



Runoff elections headed this way, expected April 11

Some state offices have
no clear nominations yet

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Several state office runoff elections are expected to be announced soon by the Texas Secretary of State, according to a local election official.

According to Sandra Bloom, election administrator for the county, runoff elections are expected in the Democratic races for U.S. State Senator and the Lt. Governor's Office, as well as the Republican race for the Place 8 bench on the Court of Criminal Appeals.

The runoff election — once approved by the state secretary's office — is expected to be April 11, with early voting to begin April 3.

In the March 7 Democratic party primaries, U.S. Senator hopefuls Darrel Reece Hunter, Gene Kelly and Barbara Ann Radnofsky went to the polls for their party's nod for November.

Radnofsky drew 215,556 ballots in the primary, while Kelly took 191,524

Runoffs

Democratic Primary

U.S. Senator:
Barbara Ann
Radnofsky, Gene
Kelly

Lt. Governor: Maria
Luisa Alvarado,
Benjamin Z. Grant

Republican Primary

**Court of Criminal
Appeals, Place 8:**
Charles Holcomb,
Terry Keel

votes and Hunter only 94,153. Because Radnofsky failed to draw more than 50 percent of the vote, a runoff election between herself and Kelly is anticipated.

Of the more than 12 million registered voters in the state, only an estimated 3.93 percent actually cast a ballot in the race, according to the secretary's office.

In the race for Lt.

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From left, Noah Carringer, Chris Hughes and Sonny Prince get in some practice runs with their cars prior to the start of Saturday's Pinewood Derby, held at First United Methodist Church's Garrett Hall.

They're off!

Pinewood Derby brings smiles
to Howard County area Scouts

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

When looking at some of the entries in a Pinewood Derby event, it's important to remember that form does not always follow function.

Yes, the annual Boy Scouts event —

in which Scouts compete to see who has the fastest home-made model car — does feature some faithful replicas of dragsters, stock cars and open-wheel racers.

But you're just as liable to see unique

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Scouts' fund drive under way

Herald Staff Report

Former Boy Scouts wishing to "give something back" or those who simply believe in the merits of the longtime organization have an opportunity to help out right now.

"We are asking for supporters to continue to render financial assistance," said Hayes Stripling, financial chairman for Friends of Scouting. "We need these funds to continue the work in the Big Spring area."

Stripling said the Boy Scouts program receives some funding from the United Way, but still needs financial help from the community.

There are 650 local Scouts, 200 Scout leaders and 44 units, said Stripling.

"There are three primary ways we influence our youth — character building, physical and mental fitness, and citizenship training," said Stripling.

"Continuing this program prepares young

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General: Iraqi forces continually improving

By LOLITA C. BALDOR

Associated Press Writer

ABOARD A MILITARY AIRCRAFT (AP) — Iraqi Army forces may be able to take over the more volatile regions of their country by the end of this year, as long as they have the equipment and logistical support they need, the top U.S. military commander said today.

Marine Gen. Peter Pace, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said that by year's end the Iraqi army will have recruited all of the units it needs, and the U.S. will have trained "a vast majority of their Army."

"Right now the Iraqis have (control) over half of Baghdad, and Baghdad is

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Ed Couch, an engineer from the Dallas-Fort Worth area, prepares to launch his "ornithopter," a model aircraft that flies by flapping its wings like a bird, during the annual Fun Fly, held Saturday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Fun fly draws enthusiasts to The Dorothy

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Attending Saturday's Fun Fly at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum required an appreciation of model airplanes — and quick reflexes.

The coliseum provided a safe haven from Saturday's cold, blustery weather, but anyone wandering near the flying area had to keep on the lookout for the occasional identified flying object.

About 50 enthusiasts attended the event, which, true to its name, provided those involved with a fun, pleasant afternoon of flying their miniature planes and kibitzing with their like-minded brethren.

"Eighty percent of this

"Last year, we had 30 people show up. Now, we have about 50. We're really starting to run out of room now."



McKinney

is just social," said Ed Couch, who traveled from his home in the Dallas-Fort Worth area to attend. "We have a lot of fun just seeing what other people are up to."

And the event is becoming

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BSSH EMPLOYEE AWARDS

Big Spring State Hospital's highest-achieving employees of 2005 will be recognized during the hospital's yearly commendation awards ceremony Wednesday afternoon in the hospital's Alred Building Auditorium.

Commendation award winners are selected on their work performance, attendance and supervisor evaluations. CEO Ed Moughon and Assistant CEO Jok Simons also will hand out award certificates to employees who have worked for the hospital 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25 years. Employees who have been awarded recognition in their particular fields during the past year also will be recognized.

FOILED BY STUPIDITY

BENICIA, Calif. (AP) — Two armed men in ski masks slunk away from an attempted heist empty-handed after learning they had picked a cashless credit union, authorities said.

The unidentified men rushed into the First Pacific Credit Union in Benicia with semiautomatic handguns drawn.

But after ordering employees to lie down and hand over money, the suspects were told there was no cash to be had.

The men fled the scene, and no one was injured.

"I would say that apparently they weren't really prepared," Police Capt. Steve Mortensen said.

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

Southern Maid Donuts & KaleidoScoops will host Business After Hours from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday.

Business After Hours is a program of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and is designed to encourage networking and to showcase sponsors.

The public is invited to come and learn more about the business, visit and enjoy some refreshments. There is no charge to attend.

The event is a come-and-go function, and business owners are encouraged to exchange ideas and business cards.

Southern Maid Donuts & KaleidoScoops is located at 1103 E. 11th Place.

Obituaries

Helen Wise

Helen Wise, 74, of Odessa, formerly of Big Spring, died at 12:36 p.m. Saturday, March 18, 2006, at Medical Center Hospital in Odessa. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 21, 2006, at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Ken McMeans, pastor of College Baptist Church, officiating.

She was born Jan. 2, 1932, in Lamesa to Mary and R.E. McClure Sr. Helen grew up in Big Spring and graduated from Big Spring High School in 1949. Helen married Ed Lewis Wise Nov. 4, 1949, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death Sept. 26, 1991. She was a homemaker and worked at Caudill Shop at Highland Mall a number of years.

Helen enjoyed bridge and her bridge friends in Big Spring, Odessa and Midland. She was a Silver Life Master in the American Contract Bridge League. Helen also enjoyed traveling to tournaments. She was a member of College Baptist Church for more than 40 years.

Helen is survived by one daughter, Nancy Harris and her husband, Thomas of Odessa; six nieces and nephews; several grand-nieces and nephews; and several cousins.

In addition to her husband and parents, Helen was preceded in death by one brother, R. E. McClure Jr. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com.

Paid obituary

Iona Grimes

Iona Grimes, 73, of Big Spring died Saturday, March 18, 2006, in a Midland hospital. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 21, 2006, at the Nalley Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Rex Clayton officiating. Interment will follow at 11:45 a.m. at the Colorado City Cemetery.

The family will receive friends today, March 20, 2006, from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She was born Jan. 3, 1933, in Hermleigh and married Bill Grimes Sept. 15, 1962, in Colorado City. They moved to Howard County in 1962.

Iona enjoyed traveling and taking vacations with her family, because they were the center of her life, especially her grandchildren.

She was a member of the East Fourth Street Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Bill Grimes of Big Spring; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Jerry Bates of Colorado City and Troy and Yvette Grimes of College Station; four grandchildren, Jason Bates of Sweetwater, Brian Grimes, Eric Grimes and Mindy Grimes, all of College Station; and a special cousin, Juanita Glass of Hermleigh.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Leonard and Mable Culp.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

Paid obituary

Harold Parrish

Harold Parrish, 53, of Sweetwater, died Friday, March 17, 2006, in Big Spring. Graveside services were 2 p.m. today, March 20, 2006, in the Sweetwater Cemetery with the Rev. Rodney Bell officiating.

He was born June 6, 1952, in Baird. He was a truck driver and a veteran of the U.S. Army. He was a lifelong resident of Sweetwater.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Edna Parrish Nov. 29, 2005.

He is survived by his daughter, Candy Parrish of Fort Worth; his son, Michael Parrish of Three Rivers; his father, Alvin Parrish of Sweetwater; two sisters, Linda Linebaugh of Sweetwater and Melissa Lewis and husband, Brian, of Ranger; brother, Allen Parrish and wife, Pat of Big Spring; four grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Richard Linebaugh, Ronnie Linebaugh Jr., Shelly Linebaugh, Todd Parrish, Kim Parrish and Tyna Knowlton.

Arrangements were under the direction of McCoy Funeral Home in Sweetwater.

Paid obituary

Juanita Bryant

Memorial services for Juanita Bryant, 94, of Lamesa were Sunday, March 19, 2006, at 2 p.m. at the Branon Funeral Home Chapel in Lamesa with Lee Barron officiating.

She died Friday, March 17, 2006, at Covenant Lakeside.

Juanita was born April 20, 1911, in Dawson County to William and Zoe Elliot Wood. She married Hayden Barron in Tahoka Aug. 29, 1928. She was born and raised in Lamesa and was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include her son, David Barron and wife, Mary Ann of Lamesa; daughter, Mary Parks and husband, Doyle of Big Spring; 11 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, all brothers and sisters, her husband, three sons, Richard, Hal and H.H., and one grandson, Richard Jr.

The family suggests memorials to the charity of your choice.

Arrangements were under the direction of Branon Funeral Home in Lamesa.

Support Groups

MONDAY

• Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets today in the First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Runnels streets, for a covered dish dinner at 6 p.m. Enter through the north door. For more information, call 398-5522.

TUESDAY

• The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 6 p.m. the last Tuesday of the month in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1005 Birdwell Lane. The next meeting is March 28. Call Tracey at 263-4948 for more information.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 10 a.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. today:

• CHESTER MCKINNEY, 35, of 538 Westover Road Apt. 156, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.

• ROBERT REED, 50, of 1308 Wright, was arrested Saturday on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

• ALEJANDRO ESCANUELA, 46, of 305 N.E. Eighth Street, was arrested Saturday on a local citation and driving while intoxicated.

• CHRIS LEE RODRIGUEZ, 18, of 1908 Settles, was arrested Saturday on a charge of minor in consumption of an alcoholic beverage.

• EMILY HOLGUIN, 20, of 2508 W. 16th Street, was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• MICHAEL PAUL WOELLERT, 27, of 1408 Tucson, was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid.

• THEFT was reported: in the 1900 block of Winston, in the 1100 block of Lamesa, in the 500 block of Lamesa and in the 100 block of Second Street.

• POSSESSION/DELIVERY OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA was reported in the 600 block of McEwen.

