville, Pa.; and two grandchildren.

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CANDIDATES

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familiar with the area.

"I live on the east side of town and I worked on the east side for four years in mental health. I can see a lot of areas I feel need improvement there," she said.

Davis attends College Park Church of God, where she is active as a Sunday School superintendent. She is active on the Code Patrol, Beautify Big Spring, the Texas Trash Off and volunteers with the March of Dimes. She has been an advocate for mental health rights, a role in which she is still involved from time to time, she said.

Davis said she grew up in Big Spring. In 1984 she moved to the Dallas area for seven years and worked training retail managers.

"That time away from Big Spring taught me to appreciate hometown values," noted Davis, who said she has no desire to leave Big Spring again.

She and her husband, Bennie — a sergeant with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice working with Wilderness Camp inmates — have two children.

"I have a strong sense of dedication to Big Spring and desire to make Big Spring a place where we can not only see growth in population, but pride in our accomplishments in making Big Spring a tourism attraction and a proud place to call home," said Davis.

Biddison is a graduate of Big Spring High School and owner of the Ponderosa Restaurant. He was on the Citizens Advisory Board and is currently involved with Big Spring Main Street Inc. He is a member of College Baptist Church and serves on the finance committee there.

Garcia, who as mayor pro tem had been taking care of the mayor's duties before the special election, said he welcomes the chance to serve his constituents for another term.

"There are still some things I want to see take place in my district. I plan on working just as hard for the people of my district and Big Spring," said Garcia, an instructor for Howard College who teaches at one of the Cornell Corrections units. "I am looking forward to working with the other council members for the benefit of everyone."

"I want to thank the Lord for assisting me and guiding me in my campaign for mayor, as well as all the people who helped me and voted for me. I appreciate their confidence in me and hope to be able to represent them with another term on the Big Spring City Council."

Garcia is a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and is on the parish council. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus, Downtown Lions Club and Rotary Club.

Candidate filing continues through March 22 at the city secretary's office. Candidates are not required to reside within the district they represent, but they must reside within the city limits.

On second reading, the council approved:

- rezoning of the Spring Creek Subdivision;
- denying a rate increase requested by Energas;
- an application of a Safe and Sober Wave Grant from the

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Due to their undefeated performance in last Saturday's competition, the team also won a spot for the national competition in June in New Orleans, La., regardless of its performance at state competition, Saenz said.

The team needs to raise \$3,500 in order to appear and compete at both competitions.

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These students," said Saenz. "I expect the most from them at the tournaments and in life."

The team competed in seven games on Saturday against competitors such as Midland Lee, Odessa Permian's two teams, Andrews, Stamford and Trinity Lubbock.

Team members were challenged to answer a broad range of questions ranging from very difficult to average during the meet.

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Texas Department of Transportation for Big Spring Police Department.

Council members convened in executive session to receive information about litigation with Texas Municipal League insurance coverage. No action was taken following the executive session.

LAKE

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\$1.

A new feature at the lake is rental availability of paddleboats and canoes.

"We brought them up from Comanche Trail Lake to see if they would do better at Moss Creek," said Becky Crane, Parks and Recreation supervisor. "Last Saturday, they were so popular that we had waiting lists. So hopefully they will be used more there."

Hundreds of people attended Saturday's "grand opening" at the lake, put on by the city to showcase improvements.

There are four canoes and two paddleboats at the lake, which will rent for \$3 per hour.

Officials have also established a yearly family permits for \$35 to enter the lake property. It is limited to immediate family members residing in the same household and includes boat launching and camping fees.

Hours at the lake will remain the same — 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. The gate will be opened and closed at those times.

No admission will be charged for children under age 12 or adults 65 or older.

Floyd Earls continues to be the groundskeeper at the facility.

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She said it took about one hour and 15 minutes to complete the spelling bee.

"There were about nine counties represented in Lubbock," said Liles.

She and her mother credited a love of reading with her skill at spelling.

"I thought she did a good job," said her father, Rick Liles. "It was a tough competition and she stayed strong."

"We want to give thanks to the Lord for allowing her to get as far as she did," said Liles. "It was a good experience for her."

Liles added he thanked the Herald for sponsoring the county bee.

She didn't go home empty handed. Liles took home a trophy and a gift certificate to Barnes & Nobles Bookstore.

SUPPORT GROUPS
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.
•Narcotic Anonymous, 8 p.m. St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 268-4189 (pager no.) Step study.

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BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

For more information to help raise funds for the students, contact Saenz at the Big Spring High School, 264-3641.

Big Spring PD investigates report of sexual assault

On Friday, March 3, the Big Spring Police Department was called to a residence on the west side of the city in reference to an alleged sexual assault.

The victim, a 14-year-old female, reported that she had been sexually assaulted by a 23-year-old male known to her.

She said the assault had occurred six months prior to the report. No physical injuries were reported. The incident is being investigated by Det. Charlie Calvert.

BRIEFS

GOOD SHEPHERD FELLOWSHIP CHURCH, 610 Abrams, 7 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays, and 9 a.m. Sunday. Everyone welcome to come. For more information call 267-5936.

HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM is open weekdays from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

SENIOR CITIZENS WHO HAVE witnessed the effects of childhood diseases are needed to staff a new volunteer program that will promote immunizations.

Volunteers 55 and older are sought for the effort. Known as the Senior's for Childhood Immunization Program, RSVP volunteers will visit new mothers at Scenic Mountain Medical Center and remind them of the importance of the immunizations.

To find out more about the program or to volunteer, call 264-2397.

VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE is available each Monday through March 27, 9 a.m.-noon at the Spring City Senior Citizens Center, 1901 Simler Drive.

All citizens are eligible to receive this free assistance. Interested persons should bring their tax booklet, all W-2 and 1099 forms, as well as anything else received showing 1999 income and their 1998 tax return. Please call Dorothy Kennemur, 398-5523, or the center, 267-1628, for more information.

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TEXAS LOTTERY

Pick 3: 1,14
Cash 5: 12,17,28,24,33
Lottery numbers are unofficial until confirmed by the state lottery commission.

Nurse Hospice and Canterbury are sponsoring a new grief support group. It will meet the second Wednesday of each month at 3 p.m. in the community room at Canterbury South, 1700 Lancaster.

THURSDAY
•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

IF YOU HAVE A SUPPORT GROUP LISTING, PLEASE SUBMIT IT IN WRITING.

CLARIFICATION

In Monday's edition of the Herald, an item in the police activity report indicated that police had arrested a 42-year-old man named Ricky Logston. Officials were later able to make it clear the man arrested listed a Blythe, Calif., address and is not a local resident.

MARKETS

March cotton 59.50, down 15 points; April crude 32.65, down 148 points; cash hogs \$1 higher steady at 41 even; slaughter steers \$1 higher steady at 71 even; April lean hog futures 59.65, up 5 points; April live cattle futures 72.80, up 35 points. courtesy: Delta Corporation. Other markets not available by press time.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents from 8 a.m. Tuesday through 8 a.m. today:

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FIRE/EMS

Following is a summary of Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reports:

TUESDAY
3:30 a.m. — 4700 block Chaparral, medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
6:58 a.m. — 200 block Virginia, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.
7:22 a.m. — 4700 block Chaparral, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.
2:25 p.m. — N. Hwy. 87, traffic accident, patient transported to SMMC.
6:12 p.m. — 2300 block Wasson, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.
6:38 p.m. — 3200 block W. Hwy. 80, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.
9:09 p.m. — 1500 block E. Sixth, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

RECORDS

Tuesday's high 78
Tuesday's low 46
Average high 65
Average low 36
Record high 91 in 1972
Record low 18 in 1932
Precip. Tuesday 0.03
Month to date 0.14
Month's normal 0.69
Year to date 1.19
Normal for the year 1.27
Sunrise Thursday 7:03 a.m.
Sunset Thursday 6:50 p.m.
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WASHINGTON — Almost doubling a President Clin Republicans have billion measur everything from cocaine production to repairing fire U.S. Capitol. Republicans pla legislation throu Appropriations C Thursday. But its is unclear as la face their first election year o with the federal s. A copy of the Tuesday by Th Press, shows th would make changes in the Clinton requeste

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AMARILLO (A) winds and hail fast-moving thur West and North have damaged ro ings, blown vehi ways, toppled po injured at least o. Winds gusting to mph damaged fo Amarillo Intern on Tuesday. In southern Amaril 80 mph were rep in 74 cars were bl An 82-mph gust in Gruver. Hail u es fell in Del Rio. In the South P electrical lines a caused at least t according to Nat Service reports. More power li pled in Wheeler; where barns wa aged. High winds i ripped tin roof buildings, police was blown over just east of Amar Two steel gra blown onto rail Kingsmill. W blown out in Ca. In the wind g trailer rig was re

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Bush's blowout sends him into fall mode while McCain muses withdrawing

AUSTIN (AP) — George W. Bush's Super Tuesday blowout sent Sen. John McCain to his Arizona retreat to contemplate the future of his presidential campaign, and launched the Texas governor into a general election attack on Vice President Al Gore.

