

TUESDAY

March 28, 2000

WEATHER

Today:



PARTLY CLOUDY

TONIGHT 40°-45° WEDNESDAY 75°-78°

Benefit auction donations needed

Donations are being accepted for an auction to benefit the Spring City Senior Citizens Center.

For information, contact Bobbie Leonard at the Spring City Senior Citizens Center, 267-1628 or Crossroads Auction Company, 263-8200.

The auction will be held by David Lefever, local auctioneer, and is being planned for mid-April if there are enough donations. The date will be determined at a later time.

Candlelight vigil planned tonight

A candlelight prayer vigil for the Chad and Cindy Harbour family will be held at the Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater at 7:30 p.m. tonight.

"We want to show our support for the Harbour family and their relatives," said an organizer.

The family lost their two children when flood waters washed them down a creek Thursday morning.

Those who can attend are asked to bring a candle. The informal gathering will feature music and prayer.

WHAT'S UP...

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.

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.

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

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Steve Long selected as new superintendent for Glasscock County ISD

By GINA GARZA
Staff Writer

Glasscock County Independent School District now has a new superintendent.

Steve Long, who will replace retiring superintendent Charles Zachry, will start his duties on June 1.

"I hope to be completely moved by the second weekend of June," said Long.

Long has been superintendent

at Rule since 1996. He received his bachelor's degree from Angelo State University, majoring in science and physical education, and his master's degree from Abilene Christian University. Long received his superintendent certification from Sul Ross University.

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

"He's a fine young man," said Zachry.

The board got help in the

search process from the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB).

"We received a list of what the Glasscock ISD expected from their superintendent," said Clyde Greer, senior consultant superintendent search service for TASB.

"We developed a profile with their major qualifications, put it in a brochure and sent it out to them."

According to Greer, Glasscock ISD received 17 applications.

"They had interviews with each qualified one and then narrowed it down to just three," he said.

"Each of the three finalists were asked the same questions in order for the board of trustees to compare answers," Zachry added.

"I'm very excited about this position and am ready to go," said Long.

He also said this is a little bit larger school district than at Rule.

"Both Rule and Glasscock County ISD are in the same district, but Rule plays 6-man football while Glasscock plays 11," he added. "I think Glasscock has about 100 or so more students."

"I've got a lot of enthusiasm about this move," said Long.

Zachry also said that Glasscock ISD has had very little turnover in its staffing, and it has been years since they have been through a search of any kind.

Despite some woes, Beals Creek project working

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

Though Big Spring officials are scrambling, trying to keep up with the huge inflow of water into the wastewater collection system, they are calling the Beals Creek Project a success.

"We're not out of the woods yet, but it has passed the first test with flying colors," said Todd Darden, director of public works.

One business along Third Street was flooded with about 18 inches of water, Darden said, but that is better than what might have been.

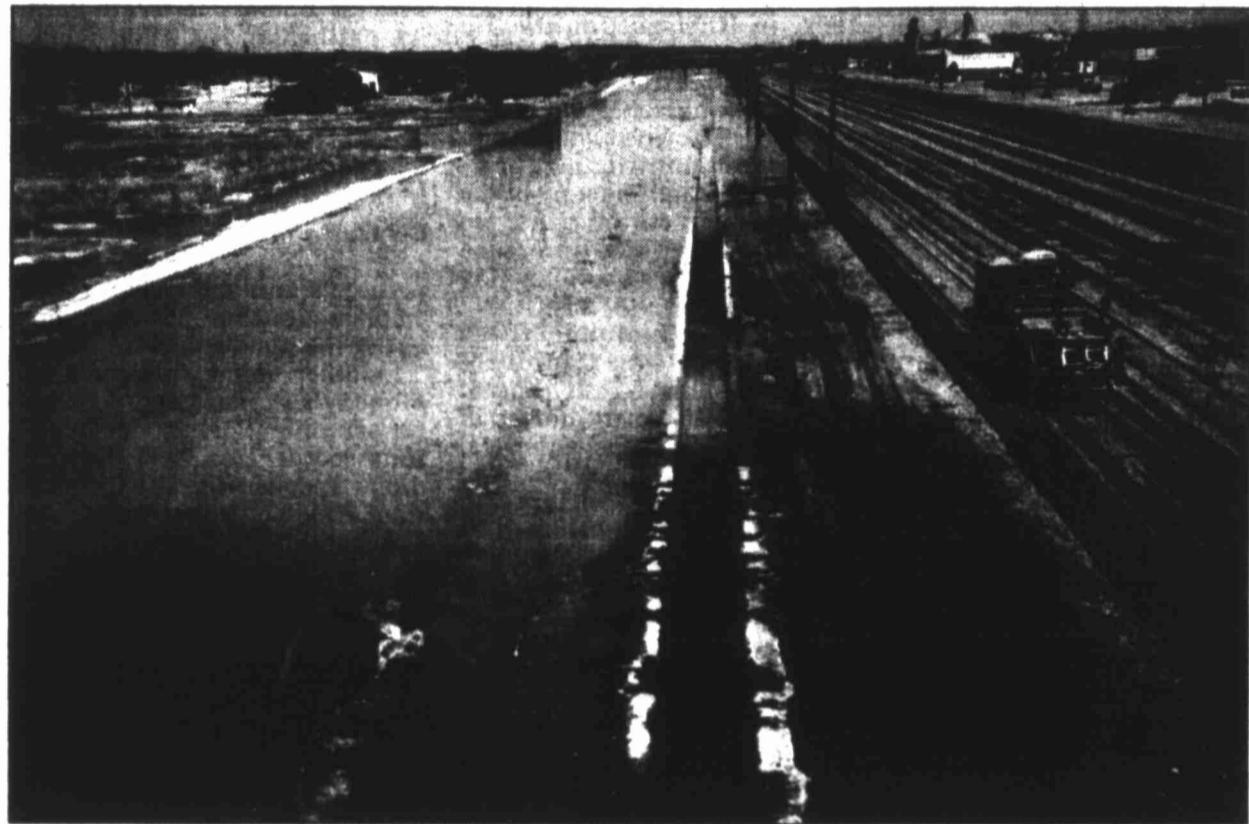
"We had some close calls, but it looks like Beals Creek is finally receding. I believe the Jones Valley area and some of downtown would have really been under water otherwise," said Darden. "We only saw it reach Third Street, and no businesses (other than one) were affected other than limiting some accessibility. We had a plan in place if the water kept rising, that we would have helped with evacuation."

"The only flooding we are seeing is downstream where we did not do any improvements, from the Lion's Club Bingo Hall to the water treatment plant."

Rains throughout the area Wednesday night and early Thursday sent water rushing along Beals Creek. A second rise came Friday morning. According to city officials, it peaked Saturday about 3 a.m. and began receding. It began to rise a third time about 3 p.m. Saturday and peaked about midnight before beginning to recede again Monday.

"We're talking a large area, with several counties involved. There are several tributaries feeding into Beals Creek, including Mustang Draw," said Darden. "We're talking a tremendous amount of water."

And that large inflow of water has caused a series of headaches and inconveniences. "It's caused several problems



Flooding along Beals Creek last weekend covered much of the railroad tracks with water. Only one business was impacted, according to city officials, but water has flowed into some of the manholes, backing up the collection system and forcing raw sewage to flow out in some areas.

in the wastewater collection system. Specifically, we have some manholes about 3 feet under water.

It overloaded the collection system and the waste water plant. Big Spring waste water plant is permitted to handle 3.5 million gallons per day.

"We were flowing about 14 million a day, which did cause some permit violations for us," said Darden. "We have notified the TNRC (Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission). We advised them we were chlorinating at the pump and running a maximum number of pumps. We are also putting chlorinated granules at the manholes every hour on the water."

"To this point, the TNRC hasn't advised us to do anything else, just keep up with the disinfection."

Darden said there is about a 70-30 percent blend of rainwater to raw sewage.

"We know of one manhole overflowing and that's at Second and Owens, and we're chlorinating that on an hourly basis," Darden said.

Those violations could lead to the city being fined by the TNRC.



DARDEN



Courtesy photo/Bob Noyes

Commissioners court hires firm to conduct county redistricting

By GINA GARZA
Staff Writer

Howard County Commissioners Court on Monday approved Allison, Bass & Associates, L.L.P. to redistrict the county at a price of \$25,000.



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"This is something that has to be done every 10 years, along with the Census, so we can make sure there are the same amount of people in each district," said Gary Simer, Commissioner of Precinct 4.

The cost to do this will be \$25,000 with \$15,000 due by Jan. 1, 2001, and the remainder due Jan. 1, 2002.

The service includes:

- Evaluation of most recent redistricting submissions.
- Early information and planning for the reapportionment

project before the release of 2000 Census information.

