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Oops! Don't forget to spring forward

If you woke up this morning without changing your clocks, remember that daylight-savings time began at 2 a.m.

Most people adjusted their clocks before going to bed Saturday, but others may be a little more forgetful.

Safety officials also remind that this is a good time to install fresh batteries in smoke detectors.

Daylight-saving time goes until Oct. 29.

BSHS one-act on stage Monday

Big Spring High School theater department will present "And They Danced Real Slow Jackson" at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the high school auditorium.

Tickets are \$2 each at the door.

The play is BSHS's entry in the UIL One-Act Play competition. The cast will be competing at Area on Friday in Snyder.

WHAT'S UP...

MONDAY

□ Texas Tech Exes meeting, 6 p.m., Sparenberg Building, 309 South Main.

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

□ Gospel Singing, 7 p.m., Kentwood Center, 2805 Lynn. Guest singers from Stanton, Midland and Colorado City.

□ Howard County Library, Book Club Meeting, 7 p.m. Book to be discussed "Turnip Blues" by Helen Campbell.

□ Big Spring Chapter and Council, R.A.M., 7:30 p.m., Masonic Building, 221 1/2 Main St.

TUESDAY

□ Intermediate line dance classes, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center.

□ Coahoma Senior Citizens luncheon, 11 a.m., Coahoma Community Center.

□ Big Spring Rotary Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

□ VFW Post No. 2013, VFW Hall, 7 p.m.

□ 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.

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Longtime nurse will be missed at Scenic Mountain

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

After 27 years of service to Scenic Mountain Medical Center in the Medical/Surgery floor, Betty Long has retired.

"I went into nursing because I needed a job, but after I started, I realized I had always wanted to do it. I just didn't know it," Long, a licensed vocational nurse, said.

Long has turned that job into a 39-year nursing career

with the majority spent in Big Spring.

She was 25 years old and starting over with two little children, Randal and Margaret, when she decided to become a nurse.

Attended nursing school in Snyder in the early 1960s, Long was in the second class to graduate. After graduation, she moved to Big Spring to work.

Long has seen a number of changes in nurses' responsibility and treatment of patients.

"Nursing is a lot harder now," Long said. "When I started, nurses were responsible for three to four patients, now we are responsible for 10 to 12 patients."

"We would have to sterilize all the equipment; now we use disposable equipment," she continued.

Nurses uniforms have become more casual over the years, a change from the white uniforms with caps that nurses were required to wear in the past.

"They didn't stop the cere-

mony where nurses received their caps until sometime in the 1970s," she said.

Even though nurses can be more relaxed with their uniform, Long continues to wear white when she is on duty.

She will miss the good feeling of helping her patients and all her co-workers, Long said.

"I have known most of them (her co-workers) for a very long time," she said.

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Betty Long has retired after 39 years as a nurse.

Complaints arise in handling of flood-search area

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

Alleged mishandlings by the Howard County Sheriff's Office concerning the response time to Mustang Draw and the subsequent search for Peyton and Dalton Harbour have been made by a family member.

Sheryl Harbour, whose husband Bryan is a brother to the victims' father, said the family has been holding back their complaints because they had other priorities.

"I wanted to make sure we found Dalton before anything was said about all the problems," said Sheryl Harbor. "I am very upset."

Nineteen-month-old Peyton, 6-year-old Dalton and their mother, 29-year-old Cindy, were swept into Mustang Draw on the morning of March 23 when their vehicle stalled in high waters along FM 818. Cindy Harbour managed to make her way out of the raging flood waters to safety and called for help. Rescuers found Peyton's body that night. Dalton has not been found.

"Our main concern is to find Dalton right now," said Sheryl Harbour, who noted family members expect to file some type of formal complaint about what they see as problems with the search. "But then we will do what we have to do. If this was somebody else, I would hope they would do the same thing."

Among the complaints Harbour noted was the family's contention that the first 911 call was reportedly made by Lauren McDowell after his son saw the car going into the draw. She said McDowell reportedly contacted his dad and asked him to call it in. That call was supposed to have occurred before 8 a.m.



Supporters have made a memorial at the scene where Dalton and Peyton Harbour were swept out of the car driven by their mother, Cindy Harbour, on Thursday, March 23, at Mustang Draw. Some of the items being left are rabbits, flowers and a tractor.

Howard County Sheriff Bill Jennings, while saying the entire incident was "tragic," defended his office.

"The first 911 call we received, according to 911 officials at the Big Spring Police Department, came in at 8:58 a.m. about a vehicle in the

water," said Jennings. "A deputy checked on two other cars that had washed out on the road between there and Mustang Draw. I don't think Mustang Draw was specifically mentioned, I think the location given was FM 818."

Harbor said she called the

sheriff's office at 8:15 a.m. to ask if anyone had been reported missing. She said she was concerned that Cindy had not reported to work. She said she was told a car had been found in Mustang Draw.

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SWCIDfest to celebrate institute's 20th anniversary

By GINA GARZA
Staff Writer

Former and current students of the South West Collegiate Institute for the Deaf return to their alma mater April 13-16 for a SWCIDfest extravaganza.



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"We are very excited about our SWCIDfest celebration, which we do every five years. This is the 20th anniversary of our college, and we are inviting former students from all across the country to visit and see how SWCID is growing," said Beverly Buchanan, dean of student services at SWCID.

Four days of non-stop activities are planned for students and alumni, and several dignitaries will be on campus at the event as well.

SWCID Provost Dr. Ron Brasel said officials from the Association for the Deaf and the Board of Evaluation of Interpreters for the Deaf from the Texas Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing will attend some of the festivities.

A special theater night is planned April 14 with deaf comedienne C.J. Jones in the city auditorium.

A rock music concert breaks in the new Activity Center April 15, featuring the talents of

a former SWCID student, Shawn Dale Barnett who founded his self-named band.

"We have included such a variety of activities that we are sure there will be something special for everyone. We've scheduled a white elephant sale, a silent auction, bowling and a softball tournament," Buchanan said.

Donations are being accepted for the White Elephant Sale and

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Early voting in runoff elections kicks off Monday at courthouse

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

Polls open Monday at Howard County Courthouse for early voting in both the Democratic and Republican runoff elections.

In the Democratic Primary, Gene Kelly, 73, a retired Air Force lawyer, and former one-term state legislator Charles Gandy are on the ballot for U.S. Senator. The winner will face Republican incumbent Kay Bailey Hutchison in November.

There are runoffs in all three Court of Criminal Appeals elections from the Republican Primary.

Sharon Keller and Tom Price are vying for the presiding judge nomination. The winner

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Locally-contested races face voters in Martin County

HERALD Staff Report

Like citizens across the state, Martin County voters will go back to the polls beginning Monday to settle some runoff elections. But voters in the Stanton area will also be casting ballots for sheriff and county commissioner as well.

During the Democratic Primary for sheriff, Miles Tollison edged incumbent Mike Welling 479 votes to 473. The 72 votes received by a third candidate, Dennis Paul Davis, means

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Lakes

Runoff from recent rains has reservoirs looking better

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

Two Colorado Municipal Water District reservoirs caught a combined 48,000 acre

feet of water during the March 22-23 rains, enough theoretically to handle needs for Big Spring, Odessa and most of Midland for a year.

"It was a nice inflow," said John Grant, CRMWD general manager. "This rain was real unusual for March. It was such a widespread rain."

Grant said E.V. Spence's elevation rose 11.4 feet as the lake caught 43,000 acre feet of water. Thomas rose two-and-a-quarter feet, catching 5,400 acre feet.

"All total, that's 48,000 acre feet, and we think it will run for another week into Spence," he said. "That water you see in Beals Creek, that's where it is headed."

Grant said the rains were a great replenisher.

"How much water is that? Well, I looked it up and in 1999, 48,000 acre feet would include all the water we delivered to Big Spring and Odessa and about 75 percent of the water we delivered to Midland," he said.