A senior McCain aide, speaking on condition of anonymity, said he expects McCain to depart the GOP contest but cautioned that no firm decision had been made.

In front of his supporters, McCain asserted: "We will never give up this mission, my friends" — but by "mission" he seemed to mean his effort to reform politics and his party.

"We may meet again in primaries a few days from now," McCain told supporters in Los Angeles and no one missed the implication of the word "may."

Previewing his likely campaign mes-

sage, Bush told cheering supporters in his hometown Tuesday night: "Someone will make history this November. Either we will ratify the status quo, or we will have a new beginning in American politics. I say: America must not give Clinton-Gore four more years."

The Texas governor beat McCain in California and New York — the two biggest delegate prizes at stake Tuesday — and he won five other primaries as well: Ohio, Georgia, Maine, Missouri and Maryland. Bush also won caucuses in Minnesota and Washington state.

McCain won only in independent-minded New England — in Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Vermont — as voters in 13 states participated in the year's largest night of Republican presidential contests. In all, 613 delegates were at stake,

1,454 are needed for the nomination. Bush won at least 446 delegates, and McCain 136, bringing the totals to date to 516 delegates for Bush and 231 for McCain, according to the AP's count.

An additional 941 Republican delegates will be elected in next Tuesday's primaries in six Southern states — territory considered friendly to Bush.

In the Democratic primaries, Gore won all 18 contests against former New Jersey Sen. Bill Bradley, setting the stage for Bradley's departure and giving Americans seven months to decide between Bush and Gore as the next occupant of the White House.

Looking past McCain, Bush congratulated the vice president for his Super Tuesday sweep, but said, "He is the candidate of the status quo in Washington, D.C. ... He's got a tough case to make in the general election." The widespread beating prompted

several McCain advisers, speaking on condition of anonymity, to say the Arizona senator would take stock of his campaign today at his retreat in Sedona, Ariz.

Bush earned all 162 delegates at stake in California, at least 66 of 101 at stake in New York, 35 from Missouri and 14 from Maine. He won at least 103 of the 154 delegates at stake in Georgia, Maryland and Ohio.

McCain won all 25 delegates in Connecticut, all 37 in Massachusetts, all 12 in Vermont, all 14 from Rhode Island and at least 26 in New York.

Alan Keyes was still in the GOP race, but not a factor in any of Tuesday's states.

California was Super Tuesday's super state, offering all of its 162 delegates to the winner and Bush won them. McCain himself has said for months that the winner of California's

delegate chase would claim the nomination.

The exit surveys across the states showed women preferring Bush by a 2-to-1 margin over McCain. Among age groups, McCain carried only younger voters; those over 50 voted for Bush.

In his victory speech, Bush said he plans to challenge Gore on tax cuts, education reform and Social Security reform. He also plans to revisit the White House affair that led to President Clinton's impeachment and Gore's own fund-raising problems in the 1996 re-election campaign.

"I will stand on principle and I will bring honor to this process and to the office I seek. I will remind Al Gore that Americans do not want a White House where there is 'no controlling legal authority.' I will repair the broken bonds of trust between Americans and their government," he said.

GOP spending measure nearly doubles Clinton's request

WASHINGTON (AP) — Almost doubling a request from President Clinton, House Republicans have prepared a \$9 billion measure financing everything from eradicating cocaine production in Colombia to repairing fire traps in the U.S. Capitol.

Republicans plan to push the legislation through the House Appropriations Committee on Thursday. But its fate after that is unclear as lawmakers will face their first battle of this election year over what to do with the federal surplus.

A copy of the bill, obtained Tuesday by The Associated Press, shows that lawmakers would make only minor changes in the \$1.6 billion Clinton requested for battling

drug traffickers in Colombia and nearby countries. They would also provide the \$2 billion wants for U.S. troops in Kosovo.

But the package contains money Clinton did not seek for the military's troubled health insurance system, rising Pentagon fuel costs, and road repair and housing loan costs attributed to damage from last fall's Hurricane Floyd and other emergencies.

"We see some emergency items that were not included" in Clinton's request, said House Appropriations Committee Chairman Bill Young, R-Fla.

The bill, for the current fiscal year, has drawn the ire of conservatives unhappy over its price tag, which is only likely to

grow with additional money for the Pentagon and farmers. They are also upset that nearly all of the bill would be paid for from this year's projected budget surplus.

In addition, many Democrats are unhappy with the anti-drug money. They say the proposal risks U.S. involvement in what has been a bloody Colombian civil war, and that more attention should be paid to preventing drug use at home.

Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, said he planned to push his version of the bill through his panel in two weeks. He said Clinton's request for military construction in Colombia "bothers us" and that much of that spending

would probably be left for later this year, when Congress considers spending bills for fiscal 2001.

The House bill changes Clinton's drug-fighting request slightly by adding money for Bolivia, Ecuador and Peru.

It provides just \$12 million of the \$93 million he sought for aid to Kosovo, and limited that to U.S. participation in international police activities in the violence-racked Balkan enclave.

The measure also ignores Clinton's request for \$210 million for debt relief for poor countries, an effort the administration and Congress joined in last fall.

Included is \$15 million to correct fire safety hazards identified in the U.S. Capitol.

Clinton battles Republican House minimum wage plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pushing for a higher minimum wage, President Clinton is rallying Democrats against a Republican plan that would tie an increase to \$122.7 billion in tax cuts.

"Some are using this minimum wage increase to pass irresponsible tax cuts that would threaten our fiscal discipline and jeopardize our ability to extend the life of Medicare and Social Security and pay down the debt," Clinton said in a letter to the leaders of both parties in the House and Senate. "Let me be clear: This is the wrong approach."

"I will veto any legislation that holds this minimum wage increase hostage."

Clinton planned a rally today with Democrats at the White House. "Working families across this country deserve an increase," he said.

Despite Clinton's opposition, House Republicans are forging ahead with legislation to slash inheritance taxes and cut other taxes for businesses to offset

the cost of raising the minimum wage by \$1 over three years.

Republican leaders generally oppose raising the \$5.15-an-hour minimum wage but are willing to put the question to a floor vote Thursday to appease GOP moderates who have strong labor constituencies and to give conservatives another election-year opportunity to vote for tax cuts.

Using a chunk of the projected budget surplus estimated at \$122.7 billion over 10 years, the tax package would sharply reduce the estate tax, boost contribution limits for 401(k) plans, make health insurance fully tax deductible for the self-employed and enact several tax changes favorable to small businesses.

House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Bill Archer, R-Texas, said raising the minimum wage alone would "saw off the bottom rung of the economic ladder" by reducing the number of jobs smaller employers could afford to offer.

Woman injured; buildings destroyed as high winds rip Texas

AMARILLO (AP) — High winds and hail produced by fast-moving thunderstorms in West and North Central Texas have damaged roofs and buildings, blown vehicles off highways, toppled power lines and injured at least one person.

Winds gusting to more than 60 mph damaged four hangars at Amarillo International Airport on Tuesday. In Canyon and southern Amarillo, gusts up to 80 mph were reported. Windows in 74 cars were blown out. An 82-mph gust was reported in Gruver. Hail up to 1.75 inches fell in Del Rio.

In the South Plains, downed electrical lines at Denver City caused at least two grass fires, according to National Weather Service reports.

More power lines were toppled in Wheeler and in Claude, where barns were also damaged.

High winds in Brownfield ripped tin roofs off several buildings, police said. A barn was blown over in Washburn, just east of Amarillo.

Two steel grain bins were blown onto railroad tracks in Kingsmill. Windows were blown out in Cactus.