"When preliminary population data is available from the Census Bureau, the firm will compare the data to the present commissioner, justice and election precincts. If the comparison indicates that redistricting will be necessary, Allison, Bass & Associates will prepare a population and demographic analysis and submit it to the commissioner's court.

- The firm will assist the commissioner's court in the formation of a Citizens Advisory Committee to insure preparation of suitable reapportionment plan(s).
- It will conduct public hearings in which the proposed plans are fully presented to the public.
- Allison, Bass & Associates will prepare detailed demographic maps, charts and supporting data to demonstrate that the reapportionment plan is fully in compliance with state and federal law.
- After final approval by the

commissioner's court, the firm will prepare and file all necessary maps and other documentation to complete submission to the U.S. Department of Justice for preclearance under the Voting Rights Act. In addition, upon preclearance, it will insure that the plan is fully recorded and filed in compliance with Texas law.

Finally, the firm will provide election administration staff with maps of all election

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Howard College trustees set up election, OK summer salaries

By GINA GARZA
Staff Writer

The Howard College board of trustees discussed upcoming elections Monday during its regular board meeting.

Among the action taken was drawing



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for places on ballot for at-large positions.

John Freeman, owner of Freeman, and Michael R. Niklasch, owner of A&M Composites, have each filed hoping to fill the seat currently held by Sue Partee.

Freeman is a former chairman of the industrial education program at Howard College. Niklasch came to Big Spring six years ago and opened a manufacturing plant on the Snyder Highway.

Partee has decided not run. Niklasch's name will appear at the top of the ballot, followed by Freeman's.

In other business, trustees approved employee and board handbook changes.

"We need to have three changes made," said Cheri Sparks, Howard College president.

One change relates to summer salaries for full-time teachers. "We have studied other colleges to see what they pay," said

Sparks. "Through the years, we have seen our summer schedule dwindle because of the summer staff salaries and teachers don't want to teach for low pay."

Sparks said this change is due to getting full-time teachers to teach in the summer, the ones students are familiar with, instead of having low-paying part-time teachers.

The cost will be \$31,000 for the Big Spring campus and from \$25,000 to \$30,000 for the San Angelo campus.

"We feel this is the right thing to do," said Sparks.

"The more full-time faculty we can have this summer, the better our summer enrollment will be," said Linda Conway, vice president for instruction.

The second change will be the investment policy.

"We want to make sure we meet all standards," said Sparks.

The college will also change

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OBITUARIES

Bull Daylong

Bull Daylong, 85, of Big Spring, died at 7 a.m. Saturday, March 25, 2000, at Mountain View Lodge following a long illness. Graveside service was at 2 p.m. Monday at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Herb McPherson, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, officiating. Mr. Daylong was born July 8, 1914, in Davis, Okla. He was the son of Stella Theresa Pearson Daylong and David Webster Daylong. The family came to Big Spring in 1914, and Mr. Daylong was a lifetime resident of Big Spring. He married Ester Lovell May 16, 1936, in Big Spring. He worked a number of years as a truck driver for Steere Tank Lines and later was truck pusher for Earthco. He also operated several service stations in Big Spring. He was a member of the First Assembly of God Church. He was very loved by his family and friends.



He is survived by: his wife, Ester Daylong of Big Spring; three daughters, Wanda Speaker (and her husband Barry), of Lake Jackson, Jody Washington of Odessa, and Donna Daylong of Big Spring; one son, Preston Daylong (and his wife Janet) of Big Spring; one sister, Cozile Draper of Abilene; two brothers, Jim Daylong of Eastland, and Andy Daylong of Orlando, Calif.; 18 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren; one great-grandson; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one son, Albert Paul Daylong Jr., and one brother, Johnny Daylong.

Pallbearers were Preston Daylong, Paul McEvers, Shawn Coker, Donna Daylong, Donnie Jones and Abel Carrillo. The family will be at 1317 Park. The arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Paid obituary

George "Jerry" Callahan

George "Jerry" Callahan, 71, of Coahoma, died on Sunday, March 26, 2000, at his residence. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 29, 2000, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Roger Huff, pastor of First Church of Nazarene, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.



Maxine was born on August 10, 1934, in Pilot, Ky., and married Stephen Forshee on May 31, 1963, in Peru, Ind. She loved her family and raising children. Survivors include: her husband, Stephen Forshee of Big Spring; three sons and daughters-in-law, Dean and Tresa Spencer of Big Spring, Kent and Autumn Spencer of Midland, and Michael and Mary Forshee of Big Spring; two daughters and sons-in-law, Candy and Pat Chesworth of Big Spring, and Robin and Dannie Stevens of Big Spring; one sister, Sylvia Cook of Peru, Ind.; and 11 grandchildren. Maxine was preceded in death by five brothers and three sisters. The family suggest memorials to the American Cancer Society, c/o Lucy Bonner; P.O. Box 2121; Big Spring; 79721-2121. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Paid obituary

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288
Felipe Munoz, 73, died Monday. Rosary will be 7:00 PM tonight at Myers & Smith Chapel. Services will be 10:00 AM Wednesday at Sacred Heart Church with burial in Mt. Olive Cemetery.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home

Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory
906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331
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ORPHA E. STOKER

Orpha E. Stoker, 84, died Monday. Graveside services will be 4:00 PM Wednesday at Trinity Memorial Park.

grandson, assisting. Interment will follow at Coahoma Cemetery.

Mr. Callahan was born on Nov. 20, 1928, in Greenup, Ky., and married Jo Dell Hale on Oct. 14, 1960, in Coahoma. She preceded him in death on Nov. 17, 1998.

He had worked as a stillman and electrician for Cosden Oil and Chemical Company, retiring with 23 years of service.

Mr. Callahan was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Coahoma, and a member of the Masonic Lodge. He had served in the United States Navy and the United States Air Force.

Survivors include: three sons and one daughter-in-law, Mike Patrick Callahan of California, Howard Gregory of Jewett, and Ken and Shylene Gregory of Cordell, Okla.; one sister and brother-in-law, Maxine and Bill Fisher of Prattville, Ala. five grandchildren, Wendi Simmons and her husband, Duke, Kenny Gregory, Prissi Gregory, Staci Gregory and Courtney Gregory; three great-grandchildren, Scarlett Simmons, Noah Simmons and Isaac Simmons; two sisters-in-law and two brothers-in-law, Rae Nell and Valcus Best of Coahoma and Ned and Ona Jay Hale of Harlingen; several nieces and nephews and friends that were considered part of the family, Joan Mosley, Frances Bartlett and Lucy Emerson.

He was also preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Onna Lova Mead Callahan and by one brother, Charles Callahan.

The family suggests memorials to the First Presbyterian Church of Coahoma; P.O. Box 94, Coahoma; 79511.

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Maxine Forshee

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Mr. Munoz died Monday, March 27, at Comanche Trail Nursing Home following a long illness. He was born on Sept. 3, 1926, in Casa Piedra. He moved to Big Spring, in 1937. He married Maria Garcia on Sept. 16, 1960, in Big Spring. He was employed by the Big Spring Independent School for 20 years, retiring in 1988, and had

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The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activities throughout the weekend that ended Monday: ASSAULT - 10
FAMILY VIOLENCE - 1
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT (FAMILY VIOLENCE) - 1
BURGLARY OF A HABITATION - 4
BURGLARY OF A BUILDING - 1
BURGLARY OF MOTOR VEHICLE - 2
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF - 3
CREDIT CARD ABUSE - 2
DRIVING WHILE LICENSE INVALID - 5
FAILURE TO IDENTIFY - 1
POSSESSION OF DRUGS - 1
RESISTING ARREST - 1
THEFT - 20
UNAUTHORIZED USE OF VEHICLE - 2
INCIDENT TOTAL - 18
ARRESTS - 14
ACCIDENTS - 5
MAJOR - 1
MINOR - 4

SHERIFF

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The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activities between noon Saturday and 8 a.m. today:
•HECTOR ARTURA CANO, 22, of El Paso, was arrested on charges of driving while license suspended, possession of marijuana, and display of counterfeit inspection document.
•ALBERT GOMEZ JR., 19, of Odessa, was arrested on charges of criminal mischief and resisting arrest.
•JENEVA MIRELES, 33, of Sterling City, was arrested on a charge of theft by check.
•EDWARD GARCIA JR., 21, of 642 Manor, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended.
•DANIEL V. FLORES, 31, of 1408 W. 2nd, was arrested on a charge of resisting arrest.
•CHRISTOPHER SCOTT HOLMES, 27, of 1407 Sycamore, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended.