• CRIMINAL TRESPASS was reported in the 1300 block of Lincoln.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 2300 block of Warren.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported: in the 2600 block of Chanute, in the 1300 block of Runnels and in the 2500 block of Wasson.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1300 block of Wood.

• ASSAULT/CLASS C was reported in the 700 block of Interstate Highway 20.

• ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO CAUSE BODILY INJURY was reported in the 700 block of Third Street.

Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity:

• NATHAN HOUSTON CAHOON, 45, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of theft and criminal trespass.

• DANIEL JESUS LEMON, 37, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.

• ALEJANDRO ESCANUELA JR., was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• CHRISTOPHER DANTE RYAN, 18, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.

• RUBEN GONZALES, 40, was arrested Saturday by DPS on charges of driving while intoxicated and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

• BRIAN JOSEPH IVANCHAN, 21, was arrested Sunday by DPS on charges of failure to identify as a fugitive from justice - giving false information and displaying an expired registration.

• DANE POWELL, 42, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

• EMILY MARIE HOLGUIN, 20, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• MICHAEL PAUL WOELLERT, 27, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid.

• RAMIRO URIAS JR., 21, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on charges of evading arrest or detention with a vehicle and reckless driving.

• TRINITY ATLEE PIPPIN, 22, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on charges of evading arrest or detention with a vehicle and reckless driving.

• FRANCISCO SANCHEZ, 22, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on charges of evading arrest or detention with a vehicle and reckless driving.

• UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE was reported in the 1200 block of Rockhouse Road.

• DOMESTIC DISPUTE was reported in the 400 block of South Fifth Street.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

• TRAUMA was reported in the 300 block of High School Drive. Service was refused.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 1000 block of East Fifth Street. Service was refused.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of Father Delaney. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 1900 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of West 17th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of Scurry. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 1800 block of Highway 87. One person was transported to the VAMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of West Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to the VAMC.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 500 block of 12th Street. Service was refused.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 2800 block of Lawrence. Service was refused.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 2000 block of Virginia. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 2600 block of Ent. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 100 block of North Broadway in Coahoma. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 3700 block of Connally. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 100 block of West 18th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

Bulletin Board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald news room at 263-7331 or email editor@bigspringherald.com

TODAY

• The Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teacher's Association meets in the Cactus Room at Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third, for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the 11th and Birdwell Lane Church of Christ. A different program is offered every week, and anyone 7 years old or older is welcome to attend. Please enter through the northwest door. Call 263-2786 for more information.

• Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. in the La Posada Restaurant.

• DAV and Auxiliary Chapter 47 meets at 6:30 p.m. at 610 Abrams St.

• Christian Singles Fellowship meets from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Youth Hall. All singles in the community are invited for an evening of fellowship, food and table games.

• Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

TUESDAY

• Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

• Big Spring Band Boosters meets at 5:30 p.m. in the high school band hall. All band parents are invited to attend.

• Big Spring Shrine Club meets at 6:30 p.m. for dinner with a meeting to follow at First and Goliad streets. All Masons are welcome to attend.

• Big Spring Art Association meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library. All working artists and those interested in art are invited to attend.

• Order of the Eastern Star No. 67 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

WEDNESDAY fourth

• Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room.

• Senior Circle meets at 10:30 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.

• Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.

• Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center in the Industrial Park. Call 267-6966 or 267-1628.

• Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.

• Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

THURSDAY

• Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.

• Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. in Gale's Sweet Shoppe.

• Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room. Call 267-6479.

FRIDAY

• Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.

• AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.

• Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

• Spring City Senior Citizen's Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m.

Weather

Tonight...Mostly clear. Colder. Lows in the lower 30s. Northwest winds 10 to 20 mph.

Tuesday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 50s. Northeast winds around 10 mph.

Tuesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s. East winds 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 60s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 30s.

Thursday...Partly cloudy. Highs around 60.

Thursday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s.

Friday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 60s.

Friday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s.

Saturday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s.

Saturday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s.

Sunday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 70s.

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Texas briefs

Michaels Stores consider possible sale

IRVING (AP) — Michaels Stores Inc., an arts and crafts retail chain, put itself up for sale Monday and said its longtime president and chief executive, R. Michael Rouleau, is retiring.

Michaels shares rose \$4.54, or 13.4 percent, to \$38.50 in premarket activity. The stock hit a 52-week low of \$30.38 in October 2005 and has traded in the low \$30-range since the start of the year.

Michaels said its decision to put itself up for sale as part of its broader exploration of its strategic options was driven by a desire to boost shareholder value and improve its financial performance.

The retailer said it would leave the CEO post vacant, and named Jeffrey N. Boyer and Gregory A. Sandfort as co-presidents to succeed Rouleau in that position. The company said Rouleau was leaving "after a decade of exemplary service."

Boyer was previously executive vice president and chief financial officer, while Sandfort was formerly executive vice president and general merchandise manager.

Boyer will continue to hold the finance chief's post, while Sandfort will take on the role of chief operating officer. Both co-presidents will report to Charles J. Wyly Jr., chairman of the board.

Michaels said it hired investment bank JPMorgan as its financial adviser as it reviews its options, a process it said would take a number of months.

Michaels Stores owns and operates 896 Michaels stores in 48 states and Canada, 165 Aaron Brothers stores, 11 Recollections stores and four Star Wholesale operations.

Couple charged with murder in baby's death

SAN MARCOS (AP) — A couple has been charged with capital murder in the death of their two-month-old daughter.

Cipriano Gonzales IV and Esther Marie Gonzales, both 23, were in custody in Michigan, where they returned after their baby died of severe head trauma, police said.

Just days after the family moved to San Marcos from Michigan, their youngest daughter Cynthia was taken to the hospital. She died March 11 and an autopsy showed she had a fractured skull and multiple rib fractures.

"A 2-month-old baby is about as helpless an individual as there is," San Marcos Police Chief Howard Williams said. "For someone to abuse it the way this child was abused, it is just inhuman."

The couple has a 3-year-old daughter who is with relatives in Michigan, San Marcos police said.

Police shoot man during disturbance

MIDLAND (AP) — Police fatally shot a man who broke a store window after a domestic disturbance and fled from them with a knife in his hand.

Patrick Calanchi, 28, died shortly before 1 p.m. Saturday following an argument with his common-law wife.

The two officers who shot him, Chris Earp and Tye Cox, were placed on administrative leave, a normal step after an officer-involved shooting. Midland police will do an internal investigation and the Texas Rangers will conduct a separate investigation, according to a statement by Midland police.

Officers were responding to a domestic disturbance call at a motel when they encountered Calanchi holding a knife in the parking lot. He ran into an antique store and placed the knife at his own throat. Officers followed and four people inside the store went into a back room, remaining unharmed, according to police.

Inside the store, one officer fired at Calanchi with a non-lethal weapon that shoots beanbags and another shot a sage gun that releases a rubber projectile. Calanchi then threw an object through the store window and ran through the glass. That's when Earp and Cox then fired at Calanchi, one officer used his duty weapon and another shot a rifle, a police statement said.

Authorities hope playing cards will help break open cold cases

ODESSA (AP) — Crime Stoppers hopes to shed light on unsolved crimes by distributing playing cards with information about cold cases to inmates in a West Texas jail.

The cards will display images of victims of unsolved homicide cases, missing people thought to be victims of foul play and fugitives wanted for homicide, said Susan Rogers of Odessa Crime Stoppers.

"There's something about the criminal element where you have inmates that talk amongst themselves, and hopefully, if they do the right thing, they'll tell the authorities, who may at least have leads to work with," Rogers said.

The Odessa Police Department and Ector County Sheriff's Office both said they'll help pay for the cards, which will be made available to inmates in the Ector County Detention Center.

Sheriff Mark Donaldson said inmates will be able to purchase the cards with their commissary accounts.

"Any chance we have an opportunity to close an old homicide case or missing persons case, we'll do everything we can," Donaldson said. "We just hope we have the right person looking at the cards so we can close some cases."

Rogers said she encountered the idea at a conference last year. A similar program has helped authorities in Polk County, Fla., solve two homicides.

RUNOFF

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Governor. Democratic candidate Maria Luisa Alvarado came out ahead with 207,798 ballots in her favor, while Benjamin Z. Grant took 200,628 ballots and Adrian De Leon drew 113,638 votes.

Because Alvarado only managed to draw 39.8 percent of the popular vote, a runoff election between himself and Grant is expected. Voter turnout for this race was estimated at 4.1 percent.

On the Republican ticket, the nomination for the Place 8 seat on the Court of Criminal Appeals is

also expected to be decided in April.

Incumbent Charles Holcomb took 237,516 ballots in the March primary, while opponent Terry Keel drew 162,054 ballots and Robert W. Francis received 128,138 votes.

Holcomb, who managed to take 45 percent of the votes in the primary, is

expected to face off against Keel April 11. The race drew only 4.14 percent of registered voters in Texas during the March primary.

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designs — cars resembling snakes, bananas and even stick deodorant — as well as the more traditional models.

And that's part of the beauty of Saturday's event, said Chris Adams, chairman of this year's races.

"In the past, we've seen all kinds of designs ... whatever the boys' imagination can come up with," Adams said.

Design rules are fairly straight-forward: Cars

must be made of approved Pinewood Derby materials, must have four wheels and cannot weigh more than five ounces.

Within those limits, however, almost anything goes.

Unique, however, doesn't always translate into fast, which is why the majority of the entries were modeled after popular racing machines.

Nine-year-old Kadden Kothmann entered a "hot red" dragster in the event. While he didn't know how well his car would perform in this, his first Pinewood Derby, that was almost beside

the point, he said.

"It's an opportunity where boys get to race and it's fun to build your own race car," he said.

Dylan Watson, 8, and his father, Mike, spent three days making their vintage-era Indy racing car.

"It was kind of difficult," Dylan said. "The hardest part was putting the wheels on."

Mike Watson said construction was truly a collaborative effort between him and his son — "I did most of the whittling, and he did the painting" — and added that the key was getting the weight of

the car as close to the five-ounce limit as possible.

"The more they weigh, the faster they'll go," he said. "And you want to get as much weight to the front of the car as possible."

Regardless of how the car performs, however, the event teaches Scouts some valuable lessons, Adams said.

"I just like seeing the boys and making sure they have a wonderful time," he said. "It teaches them great community skills ... and on the competitive side, it teaches them sportsmanship."

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men to live up to and fulfill their Scout oath which says "on my honor I will do my best to do my

duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight."

The Scouts participate in a number of community activities, including the annual food drive,

which helps replenish food stocks for the Salvation Army and Isaiah 58.

The fund drive will continue through April 15. Donations can be sent to Stripling at 613 Edwards or to the Boy Scout Center at 610 Scurry.

FLYING

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ing more popular by the year, said Don McKinney, organizer of the Fun Fly.