In the wind gusts, a tractor-trailer rig was reportedly blown

over six miles east of Amarillo. Blowing dust and winds reduced visibility to zero in and around Lubbock County. The weather service recorded a 60 mph wind gust in South Lubbock about 1:30 p.m.

A Levelland woman was struck by a large piece of metal on Tuesday afternoon. The tin

was blown end over end down a street by the winds.

The woman was treated at a clinic and then released.

A tornado watch was posted for a number of counties in the Panhandle, South Plains and North Texas as the upper-level system moved through, accompanied by a cold front.

A lightning strike ignited a storage shed in San Angelo as storms moved through about 4:30 a.m.

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OUR VIEWS

'Danced' should be entertaining in unique setting

Howard College Theater Department is back for another run at the local crowd and they've picked something of a classic — "And They Danced Real Slow in Jackson." It runs Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights in a unique setting, the historic Settles Building.

"Danced Real Slow" is drama about dreams and broken dreams, centering on a girl who suffers from polio. She lives in a small town and doesn't fit in.

The play does contain some adult language and is not recommended for children.

Three of the eight-member Howard College cast won acting awards when the play was presented at the Texas Junior College Theater Festival in Weatherford recently.

Admission is just \$3 per person and the shows begin at 8 p.m. each night.

We are fortunate to have events such as this in our community and we are intrigued by instructor/director Clay Grizzle's willingness to have them at nontraditional places in the community. Come out and support this worthwhile Howard College program and the talented students who take part in it.

We invite you to make it out to the Settles for what is sure to be an entertaining evening. Thursday, Friday or Saturday.

After Hours fete provides chance to exchange ideas

Merchants and other members of the community have an opportunity to get together Thursday in an informal setting to share ideas and get to know a little more about a local business.

The year's first Business After Hours event will be from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Carriage Inn, a living center for retired seniors, and everyone is invited. Refreshments will be served and door prizes awarded.

Business After Hours, a function of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, encourages networking among local business leaders, as well as showcasing its sponsors.

The two-hour time allows for those attending to arrive and leave when they wish. There are no programs; it is simply a time to visit.

This Thursday, drop by Carriage Inn at 501 W. 17th St. between 5 and 7 p.m. It's a good opportunity get to know other business owners and learn more about the retirement center itself. And the punch and treats are free.

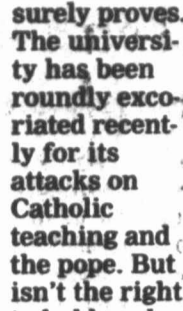
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Protecting tolerance requires some intolerance

Religious tolerance is a tricky thing, as the recent brouhaha over anti-Catholic sentiment at Bob Jones University



LINDA CHAVEZ

Don't get me wrong. I find repugnant the comments by the former president of the university, Bob Jones Jr., who said he would rather "speak to the devil himself" than meet Pope John Paul II when the pope visited South Carolina in 1987.

And as a Catholic, I certainly regard as wrong the university's pronouncement that the Roman Catholic Church is a "cult." But as an American, I must defend the right of religious institutions to hold whatever views they choose — no matter how personally offensive I or others might find them.

Somehow, this simple principle has been lost on Sen. Robert Torricelli (D-N.J.) and other members of Congress, who have introduced a Congressional resolution condemning Bob Jones University not only for its policy against interracial dating — which the university wisely rescinded last week — but for its anti-Catholic bias. The non-binding resolution calls for official condemnation of "practices, such as those prevalent at Bob Jones University, that seek to discriminate against and divide Americans on the basis of race, ethnicity and religion." The precedent is a risky one.

When the Congress of the United States seeks to condemn the beliefs and practices of any religious denomination, the First Amendment is in danger. If Sen. Torricelli and his colleagues succeed in disparaging a group of fundamentalist Protestants because of their benighted views on Catholicism, what will prevent a group of feminist legislators from asking Congress to denounce the Catholic Church's refusal to ordain women, or a group of Jewish legislators from asking Congress to condemn efforts by Southern Baptists to convert Jews?

What one religious group views as orthodoxy, members

of other denominations may view as heresy. One group's obligation is another's affront. And where will it end? Our founders rightly understood that freedom of religion meant that Congress couldn't take sides in these sectarian disputes, which is why the First Amendment prohibits Congress from doing so: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

Of course, the purpose of the Torricelli resolution isn't really to rebuke Bob Jones University for its religious views, but to try to embarrass the Republican Party, and dissuade Catholics from voting Republican in the fall. Democrats have made a fetish of invoking the Republican Party's so-called ties to the "religious right" — by which, they mean fundamentalist Protestants — to scare off Catholic voters, as well as Jews, mainline Protestants and the non-religious.

Democrats want Catholics to believe that since many fundamentalists hold views not only at odds with Catholic teachings but hostile to them (and to Jewish and some Protestant denominations' beliefs as well), the Republican Party must somehow endorse these religious views, since so many of

these fundamentalists tend to vote Republican when they vote at all. This is utter nonsense.

But if anti-Catholicism among a party's adherents and supporters were reason enough to reject the party's presidential nominee, then, Democrats had better beware. As the New York Times' religion reporter Peter Steinfels wrote recently, "The solicitude of the Democrats for Catholic sensibilities is especially remarkable." The most vituperative criticism of the Catholic Church, he notes, comes not from fundamentalist preachers but from liberals — especially Hollywood directors, newspaper editorialists and artists — who frequently depict the church and its leaders as authoritarian, anti-Semitic, sexually repressed and predatory.

"The Catholic Church takes more nasty hits weekly on cable television than yearly from Bob Jones," Steinfels rightly says.

The Democrats should forget censoring Bob Jones University, which, unfortunately, has no monopoly on intolerance.

Sometimes, protecting religious tolerance requires putting up with a certain amount of intolerance, no matter how distasteful it may be.



It was a very beautiful wedding

Kevin and Jill met at Reunion Productions while doing video work for the Dallas Mavericks. Jill is employed by the Mavericks as a broadcast producer and Kevin is a freelance video editor. There was a spark between these two from the very start.

Just being close, working side by side, made them feel good. They began to look forward to seeing each other.

Reunion Productions is located downstairs at Reunion Arena. Kevin sometimes acts as technical director for the television broadcasts of the Mavericks' games. He also works in the same capacity for the Dallas Stars hockey games. During basketball and hockey seasons, Kevin is at Reunion arena a lot. A couple of years ago, Kevin was in Jill's office when she

got to work. He told her how he felt about her. Jill said she felt the same about him. They smiled and embraced. It was the start of something special that culminated in their wedding a few weeks ago.

The wedding was in Highland Park United Methodist Church. Big sanctuary, small audience. Mostly family and close friends. Jill is the first of her four brothers and sisters to get married. All but one are over 30. Jill comes from a musical family. Her mother is in charge of the music program for Garland schools. Her father directs the Garland chorale, which has performed in Carnegie Hall.

Organ music played while the audience was seated. Then Kevin's brother, B.Z., who has played guitar since he was eight, entertained the audience with a classical guitar piece. That was followed by Jill's sister, Jo Beth, singing an operatic aria. Jill's dad's chorale sang some more classical music and then Jill's dad sang the Lord's prayer.

Some people joked and said they were at a musical event that had a wedding in the middle of it. When the bride and

groom were formally introduced, the audience exploded with applause. One person said, "I'm glad we finally got to clap."

The wedding had some moving moments. Kevin's 9 year old son Jackson did a reading, as did Kevin's parents and Jill's mother. B. Z. served as his brother's best man. Jo Beth was her sister's bridesmaid.

Two ministers conducted the ceremony. One told a dramatic story about two rivers in Pennsylvania, the Allegheny and the Monongahela, joining together to form the mighty Ohio River. Both rivers brought to the union their own strengths and personalities. He applied the story to the union of Kevin and Jill. The other minister said she had never heard the wedding vows recited with such conviction.

After the ceremony, the wedding party adjourned to the outside, where the church bells were ringing to honor the occasion.

People who attended the wedding were moved by the demonstration of love. It was the most beautiful event I've ever attended. I enjoyed being the father of the groom.



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By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
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Russian children received holiday cheer from local Big Spring couple

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

Hospitalized children in Russia got a boost during their Christmas holidays thanks to a local couple and some Big Spring businesses.

Floyd and Elena Killough, who have been frequent visitors to Russian hospitalized children, organized donation boxes of personal hygiene items, toys and fruit that were sent to the country in time for its celebration of Christmas Jan. 7.