RECORDS

Monday's high 80
Monday's low 57
Average high 71
Average low 43
Record high 98 in 1971
Record low 19 in 1931
Precip. Monday 0.00
Month to date 3.72
Year to date 4.71
Normal for the year 2.78
Sunrise Wednesday 6:37 a.m.
Sunset Wednesday 7:04 p.m.

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precincts and will assist in the implementation of elections under the resulting plan. In other items discussed at Monday's meeting, Leigh Corson, Big Spring city planning coordinator, said the city didn't receive a grant through the Texas Department of Transportation that was hoped to help construct a downtown park. "We are going to proceed with the project but at a scaled-down version," said Corson. She said there would be a small canopy and trees, flag poles and benches, but no restrooms as originally planned. "We want to do this to help make more of an impact on beautifying downtown Big Spring," she added. Also on the agenda was upgrading the phone system in the sheriff's office. "It's time we do something for our office phones," said Sheriff Bill Jennings. "We've run out of usable phones." The commissioners decided to take a look at phone companies and their costs before making a decision on the issue.

COLLEGE

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the way bids are advertised. "There have been some misinterpretation in how we are to advertise bids," said Sparks. "For bids between \$10,000 and \$25,000, we are to advertise two consecutive days, and for bids higher than \$25,000, we do the ads two weeks apart." The board of trustees also approved two bids. Tangent Computer, of Burlingame, Calif., will provide six computers for the Center for Teaching Excellence at a total of \$11,874. Software Express, of Charlotte, N.C., will handle the Microsoft agreement at a total cost of \$11,916.59. "We will be able to install any Microsoft programs on any computer at Howard College at a much cheaper rate," said Terry Hansen, executive vice president. In other items discussed, Community College Month begins April 1 and SWCIDfest 2000 will be April 13-15.

POLICE

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The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activities from 8 a.m. Monday through 8 a.m. today:
•CHRISTINE BEAM, 19, of 1300 Harding, was arrested on outstanding warrants.
•CODY GREEN, 20, of Stanton, was arrested on a Travis County Warrant.
•DAVID WILLIAMS, 47, of Saddleback, Ariz., was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
•RAUL MARTINEZ, 43, of 1510 Oriole, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
•DELPHINO ZARRAGA, 20, of 1614 Bluebird, was arrested on a charge of driving under the influence.
•BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 2400 block of Larry, in the 2500 block of Larry, in the 2600 block of Larry, in the 2700 block of Larry, in the 2600 block of Ann.
•THEFT was reported in the 400 block of Johnson, in the 900 block of Willa, in the 1800 block of Gregg, in the 900 block of E.

SHERIFF

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The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activities between noon Saturday and 8 a.m. today:
•HECTOR ARTURA CANO, 22, of El Paso, was arrested on charges of driving while license suspended, possession of marijuana, and display of counterfeit inspection document.
•ALBERT GOMEZ JR., 19, of Odessa, was arrested on charges of criminal mischief and resisting arrest.
•JENEVA MIRELES, 33, of Sterling City, was arrested on a charge of theft by check.
•EDWARD GARCIA JR., 21, of 642 Manor, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended.
•DANIEL V. FLORES, 31, of 1408 W. 2nd, was arrested on a charge of resisting arrest.
•CHRISTOPHER SCOTT HOLMES, 27, of 1407 Sycamore, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended.

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House GOP to add \$4 billion to emergency spending bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Top House Republicans are supporting a drive to add \$4 billion to the Pentagon's \$9 billion bill for U.S. efforts in Colombia and Kosovo, despite criticism by the Senate GOP leader that the measure already is too expensive.

House leaders will let pro-defense lawmakers try adding the money when the chamber debates the spending bill on Wednesday, House GOP aides speaking on condition of anonymity said on Monday.

The leaders, including Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., will support the amendment, and both it and the overall bill are expected to be approved, the aides said. The bill covers expenses for fiscal 2000, which runs through Sept. 30.

The extra military funds are aimed at mollifying pro-defense legislators. Last week, they lost a behind-the-scenes effort to add \$15 billion to the \$307 billion set aside for the Pentagon in the

House's fiscal 2001 federal budget.

With the support of those lawmakers, that GOP-written budget passed the House by 211-207. The \$307 billion it contains for defense is about \$17 billion more than this year.

Adding \$4 billion to the spending bill would please Pentagon supporters, but run exactly counter to what Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., wants.

The bill faces an uncertain fate in the Senate because Lott considers even the \$9 billion price tag too high.

Lott has said he would support the spending bill if it is "quick and clean," said spokesman John Czwartacki, "and it ain't getting any cleaner."

Many House conservatives also say the bill is too expensive and would oppose the added defense spending.

"I'm voting no on this," said

conservative Rep. Pete Hoekstra, R-Mich. "It's out of character with what I expect the Republican Party in the House to do."

House leaders want to plow ahead anyway in hopes of reaching agreement with the Senate, if even for a pared-down bill, aides said. The extra defense money could be a chit for such negotiations.

The extra money is to be for Pentagon readiness and health-care expenses, an aide said. Additional details were not immediately available.

For the Pentagon, the bill already contains \$2 billion for costs of U.S. peacekeepers in Kosovo; \$1.6 billion for the military's higher-than-expected fuel bill; and \$854 million for the Pentagon's embattled health-insurance system.

The bill also has \$2.2 billion for recovery costs from last autumn's Hurricane Floyd and other domestic natural disas-

ters; \$1.7 billion to help the Colombian government's battle against drug traffickers and its left- and right-wing allies; and other items.

Lott has said he would rather provide money for Colombia and Kosovo in spending bills Congress will consider later this year for 2001.

Meanwhile, Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M., all but settled a dispute with conservatives that had delayed his plans to push a \$1.8 trillion budget for 2001 through his committee. The panel will begin considering the spending plan today.

Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, a leader of the conservative group and a member of the committee, had demanded procedural controls on spending as the price for his vote. Without it, Domenici could not push his budget through the committee, where unanimous Democratic opposition is expected.

Senate takes up flag desecration amendment

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate began another long-shot effort Monday to amend the Constitution to protect the flag from desecration. Opponents used the opportunity to bring up campaign finance reform, another issue with election-year repercussions.

Those against the amendment predicted the outcome would be similar to that of the last Senate vote in 1995, when supporters fell three short of the two-thirds majority needed to amend the Constitution.

The House surpassed the two-thirds goal with a 305-124 vote last June, but the Senate has always been the key hurdle to the amendment that has been pushed by Republicans since they won control of both houses of Congress in 1995. Three-fourths of the states also must ratify an amendment before it becomes part of the Constitution.

The amendment is a one-sentence article stating: "Congress shall have power to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States."

The drive for the amendment dates back to two 5-4 Supreme Court decisions in 1989 and 1990 that first struck down a Texas flag desecration statute and then ruled unconstitutional a flag protection law passed by Congress.

The Citizens Flag Alliance, a pro-amendment group of some 140 veterans and civic groups, said three-fourths of Americans support a flag amendment and 49 state legislatures — all but Vermont — have passed resolutions urging Congress to pass the amendment.

Pat Brady, chairman of the alliance, said they were hopeful but weren't predicting vic-

tory. "They want to protect the flag, everyone wants to do it, but for some reason they are reluctant to correct the mistakes of the Supreme Court."

Several senators averse to changing the Constitution, led by Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., offered an alternative that would establish jail terms and fines for damaging a flag. They claimed the measure is written so as not to violate First Amendment free speech rights.

Two North Dakota Democrats, Sens. Byron Dorgan and Kent Conrad, who are crucial to any hope of passing the amendment, are supporting the McConnell substitute.

Sen. Ernest Hollings, D-S.C., is offering an addition to the amendment that would give Congress the power to set reasonable limits on campaign contributions.

The Hollings provision, which also addresses the First Amendment issue that is a main argument of those opposed to limiting campaign finance spending, has twice before been defeated in the Senate.

But the debate will provide an election-year platform for proponents of campaign finance change, including Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., who made the issue a key component of his failed drive for the Republican presidential nomination. A vote on McConnell and Hollings is scheduled for Tuesday.

Sen. Tom Daschle of South Dakota said he opposed the flag amendment because "it's our view that defending the Constitution is far more important" when it comes down to questions of personal freedoms.

Senate GOP drafting bigger marriage penalty tax cut

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Senate Republican bill intended to ease the income tax marriage penalty paid by millions of two-income couples would provide billions of dollars more in tax relief than a measure passed earlier this year by the House.

Senate GOP aides, speaking on condition of anonymity, put the bill's price tag at between \$230 billion and \$240 billion over 10 years using projected budget surpluses. The version passed by the House in February would cost \$182 billion over a decade.

President Clinton, who has proposed a less costly marriage penalty bill, threatened to veto the House measure in part because it would use such a large chunk of the surplus.