"Last year, we had 30 people show up. Now, we have about 50," McKinney said. "We're really starting to run out of room now."

All manner of model airplanes made the circuit inside the coliseum, but Couch laid claim to one of the most unique flying machines — an "ornithopter" which flew by flapping its wings, much like a bird.

"This is from a commercial kit, which cost me \$280," Couch said as he held his creation. "I've probably put about \$520

into it to make it fly. It'll go 20 minutes on the batteries, and it flies inside or out."

When he's not busy at his job as an engineer for Lockheed, Couch takes his flying menagerie to perform at a variety of events, including baseball and hockey games — not to mention touching base with his fellow enthusiasts.

And while his ornithopter was the most unique flying machine flapping around the coliseum Saturday, it is by no means his proudest aircraft.

"I've already got it beat," he said. "I've got a VTOL (vertical takeoff and land) that takes off and lands on its tail ... Anything that you can imagine, we can fly it."

IRAQ

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a pretty tough neighborhood, so they're certainly capable, regardless of the area, of being in control," Pace said in an interview on a military aircraft en route to Pakistan. "It will be just a matter of time to see what makes sense."

Pace's comments expanded on assertions made late last week by Army Lt. Gen. Peter Chiarelli, the second-ranking U.S. commander in Iraq, who said the goal is to have Iraqi security forces in control of 75 percent of the country's territory by the end of the summer.

Asked if that territory included the Anbar region and the Sunni Triangle, where much of the recent sectarian violence has been centered, Pace said that is a possibility.

He said the training of the Iraqi forces is going well, and "they will have sufficient numbers of troops to do that and then, like anything, for both coalition forces and Iraqi forces it will depend on how much of the anti-Iraqi activity is going on in any particular area."

Any significant U.S. withdrawal from Iraq depends on the ability of the Iraqi army to take control. The recent sectarian violence has raised questions about the fragile country's ability to form a unified government and stand on its own.

as Iraqi and U.S. forces continued a sweep in the desert northeast of Samarra, trying to locate weapons caches and flush out insurgents.

The U.S. has about 133,000 troops in Iraq, and military officials have said they are still on track to reduce the U.S. presence there, as long as efforts to form a unified government continue.

Pace, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld and others insist that the ongoing violence between religious groups in Iraq has not yet plunged the country into a civil war.

But the third anniversary of the U.S. invasion of Iraq is also marked by some of the lowest popularity numbers for President Bush, and a growing impatience with the war among Americans who increasingly say in polls that the administration's war policies are failing.

The administration also is under pressure from members of Congress, who have complained in recent weeks that they have yet to see the Pentagon's promised year of transition during 2006 in Iraq.

Pace arrived in Islamabad Monday to meet with Pakistani leaders and U.S. military officials who are preparing to pull out the last 260 military troops who have been in Pakistan as part of the earthquake relief effort. It is Pace's first trip to the country.

Parts of the country were devastated by a 7.6 magnitude earthquake

last October that killed more than 80,000 people. All remaining U.S. military are expected to be out of Pakistan by the end of the month or early April.

At its peak, the U.S. had 1,200 personnel here, including hospital units, mobile construction battalions and other transport and relief units. Humanitarian flights delivered more than 20 million pounds of food, medical equipment and other supplies.

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OUR VIEWS

Government bureaucrats must stay out

The Federal Communications Commission is in a tough spot when it comes to enforcing the law against broadcast indecency. Determining what crosses the line from acceptable to indecent and therefore can't be broadcast before 10 p.m. isn't easy in an increasingly coarse culture. As network programming has become racier and more graphic, the FCC has been deluged with complaints in recent years, understandably so. Parental controls such as the V-chip can help shield children from inappropriate programs, but they aren't always effective; sports and awards shows, for example, aren't rated in advance.

At the same time, the theory that allows broadcasters to be fined for such speech consistent with the First Amendment — that "uniquely pervasive presence" of broadcast media "in the lives of all Americans" — seems increasingly obsolete in an age when the overwhelming majority of American households (more than 85 percent) get their television programming via cable or satellite — receiving numerous channels that aren't subject to indecency rules. As a result, a single profanity uttered on one (broadcast) channel can result in a multimillion-dollar fine, while worse language spoken at the very same time on another (cable) channel is exempt from regulation.

Last week the FCC once again ventured into this politically, legally and emotionally charged territory, ruling on complaints involving nearly 50 programs broadcast between February 2002 and March 2005 and signaling a renewed zeal for indecency enforcement under its new republican chairman, Kevin J. Martin. The commission upheld a \$550,000 fine against CBS for Janet Jackson's infamous "wardrobe malfunction" in which her breast was exposed during the 2004 Super Bowl halftime show, and it levied a record \$3.6 million fine against the same network for an episode of the drama "Without a Trace" that featured what the commission called a "teen sex orgy."

One particularly disturbing aspect of the ruling involved a Martin Scorsese-produced documentary, "The Blues: Godfathers and Sons," broadcast by a community college public television station in San Mateo, Calif. The documentary included scenes in which musicians and a producer used numerous profanities. The FCC, citing a previous decision that profanity in "Saving Private Ryan" would not subject broadcasters to indecency fines, noted that "in rare contexts, language that is presumptively profane" will still be allowed "where it is demonstrably essential to the nature of an artistic or educational work or essential to informing viewers on a matter of public importance."

But the commissioners didn't find that standard was satisfied in the case of the documentary, whose educational purpose, it said, "could have been fulfilled and all viewpoints expressed without the repeated broadcast of expletives." Really? How do they know better than, say, Mr. Scorsese? As commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein, a Democrat, wrote in dissenting, "It is certain to strike fear into the hearts of news and documentary makers, and broadcasters that air them, which could chill the future expression of constitutionally protected speech." This is a dangerous kind of line-drawing — one better left to filmmakers, or even television executives, than government bureaucrats.

—THE WASHINGTON POST

Feingold's transparent feint

Doesn't it strike you as ironic that one of the major architects of a legislative scheme that tramples all over the First Amendment had the gall to try to censure President Bush for the wireless surveillance of terrorists?

At least with the Clinton impeachment, which many wanted to dilute to a censure and others to a mere verbal wrist-slap, there was no question that he committed multiple felonies. But now Sen. Russ Feingold demands that Bush be censured over a matter on which, to quote Al Gore, "there is no controlling legal authority," and which many believe is legal, proper, and, most importantly: imperative for our national security? And in case you missed it, Feingold said that the NSA surveillance program is precisely the type of activity the Framers had in mind in contemplating "high crimes and misdemeanors." Right, Russ.

Feingold's reckless ploy brings to mind the similarly frivolous stunt by Vietnam veteran John Kerry to phone in a filibuster on Judge Samuel Alito from a five-star ski resort in the Swiss Alps.

Both men's gratuitous schemes were absurd on their face and guaranteed to fail. They didn't even garner support among a significant number of their fellow Democrats in the Senate. But what they did have in common was their perverse appeal to the Democrats' mouth-frothing base, which is a condition precedent to securing the Democratic presidential nomination.

Overall, we must conclude that Feingold's gambit was even more ill-conceived than Kerry's. While Kerry's filibuster was marginally about Alito's alleged future

enabling of President Bush's NSA surveillance program, it was far more about his suspected stance on abortion precedent. But Feingold's censure was only about the NSA program, and no matter how vociferously the antiwar left calls for Bush's head, the stubborn fact is that the public supports the program.

Feingold's move, the Democrats' conspicuous exodus from it, and Feingold's bitter reaction to their fecklessness, illustrate the tangled web the Democrats have weaved for themselves concerning the premiere issue of the day (and tomorrow): the War on Terror.

Feingold didn't mince words in accusing his party of "cowering," when they not only wouldn't support his measure, but frantically avoided press questions about their refusal.

On that point, Feingold is correct. Democrat leaders often fold when challenged to demonstrate the courage of their so-called convictions, especially where national security is concerned. They are all over the map, or at least back and forth from east to west, because their positions aren't based on deep-held convictions, but political calculations, which are a moving target.

We saw the exact same thing when Democrat after Democrat praised Congressman John Murtha for "boldly" calling for a precipitous withdrawal of our troops from Iraq. Yet when the rubber hit the road, they ran like a stampede of elephants to avoid putting themselves on record as supporting withdrawal.

When it comes to national security, the Democrats want it both ways. They insist they support the troops while denigrating most everything they do, from alleged torture and abuse, to not finding Osama, not training Iraqi soldiers quickly enough, terrorizing Iraqi citizens and killing innocents. They say they want to intercept phone calls from Al Qaeda, yet do

everything they can to make it more difficult. They politically exploit the issue, fraudulently mischaracterize the program as "domestic" spying, imply innocent grandmas are likely victims, and demand we hamstring authorities by requiring warrants when it wouldn't be practical.

They wag their fingers about racial profiling at airports — preferring the wanding of those same grandmas they're trying to protect from the evil NSA — then go ape over the ports transfer to the Arab Dubai Ports World. And on the latest Bush-is-evil craze, concerning the president's speech on preemption, let's not forget that John Kerry himself grudgingly conceded to ABC's George

Stephanopoulos that he was not necessarily opposed to pre-emption, just that the president had invoked it "unwisely." This was, of course, after Kerry had opposed it, and before, no doubt, he decides to oppose it again in time to pile on President Bush for his latest iteration of the doctrine in partial reference to the Iran nuclear threat.

My head spins as I think about this stuff. Can you imagine the spectacle of the Democratic presidential primaries, with each of the vying candidates trying to out-crazy the other to appeal to the deranged base while straining to retain a sufficient appearance of sanity to remain viable for the general election? Let them bask in news of President Bush's low approval ratings now, but entertaining times from the other side are just over the horizon.

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We're now fighting 'The Long War'

President Bush has once more undertaken to explain to us "Why We Fight," which is also the title of an excellent new documentary on Iraq. According to the president, "Our goal in Iraq is victory." I personally did not find that a helpful clarification.

According to the president, we are doomed to stay in Iraq until we "leave behind a democracy that can govern itself, sustain itself and defend itself." That's not exactly getting closer every day. But, the Prez sez, "A free Iraq in the heart of the Middle East will make the American people more secure for generations to come."

So far, no good. After three years, tens of thousands of lives and \$200 billion, we have achieved chaos. As Rep. John Murtha put it, "The only people who want us in Iraq are Iran and al-Qaida." Since the revisionist myth that we went to war to promote democracy keeps seeping into rational discussion, it is worth reminding ourselves that there never were any weapons of mass destruction in Iraq.