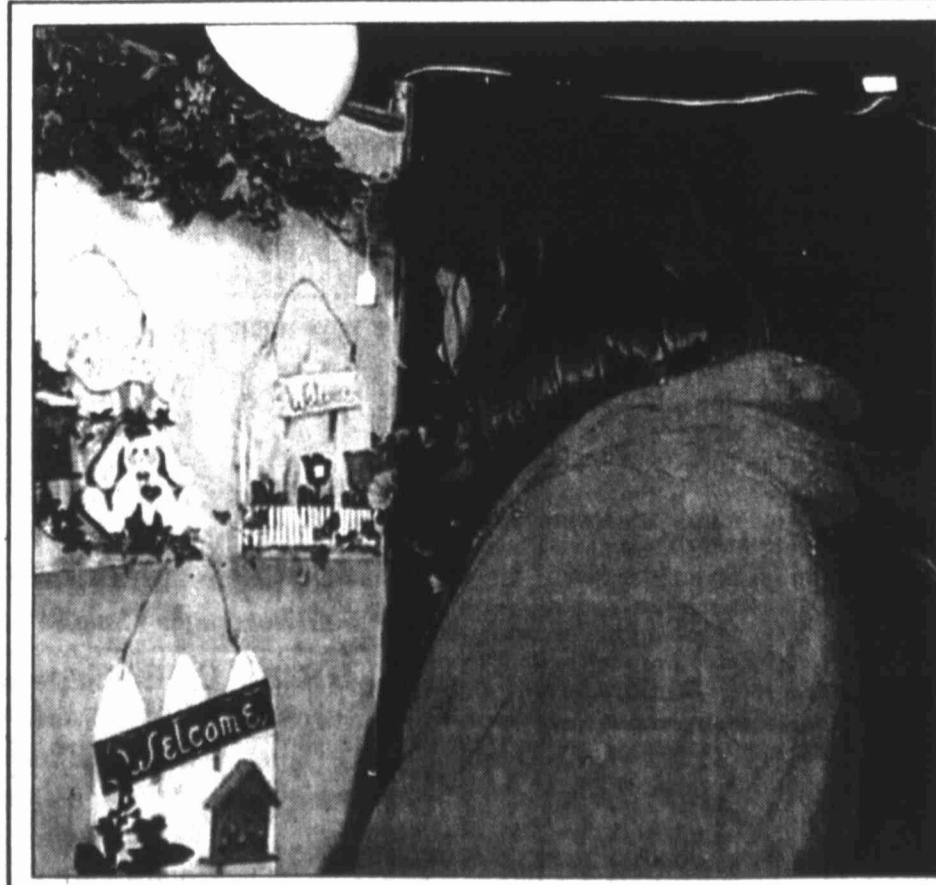
Grant said CRMWD is currently bringing a blend of Thomas and Spence water to Big Spring.

"This rain will allow us to continue that combination through the end of this year, maybe even into next year, assuming we get some rain periodically," he said.

He said it should also help dilute the salt content at Spence.

"We think, percentage-wise, it's going to be a pretty substantial reduction. It was 1,300

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Tammy Allen of Big Spring looks at some crafts made by The Ru-Barb Patch out of Lubbock at the 11th Annual Arts & Crafts Show at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The show will continue through 5 p.m. today. Admission is free.

HERALD photo/Gina Garza

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Over-the-counter medicine sales tax break kicked in Saturday

AUSTIN (AP) — A new, \$160-million state sales tax break on some 100,000 over-the-counter medicines — including condoms — took effect Saturday.

Prescription drugs have been tax-free in Texas since 1961 and the new tax break is expected to save Texas families about \$17 dollars per year, the state comptroller's office reported.

The tax break will be especially helpful for those without health insurance who must rely on over-the-counter medicines, said Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, who helped write the law.

Items exempted from the 6.25 percent state sales tax and local taxes include allergy treatments, bandages, cough and cold remedies, vitamins and min-

erals and many others.

"These are items we all need," Ellis said.

Republican presidential candidate Gov. George W. Bush and conservative groups have criticized including condoms among the tax-exempt items.

"It's the wrong moral message," said Cathie Adams of the Texas Eagle Forum, who said the tax break for the birth-control devices will promote promiscuity among teen-agers. "I am very disappointed we have not had some elected representative to pick up this charge. It was not legislative intent."

The decision to include condoms on the list of exempted medicines was

made by Republican Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander, who said the law dictates what items are tax-free.

The Legislature specified that the tax break should cover any product that has a National Drug Code number issued by the Food and Drug Administration, used to diagnose, treat or prevent disease and suffering.

"It's not a matter of interpretation, it's a matter of the law," said Rylander spokesman Mark Sanders.

Bush, who has said abstinence should be promoted to teen-agers, proposed the tax break in his 1998 re-election campaign but never wanted condoms included, said his spokesman, Mike Jones.

"That's a small factor in a very beneficial law," Jones said. "I think when the governor first proposed this law, the purpose was to cut the sales tax on over-the-counter medications and it does that. It also covers some other items weren't meant to be included," Jones said.

"This is a tax cut that's going to affect virtually every family in Texas," he said.

Bush did not address the condom issue in a released statement.

"I believe in good economic times the state should fund priorities and return money back to the taxpayers who earned it," Bush said.

Ellis said condoms were specifically

left out of the Senate version of the bill at the request of Bush's office. But the bill as ultimately passed allowed them to be included. Ellis said he prefers condoms be included in the tax break.

The Texas Family Planning Association said exempting condoms is a good idea that will help prevent unwanted pregnancies and the spread of sexually transmitted disease.

"To us it's a health issue," said spokesperson Rosemary Merriam. "It saves lives, prevents disease and helps make condoms available to people who don't have access to other types of birth control."

The birth control pill is a prescription drug and is tax exempt.

Workers creating makeshift offices in homes, schools

FORT WORTH (AP) — Warren Gould still shows up for work at his law firm on the fifth floor of the Cash America International building in downtown Fort Worth, even though his office there no longer exists.

With help from his wife, Sandra, and seven co-workers, Gould now spends his days wearing a hardhat and gardening gloves instead of a business suit, plying through piles of glass rather than legal documents.

The office is in shambles: There aren't any windows, soggy ceiling tiles litter the floor and tendrils of wire snake in all directions.

"Oh, my computer! I think

I'll bet it is," Gould said on Friday as he hoisted the dented beige computer case. "Well, I don't know what it is, but it's close."

He is among thousands of workers in the city's central business district displaced after a pair of deadly twisters wove their way through the area Tuesday evening. One struck Fort Worth. The other hit neighboring Arlington and then Grand Prairie. Four people were killed and another is presumed dead.

Insurance adjusters estimate damage to Tarrant County — where Fort Worth and Arlington are — at \$450 million. Seven hundred out of 3,000

Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce members will require some sort of assistance — from new office space and cleanup services, to computers and telephone equipment, agency spokeswoman Netty Matthews said.

"Computers are probably one of the biggest things," she said. "They need to get data removed from their computers."

Gould spent the day sorting through books, financial documents and case files, loading them into green plastic bins and hauling down the stairs.

"You don't know what you're looking for. The things that you couldn't live without all of a sudden become things you won-

der why you ever needed," said Gould, who estimated damage to the office at \$200,000.

American International officials said it could take six months to make repairs to the building.

Gov. George W. Bush has declared Tarrant County a disaster area, and damage assessment teams from the Federal Emergency Management and the Small Business Administration arrived Friday to help state leaders prepare paperwork for federal assistance.

Tarrant County College has made computers, meeting rooms and Internet connections available to companies on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Man who frequented topless bars was in charge of harassment claims

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — The superintendent of the Corpus Christi Independent School District agrees there's something not quite right about a man who frequents topless bars being in charge of handling sexual harassment complaints.

Thomas "Buff" Marlin is no longer assistant superintendent for business and financial affairs for the Corpus Christi School District. He has moved from San Antonio, and he reimbursed the school district for more than \$5,000 in topless bar expenses that he charged to his school district credit card.

But a state district judge has ordered a grand jury to investigate Marlin's expenses at strip clubs in Corpus Christi

and Austin.

A recent court of inquiry showed that on six occasions Marlin charged expenses from topless bars totaling \$5,200 — including one for \$2,000, another for \$1,215 and another for \$1,100. Two others totaled almost \$900.

In a deposition for a sexual harassment lawsuit filed by a school district employee, Corpus Christi superintendent Abelardo Saavedra confirmed that Marlin was in charge of handling sexual harassment complaints made by staffers during a two-year period during the mid-1990s.

The superintendent said Marlin's behavior was troubling even if he hadn't been in charge of handling sexual harassment complaints.

Responding to the Census: Texans have their reasons

DECATUR (AP) — Attention U.S. Census Bureau: Brett Shannon wants to be found.

"My home's not hard to find," the Decatur man said. "It's right in the middle of town, and I know four persons in the house that haven't been counted yet."