About 25 million two-income couples pay more income taxes simply because they are married than if they were single. Senate Finance Committee Chairman William Roth, R-Del., planned to release details of the Senate bill today, with the committee to begin considering it on Thursday.

One reason for the sharply higher cost of the Senate bill is that it would ensure that married couples who take numerous tax deductions and credits do not get entangled in the complex alternative minimum tax, which is intended to ensure the wealthy do not escape taxes through legal means. That provision alone could cost \$50 billion over 10 years, according to congressional estimates.

The emerging Senate bill will mirror the House bill on several other points, according to a memo on the bill's "basic building blocks" circulated by Finance Committee staff.

Both would eliminate the marriage penalty for couples who take the standard income tax deduction beginning in 2001. The House bill raises that deduction to twice that of single filers, which this year would increase the deduction for a married couple filing jointly from \$7,351 to \$8,800.

Both would provide broad-based tax cuts by widening income tax brackets.

The House bill would widen the bottom 15 percent income tax bracket for married couples so that they pay that rate on the first \$52,500 of income, compared to \$43,850 in current law. The Senate bill would phase the change in more quickly.

Both would address the marriage penalty paid by some low-income couples who claim the earned income tax credit. The House measure would raise the income cut-off for those couples by \$2,000 beginning in 2001.

As in the House, Senate Democrats were expected to draft their own alternative that targets the tax relief more toward the middle- and lower-income groups and also avoids giving untoward tax relief to couples who now earn a tax "bonus" — generally those in which one spouse earns the lion's share of the income.

"The Republicans want to give broad-based tax relief disguised as a marriage penalty bill," said Mike Siegel, spokesman for Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont.

Justice Department says Elian's Miami relatives fail to comply with order

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department said today that the Miami relatives caring for Elian Gonzalez had failed to comply with a government demand that they promise to surrender him for return to his father if they lose a court appeal.

Meantime, the relatives filed a court appeal designed to meet a government deadline, and the 6-year-old Cuban boy described in his first TV interview how the boat bringing him and his mother from Cuba sank. He said he doesn't believe his mother is dead.

Although the relatives asked a federal appeals court to set an expedited schedule for hearing an appeal, their letter to

Attorney General Janet Reno did not meet the other demand she made Friday night.

"We do not consider them in compliance with Friday's letter," said Justice spokesman Carol Florman. "They have not agreed to provide written assurances they will comply with Immigration and Naturalization Service instructions if they do not prevail in the appeals court and cannot obtain a stay from the Supreme Court."

Florman said the Justice Department had responded in court to the family's request for an expedited appeal that was not so swift as the government had hoped and that a new letter would be sent to the family laying out how the government pro-

posed to proceed from here.

Florman would not describe the government's next steps.

But in Friday's letter, Reno said that if the family did not comply, it should be available for a meeting Tuesday to discuss Elian's future and that the government might change his status in this country by Thursday, which could mean INS would try to move him to different custodians while the appeal is heard.

Also today, about 100 people gathered outside the Little Havana home where the 6-year-old boy has been staying. The Democracy Movement, a Cuban exile group, has called for people to form a human chain around the home of Elian's

great-uncle in case the government tries to remove him and send him back to his father in Cuba.

Elian was kept home today and won't return to school out of fears that Cuba might try to force him back to the island, family spokesman Armando Gutierrez said.

In the interview broadcast on ABC's "Good Morning America," Elian drew crayon pictures of the voyage in which his mother and 10 other people drowned.

He first drew a wavy line representing waves, then a leaping dolphin — he has told people that dolphins protected him from sharks and boosted him up when he slipped down into the

water from an inner tube.

He drew himself as a stick figure on the inner tube, and then sketched a boat with people inside. He told of the boat having engine trouble and slowly sinking, and of attempts to bail it out.

Asked what happened to the boat, he said softly: "Water came in."

He drew the waves higher and higher, covering the boat.

Elian insisted his mother survived.

"My mother is not in heaven, not lost," he said in Spanish through his cousin Marisleysis Gonzalez, who is raising him. "She must have been picked up here in Miami somewhere. She must have lost her memory, and

just doesn't know I'm here."

Marisleysis Gonzalez gently reminded him that he knows what really happened to his mother, and he gazed downward.

Facing a noon deadline, Elian's Florida relatives filed a motion for an expedited appeals process to sort out the international custody dispute.

The motion asks the federal appeals court to set a schedule for arguments in the family's appeal of a federal judge's ruling affirming the INS decision to return Elian to Cuba.

A judge could set the schedule as early as this week, court officials said.

It could be weeks before the case is resolved.

Doctors are warning against big doses of vitamin C during cancer treatment

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Cancer patients who take large doses of vitamin C might make their disease worse by inadvertently protecting their tumors from radiation and chemotherapy, new research suggests.

Doctors said they cannot prove the vitamin is harmful during cancer treatment, but added that there are strong biological reasons to think megadoses could be bad.

The concern is based on the discovery that cancer cells actually contain large amounts of vitamin C, which appears to protect them from oxygen damage. Many cancer treatments,

especially radiation therapy, work by triggering oxygen damage to the genes of cancer cells.

Dr. David Golde, physician-in-chief at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York, warned against too much vitamin C in a presentation Monday at a meeting of the American Cancer Society.

Vitamin C has many adherents, in part because it is an antioxidant, a substance that protects the body from potentially harmful oxygen particles known as free radicals. Oxidation — the same process that rusts iron — is suspected of triggering cancer and other dis-

ease.

Health experts recommend that people eat plenty of fruits and vegetables because they are good sources of antioxidant nutrients, among other things. Many people routinely take high doses of vitamin C and other antioxidants in the belief that they will prevent or cure illnesses.

However, doctors caution that even though various nutritional supplements are natural, this does not necessarily mean they are also safe or effective, especially when combined with other treatments.

Dr. Barrie Cassileth, a med-

ical sociologist who studies vitamin and herbal remedies at Memorial Sloan-Kettering, noted that vitamin C fell from favor as a cancer treatment in 1985 after a Mayo Clinic study found it to be worthless. But it has recently returned to vogue, and some practitioners give extremely high doses to cancer patients as an addition to ordinary treatment or even as a substitute.

In 1993, Golde's team discovered how vitamin C gets into human cells. They found that an oxidized form of vitamin C called dehydroascorbic acid enters cells through the same

opening used by sugar. Once inside, it is immediately converted back to vitamin C.

He said a key feature of many cancers is they have many more of these sugar openings than do ordinary cells. This allows them to take in the energy they need to grow.

But Golde said cancer cells often also have very high concentrations of vitamin C. The exact function of the vitamin inside cancer is unknown.

"My experience as a biologist would say it is no accident," he said. "The cancer cell wants vitamin C because it wants antioxidant protection."

Among cancer's uses for the vitamin, he said, could be protection against the harmful effect of radiation therapy, as well as some forms of chemotherapy that work by inducing oxygen damage.

Vitamin-rich food and multivitamins are safe for cancer patients, Golde said, but he routinely advises cancer patients to avoid gram-size doses of vitamin C while under treatment.

Dr. Harmon Eyre, medical director of the cancer society, said Golde's work suggests it is especially important to avoid big doses of vitamin C during radiation treatment.

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OUR VIEWS

Combine exhibit with shopping at Big Spring Mall

Come on out to Big Spring Mall — not just to shop the shops or take in a movie this time. No there's something else to see. It's the Big Spring Area-Wide Juried Art Show, and exhibits of all types are on display throughout the indoor shopping area.

The work has been entered by a number of local artists, as well as individuals from the area. It showcases some of the outstanding talent in our area. And there is something for all tastes: categories include oils and acrylics, pastels, water colors, mixed media, graphics and photography.

Sponsored by the Big Spring Art Association, the annual exhibit is a "must see" for anyone who appreciates good art.

Perhaps the most exciting thing for local shoppers is that each of the works is for sale. Twenty percent of the proceeds goes to the Big Spring Art Association and the rest goes to the artist. It's a great opportunity to help out the association and the artist and to pick up some great art for home or office at an extremely reasonable price.

The exhibit will run through Saturday during normal mall hours. It's a wonderful opportunity to see some great work by area artists and get some shopping done at the same time.

OTHER VIEWS

Republican politicians are trying to pound the spike in gasoline prices into the skull of the "Clinton-Gore administration." The administration should certainly do what it can to guard against disruptions in the nation's energy supplies, but Texans will not be so sure that the president of the United States should actively suppress the price of oil.

As oil prices fell toward \$10 a barrel in recent years, the U.S. oil industry lost some 500,000 jobs, while the nation's dependency on cheap foreign imports rose to 55 percent of all oil consumption. The first act of Gov. George W. Bush in the last Legislature was to request an emergency state tax cut for the owners of marginal oil wells.