"We want to thank Big Spring from the children," said Floyd Killough, who was sent pictures from the hospital that showed children with their gift bags.

The Killoughs got help from local dentist Johnny R. Stanley, who with Colgate Pharmaceuticals supplied 144 tubes of toothpaste and youth toothbrushes. Best Western motel manager Jan Graham added individual bars of soap and bottles of shampoo for the kids as well.

The Killoughs added toys and fruit and had the boxes shipped to Children's Hospital No. 1 in St. Petersburg, Russia. The Killoughs have visited there several times to bring gifts and good cheer to the children, who often have few visitors and must recuperate in difficult conditions. Many of the children in Russian hospitals are homeless or have families who cannot visit often because of financial difficulties.

Later this year, the Killoughs will leave Big Spring and move to Russia full-time, where they will work to improve conditions and treatment for children in hospitals there.

Floyd Killough once operated a non-profit mission agency called Russian Medical Missions from St. Petersburg, where his wife Elena has fami-



Courtesy photo
Children at Children's Hospital No. 1 in St. Petersburg, Russia attend a Christmas party where they received gifts, some of which came from Big Spring.



File photo
Elena and Floyd Killough look over scrapbooks from some of their trips to aid children in a Russian hospital. This photo was printed with an October 1999 story about the couple's work.

ly. "But if you can help one thing," said Elena, "in an or yours. Then it wouldn't be such a little thing."

Latest lynx to be released will be sophisticated, fat cats

DENVER (AP) — Fifty lynx awaiting release in Colorado's remote southwestern mountains will be in better physical shape than those reintroduced last year and will wear satellite collars so biologists can better track them across state boundaries.

"Last year, we understand that we released animals that were not in good enough physical condition. We quickly changed that and have had very little problem with starvation since then," said Todd Malmbsbury of the state Division of Wildlife.

In 1999, Colorado launched a reintroduction of the Canada lynx, releasing in the high-country wilderness 41 of the elusive, tuft-eared cats that weigh about 20 pounds. Seventeen died — six of them from starvation; eight are missing and one animal's radio collar stopped working. The most recent fatality was a lynx killed by a bobcat in January.

The lynx reintroduction program is an effort to restore the animal that once roamed Colorado and was last seen near Vail in 1973. The state lists the animal as endangered even as federal wildlife officials are studying whether it should be protected.

State Wildlife Commission officials initially said they probably would halt the program if deaths exceeded 50 percent, but extended it when the animals' survival rate improved.

Rep. Scott McKay, R-Lakewood, has questioned the effectiveness of the lynx program because of the cost and the mortality rate. He is sponsoring a bill that would allow animal reintroduction programs to be halted if there is a 40 percent mortality rate.

Malmbsbury said his agency opposes the bill "because the limits would be political and would make it virtually impos-

sible to restore or supplement the population of any native population."

McKay criticized the Division of Wildlife for spending \$5,800 on food for lynx awaiting release last year, including frozen rabbits from The Gourmet Rodent and chicken from a grocery store chain.

"I find it ironic that (we're) talking about tax breaks for senior citizens who are eating dog food and that endangered species are eating Safeway chicken," he told a legislative committee Feb. 16.

Malmbsbury noted that his agency receives no state tax money and more than three-quarters of the money for the lynx program has come from either donations or lottery money.

Most of the surveillance of the elusive cats was undertaken last year by a Division of Wildlife pilot accompanied by a biologist who kept a log of the animals as best he or she could as the plane bounced on currents above jagged peaks. Pilots flew three times a week when weather permitted.

Today, trackers in airplanes consistently find 15 of the radio-collared cats scattered around Colorado and New Mexico. One also ventured into Nebraska.

A French Argos satellite will provide information once a week beginning this spring on each lynx, pinning the location down to within several hundred yards.

The collars cost \$1,500 apiece, compared with the \$400 radio collars used last year. Much of the collar cost will be covered by the reduction in surveillance flights.

Thirteen lynx are awaiting release in pens in the San Luis Valley, Malmbsbury said, and the remainder are expected to arrive from British Columbia, the Yukon and Alaska by April 1.

Teach kids to save money for short-term goals

Finding a way to help children learn the purpose and options for saving is a challenge. Mother's Day is about two months away. This is an excellent time to teach children the process and benefits of saving to reach short term goals.



DANA TARTER

Find a quiet place to be with your children to talk about Mother's Day coming up on May 14. Ask them what they want to get or do for mother on this special day. Make a list they can all see. Then help them see how much each choice costs. See how many of the choices they want to work together to buy or do for this special Mother's Day. Total what their choice(s) will cost. Find out how much each person now has they are willing to put in the savings pot for the gift. Total the amount now available and subtract it from the total cost to see how much is still needed. Divide the total by the number of weeks remaining until Mother's Day. This is the amount your team will try to save each week to reach your goal.

Now, brainstorm together about ways to find the money to save. One option is find out things they buy each week they would be willing to do without. Another option is for children to do chores the family may be paying someone else to do.

If children have allowances, they may be willing to set aside some of their allowance for the gift. Let each person decide what they are willing to do and the amount they will contribute. Dad, be a fair partner to the process. Tell them what you are willing to give up, do yourself or take from your spending allowance. Be a model for them. When you have the money, go together to buy the gift(s).

If someone says they have already bought or made a gift, ask if they are willing to add it to the team gift. What is the benefit of working as a team on this project instead of each person doing their own thing? It could be the beginning of a new family tradition...working together to save for things that are important to your family.

The family vacation could be another project. Back to school clothes, holiday and birthday gifts, education after high school, and special family purchases or activities are projects that could continue to build this new tradition.

One successful effort as a team can be the corner stone for building a family team that manages resources together to get things your family needs and wants. Otherwise you may find yourself constantly in the middle of arguments about who will get money from you for things they want.

The benefit of this team Mother's Day gift is more than the gifts received. It's the joy of working together as a family to make something important to all of you happen. That's a gift that will keep on giving through family memories.

Dana Tarter is the Howard County Extension Agent — family and consumer science.

Program teaches new parents coping skills

AMARILLO (AP) — "Today, we're going to talk about baby's health and safety. Has Damion had his first shots yet?" Stefanie Henderson asked her client.

"Yes," replied Debbie Badillo, answering questions about her 2-month-old son, Damion Grine.

"Good. Regular visits to the doctor, whether he's sick or not, are very important," Henderson said. "Has he started turning over yet?"

"A little bit." "Be sure you don't leave him alone on the sofa," Henderson said during a visit with Badillo, her client through the Healthy Families Program at Buckner Children and Family Services.

The two women discussed toy safety, inexpensive substitutes for store-bought toys and activities that stimulate brain activity in babies.

Henderson, family support worker for Buckner, visits Damion's parents, Badillo, 16, and Chris Grine, 18, regularly in their home through the agency's Healthy Families Program.

The couple is one of about six client families that Buckner works with through the Healthy Families Program. Another half-dozen families are in the application stages.

Eventually, the program expects to have three caseworkers serving as many as 45 families.

The curriculum covers an array of educational issues ranging from child development and safety to health issues for children from birth to age 5. It teaches new parents about coping skills, nutritional issues and techniques for discipline.

The Healthy Families Program provides developmental screenings at regular intervals and will help its member families connect with other community resources, said Tonya Graham, program director.

When Buckner Children and Family Services started the Healthy Families Program in September, it targeted first-time parents ages 19 and younger in Potter County only, Graham said.

In January, it expanded the program to include first-time parents from Randall County, too. And clients now can be any age.

"In visiting with other programs, we realized that there is a lot of focus on working with teen parents," Graham said. "But after they get out of high school, where do they go?"

"Fifteen-year-olds may still be living at home, but 23-year-olds aren't. They need help just as much as teen moms — sometimes more."

The Healthy Families Program is available in 39 states and in the District of Columbia, according to information from Molly Davis, Buckner community relations director. Buckner received a contract to provide Healthy Families services in the Amarillo-Canyon area from the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services, Davis said.

Across the country, state legislators and governors have supported Healthy Families America by providing funding through a variety of sources including general revenue, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Medicaid and tobacco settlement funds, according to information from the Prevent Child Abuse America

Newsletter, Winter 1999. Texas provided \$3.1 million in funding for healthy family programs in the state.

The program strives to fill a gap between what parents need and what they are getting and to support families under pressure so that they can feel good about themselves and about their skills as parents, experts said.