Shannon's desire to be counted is driven by his recognition that an accurate count is important to ensure that Texas gets its fair share of aid doled out by Washington to the states, as well as for governmental planning. The undercount of nearly half a million Texans in the 1990 census cost the state nearly \$1 billion in federal assistance.

State officials also point out that census results should result in Texas getting two more members of Congress.

But Shannon, city manager of Decatur, which straddles U.S. 287 north of Fort Worth, has another reason for wanting to make sure everyone in the Wise County seat is found.

The city has about 4,900 residents. Having 5,000 would make the community eligible to become a home-rule city, which would allow it to adopt its own charter.

"We have a keen interest in the census," he said. "We're hoping the bureau can find 100 more people."

Many other Texans apparently don't share Shannon's enthusiasm for the count, conducted every 10 years by mail and door-

to-door visits.

Texas has lagged much of the rest of the nation in initial response rates. As of Thursday, Texas' 42 percent rate was lower than all but two states — Alaska and Mississippi. Nationally, the initial response rate stood at 49 percent.

The Census Bureau's director, Kenneth Prewitt, is appealing to U.S. residents' civic pride in urging everyone to participate.

"It's the only thing we do in this country that includes everyone," he said in a recent interview. "If you think about it as a civic moment in America's experience, there's nothing else like it."

More than \$100 billion in federal spending, spanning everything from highway money to health and education dollars, is parceled out yearly to states based on census figures.

The numbers are used in apportionment, to determine how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives. And, the data

is central to the redistricting process, which sets the boundaries for legislative and congressional districts — and is key to both parties' political clout.

"The census will affect Texas in an infinite amount of ways," said Jane Dees, a spokeswoman for the state's census pointman, Secretary of State Elton Bomer. "It is vital to the future of our state . . . that every Texan is represented."

The Census Bureau, which has seen participation rates decline since 1970, hopes to reverse the trend. In 1990, the participation rate was 65 percent. Census officials initially projected a 60 percent return this time, but are hoping to reach 70 percent.

Minorities and inner-city residents historically make up the largest share of the undercount — a fact of huge importance to a state as diverse and with as many major cities as Texas.

In an attempt to spur more participation, the bureau is

spending \$167 million for a national advertising campaign. It's the first time for such an approach.

In one such ad, a barn fire can't be extinguished because of defective fire equipment. The message: If the community had been completely counted, modern fire equipment could have been purchased.

Frank Newton, a Census spokesman in Dallas, acknowledged that he can't tie the ad's scenario to any specific incident.

"You have to give imagery that grabs people's attention," he said. "Certainly, it got the message across."

Rosalie Gregg didn't need the extra boost. The head of Wise County's historical society holds census records from parts of the last two centuries in the back room of the town's towering museum. The records are treasured by genealogy devotees.

Gregg immediately filled out her census form and mailed it back.

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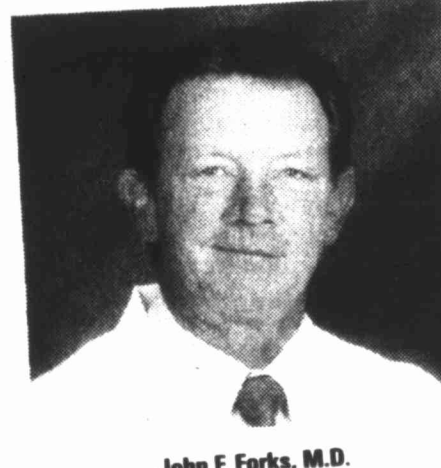
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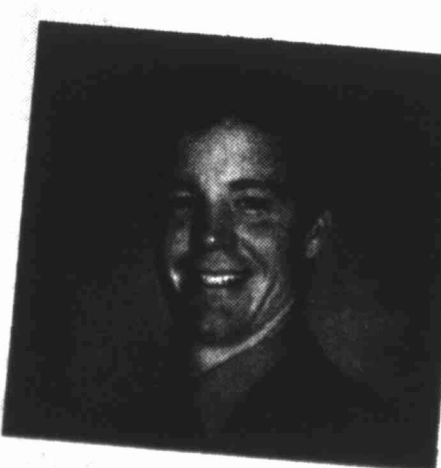
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OUR VIEWS

Once more time, Howard County residents respond

When help is needed, Howard County residents respond. Sometimes that response is to raise funds to fight cancer, multiple sclerosis or muscular dystrophy.

Sometimes it is to pick up trash along the roads and parks, tear down an aging eyesore or put windows in a grand old building.

Sometimes, too, it is in response to a tragic circumstance. The loss of Peyton and Dalton Harbour, the two young victims of flooding, has touched the entire Howard County community — and, we suspect, all of West Texas.

Within hours after it became known that the children were missing, volunteers began showing up at Mustang Draw. They came pulling boats and canoes. They brought horses, all-terrain vehicles and even airplanes.

Many were friends of the family or family members themselves. Others had never known the parents or the children — they just wanted to help in any way possible.

Businesses provided flashlights, batteries and other helpful items. More than a dozen restaurants donated food for the family, law enforcement officers and volunteers. At least one business paid its employees who wanted to search, just as if they were on the job.

It is the spirit that prevails here when the call goes out that help is needed. The volunteers, the peace officers, the businesses who got involved deserve our respect and our thanks. To the family, we give our prayers and our greatest sympathy.

We hope never again to have to band together for a tragedy. We also know we undoubtedly will. We can hold some comfort in knowing that no matter what the cause, many of our neighbors will respond in helping in any way they can.

YOUR VIEWS

To the Editor: We would like to thank the community of Big Spring in any way we can be able to thank every... enough for what they have done for our family... blessed us so much... he sent us Dalton and Peyton... Words can not express how much they will be missed. We are thankful for the time we did have with them. We will cherish those memories forever.

Pappie's Burrito Express, Brenda's Bar B Q, TNT Barbecue, the Big Dipper and the many volunteers for their help... A very special thank you to Casey Clark, Jerry Farmer Jr. and Beth Mauldin, Wes and Trisha Boren and family, Randy Pierce and family, Connie and Tex Edwards and family, Lauren McDowell and family and Bill Mathies and family... You are our heroes in our eyes. God bless you and thank you!

CHAD AND CINDY HARBOUR LOMAX; BRYAN AND SHERYL HARBOUR BIG SPRING; JERRY HARBOUR BIG SPRING; LEA AND PAT GRAY BIG SPRING

To the Editor: Jehovah's Witnesses celebrated a one day Special Event Convention on March 26. A total of 2,308 people from around Big Spring representing 21 congregations were present. The convention was enjoyed by everyone thanks to the welcome extended by the people of Big Spring. Visitors expressed their appreciation to the motels and to the local restaurants and to the public in general for their hospitality.

We will continue to search for our precious Dalton. We will not give up until we find him no matter how long it takes. We now all have two precious angels that are watching among us. Once again, thank you for all help. Words can not express how much we appreciate everything. A very special thank you to Alf Marsh and Western Container Corp., Elbow Elementary, Midland Department of Public Safety troopers, Wal-Mart, H.E.B., Sonic, Taco Villa, Dairy Queen, Pizza Hut, Domino's, Water Shoppe, Rocky's, Gill's, City of Big Spring, Denny's, McDonald's.

Taking a vacation from presidential politics

Here it is, just now April, and George W. Bush and Al Gore have their respective nominations locked up. Lord have mercy on us if we have to listen to them taking potshots at each other for the next seven months. I plan to take a vacation from presidential politics and not think about it until the end of August or so. After all, I've said about all I can say, which is that Bush is by far a lesser evil than Gore.