Now Republican leaders such as U.S. House Majority Leader Dick Armey of Irving and Majority Whip Tom DeLay of Sugar Land are calling for a return to lower crude prices, which inflict such harsh consequences on many Texans. While they criticize Democrats for not having the correct energy policy, they are reluctant to spell out just what that policy should be.

DeLay's big idea for easing gasoline prices is to free oil refineries from all federal restrictions on the amount of pollution they put in the air and water.

Other options include reducing federal taxes on oil producers and repealing a 4-cent gasoline tax hike that has shrunk the federal deficit and paid for new highways to reduce congestion. The government could sell oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, but doing so in the absence of a sudden supply cutoff would defeat the reserve's purpose.

Any of these measures would slightly reduce the cost of gasoline, just as targeted tax cuts could reduce the cost of food and shelter. But all of the aforementioned suggestions taken together would not repeal the law of supply and demand, nor reduce the oil

companies' understandable desire for higher profits.

The long-expanding U.S. economy, resurgent Asian economic growth and production cutbacks by oil-producing countries caused the temporary shortages that have raised gasoline prices by 50 cents a gallon since last year.

Many Americans have pushed prices upward by commuting farther and using low-mileage trucks and safari wagons for routine neighborhood driving.

Some congressional Republicans criticized U.S. Energy Secretary Bill Richardson for making two journeys to oil-producing countries and "begging" for modest production increases. However, Richardson appears to have been successful.

The oil-producing nations don't want to jeopardize their revenue by keeping oil prices so high they spur conservation, development of an alternative to the gasoline-powered engine or a global business recession. Some analysts, who point out that prices both rise and fall, say average gasoline prices will peak this summer and then retreat toward \$1.30 per gallon in the fall.

Some voters might resent higher gasoline prices enough to blame Vice President Al Gore, the Democratic presidential nominee, but they're not eager to reduce their demand or to increase U.S. drilling in national parks or within sight of their favorite beach. Republican leaders, including Gov. Bush, are not likely to attempt to convince them otherwise.

A bigger problem for Gore is the threat that higher energy prices, combined with interest rate hikes imposed by Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, could halt the long-running U.S. economic boom. If that happens, Americans will have a lot more to worry about than the price of gasoline; even at \$1.50 a gallon it remains cheaper than many brands of bottled water.

HOUSTON CHRONICLE

Campaign finance reform? Quit pulling our leg

Who says Al Gore has no sense of humor? Why, he had them rolling in the aisles earlier this week when he stood with straight man Russ Feingold to announce that his first official act if he's elected president in November will be to send Sen. Feingold's campaign finance reform bill to Congress. Imagine, the man who euchred campaign contributions from a bunch of impoverished Buddhist nuns and monks in 1996 now bemoaning political fund raising as "a cancer on our democracy."

Who's writing this stuff, Jon Lovitz, the former Saturday Night Live comedian best known for his character Tommy Flannigan (aka "The Liar")? Al Gore invented campaign finance reform. Yeah, that's the ticket.



LINDA CHAVEZ

Gore's timing couldn't be funnier. This week alone, the Justice Department announced it will open a criminal investigation into missing e-mails from the vice president's office, which may contain new information on the 1996 Clinton-Gore campaign finance scandals. It seems no one in the vice president's office or the White House bothered to inform either Congress or the Justice Department, which was investigating the fund-raising scandals at the time, that hundreds of subpoenaed e-mails were missing. When an outside computer consultant raised questions about the problem, a White House staffer reportedly told the man, "There would be a jail cell with my name on it," if he mentioned the problem even to his own wife. What a bunch of kidders those White House folks are.

And it's not just the vice president's office that's in hot water with the Justice Department. The department also said last week that it was investigating Gore campaign chairman Tony Coelho for some possibly illegal financial transactions he made when he

headed up the U.S. exhibition at the Expo '98 World's Fair in Portugal before joining Gore's presidential campaign. It's not the first time Coelho has been implicated in financial shenanigans. Coelho resigned his House post as Democratic Majority Whip in 1987 when it was discovered he'd taken money from a savings and loan executive to invest in junk bonds, without reporting it on financial disclosure forms.

Who better to lead Americans into an ethics renaissance than Gore-Coelho? I haven't laughed so hard since Bill Clinton promised his administration would be the most ethical in U.S. history.

As amusing as this whole spectacle is to Washington insiders, who know that Gore's conversion on campaign finance reform is about as sincere as Elmer Gantry's embrace of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, I can't help wondering whether the vice president isn't playing American voters for fools.

Maybe he thinks voters aren't smart enough to figure out the complicated mess he and Bill Clinton made of 1996 presidential campaign fund raising.

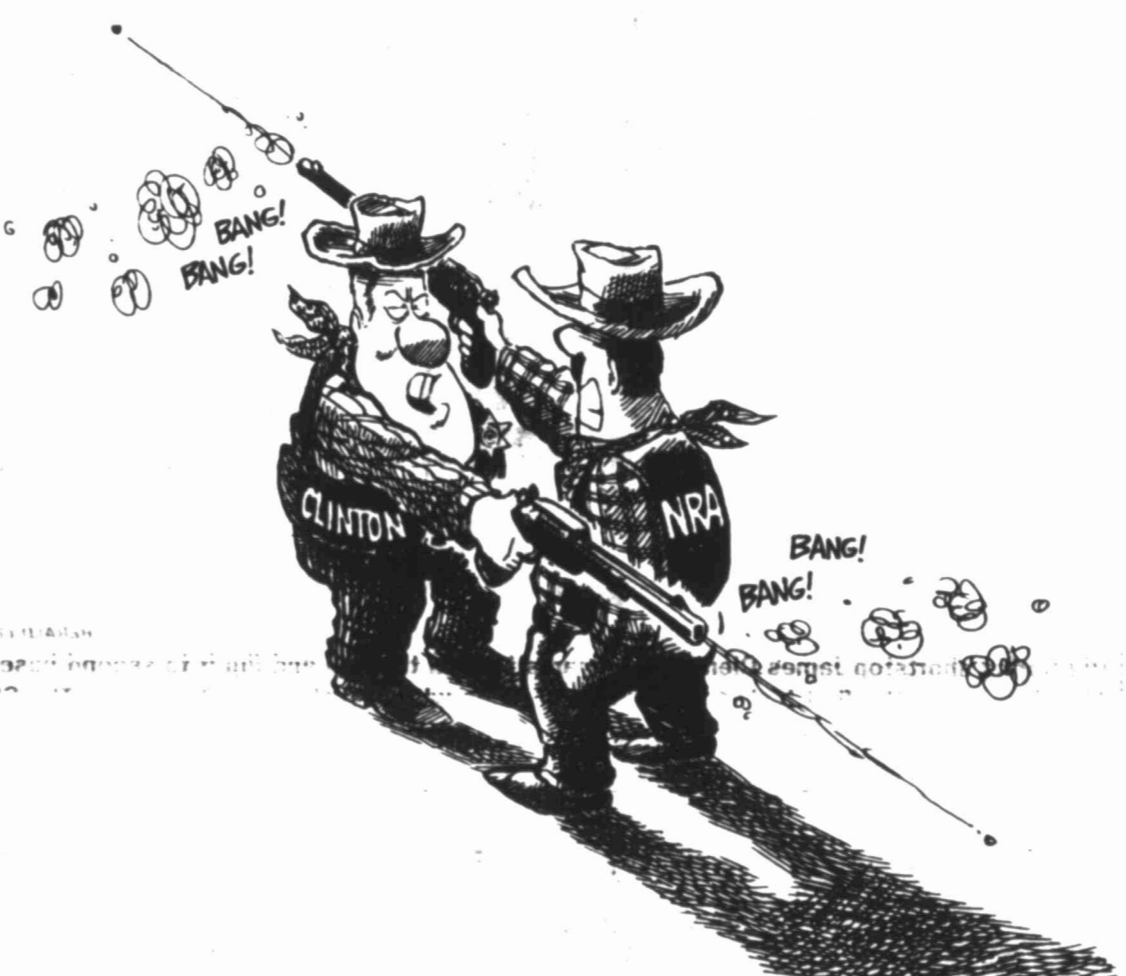
Gore hopes voters will forget about the phone calls he made from his vice presidential office soliciting campaign dollars, even though he knew the calls flouted the law. He wants voters to accept his explanation that his involvement in fund raising at a Buddhist Temple was merely a misunderstanding — too bad Gore friend and fund-raiser Maria Hsia may end up in jail for her involvement in the vice president's little mistake, which landed her a felony conviction.

But Gore's antics may catch up with him yet. A recent Pew poll shows that more than half the respondents would be less likely to vote for Gore for president if they were told he took part in unethical fund-raising practices in 1996.