We are inarguably facing more terrorists now than there were when we started, so the Pentagon has decided to fight what it is now calling "the Long War." Has anyone asked you about this? Me, neither. Nor has anyone asked Congress. The administration — mostly Donald Rumsfeld — just decided we would have a long war and declared it, and is now committing us to fight against a fuzzy ideology no one seems to be able to define.

Our problem now is that we're not fighting the people who attacked us — they're still running around on the Afghan-Pakistan border while we battle Iraqis who don't like us occupying their country.

As of Sept. 11, 2001, there were a few hundred people identified with al-Qaida's ideology. Even then, it was unclear the American military was the right tool for the job. Now, Rumsfeld is apparently prepared to put the full might of the U.S. military into this fight indefinitely, backed by the full panoply of ever-more expensive weapons and the whole hoorah. I don't think the people who got us into Iraq should be allowed to do this because, based on the evidence of Iraq, I don't think they have the sense God gave a duck.

On top of everything else, Rumsfeld is now circulating a grand strategy for the Long War written by Newt Gingrich. Am I the only person covering politics who ever noticed that Newt Gingrich is actually a nincompoop? When Newt bestrode the political world like a colossus (Time magazine's Man of the Year in 1995), many people took him seriously — but he was a fool then, too. The Republicans were so thrilled to have someone on their side who had ideas, they never seemed to notice Newt's were driv-

el. From orphanages to space colonies, it was all shallow but endearingly enthusiastic futurism. Gingrich was the kind of person who read a book or two on something and would then be quite afire as to how this was going to fit into some shining future. Republicans are so amnesiac, they didn't even snicker when Newt turned up recently posing as a respected party elder to give them advice on ethics. Ethics. Next, family values.

I have no idea whom this administration plans to talk into its Long War, but I'm sure they won't roll out the new campaign in August. In order to sell this, they'll have to scare us, assuming some obliging terrorists don't do it for them.

I came across this quote in a recent obituary for George Gebner, who headed the Annenberg School for Communication for 25 years: "Fearful people are more dependent, more easily manipulated and controlled, more susceptible to deceptively simple, strong, tough measures and hard-line postures. ... They may accept and even welcome repression if it promises to relieve their insecurities."

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Texas AG announces settlement in insurance case

DALLAS (AP) — Texas and eight other states have reached a nearly \$172 million settlement with Zurich American Insurance Co. relating to bid-rigging and price-fixing in the commercial insurance market, Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott announced Sunday.

With the settlement, policyholders in all 50 states will get \$151.7 million in refunds, said Assistant Texas Attorney General Mark Tobey. About \$11 million will go to Texas commercial policyholders.

Zurich will pay an additional \$20 million to the nine states, including investigative costs, attorney fees and payments in

lieu of civil penalties, said Tobey, who heads Abbott's antitrust division and helped negotiate the deal.

"Businesses shopping for commercial insurance were deceived into believing they were getting the best deals available," Abbott said in the news release. "The whole anti-competitive scheme was an intentional smoke screen by several insurance players to artificially inflate premiums and pay improper commissions to those who brokered the deals."

The states discovered that Zurich failed to disclose it paid "contingent commissions" to

insurance brokers and conspired with brokers in a scheme to overcharge commercial policyholders.

"Zurich participated in a scheme devised by broker Marsh & McLennan to give commercial policyholders the illusion of a legitimate competitive bidding process on policies," the release said. "In fact, Marsh had secretly pre-designated certain insurers to win bids, but the results for the policyholders were actually inflated rates, not best bids."

Marsh & McLennan, the nation's largest insurance broker, agreed in January 2005 to pay \$850 million in restitution

to end New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer's investigation into bid-rigging, price-fixing and the use of hidden incentive fees. Marsh publicly apologized for "shameful" and "unlawful" conduct.

The multistate coalition in the Zurich settlement also includes California, Florida, Hawaii, Maryland, Massachusetts, Oregon, Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

The final terms of the settlement are subject to court approval and will be enforced through a judgment in state court, Abbott's office said.

"I can confirm that Zurich is

finalizing agreements with certain state legal and regulatory authorities to resolve inquiries related to insurance business practices," said Zurich in North America spokesman Keith Owens on Sunday.

He said he had no further details.

The Texas attorney general's office said that victims of the scheme ranged from large to small businesses to non-profits to government offices.

The Texas Attorney General's Office worked on the civil settlement with Zurich for about four months, officials said.

A spokesman for Marsh & McLennan declined comment.

Veterans dominate Tejano Music Awards

EAGLE PASS (AP) — Veterans of the airwaves took home most of the honors from the 2006 Tejano Music Awards.

During Saturday's ceremony, Shelly Lares won in two categories — female vocalist and entertainer — for the third consecutive time. Jay Perez was named male entertainer and vocalist, also making it a third consecutive win.

Jimmy Gonzalez captured the best song award with "Corazon De Fiero," and best album Tejano with "Mejor Que Nunca."

La Tropa F won best conjunto progressive with "Milagro."

Michael Salgado was awarded the best conjunto traditional for "El Zurdo De Oro."

San Antonio group, La Fuerza, was chosen as the most promising

band.

Another San Antonio group, the Royal Jesters, was awarded the TMA Lifetime Achievement award.

During the 1960s and 1970s, The Jesters had English-language pop and Tejano hits such as "That Girl," "Lady Sunshine," "We Go Together" and "Soy Chicano."

News briefs

FEMA wants hurricane money returned

BEAUMONT (AP) — Thousands of people who received money from the federal government after Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma might be asked to give it back.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency started sending letters last week asking people to return money they received in error.

Some 1.7 million households received FEMA assistance after Hurricanes Rita, Katrina or Wilma. About 2 to 3 percent or 34,000 to 51,000 families will reimburse the agency, Donna Dannels, acting deputy director of FEMA's recovery division.

"The truth is after Rita, FEMA was stretched awfully thin. Information they were giving out to people was extremely inconsistent," said U.S. Rep. Kevin Brady, R-The Woodlands. "Someone could have easily received it in error."

Similar to an audit, the agency goes through a process after disasters to determine if payments were properly made, Dannels said.

"It goes back to if we have made the appropriate award to the appropriate person for the damages that they incurred," she said.

Those who receive a letter requesting repayment can appeal if they believe they were entitled to the funds.

But FEMA officials encourage them to make payments while the matter is resolved or to at least set up a payment plan. If the amount isn't paid in full within 30 days, a 2 percent interest will be added.

Storms saturate North Texas, one death reported

DALLAS (AP) — At least one person died in North Texas flooding and a tornado touched down in Uvalde County in South Texas as severe storms moved through parts of the state.

More than 5 inches of rain fell Sunday in parts of North Texas, causing high-rising floodwaters that led to evacuations and stranded motorists.

Dallas police Sr. Cpl. Max Geron said the body of a woman was recovered about 6:30 p.m. Sunday in Turtle Creek in Dallas. Her identity was not released but Geron said officials believed she died after her car was swept off the road and into the water.

"There are houses that have water coming in them, and there are cars that are submerged" across the Dallas-Fort Worth area, National Weather Service meteorologist Ted Ryan said Sunday. He said at least two high water rescues were reported in Arlington.

Conditions Monday were expected to be drier and warmer, with a 30 percent chance of rain and highs near 71.

Uvalde County law enforcement officials reported that a tornado touched down at about 10 p.m. Sunday, taking down power lines and overturning trailers, said Dennis Cook, a forecaster with the National Weather Service's Austin-San Antonio office.

Officials in Uvalde County, about 80 miles southwest of San Antonio, did not report any deaths or injuries related to the tornado, Cook said. Weather officials had not determined the tornado's severity.

Uvalde County officials could not immediately be reached for comment early Monday.

In North Texas, the Dallas-Fort Worth area received 6 inches of rain since Friday, and more than 5 inches fell Sunday near downtown Dallas, Ryan said. He said the storms were expected to continue through early Monday.

"Any more rain that falls ... is going to cause some tremendous flooding problems," Ryan said.

Dell to double staff in India to 20,000

NEW DELHI (AP) — Computer maker Dell Inc. plans to double the number of employees in India to 20,000 in three years, Chairman Michael Dell said today.

The Round Rock, Texas-based company currently operates four call centers in India, a product testing center for corporate customers and a global software development center. Some 10,000 people work at these facilities.

"We will double our staff from the current level over the next three years," Dell said during a visit to Bangalore, India's technology hub.

"There is a fantastic opportunity to attract talent (here)," he said. "We

will ensure a major recruitment push in engineering talents."

Earlier this year, the company said it was looking to set up a manufacturing center in India, a move that could help boost the sale of Dell computers in this Asian nation.

"We have been in discussions with a number of state governments in terms of infrastructure and logistics. We are yet to make a decision on the location of the plant," Dell said. He declined to give any timeframe for a decision.

Scores of Western companies have been cutting costs by shifting software development, engineering

design and routine office functions to countries such as India, where English-speaking workers are plentiful and wages are low.

Earlier this year, on a trip to New Delhi, Dell's chief executive, Kevin Rollins, said his company's expansion plans in India were not limited to tapping talent, but that it also wanted to benefit from India's growing demand for computers.

Dell accounts for less than 4 percent of the 4 million computers sold annually in India, whereas the company's share in the global market is about 18 percent, he said.

Taxes levied by the Indian government on

computers and computer parts are a major factor, resulting in higher prices for Dell products and sluggish sales. The Indian government imposes higher import taxes on fully assembled computers than computer parts, and Dell currently ships complete computer sets to India.

A domestic manufacturing facility would help the company avoid some taxes and boost its presence in India, where computer sales are expected to increase to 10 million annually over the next three to five years.

Dell currently operates nine plants around the world, six of them outside the United States.

Disgraced scientist fired from university

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Disgraced cloning scientist Hwang Woo-suk was fired Monday from South Korea's most prestigious university — a professional death blow to the academic who stunned the medical world with groundbreaking research that later was found to have been faked.

Seoul National University decided to fire the 53-year-old scientist following a disciplinary meeting, saying he and his co-workers caused the school to lose honor. Six other professors who worked with Hwang were either suspended or had their salaries cut, the school said.

Last month, the school

suspended Hwang from teaching and conducting research as an interim disciplinary measure, but he had remained a professor.

"The professors fundamentally abandoned honesty and sincerity ... and caused the fall in the school's honor and the country's international confidence," the university said Monday in a statement.

Byun Chang-ku, dean of the school's academic affairs, said the committee decided to fire Hwang because he "took overall responsibility as the lead author and played a leading role in writing the papers with fake facts and data."

Hwang rarely appears

in public and he could not be reached for comment.

Hwang's reputation as a pioneer in stem cell research was shattered when the university concluded in January that his claims of research breakthroughs were fake.