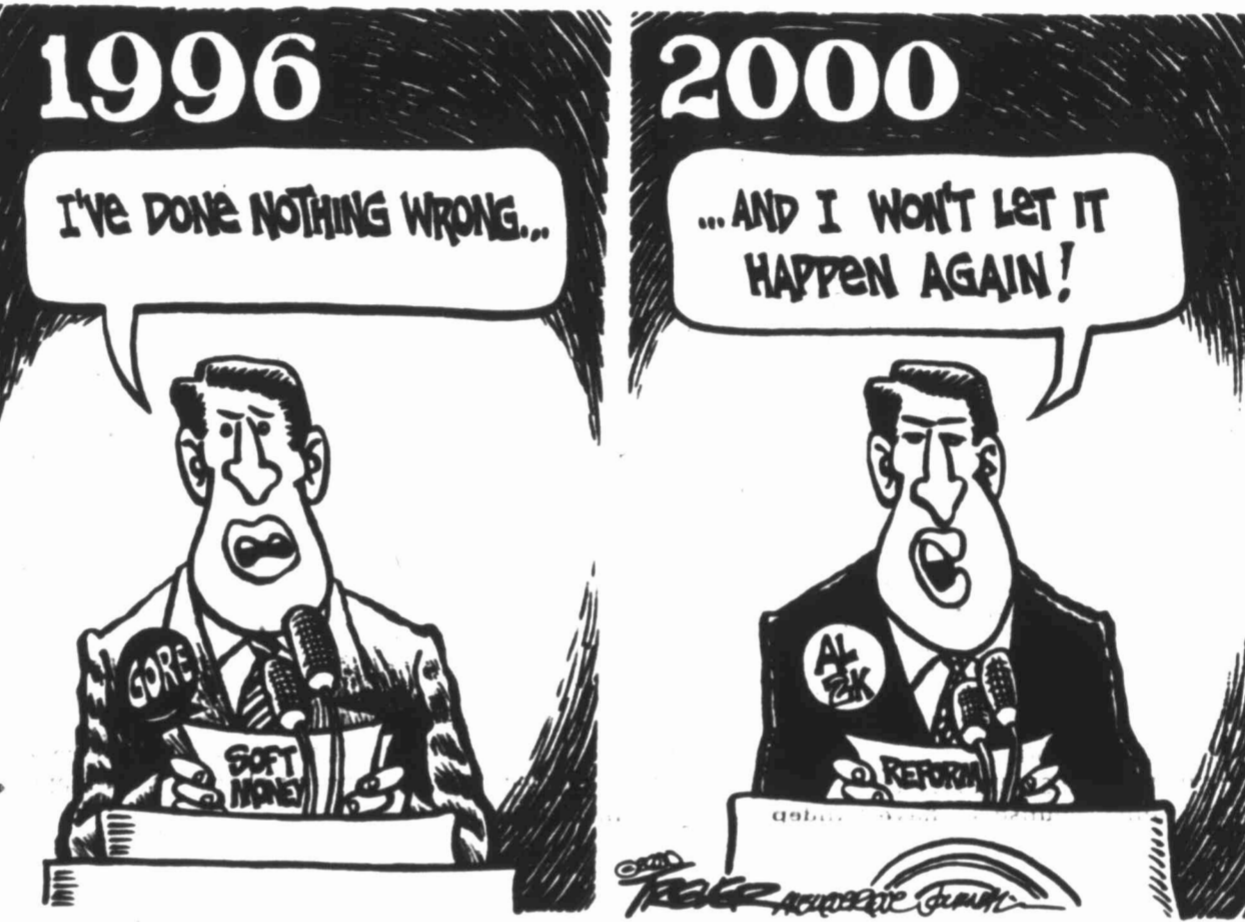
CHARLEY REESE

A lot of folks, noting the similarity of my views and those of Pat Buchanan, keep asking why I don't support Pat. The answer is that he can't win. He can, however, elect Gore. Buchanan has had two shots at national office and got a good airing of his views in both of them. He came up short. A

majority of Americans disagree with him, or at least disagree with what they believe he stands for. For some strange reason, many conservatives continue to delude themselves that out there in the mists is a great American conservative majority, thwarted in exercising its will by the dastardly Republican and Democratic parties. Alas, that is a myth. There is no majority out there. Why do people persist in their belief in it? Do they not realize what effects have been wrought by 50 years of liberal entertainment, liberal media, liberal politicians and liberal public education? The fact is that Americans today are, on the whole, dumber than Americans were 50 years ago. They might have credentials up the kazoo, but most are poorly educated and are especially ignorant about political philosophy other than socialism. And far too many are sucking on the government teat. And yes, on the issues dear to the heart of the international establishment, the candi-

dates of the two major political parties are just about Tweedledee and Tweedledum. Nevertheless, the differences that do exist are very important. Hey, folks, I learned this the hard way. I was disillusioned with George Bush, the current candidate's father. He broke his promise not to raise taxes, and he seemed too arrogant to bother to explain it, much less apologize for breaking his word. And I didn't like his involving us in the Gulf War. So I voted for Pat Buchanan, and when he fell, I voted for Jerry Brown, and when he fell, I voted for Bill Clinton. I have bitterly regretted that ever since. Whatever faults I thought Bush had, the country would have been a thousand times better off with Bush in office than with Clinton. I'm not going to make that mistake again. The only reason I can sleep nights is that my vote did not help Clinton get elected. Fortunately, a majority in Florida, more sensible than I at that time, nullified it, and the state's electoral-college votes went to Bush. But if the race is close,

Buchanan's 5 percent or 6 percent of the vote, which will all come from Bush's side, could be just enough to tip the state toward Gore. And remember, it's a winner-take-all system, so a close second doesn't count. And think about this: The left knows the difference between Gore and Bush. It is united behind Gore. Does this mean that people on the right who say there are no differences are not as smart as those on the left? One could certainly infer that. There are plenty of differences. Bush opposes abortion on demand except in the cases of rape, incest or danger to the mother's life. Not complete, but it is a whole lot better than Gore's support for abortion for any reason. Gore has already said he won't appoint federal judges who are bound by the original intent and meaning of the Constitution. This is a powerful difference. Bush wants to cut taxes. Gore wants to spend more of your money. Another big difference. A vote is for choosing leaders, not making statements. Don't waste it.



The Irish Sea through new eyes

I do my best thinking on the water. If you could rent floating office space, I'd rank up there with Dr. Samuel Johnson, or at least Tom Bodet. The ferry from Holyhead, Wales, to Dublin in Ireland was virtually empty. I might have stretched out across four seats and snored, if I'd been sleepy. A few other tourists were buying shamrock dish towels and leprechaun hats in the duty-free shop, while regular commuters were looking bored or napping. For them this was another day. It was wide-awake. I gaped out the big windows of the fast catamaran called the "Jonathan Swift" and tried not to miss anything. Not a jetty or a lighthouse or a craggy cliff. I figured this was my last shot at the Irish Sea. A crossing that for me wouldn't happen again. Next week I'd be back at my desk in Georgia, beating a keyboard. Today I was skipping across the sea like a boy's rock on a still pond. I aimed to take advantage. Funny how perspective changes the view. I'd been

completely charmed by the old town Holyhead, replete with a Roman wall. But a Dublin cabdriver had warned me there was precious little to do in Holyhead. He had seemed genuinely concerned I'd be disappointed. Once in Wales, I heard the same thing from several other earnest locals who considered theirs a sleepy, insignificant downright dreary town. They hadn't taken into consideration that everything — from the accent to the restroom plumbing — was new to me. Why, I spent 30 minutes in the grocery store just admiring the produce. I saved napkins and coasters from pub tables to haul home. I loved the quiet ferry town, a jumping-off place with a history as old as sea passages. Jonathan Swift himself used to cross from Holyhead in his travels between England and Dublin. However, as it turns out, he had the same opinion of Holyhead as the cabbie: "Lo here I sit at Holyhead/with muddy ale and mouldy bread. All Christian victuals stink of fish/I'm where my enemies would wish."

I've long observed that cities usually work at molding themselves into something they are not, diligently ignoring indigenous strengths. Memphis, for instance, with its blues tradition and fantastic river perch, wants to play on its slim Egyptian connection; it built a pyramid. Atlanta wants to be considered anything but Southern. And Southern cities that are not Atlanta are envious of Atlanta. But we foreigners see things differently. Strangers in a strange new land are an easy audience, all eyes and wonder. We want to like what's stretched before us, and, unlike the natives, we can see it. The sky made a canopy over a distant Dublin, and the sea divided itself into little drops on the window. The world looked brand new to me, not weary, not ugly, not spent.