Maybe Gore's banking on P.T. Barnum's assessment of the American public, "There's a sucker born every minute." He'd be better advised to follow Abe Lincoln's advice: "It is true you may fool all the people some of the time; you can even fool some of the people all the time; but you can't fool all of the people all the time."

Campaign finance reform? Quit pulling our leg, Al.

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Hindsight has vindicated NASA

Since its inception, NASA has contended with questions about its relevancy, funding, safety and competence. Those questions have surfaced again in the wake of failed and delayed missions.



JACK ANDERSON

Particularly questioned is the policy of launching many limited missions — the concept of quantity versus quality. The argument runs that fewer failures would have occurred had more time been taken in planning, constructing and training.

NASA administrator Daniel Goldin said, "We will conduct our business with an enhanced fervor for safety, establishing NASA as the nation's leader in preventing mishaps that impact the safety or health of the public, our astronauts and pilots, the NASA and contractor work force, and the nation-

al resources under our charge. We will ensure that safety permeates everything we do at NASA."

He then posed the following questions to explain NASA's vital role in the nation's future:

— How did the universe, galaxies, stars and planets form and evolve? How can our exploration of the universe and our solar system revolutionize our understanding of physics, chemistry and biology?

— Does life in any form, however simple or complex, carbon-based or other, exist elsewhere than on planet Earth? Are there Earth-like planets beyond our solar system?

— How can we utilize the knowledge of the sun, Earth and other planetary bodies to develop predictive environmental, climate, natural-disaster and natural-resource models to help ensure sustainable development and improve the quality of life on Earth?

— What are the fundamental roles of gravity and cosmic radiation in vital biological, physical and chemical systems in space, on other planetary bodies and on Earth; and how

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— How can we most effectively transfer the knowledge we gain from our research and discoveries to commercial ventures in the air, in space and on Earth?

In sum, NASA has embarked on a mission whose end we cannot know, but whose path appears rich with possibilities. Whether the many mission concept or the go-slow approach is better cannot be determined except in hindsight. And hindsight has, on balance, vindicated NASA.

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IN BRIEF

Little League umpires needed for new season

Officials of the Big Spring Little League Umpires Association say new umpires are needed for the upcoming season.

Prior experience is not necessary, because new umpires will be trained.

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

Coahoma UGSA begins registration continuing

The United Girls Softball Association of Coahoma will hold registration from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. today through Friday at the Coahoma Community Center.

Registration fees are \$20 per player and youngsters should bring their birth certificate.

For more information, call Candy Parrish at 270-2034.

UGSA recruiting umpires for upcoming season

The United Girls Softball Association of Big Spring is recruiting umpires for the upcoming season.

A training session has been scheduled for 2 p.m. Sunday, April 2.

For more information, call UGSA officials at 263-1526 or 267-2208.

Cowboys re-sign Morgan; sign free agent punter

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys signed unrestricted free agent running back Beau Morgan and free agent punter Corey Collins Monday.

Morgan had been in the Cowboys' training camp the past three years. He did not stay with the club past August the first two years because of obligations to the Air Force and spent last season on injured reserve with a foot injury. Morgan is expected to make a switch to safety.

Dallas was expected to sign another punter, Barry Cantrell, in the next few weeks.

A&M outfielder Holt Big 12 player of week

DALLAS (AP) — Texas A&M junior outfielder Daylan Holt was named Big 12 player of the week and Nebraska sophomore Shane Komine was named pitcher of the week Monday by a media panel for games played Mar. 20-26.

Holt hit four home runs in a three-game sweep of Iowa State in Ames. His homer Sunday against the Cyclones was the 51st of his career, breaking the Aggies' career mark of 50 set by Scott Livingstone from 1985-1988.

AREA GAMES

TODAY HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

- 4 p.m.
 - Andrews Mustangs at Big Spring Steers.
- 5 p.m.
 - Tahoka Bulldogs at Coahoma Bulldogs.

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

- 4:30 p.m.
 - Lorraine Lady Bulldogs at Coahoma Bulldogettes.
- 5 p.m.
 - Big Spring Lady Steers at Andrews Lady Mustangs.

ON THE AIR

Television COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men
6 p.m. — NIT semifinal, North Carolina State vs. Wake Forest, ESPN, Ch. 30.

8 p.m. — NIT semifinal, Penn State vs. Notre Dame, ESPN, Ch. 30.

11 p.m. — NCAA Tournament, Georgia vs. Rutgers, ESPN, Ch. 30.

NBA
7 a.m. — New York Knicks at Sacramento Kings, TNT, Ch. 28.

9:30 p.m. — Dallas Mavericks at Los Angeles Clippers, FXS, Ch. 29.

9:30 p.m. — San Antonio Spurs at Portland Trail Blazers, TNT, Ch. 28.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE
6:30 p.m. — Dallas Stars at Tampa Bay Lightning, FXS, Ch. 29.

NIT's semifinals offer new twist to old ACC rivalry

NEW YORK (AP) — Wake Forest and North Carolina State are giving a new twist to an old rivalry in the NIT semifinals.

The ACC foes have played each other 207 times, but tonight's meeting is the schools' first meeting in a non-conference postseason tournament.

"It seems no matter which way you go, teams in our conference end up running into each other," N.C. State coach Herb Sendek said during a luncheon Monday introducing the coaches of the NIT semifinals. "But these circumstances are a little different."

N.C. State (20-12) will play Wake Forest (20-14) in the first semifinal tonight at Madison Square Garden. Notre Dame (21-14) faces Penn State (18-15) in the second game, and the championship is Thursday night.

The Wolfpack and Demon Deacons split the first two meetings this season, but both coaches agree that the familiarity of their opponents doesn't matter much.

"It's not an advantage for either team," Sendek said. "They know us well, and obviously, we know them very well. It's actually a challenge for both of our teams."

The Wolfpack, in their first NIT semifinal since 1978, beat the Demon Deacons 76-56 in Raleigh, N.C., in January. A month later, Wake Forest routed N.C. State 71-53 in Winston Salem, N.C.

"His team was a better team the first time around," Wake Forest coach Dave Odom said. "They played much better defense and our offense was in a state of flux. When we played in Winston Salem, our team had gotten a lot better."

N.C. State is led by guard Anthony Grundy, forward Kenny Inge, and forward Damien Wilkins. Wilkins, a 6-foot-6 freshman, is the son of former New York Knicks player Gerald Wilkins, and the nephew of former NBA All-Star Dominique Wilkins.

"Damien has become a great player for us despite the expectations others put on him," Sendek said. "Sometimes the expectations become mythological, but he's had a great season for us."

Wake Forest, led by forward Darius Songalla and guard Robert O'Kelley, was hoping for an at-large berth into the NCAA tournament. The Demon Deacons, who last made it to the NIT semifinals in 1983, decided to think positive when that call didn't come.