"Building self-esteem and skills in parents will result in more positive interactions with baby," Graham said. "We want to support them and encourage them."

Clients can enroll during their last trimester of pregnancy until two weeks after the birth of their child.

The services are free, and a caseworker screens applicants for the program, Graham said. Program organizers look at possible stress points in the family.

These could be anything from family history to employment to housing issues. Program officials also consider what kind of support system new parents have.

"What we don't want for people to think is that these people are going to be bad parents, and we have to go in and be 'big brother' to them," Graham said.

But babies don't arrive with instruction books.

"I was 25 when I had my first child, and I didn't have a clue what I was doing," Graham said. "If I didn't have my mom there to show me, I would have been terribly stressed."

The program not only educates families about child-related issues but also encourages them to set and achieve their personal goals.

ODDS-N-ENDS

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Copper the three-legged golden retriever awoke her masters in time for everyone to escape a fire before it destroyed their home. Even the family's parrot and two cats got out in time.

Good thing Copper had started sleeping in the bedroom, said her owner, Dallas Cameron. "I don't want to speculate on what would have happened without her," he said.

Cameron and his wife, Christie, were asleep in an upstairs bedroom when fire broke out early Sunday. The couple had started allowing the dog in the bedroom about a year ago.

Copper lost one of her front legs as a puppy, when she was hit by a car.

It was Mrs. Cameron who heard Copper whimpering and felt the dog's single paw reach out to her in the dark. She awoke to see the glow of flames in the next room.

The Camerons quickly woke their two teen-age sons and hustled them outside. Mr. Cameron went back to get Copper and the other pets. Minutes after he and the animals made it outside, the master bedroom exploded with flames.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Bill Cosby is threatening a \$250 million lawsuit against the National Enquirer unless it retracts a story that said an actress accused him of sexual abuse.

"The story is not true," Cosby spokesman David Brokaw said Monday. "Nothing happened. The authorities never contacted Mr. Cosby, and the first he learned of it was from the National Enquirer."

The tabloid reported this week that Lachele Covington, 20, who has a recurring role on CBS' "Cosby" as a waitress, told New York City police that Cosby fondled her breast and exposed himself to her in January.

A complaint filed Feb. 1 with police was referred to the district attorney's office, which declined to prosecute, the paper said.

The Manhattan district attorney's office does not comment on complaints unless an arrest results, spokeswoman Barbara Thompson said.

The Enquirer said Monday it was standing by the accuracy of its story and noted that it included Cosby's denial of Covington's allegations.

"The Enquirer has an absolute right to report on this controversy and will not be intimidated by Mr. Cosby's threat," the paper said in a statement.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

THE BIG SPRING EVENING Lions Club will have free eyeglasses for all adults Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon at the Big Spring Evening Lions Club bingo building, 1607 East Third.

All adults needing eyeglasses who don't have the income to purchase the exam or glasses are welcome. The recycled eyeglasses are donated by the community as a service project of the Lions.

The Lions group offers the eyeglasses the second Saturday of each month. For more information call Donna Groenke at 393-5298.

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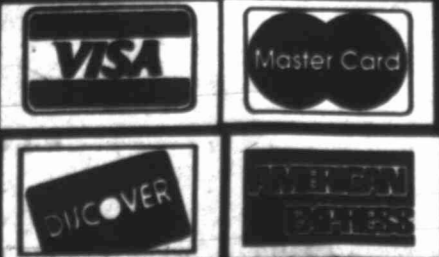
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Walker takes in bass club to

Doby Walker reaped 22.39 pounds of fish Saturday at the Big Spring Top 15 Tournament. Amistad.

David Adkins landed with a total of 22.39 pounds, Tubbs was third with 19.34 pounds.

All told, the top competitors caught a combined 150.34 pounds. The tournament's entire catch was released live back into the lake.

Lady Hawks posted wins over Sul Ross

Howard County's Lady Hawks posted wins over Sul Ross in softball action Saturday afternoon.

Amy Ensminger won both games. The Lady Hawks will be Wednesday at Pima, Ariz.

Softball boosters meeting for

The Big Spring Boosters Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the Spring High School Training Center. Parents of softball players interested in attending are invited.

Little League umpires to meet on

The Big Spring Little League Umpires will have their meeting at 9 a.m. Saturday at the American Legion. Anyone interested in being invited to join is invited to attend. For more information, contact Kevin Pirtle at 267-0241.

Volunteer fir

The Howland Volunteer Fire Department will hold its first golf tournament March 18, at the Country Club. Entry fees will go to the team for the fire department which will be competing in the state tournament Tuesday. For more information, contact Tommy Sullivan or Richard Williams at 267-0241.

YMCA begins for roller ho

Youngsters 8 and 17 in roller hockey can now register for the Spring Family Fun event. The deadline for registration is Saturday. Players must bring their own equipment. Registration begins on March 18. For more information, contact Pete Thiry at 267-0241.

UGSA sche for Saturday

Big Spring Softball Association has begun registration for each Saturday. Registration is to 4 p.m. on March 25. The fee will be \$10 and application of their own. For more information, call 267-7466, 267-0241.

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IN BRIEF

Walker takes top prize in bass club tournament

Doby Walker reeled in 23.6 pounds of fish Saturday to win the Big Spring Bass Club's Top 15 Tournament at Lake Amistad.

David Adkins finished second with a total weight of 22.39 pounds, while Todd Tubb was third with 22.16 pounds.

All told, the tournament's 15 competitors caught 62 fish with a combined weight of 150.34 pounds. The tournament's entire catch was released live back into the lake.

Lady Hawks post sweep in Sul Ross doubleheader

Howard College's Lady Hawks posted 9-1 and 11-8 wins over Sul Ross University in softball action Tuesday afternoon.

Amy Ensminger started and won both games, as the Lady Hawks improved to 13-11 on the season.

The Lady Hawks' next game will be Wednesday, April 15, at Pima, Ariz.

Softball boosters slate meeting for Thursday

The Big Spring Softball Boosters Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the Big Spring High School Athletic Training Center.

Parents of all Big Spring softball players and other interested persons are encouraged to attend.

Little League umpires to meet on Saturday

The Big Spring Little League Umpires Association will have its first meeting of the year at 9 a.m. Saturday at the American League park.

Anyone interested in umpiring is invited to attend.

For more information, call Kevin Pirtle at 267-5053 or 264-0241.

Volunteer firefighters set golf touney for March 18

The Howard County Volunteer Fire Department will hold its first ever benefit golf tournament for Saturday, March 18, at the Big Spring Country Club.

Entry fees will be \$200 per team for the four-man scramble which will be limited to 36 teams. Registration ends on Tuesday.

For more information, call Tommy Sullivan at 393-5853 or Richard Willadsen at 267-7857.

YMCA begins registration for roller hockey program

Youngsters between the ages of 8 and 17 interested in playing roller hockey this spring can now register at the Big Spring Family YMCA.

The deadline for early registration is Saturday, March 11. Players must provide their own equipment and practices begin on March 20. A six-game league schedule starts April 3.

Registration will be \$25 for non-members and \$20 for basic program members.

For more information, call Pete Thiry at 267-8234.

UGSA schedules sign-ups for Saturdays this month

Big Spring's United Girls Softball Association has begun registering players each Saturday in March at the Big Spring Mall.

Registration is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays, and March 25 will be the final day to sign up.

The fee will be \$30 per player and applicants must have a copy of their birth certificate.

For more information, call 267-7466, 267-2208 or 267-4947.

ON THE AIR

Television

COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Men
6 p.m. — Mid-American Conference Tournament championship, Miami of Ohio vs. Ball State, ESPN, Ch. 30.
NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE
7 p.m. — Vancouver Canucks at Dallas Stars, FXS, Ch. 29.

Big 12 women's tournament heads into second round

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The Missouri Tigers continued their late-season collapse and likely lost any chance of playing in the NCAA tournament with an 83-68 loss to Colorado in the first round of the women's Big 12 Conference Tournament.

In other first-round games Tuesday, Texas defeated Texas A&M 83-72, Nebraska defeated Baylor 82-61 and Oklahoma State held off a rally to defeat Kansas State 67-59.

In quarterfinal action today, top-seeded Iowa State plays Oklahoma State; Kansas plays Nebraska; second-seeded Texas Tech takes on Colorado; and Oklahoma plays Texas.