The scientist had claimed in two papers published in the journal Science in 2004 and 2005 that he created the world's first cloned human embryos and extracted stem cells from them, raising hopes of finding new cures for diseases such as Alzheimer's and Parkinson's.

Hwang publicly apologized for inflating data for the paper, but accused other researchers of deceiving him with falsi-

fied research results.

Hwang maintains he has the technology to do what he claimed. South Korea's Health Ministry withdrew his research license last week, preventing him from cloning human embryos or receiving eggs for such work.

Hwang may also face criminal charges as prosecutors have been investigating the scandal. The Board of Audit and Inspection said last month it was unclear how he spent \$2.6 million he received in government funds and private donations.

Through last year, Hwang received \$31.8 million in government funds for his research.

ODDS & ENDS

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — Australian strippers have won the right to take time off after taking their clothes off.

The country's Industrial Relations Commission on Friday approved new workplace rules for members of the strippers' union, the Striptease Artists Australia.

"We've got rights to have public holiday pay now, which we've never had in our career before," a union spokeswoman called Mystical Melody said. "We've got rosters and set hours. We can't work more than 10 hours a shift."

The award also entitles unionized strippers to overtime, rest periods, meal breaks and maternity leave, she added.

Industrial relations commissioner Bill Mansfield said the award set out minimum working conditions but did not set out pay rates.

In the past, other strippers have criticized the union, saying its demands for better pay and conditions could lead to job losses.

ENID, Okla. (AP) — Two men were jailed on arson complaints after one of them hit the wrong button on a cell

phone, giving 911 dispatchers an account of a plot to set a vehicle on fire.

Dispatchers and a shift supervisor listened for nearly four hours as the two men drove across town. Authorities aren't able to trace cell phone calls and instead had to listen for clues to the men's location.

"It's all on tape; we've got the whole thing," Enid police Capt. Jim Nivison said. "They made some pretty dumb statements. One of the males said, 'It's gonna burn, will they be able to get fingerprints?' and 'I've got the lighter, Dude. Let's go.'"

Authorities said the suspects set the car on fire, and its owner put out the blaze after hearing a commotion. Police said they were able to locate the car based on the conversations overheard from the cell phone call.

Johnny Ray Miller, 48, was arrested on complaints of third-degree arson and transporting an incendiary device. Robert A. Patterson, 24, was arrested on complaints of third-degree arson and manufacturing an incendiary device. Both also were jailed on conspiracy complaints.

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Shop and compare hospital care

By BOB MOOS

The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — Patients are beginning to give hospitals a checkup.

Most of the nation's hospitals have started measuring the quality of their care and reporting the information to government agencies and private groups that collect it, verify it and post it on the Internet.

With a few clicks of the mouse, consumers can find out how local hospitals stack up against one another and the averages on about 20 standards of care.

One of the most popular Web sites is Medicare's, which shows how well 4,200 hospitals follow generally accepted guidelines for treating heart attacks, heart failure and pneumonia and preventing surgical infections.

"People used to judge hospitals only by what their families and friends told them. They now have more to go on," said Marianne Fazen, director of the Dallas-Fort Worth Business Group on Health.

The public disclosures have sometimes come after prompting.

Hospitals voluntarily turn over data to Medicare's Hospital Compare Web site, but the federal agency rewards them with a four-tenths of 1 percent increase in their Medicare revenue. That may not seem like much, but it can add up to hundreds of thousands of dollars a year for some hospital systems.

Insurance companies and employers are also demanding performance data.

As costs climb, businesses want to know what they're getting for their money, Fazen said.

The trend toward health savings accounts and consumer-driven health care will only increase the pressure on hospitals to report, said Adonica Benesh, director of hospital quality improvement at the TMF Health Quality Institute in Austin, Texas.

"Individual consumers will be deciding where to go for surgery, and they'll be looking at hospital infection rates," she said.

Experts say the new openness springs from the hospital industry's broader effort to reassure the public after the Institute of Medicine reported that medical errors may cause up to 98,000 deaths a year.

The 1999 study landed like a bombshell in the lapse of health care authorities.

"When the institute made that estimate, many hospital officials didn't believe things could be so bad," said Dr. Michael Deegan, executive vice president and chief clinical and quality officer for Texas Health Resources. "Then they got past their denial and started dealing with the problem."

Hospital quality executives say it's too soon to see many results from measuring and publicizing the quality of their care, but they're optimistic the effort will pay off.

Deegan cites a 25 percent reduction in deaths from heart failure throughout his hospital system over three years. "I'm confident we'll see other significant progress in the next few years," he said.

The most avid readers of the new hospital report cards may be the hospitals themselves, since they're now able to compare themselves with their peers and discover where to improve.

Hospital officials say that making simple changes in key hospital practices and procedures can sometimes produce significant improvements in patients' health and safety.

More than 3,000 hospitals have joined the Institute for Healthcare Improvement's campaign to prevent 100,000 deaths by adopting six changes in patient care.

One is to deploy a "rapid response team" consisting of a critical care nurse and a respiratory therapist at the first sign of a hospital patient's decline, such as a drop in blood pressure.

As soon as the duty nurse notices a patient slipping, the team steps in, assesses the problem and stabilizes the patient before things get too far out of hand.

"We've told nurses to call us even on a gut instinct that something's wrong," said Amanda Wyatt, a rapid response

team member at Methodist Dallas Medical Center.

Since the hospital created the teams last summer, it's had 44 percent fewer "code blues," where patients have to be revived because of cardiac or respiratory arrest, said Virginia Davis, Methodist Health System's vice president of quality services.

At Dallas-based Tenet Healthcare Corp., quality improvement has become part of the turnaround strategy for the problem-plagued company, which has been racked by patient lawsuits and government investi-

gations. Medicare officials say the medical conditions they track on their Web site represent fewer than 20 percent of hospital admissions and will be expanded soon.

The Dallas-Fort Worth Hospital Council also plans to start collecting data on hospitals' outpatient services this year. "Outpatient care now accounts for most of a hospital's activity," said council president John Gavras.

Physician ratings will also become more common. "As valuable as hospital ratings are, doctors often are the ones who determine where someone receives care," said Dr. Paul Solomon, market medical director for United Healthcare in North Texas and Oklahoma.

United Healthcare reviews claims data and provides its customers with information on its Web site about the quality and efficiency of 3,500 area physicians.

"The last frontier for reformers will be to open the black box of price and compare hospitals' rates," said Fazen of the Dallas-Fort Worth Business Group on Health. "That's when people will have all the information they need to shop for health care."

Experts expect hospital quality measures to lead to many pay-for-performance systems where insurers use financial incentives to reward institutions that improve patient care.

Medicare is already in a three-year demonstration project with 260 hospitals that rewards high performers with bonuses totaling \$21 million. Poor performers may face financial penalties.

"We're trying to determine whether offering economic incentives improves hospitals' care, and so far the answer has been yes," said Dr. Sheila Roman, a senior medical officer for Medicare.

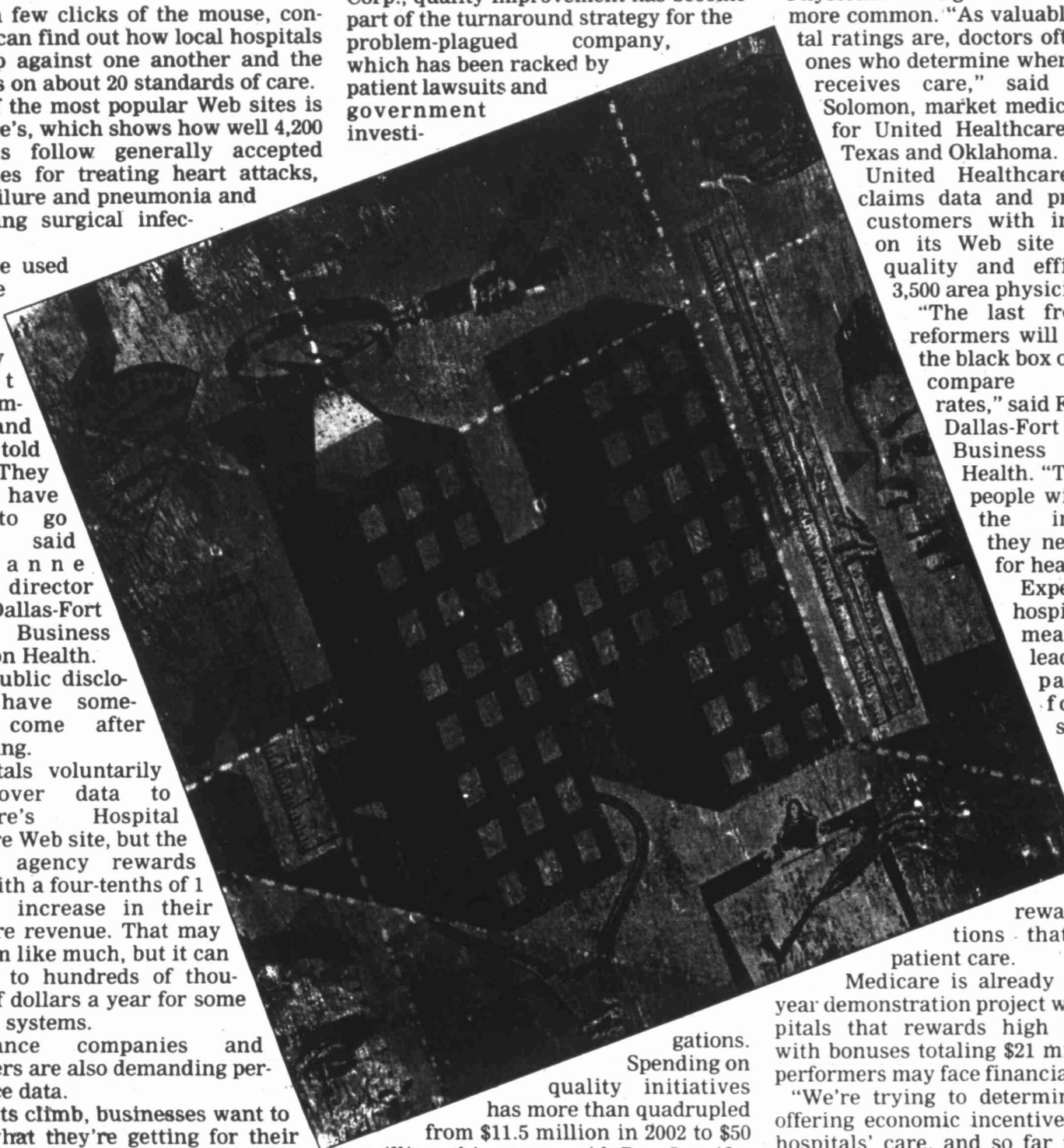
Sites to visit

Experts say consumers should visit several Web sites and then talk to their physicians about their concerns or questions.