RHETA GRIMSLEY JOHNSON

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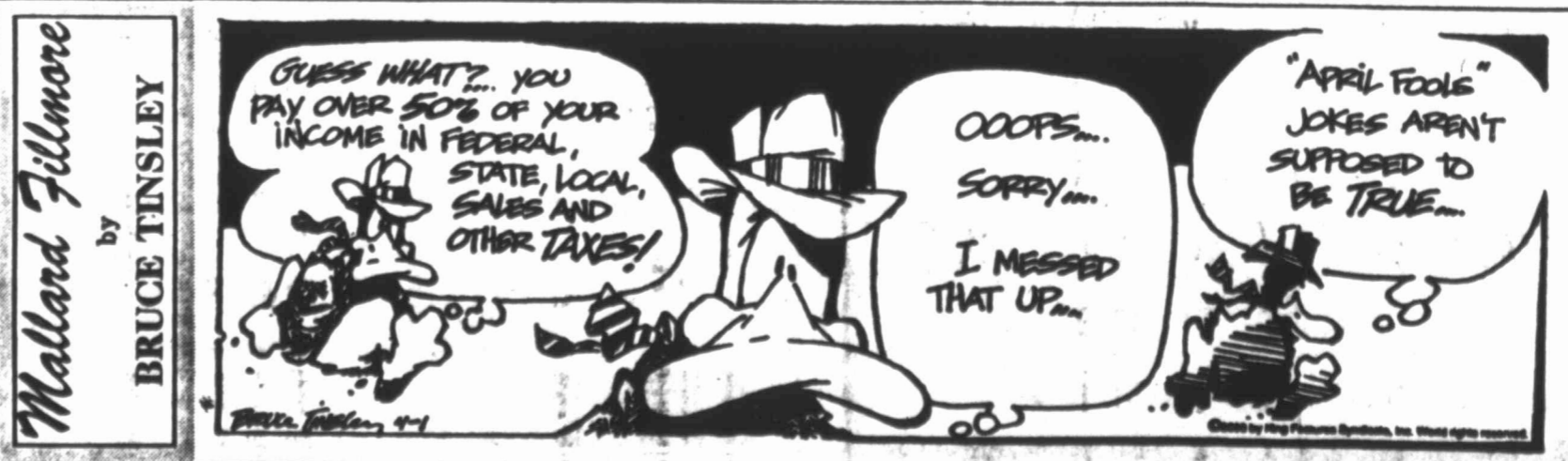
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Report: Federal bookkeeping better, still inadequate

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal agencies are doing a better job of keeping their books but still keep inadequate financial records on programs worth billions of dollars, a government report concludes.

Getting a clear picture of government assets, liabilities and costs is difficult, Congress' General Accounting Office said, because of "significant financial systems weaknesses, problems with fundamental record keeping and financial reporting, incomplete documentation and weak internal control."

Still, the GAO said in a report compiled with the Treasury Department and the White House Office of Management and Budget, there has been real progress compared to a decade ago, when almost no agencies prepared and issued audited financial statements.

"More agencies are completing their financial statements on time, and the quality of the data continues to improve,"

Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers wrote in the report.

It found that in audits of 24 federal agencies for fiscal year 1999, 13 got clean ratings, up from six, when the first survey was conducted in 1996, and 12 last year.

Another four agency statements got qualified, or acceptable with problems, opinions, and five — down from 13 in 1996 — came back with disclaimers, meaning the auditors were unable to determine the reliability of significant portions of the statements. Two did not meet the filing deadline.

The Office of Management and Budget's Joshua Gotbaum said another "significant milestone" for the year was that the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants recognized federal accounting standards as "generally accepted accounting principles."

But Rep. Stephen Horn, R-Calif., who discussed the report Friday at a hearing of his House

Government Reform Committee panel, said agencies as a whole still earned no better than a "D+" in providing reliable, accurate financial information.

Horn acknowledged some progress but said he was "disheartened, but not surprised," that significant accounting discrepancies and financial weaknesses remain. Horn graded all 24 agencies, giving A grades only to NASA and the National Science Foundation.

House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, said the comprehensive audit, the third in the nation's history, was an exercise in frustration. "It is simply unacceptable that any federal agency," he said, "cannot be held accountable for the way it spends taxpayer money."

Horn also asked why trustees of the Medicare and Social Security trust funds came out with a report on Thursday, just a day before Treasury's report, that gave a far rosier outlook of the financial solvency of the two programs.

General Accounting Office Comptroller General David Walker agreed that the lack of coordination in the two reports "makes the government look foolish."

Walker praised the Social Security Administration for making good progress in financial management, while singling out the Pentagon, which holds a large percentage of government assets, for being unable to consistently produce auditable financial statements.

The government was "unable to support significant portions of the \$1.76 trillion reported as the total net cost of government operations," the GAO said.

It said \$313 billion reported as a liability for remediation of environmental contamination and disposal of hazardous waste may not be complete, and data were not available for an accurate estimate of a reported \$196 billion military retirement health benefits liability.

Xerox will eliminate 5,200 jobs, take \$625 million earnings charge

STAMFORD, Conn. (AP) — Business machines giant Xerox Corp., struggling to compete in both the large and small office markets, plans to slash 5,200 jobs, close manufacturing plants and take a \$625 million charge against earnings in the first quarter.

The job cuts represent 5.5 percent of the company's worldwide work force of 94,600. "While these are difficult actions for our people, Xerox can no longer operate business as usual and expect to win," said Rick Thoman, the Xerox president and chief executive. "We're intensifying our drive to become a faster, leaner and more flexible enterprise."

Thoman said the market has changed from the days when the company was a leader in photocopying technology. Xerox said the cutbacks will help the company focus on its two core markets: business

machines such as copiers for home and medium-sized offices, and larger systems that enable big companies to organize and share information in the form of digital documents.

The announcement had been expected for months. Xerox said in January that an overhaul was coming, and analysts had predicted deep job cuts and a restructuring charge of as much as \$900 million.

The moves were praised by analysts, who said Xerox needs to make the cuts to compete with Hewlett-Packard and Canon. But Xerox stock dropped 2 percent Friday on the New York Stock Exchange, falling 56 cents to close at \$26 a share.

"They are going to try their best to compete in any way possible, not just by cutting but also by announcing new products," said Marjorie Saint-Aime, an analyst.

Panel to look into judge who assigned cases to Clinton

WASHINGTON (AP) — A special panel is beginning an investigation of the chief federal judge in the District of Columbia because she assigned six Whitewater and campaign fund-raising prosecutions to Clinton appointees.

Appeals Judge Stephen Williams chose four judges — three Republicans and a Clinton appointee — to help him delve into why Chief U.S. District Judge Norma Holloway Johnson bypassed the computerized system of randomly assigning cases. In 1998 and 1999, Johnson sent six cases against presidential friends and Democratic fund-raisers to judges nominated by President Clinton.

Williams, a Reagan appointee, threw out an initial complaint against Johnson filed by a private group after an Associated

Press story revealed the first two of the six cases — prosecutions against Clinton fund-raiser Charlie Trie and longtime presidential friend Webster Hubbell.

But the court's 13-member Judicial Council reopened the complaint, filed by the conservative group Judicial Watch, after Rep. Howard Coble, R-N.C., presented additional evidence that Johnson also directed four other fund-raising cases to Clinton appointees.

They included the case against Miami businessman Howard Glicken, a former Al Gore fund-raiser who pleaded guilty to two fund-raising misdemeanors. Presidential confidant Vernon Jordan wrote the sentencing judge pleading for leniency. Glicken got community service work and probation.

In a letter to a newspaper last

summer, the chief judge said she made the special assignments of the Hubbell and Trie cases to "move the docket as expeditiously as possible" and that politics was "never a factor." She hasn't spoken publicly about why she bypassed the random assignment system in the other four cases.

Launching a full-scale judicial investigation of a judge is a serious step that court rules call a "last resort."

Subpoena power is available to the panel and the investigation will almost certainly result in Johnson submitting to questioning under oath by her fellow judges, either in writing or in person.

The five-member panel will turn over its findings to the Judicial Council of appeals court and district judges in Washington, which can issue a

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Starr sets new record for most expensive independent counsel

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional investigators say Kenneth Starr's investigation of President Clinton cost \$52 million, the most expensive independent counsel inquiry ever.

The General Accounting Office said Starr's Whitewater and Monica Lewinsky probe

exceeded the \$47.4 million record set by Lawrence E. Walsh in the 1980s for the Iran-Contra investigation.

During the past six years, five independent counsels have spent a total of \$95.3 million investigating the Clinton administration.

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While Congress allowed the independent counsel law to expire last July, the costs continue to accumulate.

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Houston college student attacked, found dead near border

HOUSTON (AP) — The last time anybody saw Edgar James Trias, he was slipping out of a disco in Matamoros, Mexico with two women. Later on that night, the University of Houston sophomore was found with his throat fatally slashed.

The 20-year-old man died Thursday, after almost two days of fruitless medical treatments.

When police found him on a barren stretch of road, Trias was unconscious and bloody but still breathing, slumped inside his pickup truck.

Mexican police Friday turned their attention to looking for the two young women.