With 8 minutes, 30 seconds remaining in the second half, No. 10 seed Colorado

(10-18) began a 22-9 run that took No. 7 seed Missouri out of the tournament.

Colorado's Jenny Roulier and Mandy Nightingale combined to score 14 of the Buffaloes' final 19 points. Roulier finished with 23, and Nightingale had 21.

After losing four of its last five regular season games, Missouri (17-12) needed a good run in the Big 12 tournament to get an NCAA bid.

"It's so hard to explain this team," Missouri coach Cindy Stein said. "They try so hard. We need to learn how to play with high intensity, under control, and value the ball."

Amanda Lassiter led Missouri with 17 points.

Edwina Brown scored 19 of her 25 points in the second half to lead Texas to

its first Big 12 tournament win since 1997.

The Longhorns (19-11) trailed 44-43 with 16:30 left, but scored the next 12 points and Texas A&M (11-16) couldn't get within 10 points the rest of the game.

Tracy Cook added 16 for Texas and JoRuth Woods had 13.

Prissy Sharpe led the Aggies with 19, followed by Kera Alexander with 18 and LaToya Rose with 16.

Casey Leonhardt scored 18 points and grabbed 11 rebounds to lead Nebraska over Baylor.

Baylor (7-20) got 23 points from Mandy Hayworth and Monica Arnold added 15.

Nebraska (17-11) shot 52 percent in the first half while holding Baylor to 29 percent to take a 49-25 halftime lead. The

Huskies never let the lead get below 20 points in the second half.

It was the final game for Baylor coach Sonja Hogg, who retired after six years at Baylor and a 17-year career in which she compiled a 390-146 record.

Oklahoma State (14-15) got 23 points from Chantoya Hawkins in the Cowboys' win over Kansas State (13-17).

Toya Releford added 17 points and Jessica Bates had 12 for Oklahoma State.

Oklahoma State led by as many as 25 points in the second half.

A 10-0 run by Kansas State cut the lead to 55-42, but the Wildcats never got closer than six points.

Reserve guard Kristin Rethman came off the bench to lead the Wildcats with 19 points.

Lady Steers open District 5-4A softball action with a shutout

HERALD Staff Report

SWEETWATER — Big Spring's Lady Steers were never really threatened Tuesday, as they opened District 5-4A softball competition with a 5-0 win over Sweetwater's Lady Mustangs.

In fact, the only real problem the Lady Steers encountered were high winds that delayed the start of the game for almost an hour.

With the exception of the inclement weather conditions, Lady Steers head coach Dan Arista said any other difficulties Big Spring's squad encountered were of its own making.

"We left eight runners stranded," Arista said after watching the Lady Steers pound Sweetwater pitching for 11 hits. "That's kind of a concern. We need to be getting those runs across."

"We can't continue to help people out," he added. "Our base running is the key. We made some crucial mental mistakes on the base paths that hurt us."

Freshman pitching ace Christina Gwyn went the distance in chalking up her first 5-4 victory, allowing three hits and walking two while striking out 14.

In addition, Gwyn helped her own cause with a solo home run in the third inning, adding that to a sacrifice fly in the first that gave her a pair of RBIs.

The Lady Steers scored all the runs Gwyn would really need in that first inning as Amy Jackson and Bridget Cain opened the frame with back-to-back singles.

A passed ball allowed both Big Spring runners to advance, setting the stage for Gwyn's sacrifice. Nicci Vizciano then doubled to plate Cain.

Gwyn's homer to left-center field in the third made it 3-0 and the Lady Steers added another tally in the fourth when Jackson singled and moved to third on a pair of passed balls. Cain then plated her with a sacrifice fly.

The final Big Spring run came in the top of the seventh when Vanessa Rodriguez led off with a triple and scored on a Lindsay Marino sacrifice fly.

While the Lady Steers managed the three sacrifice fly RBIs, Arista admitted even Big Spring's 11-hit total was somewhat disappointing.

"It's not like we weren't putting the ball in play," he explained. "In fact, we were hitting the ball and hitting it hard, but we hit a lot of balls right at people ... just



HERALD photo/Jim Fiero

Big Spring's Christina Gwyn, pictured here in Saturday's sweep of Grape Creek, chalked up her first District 5-4A win with a 5-0 shutout of Sweetwater's Lady Mustangs on Tuesday.

couldn't seem to find the holes." The Lady Steers figure to have a more difficult task on tap at 4 p.m. Friday when they continue district play, hosting Fort Stockton's Prowlers.

Forsan linksters win Robert Lee tournament

HERALD Staff Report

ROBERT LEE — Forsan's Buffs battled Tuesday's high winds at the Mountain Creek Golf Course to post a round of 335 and a five-stroke margin of victory in the team standings at the Robert Lee Invitational Golf Tournament.

Ballinger's Bearcats finished second in the tournament's team standings with a 340 total, while Robert Lee's host Steers were third at 348.

Coahoma's Bulldogs finished sixth as a team with a 367 total.

Dustin Morgan's round of 82 led the Buffs in scoring and earned him a tie for second in the individual medalist standings, while teammates Mike Rowden and Logan Stanley were right behind at 83 and 84, respectively.

William Osburn and Dustin Baker carded rounds of 86 to round out the Forsan

AREA ROUNDUP

squad's scores.

The Buffs also had two teammates competing for medalist honors only, Kyle Newton turning in a strong round of 85, while Blake Lansperry finished at 117.

Coahoma's Bulldogs were paced by Matthew Marlar's round of 85, while Blane Wright added a 91, Jay Chadwell carded a 95, Stephen Binion finished at 96 and Chase Ward rounded out the team's scoring with a 98.

The Bulldogs also entered two players in competition for medalist honors only. Derek Ward finished with a 107 total, while Taylor Parrish finished with a 113.

Both Forsan and Coahoma will return to action on March 17 when the Bulldogs hold their annual Coahoma Invitational tournament at the Comanche Trail Golf

Course.

Bulldogettes hold off Midland Christian rally

MIDLAND — Coahoma's Bulldogettes managed a 10-8 win Tuesday, but not without having to hold off a late rally by Midland Christian's Lady Mustangs in non-district softball action at the Bill Williams Softball Complex.

The Bulldogettes jumped on top in the third inning with five runs and added four more in the fourth.

That would be all Coahoma needed.

Midland Christian began its comeback with a five-run burst of its own in the bottom of the fourth and then added three more in the fifth.

The Bulldogettes return to action Friday when they play host to Jim Ned's Lady Indians in a district game set for 4:30 p.m.

Borden County, Grady, Sands dominate 18-1A all-district picks

JOHN A. MOSELEY
Managing Editor

Not surprisingly, Crossroads area teams dominated the balloting when District 18-1A basketball coaches met recently to select their boys' and girls' all-district teams.

Mere numbers meant area teams would dominate, since three of the league's four schools — Borden County, Grady and Sands — reside in the Crossroads.

While Ira's Bulldogs claimed the 18-1A championship, they managed only as many spots on the boys' all-district team as Grady's runner-up Wildcats.

The same was true for the girls' team

where Borden County's district champion Lady Coyotes picked up three spots on the all-district squad, as did the runner-up Lady Wildcats from Grady.

It was only fitting, therefore, that the district champions claimed the most valuable players on both teams — Ira's Jerek Brown picking up the boys' MVP honor, while Borden County's Julie Mayes was selected as the girls' MVP.

Brown was joined by teammates Logan Davis, Nathan Smith and Richard Wilkins on the all-district boys' team, while the rest of the squad belonged to Grady, Borden County and Sands.

The Wildcats' all-district picks were junior Clint Schuelke and seniors Frankie Garza and Jed Hinojosa. Borden

County was represented by Justin Lawrence and Trent Pepper, while Sands' Coby Floyd and Stuart Bell rounded out the boys' squad.

Joining Mayes on the all-district girls' squad were teammates Valerie Wootan and Lynsey Smith and Grady rivals Caroline Madison, Meagan Mims and Rebekah Adams.

Sands' Lady Mustangs placed two players, Brianna Fryar and Trisha Nichols, on the all-district squad, while Ira had three honorees — Morgan Clements, Carby Callie and Celeigh Sterling.

Borden County's Mayes and Smith were named to the Texas Six-Man Coaches Association All-Star girls' team, along with Sands' Fryar and Grady's

Madison.

Grady's Mims was selected as an alternate for the all-star game scheduled for July in Lubbock.