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- www.healthgrades.com
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- www.hospitalcompare.hhs.gov
Sponsored by Medicare and the Hospital Quality Alliance, a coalition of health care organizations. No charge.
- www.jcaho.org Sponsored by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, a not-for-profit organization that accredits health care enterprises. Click on "Quality Check." No charge.
- www.leapfroggroup.org
Sponsored by the Leapfrog Group, a coalition of companies and organizations that buy health care. Ratings cover 31 metropolitan areas, including Dallas-Fort Worth. No charge.

Some employers, such as Boeing Co., are experimenting with steering workers to hospitals that score well on quality measures. The Chicago-based aeronautics company provides better insurance benefits to employees who select top-performing hospitals.

"Quality improvement has always been the right thing for hospitals to do," said Claire Turner, a spokeswoman for a coalition of health care purchasers called the Leapfrog Group. "But it's also becoming a financial imperative."



Spending on quality initiatives has more than quadrupled from \$11.5 million in 2002 to \$50 million this year, said Dr. Jennifer Daley, senior vice president of clinical quality and chief medical officer.

The company's quality improvement staff has almost doubled during the same period, she said, from 59 to 113.

"Quality improvement is the best investment a hospital can make in the future," Daley said. "Boomers will be more skeptical than their parents were about health care, and they'll always be looking for the best."

She and her staff have helped start infection control programs and have devised a safer system for dispensing drugs. That effort even included coaching physicians who have illegible handwriting.

As important as quality officers have become to their hospitals, they're the first to point out that quality improvement has to be every employee's concern if it's to take hold and grow.

Texas Health Resources launched a Web-based tool last year that allows employees to report anything they see that may compromise a patient's care, such as giving the wrong medication.

"Our managers look at the data, determine the severity of the problem and decide what our response should be," Deegan said.

Baylor Health Care System has sent 359 health care professionals to quality improvement classes and based 300 top managers' salaries partly on clinical quality and patient satisfaction.

"We're trying to build quality into our culture," said Dr. David Ballard, senior vice president and chief quality officer.

The national organization that accredits hospitals has also redesigned itself to encourage hospital employees to think about quality care every day.

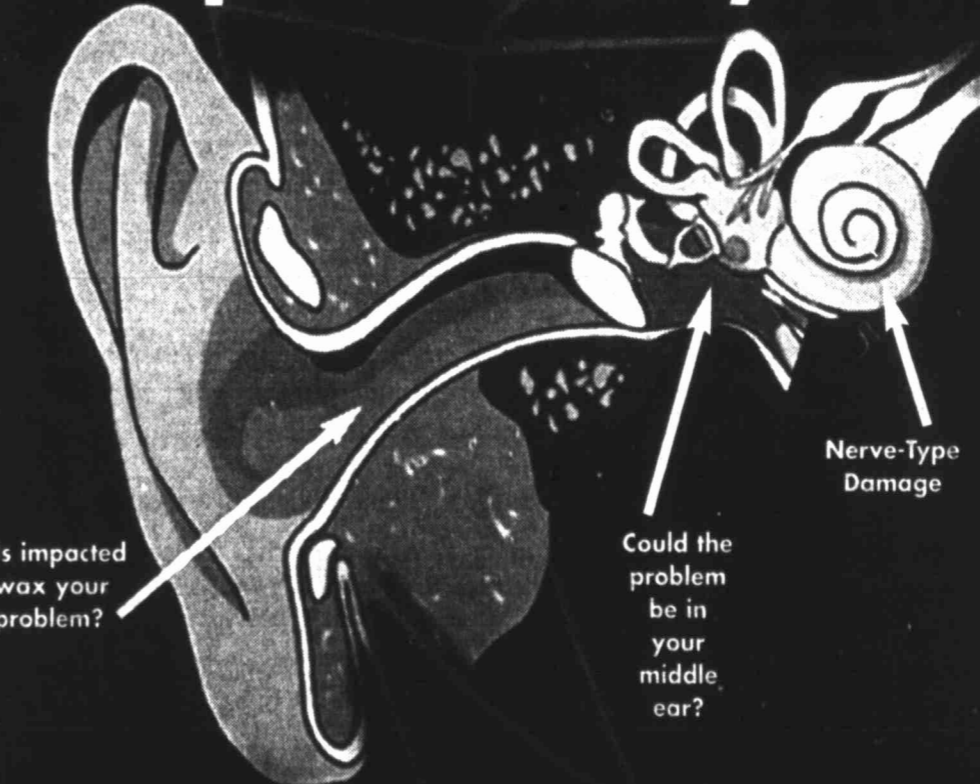
Before January, the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations evaluated hospitals on prearranged visits. Hospital executives had weeks to make their buildings and staffs look spick-and-span.

The group's inspectors now appear on hospital doorsteps unannounced. "We're forcing hospital staffs to be ready 24/7/365," said commission president Dr. Dennis O'Leary.

The surprise visits may unnerve some hospital officials, but they're a useful reform, said Starr West, director of health care quality at the Texas Hospital Association. "It's how we should be doing our business," she said.

Quality improvement is still in its infancy. Hospital executives say the current performance measures provide only a snapshot of inpatient care and should include other illnesses.

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IN BRIEF

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It's official: Dallas pulls trigger, signs Owens

By JAIME ARON
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — Jerry Jones was finishing yet another explanation of why he believes Terrell Owens will be on his best behavior with the Dallas

Cowboys when his new star receiver chimed in.

"Jerry, I know what's expected of me," Owens said. "I won't let you down."

The Cowboys sure hope so, especially since they didn't get it in writing.

The receiver who has proven he can wreak havoc on or off the field signed a three-year, \$25 million contract with Dallas Saturday.

The deal includes a \$5 million bonus and \$5 million salary this season,

but no added penalties should Owens pull any of the stunts that caused so many problems for his two previous teams, the San Francisco 49ers and the Philadelphia Eagles.

His relationship with the Eagles soured only

months after he led them to the Super Bowl.

"It's more than his word, it's about logic," Jones said. "This is an opportunity for him to put it all together and come in here and have a positive experience."

Dickson, Lopez lead Hawks past Western

• Weather forces first doubleheader to be rescheduled this week

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

Despite rainy conditions all weekend in Big Spring, the Howard College softball team managed to play two of the scheduled four Western Junior College Athletic Conference games against Western Texas College.

The Hawks were rained out Friday and then Sunday's makeup was also rescheduled, but both games Saturday at Foundation Field took place as scheduled and the Hawks continued their strong play with two more wins.

Howard, which improved to 22-6 overall and 12-2 in conference play, took down Western Texas, 12-6, in Game 1 and then got the shutout in Game 2, winning 8-0 in five innings.

The Hawks got two strong pitching performances and a hot bat from freshman Laura Lopez and sophomore Nicole Dickson in the doubleheader.

"Laura had herself a day in both games," said Howard head coach Kelly Raines. "She saw the ball well and hit it well. Hopefully she can keep that up Wednesday."

Lopez went three-for-four in Game 1 as she hit her fourth and fifth home runs of the season. She also added a double to the fence, three RBIs and three runs.

Howard scored three runs in the first, third and sixth innings in the game and added two in the fifth and one in the fourth. Western had three one-run innings and scored three runs in the fourth inning off two Howard errors.

"The errors in the fourth inning hurt, but at least we can still hit a little bit," said Raines.

Sophomore Paige Ruiz won her 10th game on the mound despite pitching with a sore knee and a sore back. She gave up five hits and three earned runs while striking out four and walking six.

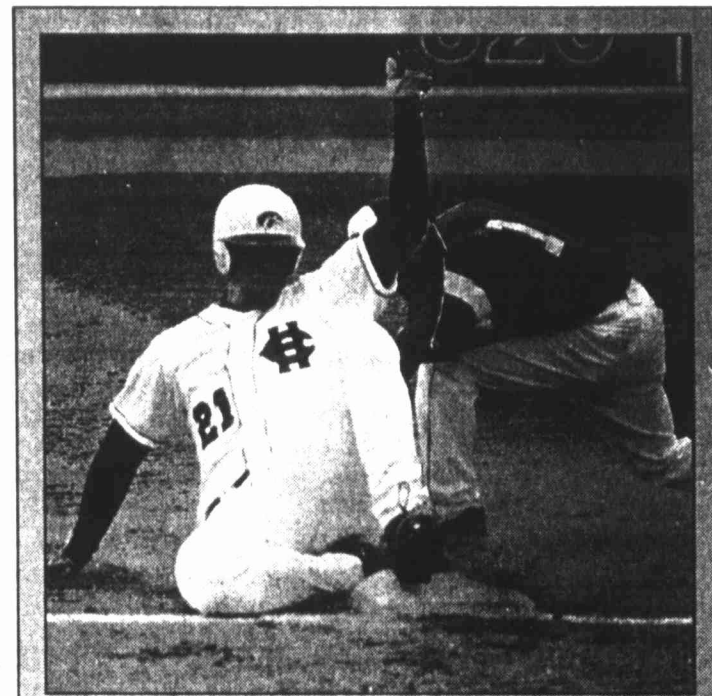
"She is playing hurt right now but at this time it is not serious enough to sit her out," said Raines. "We rested her in Game 2 though."

Dickson doubled, had two RBIs, two walks and two runs in Game 1 and freshman Jessica Garcia added a single, two walks and two runs. The Hawks were walked 12 times in the game.

Dickson got the win on the mound in Game 2 despite being hit in the knee by a ball at first base in the opener. She improved to 9-1 after giving up six hits and allowing no runs. She got out of several jams as Western Texas had five of its six hits in the first two innings. Western Texas stranded seven runners on base — two each in the first, second and fourth innings — and were retired in order by Dickson only once.

"Nicole pitched really well," said Raines. "She did a good job of getting out of the jams and executed her pitches well. She got hit in the knee, but she is tough and the injury isn't serious."

On the flip side, the Hawks came through with runners on base. They stranded one runner on base in the first inning, but freshman Alisha Rams walked in a run with the bases loaded and Lopez delivered a three-run double one batter later as Howard



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde
Howard sophomore Darby Brown slides into third base Friday against Trinidad State. The Hawks won two games Friday and took two more from McCook Saturday at Jack Barber Field. Howard improved to 16-8 overall and it is now 8-0 at home.

Hawks improve to 8-0 at home in sweep of McCook

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

After the Howard College baseball team's four games this weekend against Trinidad State and McCook, head coach Britt Smith might have to consider trying to persuade members of the Western Junior College Athletic Conference that wood bats are OK.