Trias' parents, meanwhile,

travelled from their suburban Spring home to Matamoros to meet Friday with U.S. consulate officials. They did not immediately return telephone calls from The Associated Press.

Witnesses told police they saw Trias exiting a downtown nightclub the evening of the attack, accompanied by two young women. That was the last time they remembered seeing him, Tamaulipas police spokesman Alfredo Blas said.

Hours later, police came across Trias' parked truck a few miles southeast of the city, Blas said. The student was inside, throat and jugular vein slashed. He probably bled for hours

before being discovered, Blas said.

"At that time of the night, people are sleeping, nobody's around," Blas said. "Possibly, if it had happened during the day, we could have saved him."

The student was taken first to Matamoros General Hospital, then across the border to Brownsville Medical Center. He was pronounced dead Thursday in Brownsville, consulate officials said.

Police said Trias probably fell prey to con artists who lured him out to the remote area, robbed him and left him for dead, Blas said. Police found textbooks, a toothbrush, and

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Federal judge dismisses lawsuit against city of Lubbock

LUBBOCK (AP) — A federal judge dismissed a lawsuit against a Lubbock police officer, saying he acted rationally and within his duties when he shot a 15-year-old to death last year.

Judge Sam Cummings said a federal court should not decide liability based on the facts presented.

The case, which was filed against Lubbock police officer Tracy Taylor, Lubbock Police Chief Ken Walker and the city

of Lubbock, was dismissed on Thursday.

Rosary Duran, the mother of 15-year-old Joseph De La Rosa, filed the civil suit on June 30, 1999, following the March 11 incident in which Taylor shot and killed her son.

"Under ideal circumstances, the officer on the scene would have been able to disarm Mr. De La Rosa and take him into custody without firing a shot. Unfortunately, the circumstances surrounding the rapidly

escalating situation ... that night were far from ideal," Cummings wrote. "There is nothing before the court which suggests that the unfortunate result would have been any different if hostage crisis personnel had been called to the scene or officers Taylor and Anderson had batons and pepper spray in their possession."

Court documents say the teen threatened to kill the officers and made a threatening movement toward Taylor while holding a knife.

Police were responding to a domestic disturbance call at Duran's home when De La Rosa's father said the teenager had threatened to kill him and his mother. He told police the teenager had stabbed a wall with a 10-inch kitchen knife.

Taylor and Officer Nathan Anderson responded with their guns drawn and asked De La Rosa to drop his knife, court records say.

The teenager refused.

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Connecticut 89, Penn State 67
National Championship
Sunday, April 2
Tennessee (33-3) vs. Connecticut (35-1), 8 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Optioned RHP Jason Rakers and RHP Dan Murray to Tulsa of the Pacific Coast League. Assigned RHP Archie Corbin, C Hector Ortiz and INF Anthony Medrano to their minor league camp.
NEW YORK YANKEES—Signed OF Lance Johnson to a minor league contract.
TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS—Placed LHP Wilson Alvarez and INF Daniel Rolis on the disabled list.
TEXAS RANGERS—Reassigned OF Jason McDuffie to the Pacific Coast League. C B.J. Wagner, INF Edwin Diaz, INF Jon Shave to Oklahoma City of the Pacific Coast League. Assigned INF Mike Sinema outright to Oklahoma City.

NBA STANDINGS

Table with columns: Conference, Division, Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Includes Eastern Conference (Atlantic, Central, Midwest) and Western Conference (Midwest) standings.

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Includes NBA playoff berth and various team records.

NHL

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Includes NHL standings and transactions.

NL SCHEDULE

Table with columns: Date, Time, Home Team, Away Team. Includes NL schedule for Monday through Saturday.

Chicago at Columbus (n)
Colorado at Kansas City (n)
Tampa Bay at Dallas (n)
DC United at N. York N. Jersey (n)
New England at Los Angeles (n)
Saturday, April 8
Kansas City at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Columbus, 6:30 p.m.
Chicago at DC United, 6:30 p.m.
New England at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Colorado, 8 p.m.
N York N. Jersey at San Jose, 9 p.m.

LOCAL BOWLING

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Includes WEEDSNDAY NITE TRIO WEEK 28 and RESULTS.

Bulldogs shut out Lubbock Christian; second game washed away by rains

Ovalle got the starting nod and struck out eight Lubbock Christian batters in three innings of work. He allowed just one hit and walked two before moving behind the plate. That set the stage for left-handed ace Delvin White, who came on to work the fourth and fifth innings, walking one batter and striking out six. Teeler wrapped things up by allowing just a couple of hits in the sixth and seventh innings. "I wanted to give all of my pitchers some work today," Coahoma head coach Scott Lewis said, admitting that he was pleased by the performance.

all three of the seniors displayed. "That's what was important about playing today... to give everybody a chance to get some time on the field," he added. "We wanted to let all the pitchers throw and give everybody a chance to go to the plate and play defensively. Getting rained out didn't let us get all the work we wanted for everybody, but it was a good night for us." The Bulldogs came out swinging in the first inning and with two out, Ovalle got things started with a double. White followed...

See COAHOMA, page 8A

LADY STEERS

A single by shortstop Robin Mena put runners at first and second, and when Lady Steers catcher Lindsey Marino made a wild throw to third trying to nail Ballenger on a steal attempt, Sweetwater was able to erase the goose egg on its side of the scoreboard. A groundout by Bonnie Hanna moved Mena to third and a single up the middle by Ashley Kile trimmed the Big Spring lead to just one run. But Gwyn wouldn't give the visitors another chance. After the Lady Steers failed to capitalize on an opportunity...

provide a little insurance in the bottom of the sixth, Gwyn promptly walked out and dominated the seventh—getting lead off hitter Amy Price to ground back to the pitcher's circle and striking out reserve centerfielder Tasha Carillo and lead-off hitter Audry Solis. Jackson and Rubio led the way in Big Spring's eight-hit attack, Rubio finishing the game with a 2-for-2 showing at the plate, while Jackson was 2-for-3 with the RBI. The rest of Big Spring's hits came from Gwyn, Nicci Vizziano, Casey and Cain.

The Lady Steers travel to Fort Stockton for a 5 p.m. game with the Prowlers.

GOLF

Andrews' Brad Gibson took the medalist lead, posting a 71 to go along with his opening round of 67 for a two-day total of 138 and a five-stroke lead over teammate Dustin Sherill, who also posted a 71 on Saturday. Sweetwater's Shane Mercer, who'd posted an opening-round 69, soared to 79 on Saturday, giving him a 148 total and a tie for fourth place with Andrews' Luke Varner. Big Spring's Steers managed a second-round 339 total, giving them a 671 going into the final round and putting them solidly in sixth place. The Steers' No. 2 team improved on the 353 they posted in San Angelo last week, touring the WTC layout with a 346 and a 699 total. Sophomore Jerrod Simmons, like his older sister, led the way for Big Spring, his 82 on Saturday giving him a 161 total. Zac Hall added an 88 for a 171 total, while Richard Gaitan had an 84-85, 169 total and Jamie Womble will carry an 86-84, 170 total into the final 18 holes. Nick Read rounded out the Big Spring No. 1 team's scoring on Saturday with a 92. Big Spring No. 2 was paced by Isaac Willborn's 80, giving him a 162 total, while Will Conley soared to 86, giving him a 163 after two rounds. Clayton Weaver had the best round of any Steers linkster on Saturday, carding a 79 to give him a 169 two-day total, while Lance Brock posted a 101 for a 199 total. Pat Reagan added a 102. Big Spring's medalist-only entries were Jacob Garcia, Richard Key and Chris Bravo. Key led the way with a 101, while Garcia carded a 103 and Bravo finished the day at 104.

CORRECTION NOTICE

In our April 2 insert, we advertised the Snoopy Dogg CD, Snoopy Dogg at His Best as being available Tuesday, April 4. Due to circumstances beyond our control, this CD will not be available on April 4, and there is no current estimate for when it may be available. We apologize for any confusion or inconvenience this may have caused.