DISTRICT 18-1A All-District Boys' and Girls' Basketball Teams

BOYS
MOST VALUABLE PLAYER: Jerek Brown, Ira.
OTHER HONOREES:
Coby Floyd, Stuart Bell, Grady; Justin Lawrence, Borden County; Logan Davis, Ira; Julie Mayes, Borden County; Nathan Smith, Ira; Richard Wilkins, Ira; Frankie Garza, Grady; Clint Schuelke, Grady; Trent Pepper, Borden County; Jed Hinojosa, Grady; Nathan Smith, Ira.

GIRLS
MOST VALUABLE PLAYER: Julie Mayes, Borden County.
OTHER HONOREES:
Carly Callie, Ira; Celeigh Sterling, Ira; Valerie Wootan, Borden County; Morgan Clements, Ira; Brianna Fryar, Sands; Lynsey Smith, Borden County; Trisha Nichols, Sands; Meagan Mims, Grady; Rebekah Adams, Grady; Carby Callie, Ira; Celeigh Sterling, Ira.

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SPORTS EXTRA

25-MEN

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' men's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses and records through March 5.

Table with 2 columns: Rank and Team. Top teams include Cincinnati (66), Stanford (2), Duke, Ohio St. (2), Michigan St., Temple, Iowa St., Tennessee, Arizona, LSU, Florida, Syracuse, Texas, Tulsa, Oklahoma, Kentucky, Oklahoma St., Indiana, St. John's, Maryland, Connecticut, Purdue, Miami, Kansas, Illinois.

TOP 25 - WOMEN

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses and records through March 5.

Table with 2 columns: Rank and Team. Top teams include Connecticut (40), Tennessee (3), Louisiana Tech, Georgia, Notre Dame, Texas Tech, Penn St., Rutgers, UC Santa Barbara, Iowa St., Duke, Mississippi St., Purdue, Old Dominion, LSU, Auburn, Boston College, Oklahoma, Virginia, N.C. State, Tulane, Arizona, George Washington, Oregon, Michigan.

UIL PAIRINGS

The University Interscholastic League on Sunday released the pairings and schedule for the 2000 boys state basketball tournament, being played Thursday through Saturday at the Frank Erwin Center in Austin.

SCHEDULES section containing Thursday, Friday, and Saturday game pairings with times and venues.

FINAL

Final game pairings for Saturday.

COLLEGIATE BASEBALL

The top 25 teams in the Collegiate Baseball poll with records through March 5.

Table with 2 columns: Rank and Team. Top teams include Florida St., North Carolina, Stanford, Texas, Southern Calif., Auburn, CS-Fullerton, Clemson, Alabama.

NBA STANDINGS

Table showing Eastern and Western Conference NBA Standings with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, and GB.

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WC Playoff berth information for Eastern Conference teams.

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WC Playoff berth information for Western Conference teams.

BIG 12 - WOMEN

Table showing Big 12 women's basketball conference standings.

TRANSACTIONS

Transactions section detailing player movements and coaching changes.

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WOMEN'S SCORES section listing scores for various women's sports events.

Additional sports news and brief reports.

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Gonzalez, Sosa homer; Yankees drop to 0-6

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Juan Gonzalez and Sammy Sosa hit their first home runs of the spring. The New York Yankees are still looking for their first win.

Gonzalez connected for one of five homers in the Detroit Tigers' 10-7 loss to the Atlanta Braves in Lakeland, Fla.

"He just looks menacing at the plate, doesn't he?" new Tigers manager Phil Garner said.

Gonzalez, acquired from Texas during the offseason, hit a long, two-run shot. He's been nursing a strained left hamstring. As a result, he has been used only as a designated hitter this spring, and only at Joker Marchant Stadium.

"I want to see him get to where he wants to be, which is swinging the bat," Garner said. "He doesn't need to make road trips in spring training."

In Tucson, Ariz., Sosa homered in a five-run fifth, but the Arizona Diamondbacks rallied for four runs with two outs in

the ninth to beat the Chicago Cubs 9-8. Sosa's drive off the left-field scoreboard at Electric Park was estimated at 425 feet.

At Tampa, Fla., the Yankees dropped to 0-6, losing to the Minnesota Twins 7-5. New York has been outscored 56-21 and has not held a lead in any game.

"I'll be the first to let you guys know when it's not early," Yankees owner George Steinbrenner said. "Until then, relax. We're getting close. One of these days very soon, we're going to bust out."

Asked whether he was ready to explode, he laughed. "No, the Yankees. The Yankees. Not me," he said.

In roster moves, catcher Gregg Zaun was traded to the Kansas City Royals from the Detroit for a player to be named or cash, and pitcher Jeff Juden was placed on waivers by the Yankees for the purpose of his unconditional release.

Reds 3, Phillies 1. At Sarasota, Fla., Ken Griffey Jr. went hitless and Sean Casey bruised a knee. Griffey flied out to left field and walked twice, leaving him 2-for-8 in four games, with one homer. Casey was hit on the back of the right knee by one of Joe Grahe's pitches in the fourth inning. The first baseman came out of the game but was expected to play today.

Reds 5, Phillies 4. At Clearwater, Fla., with his father watching from the stands, Pete Rose Jr. went 2-for-3 in his first start of the spring. He tied the game at 2 with an RBI single in the second off Ron Villone.

Cardinals 2, Dodgers 1. Five St. Louis pitchers combined on a two-hitter, dropping Los Angeles to 0-5.

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Canadian officials charge McSorley with assault case

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — British Columbia officials charged McSorley with assault on Donald Brashear last week after the ice and hockey player was charged with the assault on the NHL's off-ice.

The British Columbia attorney general, Gordon Campbell, announced the charges on Monday. Campbell said the charges were filed against McSorley for striking Brashear in the head with a two-handed swing on Feb. 21. He plans to plead innocent, his lawyer said.

"I'm disappointed," McSorley said in an interview with BESPIN. "I'm disappointed it's going to court because I don't know if anything really happens right now how much I've actually lost."

McSorley, who will not have to appear at the hearing, would face a maximum of 18 months in jail if convicted.

"I've been in contact with a very good lawyer in Vancouver, and we were trying to get him out of court," McSorley said. His suspension already will cost him an estimated \$22,000 in salary.

BILL Smart, McSorley's Vancouver attorney, said he hopes for a trial date in late summer or early fall.

Two days after the attack, the 36-year-old defenseman received the harshest suspension the NHL has ever levied for on-ice violence. McSorley was banished from Brashear's final 23 regular-season games and any of the last-place Bruins might play in the postseason.

McSorley will also have to meet with commissioner Gary Bettman before a return to the ice is considered.

Geoff Gaud, a spokesman for the British Columbia criminal justice branch, said the decision to charge McSorley was made after a prosecutor's review of police investigations.

The NHL said it does not agree with the move, but said it will fully cooperate with Canadian authorities.

"We believe the league dealt with this wrong," McSorley said.

with the matter quickly, decisively and appropriately—and did not feel that any further action was warranted under the circumstances," said NHL Deputy Commissioner Brian Burke.

Henry Straker, the Bruins president and general manager, expressed his disappointment with the involvement by the courts.

"The National Hockey League has handled down a severe discipline in this case and we feel that was sufficient," he said, adding that the team would also cooperate fully.

McSorley's strike to the right temple of Brashear's headward, causing his head to hit the ice as his helmet came off. Brashear's body twitched and blood came from his nose. He was diagnosed with the most serious kind of concussion, and his status is to be reviewed in about a week.

McSorley and Brashear, another NHL tough guy, fought earlier in the game, and McSorley said he was trying to get Brashear into another fight at the end of the game, a 5-2 victory by the Canucks.

"I had absolutely no intention of hurting Donald Brashear with my hockey stick," McSorley told BESPIN. "I wanted a confrontation with Donald Brashear, no different than I've done on so many other nights. ... It just went badly."

McSorley has lasted 17 years in the league because of his ability to fight and protect his more skilled teammates.

He is best known for serving as Wayne Gretzky's protector with the Edmonton Oilers and Los Angeles Kings. The two were teamed together in one of hockey's biggest deals.

McSorley said he has received calls of support from players in the league and Hall of Famers who say they understand what happened.

Rangers play political hardball with Bush leaguer

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. (AP) — Rafael Palmeiro and Henry Rogers remember the days when a Bush leaguer used to roam their locker room.

In fact, they were recently talking about that guy.