The Hawks swept Trinidad State Friday at Jack Barber Field and then followed that up with another two-game sweep against McCook Saturday. Both Trinidad State and McCook use wood bats during their conference seasons, but Howard looked like the team who was used to playing with wood.

"We did play well, but I don't want to switch to

wood," said Smith. "Our team is built every year around offense and the wood definitely took our offense away this weekend."

The wins Saturday did not have much to do with the bats.

The Hawks got strong pitching in both games and sent McCook home with two losses. Howard, which improved to 16-8 on the year and 8-0 at Jack Barber Field, won Game 1, 5-3, and took Game 2, 5-4.

"We played as well this weekend as we had played all year as far as the all-around game goes," said Smith.

Freshman Ryan Robinson started for the Hawks in the opener and after a shaky start

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Bulldogs get early lead, hold on to win

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

COAHOMA — The Bulldogs' bats struck early and then the Coahoma baseball team hung on in the final innings and captured a win against Class 3A Sweetwater, 13-11, Friday in Coahoma.

"We hit the ball extremely well and Kacee (Coberly) had a much better outing (on the mound)," said Coahoma head coach Brad Harman.

Coahoma (9-6) scored all 13 of its runs in the first and third innings. They got six in the first and then crossed the plate seven times in the third.

Sweetwater trailed 13-3 after three innings, but nearly rallied before Coahoma shut them down. Sweetwater added two runs in the fourth inning, three in the fifth, one in the sixth and then two runs crossed in the seventh.

"We had too many errors again and that allowed them to get back in the game," said Harman. "We had the chance to end it early, but didn't."

Coberly, a senior, started on the mound and got the win as he threw the first four innings. He allowed five runs — three earned — on seven hits and struck out six while walking one.

Freshman Donnie Garcia relieved Coberly for 1.1 innings and gave up just one earned run on three hits. Freshman P.J. Daylong finished the final 1.2 innings and gave no earned runs on one

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Abner, Fierro lead BS girls in Monahans

• Rodriguez takes fourth in 100; Tobar, Aguilar run to sixth

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

MONAHANS — Big Spring's Katy Abner dominated the competition at the 48th

Annual Sandhills Relays in Monahans Saturday. The junior took home two first place finishes and grabbed second place in the pole vault.

Abner won both the 200- and 400-meter dashes. She was more than two seconds faster in the 400 as she crossed in 1:02.43 and won a tight race in the 200 as she hit the line in :26.93. Abner's silver medal climb in the pole



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde
Big Spring senior Monica Fierro tosses around the discus during competition at the West Texas Relays. Fierro placed third in both the shot put and the discus this past weekend at the 48th Annual Sandhills Relays in Monahans.

vault was marked at 10-0. Courtney Douglas of Lake View won the pole vault with a 10-6.

Senior Monica Fierro finished third in both of her field events. Her best throw in the shot put was

33-9 and she covered 110-1.5 in the discus. Alison Miller of Monahans won both events.

Britni Rodriguez placed fourth in the 100-meter dash with a time of 13.56. Other finishers Saturday

included Mistie Aguilar's sixth-place finish in the 3,200-meter run and Esther Tobar's sixth-place finish in the 1,600-meter run.

The Lady Steers run in Andrews Saturday.

Rodriguez leads boys in mile at Monahans

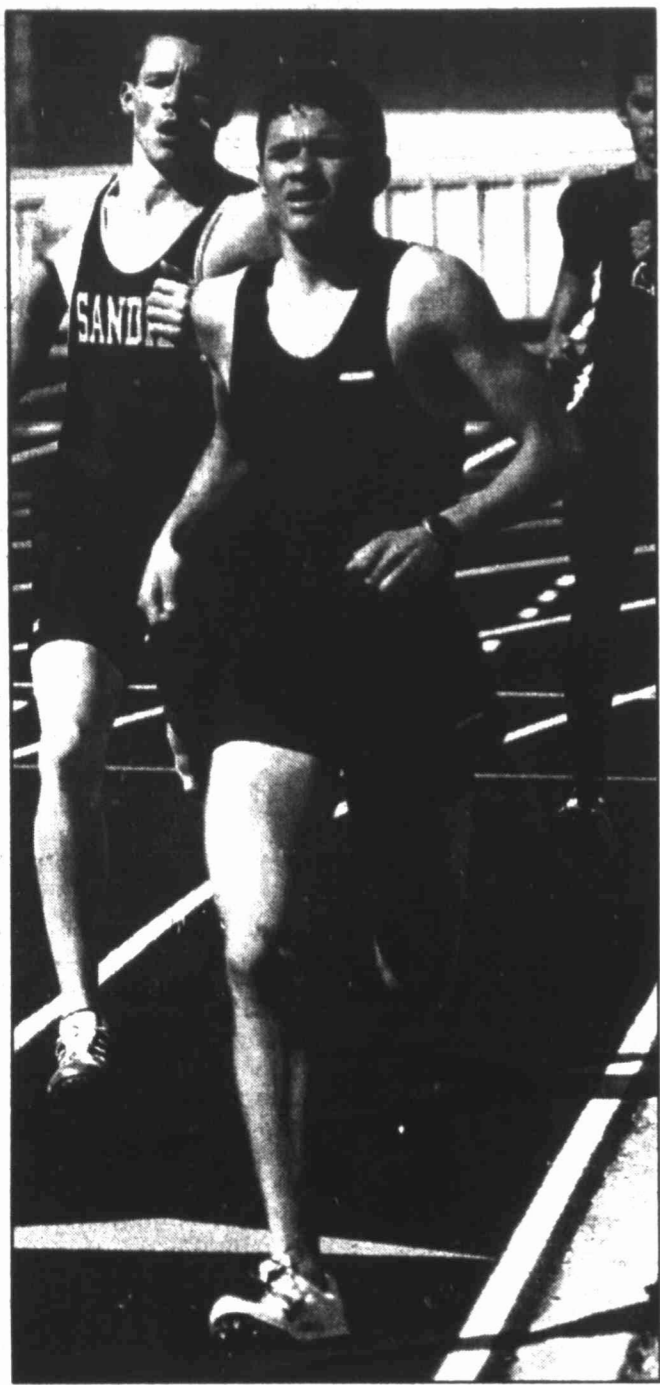
• Porter takes two top fives, Tannehill wins third in 300 hurdles

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

MONAHANS — Big Spring junior Michael Rodriguez took home another

long distance gold medal Saturday at the 48th Annual Sandhills Relays in Monahans and junior Raymond Porter grabbed two top five finishes in the long jump and triple jump.

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HERALD photo/Troy Hyde
Big Spring junior Chris Martinez runs in the 800 meters at the West Texas Relays earlier this month.

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was able to get the win on the mound after throwing six solid innings. He gave up three runs on eight hits but recorded seven strikeouts and just one walk. The win improved his record to 3-1 on the season. Lance Brown threw the final inning, gave up one hit and struck out two and earned his second save of the year.

The Hawks got just four hits at the plate, but did enough offensively to get the win. They scored their first run in the second inning and then took the lead for good with a four-run third inning.

The four hits were recorded by sophomores Gabe Marchant and Will Basom and freshmen David Fonseca and Ryan Pruitt. Marchant and Pruitt both tripled in the game and they both scored one run. Pruitt also walked and had an RBI.

"We got some big hits when we needed them," said Smith. "It was good to see."

Basom scored twice, had one RBI and also walked, while Fonseca

walked twice. Sophomore Darby Brown had an RBI and scored the other run. McCook lost the game despite getting nine hits at the plate. Brandon Strupp and Josh Swan had two hits each. Jeremy Neustifter threw just 2.2 innings and took the loss on the mound after giving up four earned runs on four hits. He also walked four.

Freshman Scott Stephen did not have his best stuff in Game 2, but still nearly threw a complete game as he tossed 6.2 innings and got his second win of the year on the mound. He gave up all four runs on nine hits and struck out seven but had a bit of trouble with control as he walked six.

Sophomore Matt Shepperd got the final out and recorded his first save of the season.

"We are trying to go longer with our starters no matter how they are doing because we want to get accustomed to playing a conference-like schedule with four games per weekend," said Smith. "Hopefully it will pay off

for us." The Hawks got up 1-0 in the second game before McCook gained the advantage with a three-run fourth inning and then led 4-1 after getting another run in the fifth. Howard got two runs of its own in the fifth and then won the game with two more runs in the sixth.

Marchant was perfect at the plate in the second game as he went three-for-three with three runs, two RBIs and a walk. He also hit his team-leading fourth home run of the season.

The home run by Marchant came with the Hawks down 4-3 with two outs and a runner on third base.

"It was a big home run at a big time," said Smith. The Hawks had only four other hits in the game.

Fonseca tripled, sophomore Jeff Storms doubled and Pruitt and Brown each singled. Brown added two RBIs, Fonseca scored once and had one RBI and Storms scored a run.

McCook again had nine hits but a loss to show for it. Schrupp and Taylor Evans each had two hits to lead the way. Ryan Kolo threw the first five

innings but didn't get the decision. Tyler Luehring threw the sixth inning and gave up two runs and took the loss.

The Hawks will play two games at home against Barton County Tuesday beginning at 1 p.m.

"Barton is good and they will be able to use its big arms against us and come after us," said Smith. "We won't use any of our big arms because we have some big conference games coming up this weekend."

Howard will host New Mexico Junior College Friday in a doubleheader starting at noon. They will then travel to Hobbs, N.M., Saturday for another doubleheader against New Mexico JC. New Mexico won the conference title last year and went on to win the NJCAA championship as well.

The Hawks have won five straight games, but Smith isn't getting caught up in that.

"We have a tough schedule and because of that we are not set up to win a bunch of games in a row," said Smith. "We are hoping things continue to go well but it is always going to be tough."

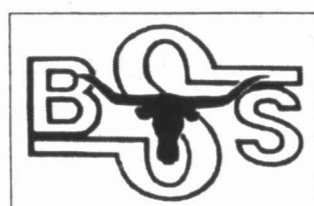
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Rodriguez and the Steers dominated the 1,600-meter run again Saturday. Rodriguez won the race in 4:35.59, while Chris Salazar and Zack Dawson placed third and fourth, respectively.

Salazar crossed the line in 4:38.87 and Dawson ran a 4:42.02.

Porter fared well in the long jump, finishing second with a leap of 19-3. He trailed



and Fankhauser crossed the line in fifth with a :42.81. Brandon Ontiveros placed fourth in the 200-meter dash and fifth in the long jump.

Big Spring had several junior varsity athletes fare well in their respective events.

Terrance Clemons finished first in the long jump, second in the high jump and third in the triple jump. The Steers' JV team also took spots one and three in the high jump as Tyrone Clemons won the event and Giorgio Taylor took the bronze. Taylor also finished third in the 200-meter dash.