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Michigan State gets shot at title with 53-41 win over Wisconsin

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Turning back the clock to another era, Michigan State showed it could win at Wisconsin's game in the Final Four. Morris Peterson provided most of the offense and the Spartans stifled their Big Ten rival for the fourth time this season, moving within one victory of their first national title since 1979 with a bruising 53-41 triumph over Wisconsin on Saturday night. The Spartans (31-7), who have been focused on nothing but a national title since losing to Duke in the national semifinals a year ago, failed to score a field goal for the final 11:42 of the first half. It didn't matter in a game dominated by picks and bricks — appropriate in the home of the Brickyard. Michigan State led only 19-17 at the half, falling short of the score posted in the 1941 title game when Wisconsin led 21-17 over Washington State en route to the Badgers' only national championship. But the Spartans matched every elbow and forearm thrown by the Badgers (22-14), limiting them to a single basket through the first 12:36 of the second half. In the meantime, Peterson scored 10 points during a 13-2 spurt that pushed the lead to 32-19. Peterson finished with 20 points.

Against a team of limited offensive means like Wisconsin, a 13-point lead was as good as 30. The Badgers shot only 35 percent (15-of-43) and had only one player in double figures, Roy Boone with 18 points. Most of those came in the final minutes when the outcome was already decided. Wisconsin's point total was the lowest of any Final Four team since the shot clock was introduced in 1986. Jon Bryant, the MVP of the West Regional after averaging 16.8 points and shooting 50 percent from the field, was held to two points on 1-of-5 shooting by the Spartans, who made it difficult for him to even get off a shot — much less make it. Michigan State, the only top seed to reach the Final Four, won its lone national title 21 years ago with Magic Johnson at point guard, beating Indiana State and Larry Bird in the final. The Spartans advanced to Monday night's title game

against the winner of the other semifinal between North Carolina and Florida. The Badgers, one of two No. 8 seeds at Indy, finished a remarkable run after getting into the tournament from the bubble. They knocked top-seeded Arizona in the second round of the West Regional, then made it to Indy by defeating Purdue in another All-Big Ten matchup. But Wisconsin wasn't quick enough or athletic enough to handle the Spartans, who won both games during the regular season and another matchup in the conference tournament. Michigan State is capable of playing in-your-face defense with the stingiest of teams, and it simply had too many offensive weapons for the Badgers, who lost the four games by an average of nearly 11 points. Michigan State dominated the boards, outrebounding Wisconsin 42-20 in a virtual replay of their first meeting this season.

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RODEO

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Cody Griffin qualified for the short go with a 58-point ride, but was well off the lead established by Western Texas' Rawley McFarland on Thursday night with a 76-point effort.

McFarland entered this weekend's rodeo as the Southwest Region's points leader in that event.

Monty Eakin of Eastern New Mexico and Jeremy Surver of Sul Ross were the leaders going into Saturday's final round, Surver coming up with a time Friday that matched Eakin's top run on Thursday.

The top qualifier in goat tying was Lacey Jones of Tarleton State, while the top qualifier in the team roping were Tarleton's Chad Smith and Western Texas' Ryan Brewer, who posted a time of 5.9 seconds.

None of Howard College's team roping entries managed to qualify for the short go-round.

Tiffany Burton of Vernon Regional Community College turned in a blistering time of 16.74 seconds to take the lead in the barrel racing, and event where she'll be faced by a five-some of Tarleton State riders, including the four women who topped Thursday's performance.

In the final event of the night, Howard's Ben Cook qualified for the short-go in bull riding with a 66-point ride.

Nathan Mattox of Odessa College led the Friday bull riding field going into the finale with a score of 74, but was two points behind Texas Tech's Greg Fuller.

HAYS

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nine conference games remaining.

"Odessa pretty much has things wrapped up for the championship, but I think we have an excellent chance of finishing second," he said. "As long as our guys are willing to work hard and play up to their potential, there's no reason why we shouldn't advance to the Region V tournament as the conference's second seed ... that's our short term goal."

The important thing is to have his team playing at its very best as the regular season nears a close and the regional tournament is set to start.

"The teams that go to the Junior College World Series are the ones that are hot late in the season ... once you get there, anything's possible," Hays noted, making it clear that he'd love for his Hawks to get on a run and head to Grand Junction, Colo., where the 1991 Howard team took the NJCAA championship.

"But our most important long-term goal is that as coaches and players, we strive to become better people for ourselves, families and for Howard College," he added. "Most importantly in my mind is that all of our athletes attain their educational goals."

A native of Lubbock, Hays grew up around the baseball diamond, developing his own baseball skills under the watchful eye of his father, Larry Hays, who is now head baseball coach at Texas Tech University.

He received his bachelor of science degree in kinesiology from Lubbock Christian University in 1997 and is currently pursuing his master's degree at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

Following a standout school-boy career in baseball, basketball, golf and track, Hays attended Lubbock Christian before transferring to York College in York, Neb., for two seasons. He returned to Lubbock Christian for his senior season, playing center field for the Chaparrals.

Hays' wife Sara is also a Lubbock Christian University graduate and is currently employed as a teacher and coach by the Forsan Independent School District.

COAHOMA

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lowed by drawing a walk and both advanced to third before Luke Bowlin struck out to end the threat.

Coahoma did get on the scoreboard in the third inning, however, when Travis McMillan singled with one out and then scored when White hit a two-out double.

Bowlin wasn't about to be denied a second time, however, and made it a 3-0 game moments later when he sent a towering shot over the fence in

left field for a two-run homer.

The Bulldogs' final run of the game also came via the deep ball, as pinch hitter Joe Wright took one out of the park in the bottom of the sixth inning.

Bowlin finished the game as Coahoma's leading hitter, adding a single to his home run, while White also had a pair of hits.

The Bulldogs return to District 3-2A baseball action Monday at 6 p.m. when they take on Morton's Indians in a game that was originally scheduled for 4:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Nicklaus, Mickelson share BellSouth lead

DULUTH, Ga. (AP) — Nicklaus is back on the leader board on a Georgia golf course and this time it isn't Jack.

Jack's son, Gary, shot a 4-under 68 Saturday and grabbed a share of the lead with Phil Mickelson after the third round of the BellSouth Classic.

"Keep calm and be patient," Nicklaus said of his approach to the final round in his quest to win his first PGA Tour title. His previous best finish was a tie for 28th at this year's Honda Classic.

Mickelson had a third-round 69 that left the leaders at 11-under 205 for three trips around the hills of the 7,259-yard TPC at Sugarloaf course.

They held a two-shot lead over Kenny Perry and Harrison Frazar, both posting 70s Saturday.

Second-round leader Joey Sindelar never got anything going despite an eagle 3 at the 541-yard fourth and shot a 74. He was tied at 208 with Jay Don Blake, 69, Tom Pernice Jr., 69, and Steve Jones, 70.

Mickelson held the lead alone for most of the back nine until missing a short par putt at the 17th green, allowing Nicklaus a share of the lead.

Neither was able to birdie the par 5 finishing hole, with Mickelson getting par when he failed to chip up a slight hill to the green with his third shot, then two-putted.

Nicklaus lipped out an 8-foot birdie putt at the final hole.

Nicklaus got off to a slow start with bogeys on two of his first three holes.

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Discipline:

It's all in the family

Lisa Petrowski could have a discipline nightmare on her hands.

The Big Spring woman is mother to five children, ages 3-15. And she hardly gets a break — since they are homeschooled, she is their teacher, too. So how does she stay in control and keep her children and herself, functioning day after day?

"They are good kids," said Lisa, whose husband, Joseph, works for the Big Spring Federal Correctional Institute. "We have been so blessed, really. We don't have the problems that we could have."

Oldest is Justin, 15, followed by Jeremy, 13, Jacob, 10, Katrina, 5, and Valerie, 3.

Lisa said the children show great respect for their parents, and seem to want to please them.

"I guess that makes them unusual," she said. The one exception may be the baby of the family; all agreed Valerie is the one child who can exasperate their mother with her antics.

"She's just very active," Lisa said. "She tries everything."

That includes putting the car keys in an electrical outlet, climbing into precarious places and hiding when she is called. One day, when Lisa had just had enough of the constant, "Mom!" "Mom!" from the kids nagging her about trouble with their siblings, she said, "If I hear one more, 'Mom!' I am going to scream."

Then she felt a tug on her sleeve. It was Valerie asking, "Lisa?"

And this supermom readily admits her days are not always perfect; there are times that at least three of the five children are feeling grouchy at once. But she thinks it helps that she starts each day in quiet time, Bible study and prayer. Then, at mid-afternoon, she takes some more "time out" for reflection.

Misbehavior is a problem in almost every family, and the Petrowskis are not immune. But Lisa said she and her husband try to answer each problem with honesty.

They set consequences that "fit the crime," Lisa said. And they avoid acting out of anger. That attitude helps with everything from not finishing schoolwork to issues of dating, peer pressure and showing respect for others.