"There is no shame in playing basketball in the last week of March," Odom

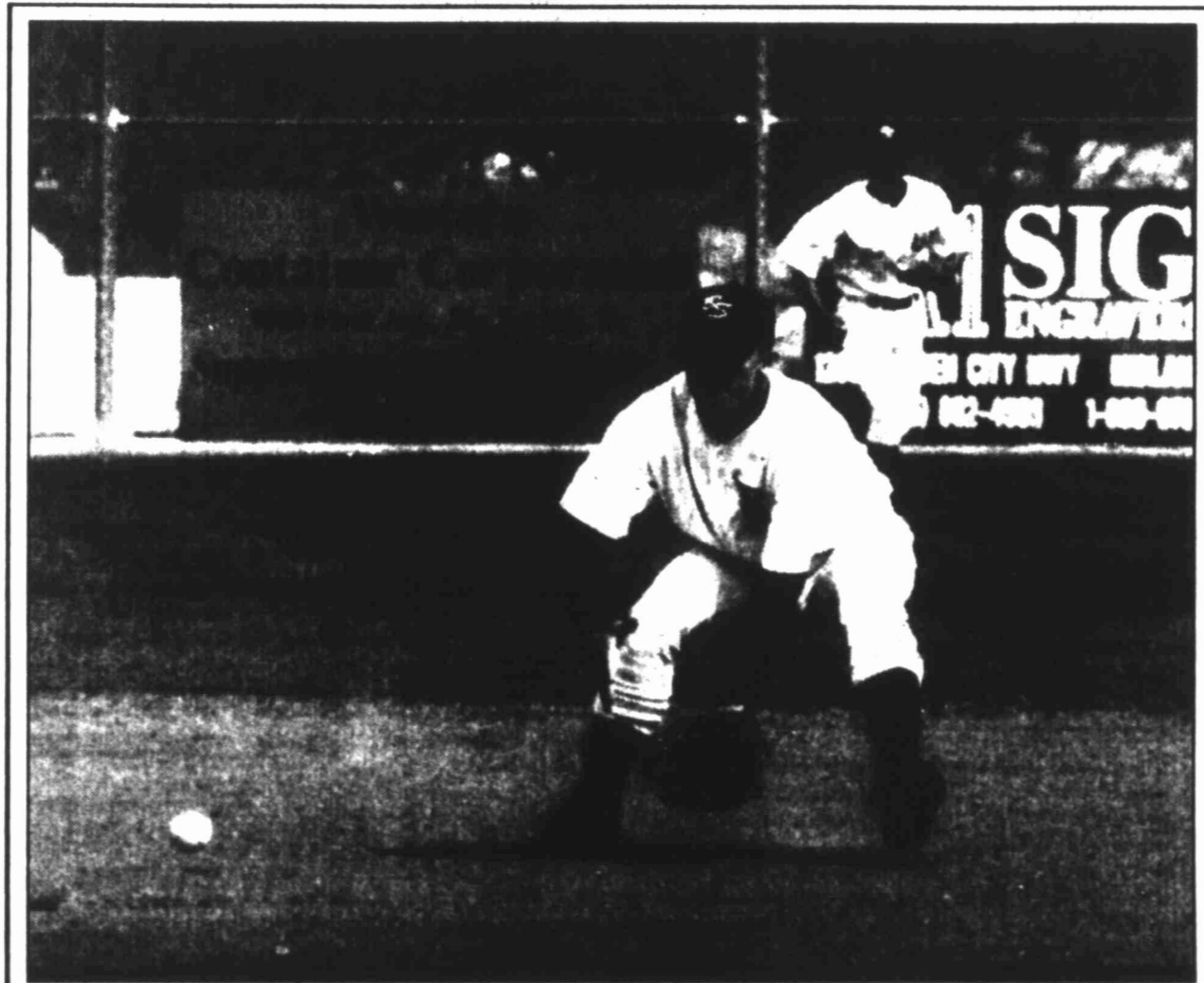
said. "There is no shame in playing in New York, and there's no shame in playing at Madison Square Garden. There's nothing but excitement, pride and joy for us."

Notre Dame was another team that never got the call from the NCAA selection committee.

"We've talked about proving them wrong since the beginning of this tournament," Irish coach Matt Doherty said.

"That's been part of our mission — to prove to the NCAA committee that they made a mistake. I tell the team to look at Wisconsin (in the NCAA tournament). They have 13 losses. That could have been us."

The Irish are led by 6-9 sophomore Troy Murphy, the Big East player of the year and the only AP first-team All-America selection still playing.



Big Spring shortstop James Clements prepares to field the ball and flip it to second baseman Willis Morrison during the first inning of the Steers' game with Morhams on March 13. The Steers open District 5-4A play at 4 p.m. today, playing host to defending district and state champion Andrews' Mustangs.

Lady Raiders fall as Lady Vols roll into Final Four

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The field for the women's Final Four wasn't such a foregone conclusion after all.

Oh, Connecticut and Tennessee made it to Philadelphia, as expected, although both got a scare in their regional championship victories Monday night. But surprise, surprise, Penn State and Rutgers are going, too, both for the first time in school history after beating top-seeded opponents.

Penn State was outstanding on both ends of the floor in rolling past Louisiana Tech 86-65 in the Midwest Regional to deny Leon Barmore one last Final Four trip and give Rene Portland her first in 24 years as a coach.

It will be an emotional return home for Portland, who grew up in suburban Philadelphia.

Penn State (30-4) will play Connecticut (34-1) in the national semifinals Friday night. Connecticut beat LSU 86-71 in the East Regional to earn its first Final Four trip since 1996. The Huskies won the national championship in 1995.

Rutgers stymied Georgia with its suffocating matchup zone in a 59-51 victory in the West Regional, making Vivian Stringer the first coach to take three schools to the Final Four. The Scarlet Knights (26-7) will play Tennessee (32-3), which overcame All-American Tamika Catchings' sprained ankle to beat Texas Tech 57-44 in the Midwest.

Tennessee is going to the Final Four for the fifth time in six years, and coach Pat Summitt will match former UCLA men's coach John Wooden with her 12th Final Four trip. The Lady Vols have won six national titles.

"It was ugly," Summitt said, "but it was also beautiful."

Penn State 86, Louisiana Tech 65

Lisa Shepherd scored 20 of her 25 points in the first half and Penn State kept its cool against the defensive pressure of Tech guards Tamicha Jackson and Betty Lennox in Kansas City. The second-seeded Lady Lions built a 45-29 half-time lead, and Tech (31-3) never got closer than 15 points.

"We really believed in each other and we knew we could get it done," said center Andrea Garner, who's from Philadelphia.

"When we hit the first couple of shots, I knew we could win," Garner added.

Barmore, who has been part

of 10 NCAA Final Four trips as a head coach or assistant, is stepping down with a 520-77 record in 18 years at Tech. His winning percentage of .872 is the best of any major college basketball coach.

Garner and Helen Darling each scored 15 points for Penn State, with Garner grabbing 12 rebounds and Darling handing out 12 assists. Jackson led Tech with 19 points, and Lennox scored 14.

Rutgers 59, Georgia 51

Shawnetta Stewart scored 22 points and led a 9-0 second-half run that put Rutgers ahead to stay in Portland, Ore. Stewart hit an off-balance, turnaround jumper to break a 39-39 tie and finished the burst with a 3-pointer that made it 48-39 with 6:16 left.

The way Rutgers was playing defense, that lead was too much for Georgia to overcome. Twins Kelly and Coco Miller led Georgia (32-4) with 15 points each.

Stringer also had Final Four teams at Cheyney State in 1982 and Iowa in 1993. Rutgers lost in the regional finals last year.

Connecticut 86, LSU 71

LSU gave UConn its first scare of the tournament, keeping it close before the Huskies pulled away in Richmond, Va. Svetlana Abrosimova matched her season high of 25 points to lead Connecticut. Sue Bird scored 16 and Shea Ralph 15.

LSU (25-7) trailed by five at halftime despite shooting 74 percent, and was down 58-52 with 12:23 left. Connecticut then went on a 17-6 run to stretch the lead to 75-58 with 6:05 left.

Tennessee 57, Texas Tech 44

Tennessee looked to be in trouble when Catchings was helped off the court with a sprained right ankle with 10:17 left in the first half in Memphis, Tenn.

But the 6-foot-1 forward returned to grab 16 rebounds, tip away passes, make three steals and hand out six assists as the Lady Vols improved to 7-0 in regional finals played in Tennessee.

"It hurt when I came back out, but I wanted to be out there for my teammates," Catchings said.

Kara Lawson led Tennessee with 13 points. Michelle Snow and Semeka Randall each scored 12.

Aleah Johnson's 12 points led Texas Tech (28-5).

No longer doormats, Mavericks snap 12-game loss string to Jazz, 113-105

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Dallas Mavericks are beginning to look like something other than the Midwest Division's doormat.

Michael Finley scored 24 of his 31 points in the first half. Hubert Davis had nine of his 15 points in the fourth quarter and Steve Nash hit six free throws in the final 49 seconds as Dallas beat the Utah Jazz 113-105 Monday night.

The Mavericks snapped a 12-game losing streak to Utah. They hadn't won in Salt Lake City since Feb. 9, 1989, a span of 25 games.

"It was a big win, not only for the team, but for the organization," Finley said. "We removed that monkey from our back. We were in a comfort zone offensively. We came as close to a perfect game as we could play."

Earlier this month, Dallas beat defending NBA champion San Antonio twice. To win at the Delta Center, where the Mavericks were 0-20 before Monday night, was another breakthrough.

"I just had a feeling we were going to win," coach Don Nelson said. "I told the staff at our coaches meeting we were going to win this game, mainly because we were so due."

In the only other NBA game Monday night, San Antonio

beat Seattle 90-82.

The loss ended Utah's four-game winning streak, a stretch where the Jazz repeatedly seized control in the fourth quarter. This time, Davis took over at the end, hitting baskets to thwart every challenge.

When Utah closed to 100-93 with 5:58 to play, Davis answered with a jumper. When the Jazz made it 102-95 with 3:01 to go, Davis hit a 3-pointer.

And when Davis missed a 3-pointer with 1:35 remaining, Dirk Nowitzki grabbed his season-high 17th rebound. He also finished with 16 points and a season-high eight assists.

Erick Strickland scored 15 points for Dallas, which shot 58 percent (40-of-69). Finley was 13-of-18 from the field, doing most of his damage as the Mavericks built a 55-48 halftime lead.

Karl Malone had 26 points and 10 rebounds, but the Jazz couldn't maintain the momentum that delivered victories in 13 of their previous 14 games. Utah was tired, and it showed.