"A couple of days ago, I called Henry who he was going to vote for," the pitcher said. "I said, 'You're going to vote for the man, aren't you?'"

Usually, the most popular subject at spring training is the NLBA baseball tournament pool. But this year, a lot of Rangers have good reason to take a keen interest in the campaign trail.

The team's former owner, George W. Bush, is running for president.

About a half-dozen players remain from the days when Bush used to regularly roam the same Gulf Coast locker room. They all said they'd vote for Bush.

"I just think it would be cool to know the dude in the White

House," pitcher Daren O'Rourke said.

Pitcher Mark Hilling recalled Bush's easy manner.

"It was a real nice when he was here, and probably a majority of owners would hit him with a vote," Hilling said this week. "But he was real personable and he'd be the first to come around once in a while, and it's always like, 'Hey, Mark, how are you doing?'"

Shortstop time All-Star catcher Ivan Rodriguez said Bush is a great guy. He'd make a good president.

Bush was part of the group that bought the Rangers in 1989. He was active in the team's affairs, often watching from a front-row seat at Arlington Stadium until he ran for governor.

When Bush was elected in 1994, his interest in the club was placed into a blind trust, and Tom Schiefel saw himself as a general partner. The team was sold to Tom Hicks in

June 1999, and Bush made about \$25 million in the deal.

Juan Gonzalez was the AL home run king in Texas when Bush's real interest was baseball. Thrilled to Detroit in the offseason, the slugger outfielder was talking to a friend over the phone Sunday about Bush.

"He looks you in the eyes when he's saying something," Gonzalez said at the Tigers' camp in Lakeland, Fla. "That's important to me. I know I can trust him."

When Bush owned the Rangers, Gonzalez contributed \$100 per NHL to a Texas literacy program the future governor founded. The two still visit a few times every year.

"He is a warrior. In my opinion, he's the best presidential candidate for the Republicans," Gonzalez said.

Gonzalez and Rodriguez both said they prefer Bush over Republican rival John McCain and Democratic contender Al Gore and Bill Bradley. As resi-

dents of Texas to Bush, however, they cannot vote in the presidential election.

Rogers, meanwhile, is talking up Bush to anyone who will listen.

"I really hope he gets elected. You just get a good feeling when you vote high," Rogers said. "You see the other guys you have to vote for and there's not even a choice."

Palmeiro, who joined Rogers on the Rangers in 1999, also prefers the son of former President George Bush. The prospect of lower taxes, especially in his home state, pleased the All-Star first baseman.

"I see the things he's done in Texas and think he can incorporate some of those things for our country," Palmeiro said. "Plus, he's got good ideas. I've watched a little off the debates, and I like him."

Only one problem for Palmeiro.

"I'm not registered to vote," he said. "I have to do it."

Cowboys hire Wade Wilson as quarterbacks coach

IRVING (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys struck out when they tried to persuade long-time backup quarterback Jason Garrett to be their new quarterbacks coach.

Instead, the Cowboys found another former Troy Aikman backup for the job.

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones has hired 40-year-old Wade Wilson to be the new quarter-

backs coach for coach Dave Campo's staff. He succeeds Buddy Geis.

"Wade brings 19 years of NFL playing experience at the quarterback position to our coaching staff," Jones said. "He not only has a great level of familiarity with our offensive scheme, but he also has the benefit of working in several of the offensive systems on the profes-

sional level."

Jones cited Wilson's relationship with Aikman as a reason for his hiring.

"I believe Troy Aikman will be very comfortable with him as our quarterbacks coach, and I believe Wade will be able to help us identify and develop young quarterback prospects for the future," Jones said.

Wilson, a Dallas native,

played on the Dallas Cowboys State (now Texas A&M) team, where he was an NFL All-American.

He was Aikman's understudy from 1985-97. The past three seasons Wilson spent as reserve quarterback in Oakland.

Garrett turned down Jones' coaching contract offer to sign a 3-year deal as backup quarterback for the New York Giants.

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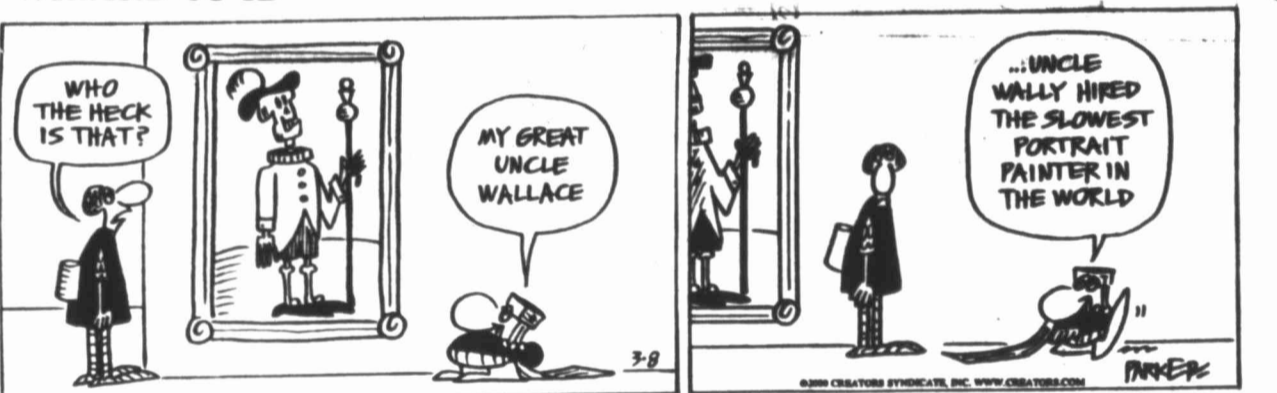
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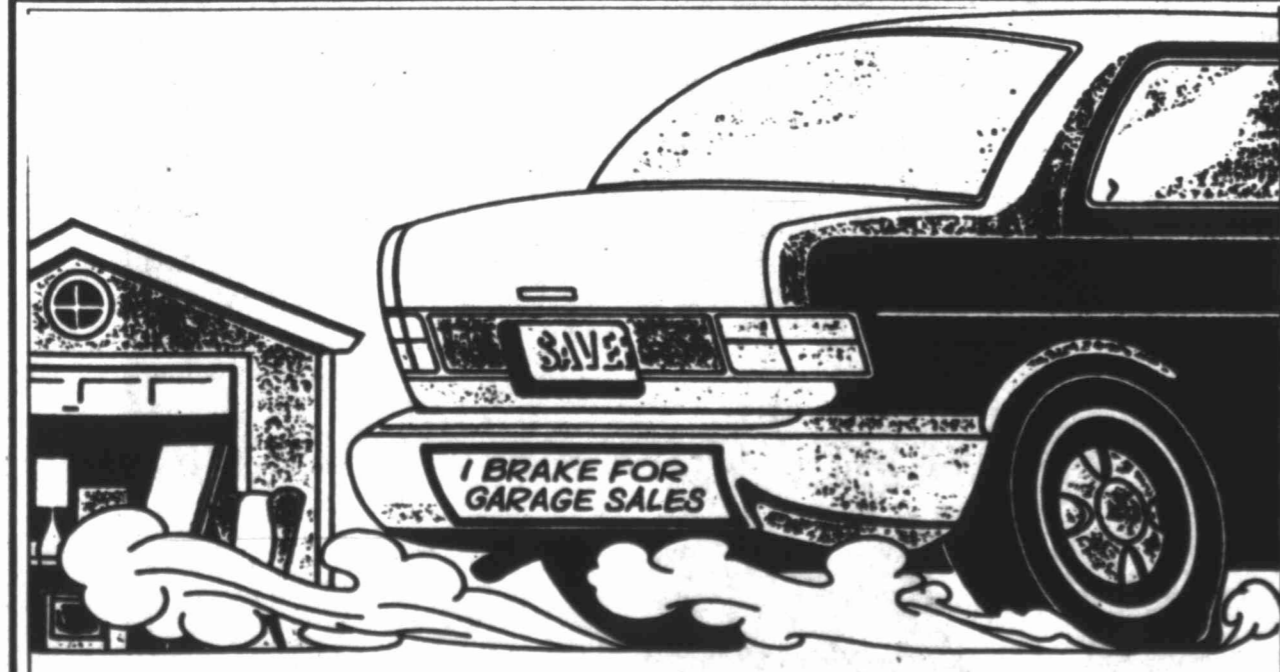
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