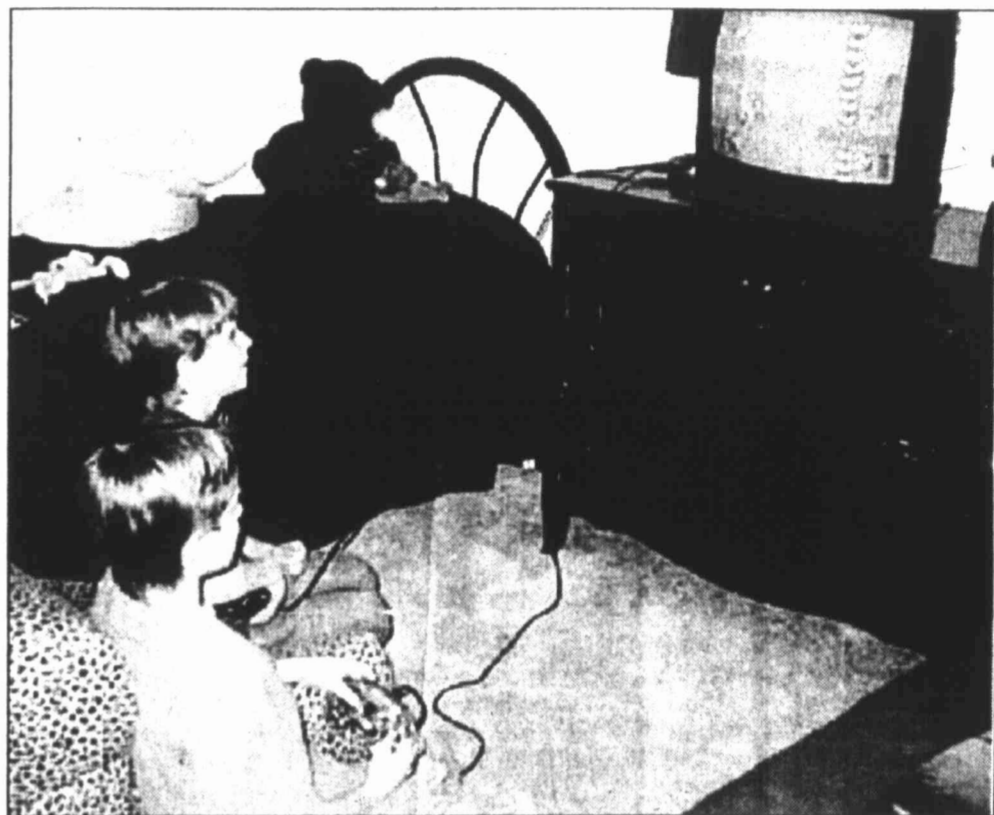
Janet Payne, director of children's services for West Texas Centers for MH/MR, said the key to good discipline in children often starts with the parents.

"Parents need to become self-disciplined," she said. "They should always remain calm, even during the worst possible behavior of your child."

Avoid a power struggle, she said, and let the children know that you are the boss, period.

Other discipline tips Payne gave include:

- Never do any name-calling; focus on the behavior that you want changed.
- Be consistent. If you say you will do it, do it. And when you set consequences for behavior, carry them out.
- Treat your children with respect; say please and thank-you. This will encourage that same behavior in them.
- Don't bring up their mistakes from the past. That is over; deal with the here and now.
- Don't take what your child says personally. If he or she says "I hate you!" in a moment of anger, don't take it seriously.
- If the situation is too intense for you to



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keep your cool, take five minutes, pull back and calm down.

• Don't be reactive; don't shout, spank or slap. It may get the child's attention for that moment, but later you will both feel terrible about it and nothing is accomplished.

Payne recommends a book by Dr. Ray Burk called "Common-Sense Parenting." Burk offers these tips:

- Always be clear in your communication.
- Give consequences. They can be positive, such as praise for doing something good, or negative, such as removing a privilege or adding a chore.
- Describe the behavior you want to see happen.
- Practice with your child how to handle difficult situations. This works well with the teenager.

An example Payne gave is with a teen who is facing peer pressure: Act out what they could say if the situation arises.

Outline the consequences you would set for misbehavior, so the child knows what to expect. Don't go overboard, such as "You are grounded for a year!" Shorter, more intense

punishment often makes a bigger difference.

Lisa Petrowski said she and her husband are not afraid to admit that sometimes they make mistakes. Recently, a punishment that was given to one of the kids had to be retracted because it was too severe.

"They are allowed to state their opinions about their consequences," Lisa said. "And if I make a mistake, I can say so."

But it helps that her kids often admit their mistakes, too, Lisa said.

She recounted a story about Jacob and Jeremy, who enjoy playing Sega in their bedroom. But they aren't allowed to play during the school day unless she gives special permission.

One recent afternoon while she was having

her Bible study time, the boys came to her and said they had something to tell her, but they wanted to ask a question first.

She was suspicious, but said, "Go ahead." They asked if they could play Sega, and she said it would be OK.

Then they admitted that they had already been playing Sega," Lisa said. "Jacob said they had been losing pretty badly, and they figured it was because they were playing without permission."

"They said maybe if they got permission," Lisa said, laughing, "then God would bless their game!"

Story and photos by Debbie L. Jensen

In the photos, clockwise from left: Lisa Petrowski, center, with her five children — Katrina, 5, and Valerie, 3, on her lap, and the boys, from left, Jeremy, 13, Justin, 15 and Jacob, 10. Far left, everyone in the family agrees Valerie, the baby of the family, is also the "class clown."

Above, left, first-born Justin helps out with his younger siblings: Here he lets Valerie and Katrina help him feed the bird and fish that are his pets.

Above, Jeremy and Jacob enjoy playing Sega, but when they misbehave, it is often the first privilege they lose.

What's it worth? 'Roadshow' always guarantees an enjoyable ride

"It is the most valuable toy in the world!" the English lady declared in her estimate of the toy biplane.

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Yes, I have been watching "Antique Road Show," the English version. The English, Irish, Scots and Welsh don't seem very different from each other by comparison to the melting pot of ethnic groups in this country.

Their reactions are different;

they nod a lot, say "yessss," usually don't react with great emotion; they do have some very interesting object d'art, and like us, a lot of junk.

The American version is the most popular program on Public Broadcasting. Even Oprah Winfrey has an annual "Appraisal Fair" with people who have found extremely valuable things gathering dust. Most of them were richer since their items have been now appraised for large sums of money.

The sitcom "Frasier" used the "The Road Show" as a plot recently. The family detested their fathers' statue with a clock in the stomach. But after it was appraised at \$25,000, the statue became a favorite.

Home and Garden Channel has appraisal shows on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 11 to 12 a.m. They are different from "Road Show" but are interesting.

In a "Dallas Morning News" article there were some interesting Road Show facts. Only seven thousand people are allowed in the hall. That seems like a lot; but evidently as time goes on, literally hordes of folks show up.



MARY RANDLE

The Dallas experts explained none of the appraisers are paid a penny, not even expenses. They get a handshake, exposure on national TV, but that's it.

Almost everyone who follows the show has their favorites. Adrian and I like the twins, Leigh and Leslie Keno. In a recent CNN special, their expertise in American furniture was featured. They deliver bad news that the chair is a fake, or good news the table might be worth half a million — which it was.

Their enthusiasm for a table carved from a solid block of mahogany made you understand what an achievement that really was in 1790.

Recently two sisters brought

a lamp their mother had paid \$125 for many years ago. They had been told it was a fake. The lady expert sensed how much they hoped for their mother's sake it was valuable.

She took a long time explaining that it was indeed the best — an early Louis Comfort Tiffany lamp worth as much as \$125,000! Both girls burst into tears and couldn't stop. Finally the expert and girls hugged, you could almost feel their joy, the onlookers were applauding!

Why is this show becoming more popular, with a board game, one of the most active Web pages, and most of us going through Grandmother's china or treasure boxes?

I'm not sure. It is a wonderful way to learn about family heir-

looms; and become more aware of our history as well. Also every now and then somebody will buy something for \$1 at a garage sale, and later find out it's worth thousands — so we're hooked!

The Road Show will be in Austin soon; with the ethnic groups coming in from the Gulf and settling that part of Texas, it should be interesting.

One thing for sure, it won't be dull. We will learn something, there are surprises guaranteed, some good and some bad.

I wish we could be there with something special to show, don't you?

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