"We all think we have lots of energy, even though we don't play like it," said Jeff Hornacek, who scored 14 points. "Hopefully, this will all get behind us. We'll just put it aside and keep going."

During the last three games, the Jazz have been strong finishers. They outscored the opposition 89-50 in the final

period of victories over Vancouver, Seattle and Denver.

So the Jazz seemingly had nothing to worry about when Dallas led 88-76 after the third period. And after baskets by Howard Eisley and Malone made it 88-80, Utah looked poised for a surge.

But Shawn Bradley, who had 12 points, scored twice as the Mavericks rebuilt the lead to 94-80 with 9:03 to play. Each subsequent Jazz run was answered by Davis or Nash.

"We didn't play hard until the last few minutes," said Utah's Bryon Russell, who scored 20.

"You can't do that against a team that's been scoring all night," Russell said. "They were able to do whatever they wanted."

John Stockton had 16 points and 14 assists one day after celebrating his birthday.

Spurs 90, SuperSonics 82

Tim Duncan had 30 points and 18 rebounds and David Robinson added 23 points and 16 rebounds in San Antonio's victory at Seattle.

Sean Elliott, playing his seventh game since being activated after a kidney transplant, scored 10 points, including a key 3-pointer for an 80-76 lead with 5:30 left.

Gary Payton and Vin Baker each scored 21 points for Seattle.

Lady Steers fifth, Bulldogettes eighth at Abilene track meet

HERALD Staff Report

ABILENE — Big Spring's Lady Steers and Coahoma's Bulldogettes ran into extremely strong fields in their respective divisions of the All-American City Track Classic in Abilene.

The Lady Steers managed 57 team points to finish fifth in the Class 4A division, while the Bulldogettes were eighth in the Class 2A division.

Angelica Hinojos and Leandra Williams provided Big Spring's only first-place finishes — Hinojos winning the 100 meters with a 12.41-second clock-

ing and Williams taking the shot put competition with a 36-111/4 heave.

Hinojos teamed with April McGee, Stormie Huff and Amanda Rubio for third in the 400-meter relay, posting a time of 49.9 seconds, and later joined McGee, Rubio and Rachelle Guinn for another third in the 800-meter relay with a time of 1:46.36.

Britania Perez, Guinn, Huff and Rubio finished sixth in the 1,600 relay, clocked at 4:18.85.

Alexis Casillas posted a third-place finish in the high jump with a leap of 5 feet, 2 inches.

McGee was fifth in the 200 meters with

a 26.96 time and Huff was fifth in the high jump, clearing the bar at 5 feet even.

Guinn's sixth-place clocking of 16.52 seconds in the 100-meter hurdles rounded out the Lady Steers' production.

The Bulldogettes would have finished somewhat higher than eighth in the field of 14 Class 2A teams had it not been for a disqualification in the 800-meter relay — an event Coahoma appeared to have won.

As a result, Rachel Williams' showing in the 400 meters wound up being the Bulldogettes only first-place finish of the meet.

Williams' winning time in the 400 was 60.75 seconds.

She later joined Leanne Smith, Kortney Kemper and Michelle Walker for a fourth-place finish in the 1,600-meter relay, posting a time of 4:13.51.

The Bulldogettes also posted a fourth-place clocking of 52.35 seconds in the 400-meter relay, that coming from the foursome of Crystal Atkinson, Smith, Kemper and Brandi Hart.

Amanda Bayes added a fourth-place finish in the discus with a throw of 92 feet, 1 inch, while Kemper chipped in a fifth in the high jump, clearing the bar at 4 feet, 8 inches.

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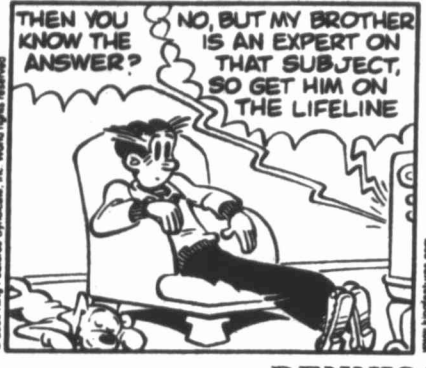
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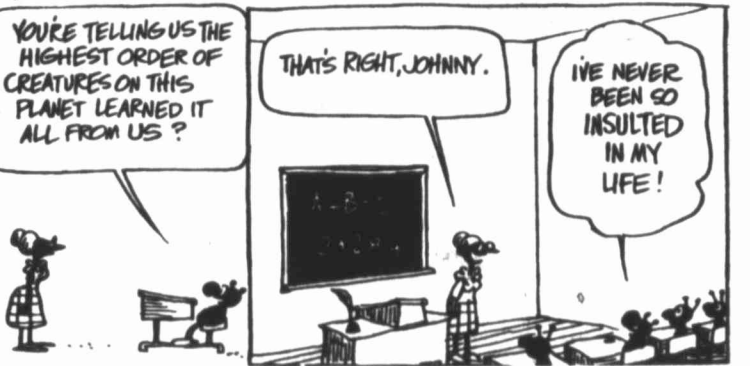
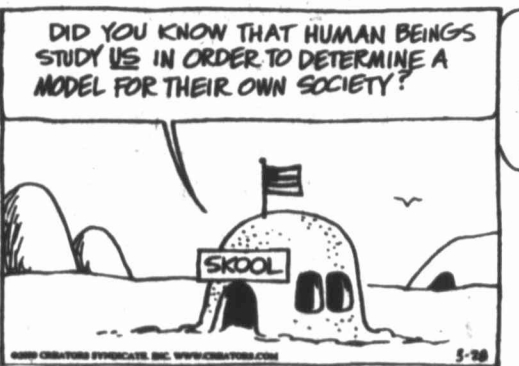
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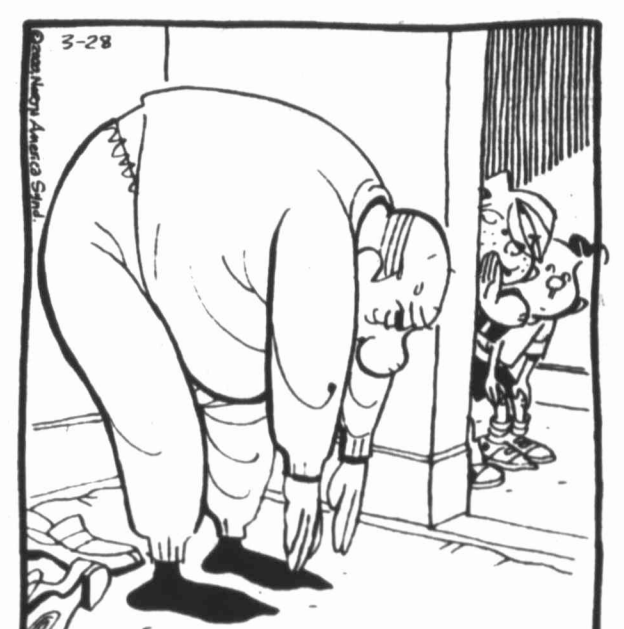
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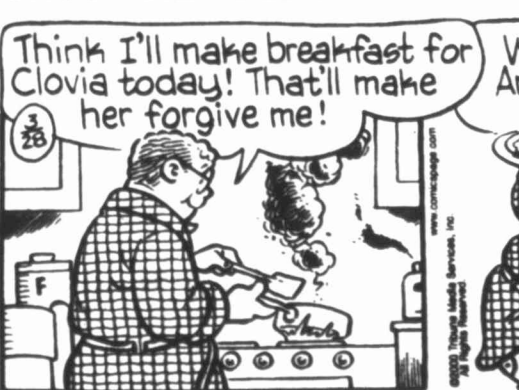
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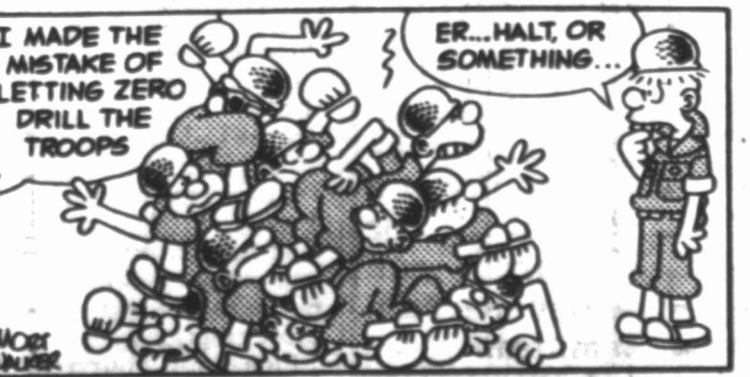
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Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down.

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