Big Spring had three JV athletes in the top six of the shot put. Matt Castaneda took second with a throw of 37-00, while Jon Woodson and John Smith finished fourth and sixth, respectively.

Also grabbing a top finish was freshman Kade Parker, who placed fourth in the 3,200-meter run with a time of 11:58.93. Mark Sanchez won the 800-meter run as well as he crossed the line in 2:08.24.

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hit. Collin McMillan led the Bulldog bats as he went two-for-three with a double, four RBIs and a run scored. Garcia also had two hits and added two RBIs and two runs. Coberly and senior Cody

Griffith each went one-for-three and had two RBIs, two runs and one stolen base.

"This win is a great way for us to go into the district season Tuesday," said Harman.

The Bulldogs will host rival Stamford at 7 p.m. in Coahoma and then will travel to Colorado City Friday to take on the arch rival Wolves at 7 p.m.

No. 1 HAWKS HEAD TO HUTCH



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde
Several members of the community took part in the Howard College men's basketball send-off Sunday morning at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Clockwise from above: 1) Sophomore Charles Burgess, right, gets a hug from Howard head coach Mark Adams. 2) Adams addresses the crowd for a short speech before heading out of town. 3) Members of the team load into the charter bus. The Hawks will play Sheridan College in the first round of the NJCAA Tournament in Hutchinson, Kan., Wednesday at 1 p.m.



SWEEP

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scored four of its eight runs in the second frame. "Anytime you can bring runners around to score its big," said Raines.

Ruiz began the third with an infield single and then Dickson crushed a home run over the left field fence to make the score 7-0. The final run of the game came in the Hawks' final at-bat. Dickson singled to start the inning and then was pinch ran for by Bethany Rose. Freshman Kendra Corbin moved Rose to second on a sacrifice bunt and then sophomore Amanda Kuramata

walked. Rose eventually crossed the plate as freshman Whitney Roden, who got the start at first base, delivered the game-ending RBI single.

Dickson finished with two hits, a walk and two runs at the plate. Rams also had two hits and scored twice, while Garcia, Kuramata and freshman Honda Rodriguez all got singles. Rodriguez scored one run, Garcia had an RBI and Kuramata also walked.

Howard will try to get the other two games from this weekend in Wednesday at Foundation Field. Weather permitting, the doubleheader is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m.

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Other Possible Games
Championship Bracket: Thursday, 8:30 p.m.; Friday, 8 p.m.; Saturday, 8 p.m. (championship game); Friday, 3 p.m. (championship bracket, consolation); Saturday 2 p.m. (championship bracket, consolation)

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

If every day is a fresh start, it takes days like this to remind us it's true. Because today is so new, it feels positively dewy. The same old situations magically appear as shiny green with potential, practically smelling of freshly opened flowers. Spring has sprung. The message of the vernal equinox is: Welcome to the beginning. Again.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). As the sign of the rebel, you're nobody's servant.

However, today it's important to note that there is nothing wrong with yielding to the requests of people you respect.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It's a fine day to be oblivious to the opinions of others. It's likely you are working in a realm or manner to which few people can relate. Only a fool criticizes what he doesn't understand.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Feelings speak the language of dance. They have the ability to contract and expand your muscles, occupy your organs and wrinkle your skin. Today, your feelings want to be honored or, at the very least, acknowledged.

CANCER (June 22-July

22). Some kind of poetic justice is featured. Now that you have proof that the universe can be fair, it's easy to go about your business with an optimistic attitude.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It has been said that the one who is in the most pain also has the biggest heart. Consider this when a certain person lashes out like a wounded animal. You feel happier when you think the best of people.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). A tense vibration is best worked out through a creative means. Can you bear to leave a mess in the kitchen while you draw a picture or sing a song? If so, you'll find many joyful moments today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Do what you do for the love of it, and forget about the financial part. That, you can figure out later. Monetary difficulties come to a fast end when you follow your intuition.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). What was once confidential is now made known to you. Meetings are featured. Involve yourself vocally. You're a vital member of the group, and you also have the power to significantly impact a situation.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Though intellectual advancement is obviously a worthy quest, your soul's development is more important. Tonight, turn

up the music, and the day's cares will melt away in a matter of minutes.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Instead of trying to get all your needs met in one place, seek multiple sources of friendship, advice and encouragement. Much happens in a small group setting, and you naturally assume the leadership role.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The secret to happiness is no secret at all. You'll feel happy and complete whenever you choose to feel that way. Live by this principle, and a relationship becomes immediately more solid.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There's a time to delegate and a time to do it yourself. Today is the latter. Cut back your dependence on others. Hard physical work actually makes your body sing.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I am a Pisces born Feb. 26, 1965, with Libra rising. I am attracted to a Leo born Aug. 11, 1957. We have incredible chemistry, but I wonder if we are truly compatible. How important is the rising sign when looking at compatibility?"

The real question is, how important is compatibility when looking at compatibility? What if the greatest astrologer in the world told you that this man's

chart and your chart are a doomed match? Would you dump him and go for someone with a more harmonious chart? Love is scary, I know. It would be wonderful if astrology could guarantee that the one you are attracted to will be equally attracted to you, or that you are destined to be with a certain person, and nothing can tear you apart. I, personally, have not known astrology to be able to do that. What it can do is offer you a way of looking at yourself and at others that may help you to be more loving and understanding and compassionate. Here's what I see: Your Leo needs plenty of praise. The more creative endeavors you pursue together, the tighter your bond will be. The chemistry will continue as long as he feels you're excited by the nearness of him.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Though some babies born today would be Aries, Holly Hunter celebrates her birthday today, and she is a Pisces. A new mother of twins, she is the quintessential Piscean — a master of taking on two different directions at once. She's proven that diapers and Oscars can peacefully coexist under the same roof and will be continually surprised by the extent that motherhood favorably affects her art!
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DEAR MARGO

Margo: I have a husband who has a misconception of what lying is, and it's causing a lot of grief in our family.

He tells "stories" when he comes home from work. It can be a simple story about a coworker or something he did during the day. Then he will say, "Just joking."

It is at the point where, whenever he tells me something, I need to ask if he is telling the truth or creating one of his "stories" again. I call this lying; he says it is a joke and I have no sense of humor.

He also lies to other people when the truth would suffice, like telling his mother we can't come over because he has to work, when, in fact, it's because we will be out of town. The truth would not have hurt her feelings, so why lie?

In all other areas he is a good man, but I am uncomfortable knowing how easy it is for him to lie. Help. — CC

Dear C: The problem, my dear, is not that you are humor-challenged; it is that he is a pathological liar. This is a mental disturbance where people habitually lie about anything, for no discernible reason.

I do not know the rate of success when such people go into therapy, but the two of you might discuss the issue with a counselor, in terms of what it's doing to the marriage.

It must be murder to never know if you're hearing the truth or not. It's too bad your husband is not a screenwriter or a novelist, because those people have a constructive outlet for their "stories," get paid for them and do not drive their families nuts. Good luck.

Dear Margo: My wife and I have been married for 20 years and disagree on the proper upbringing of our daughter.

I feel my wife is too liberal; she feels I am too strict. Our daughter is 17 years old and a senior in high school. She is a wonderful child... does not take drugs, drink alcohol, etc. We talk about every subject under the sun, and I do not believe she participates in any sexual activity.

Here is the problem. Her boyfriend has gone away to college, approximately seven hours from our home. He is a nice young man who did very well in high school and goes to a good school. My daughter would like to visit him at his college, and my wife has proposed two scenarios.

One, my daughter goes with a friend to visit his school. The other, she goes with his parents to visit him. However, I believe they would take the kids to dinner and then say, "Have a great night." The kids would then go on and... what?

I asked my wife where our daughter would stay. She said with other girls in the dorm. My feelings are that at 17 years old, she is too young to visit her boyfriend out of

town. He will be home for spring break. Your advice would be appreciated! — Stressed-Out Dad

Dear Stress: I am not so sure you will appreciate my opinion, but I suspect your wife and daughter might. Such visits are quite acceptable. Your daughter sounds extremely responsible and should have earned your trust by now.

Whatever it is you're afraid these kids might do during the weekend visit, they could just as easily do over spring break. Much as you would like to control things, it is not possible. Fathers, I have found, are not the deciding factor when it comes to abstinence. Calm yourself.

Dear Margo: I'm a longtime reader but never thought I'd be writing, that is until my married female boss/alleged friend started some sort of campaign with my boyfriend (also a coworker).

The bf and I had a big, potentially relationship-ending fight one night, and the next day, my boss, whom I'd tearfully told about the crisis, asked him to an off-site lunch.

He says he assumed that, as my "friend," she would be offering advice for working it out, but it was quite the opposite. She launched into a monologue of every mistake I'd made with men, every flaw I have, every bad choice I'd made. Total hatchet job. Half the stories weren't even true, the other half he'd already heard, because we're very close.

Anyway, the bf and I are back together, and now I'm stuck working for someone who's in my face all the time acting like my best friend. I, of course, would like to throw her off the top of the building. She still has control of my annual reviews.

Yes, I have learned an enormous lesson about trusting people at work, but can you tell me how to survive this situation till I find a new job? — Needing a Strategy

Dear Need: Things would be easier if this woman had only one face instead of two, but life is like that. Here's how to cope until you land another job: Be cordial and businesslike, but be too busy for the friendship you formally shared. Do your job to the best of your ability, which should assure you good reviews. If the faux friend should ask what's wrong, or why things aren't the way they used to be, play dumb and tell her everything's fine — you're just busy.

She will know why you seem chilly; she will also know you know. There is great power in not saying/telling everything you know. And a new job, of course, will make this all history.

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Annie's Mailbox: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I am a small-business owner and have been married for over 10 years. In the past few weeks, "Lois," one of my very valued female employees, has started acting a little more flirtatious than she used to.

I work very closely with Lois, and at first, I didn't think much about it and kind of played along. I'm a flirtatious person by nature anyway. Then yesterday, in an e-mail, Lois told me she is sexually attracted to me.

Lois is a very good-looking woman, and she has a fiancé. I was honestly flattered by her attraction to me, but, obviously, there is a line that can't be crossed here. Actually, several lines.

Because my sex life at home has been less than satisfying the past few years, I feel I am more vulnerable to any physical advance that Lois may make. I need her to keep her distance, but I don't want to offend her because, frankly, I can't afford to lose her as an employee. So, how do I approach her and tell her I'm off limits? I don't want to embarrass her, or make things uncomfortable for either of us, or worse, give her the impression that she needs to leave. And I certainly don't want to get caught in the position where physical contact is made.

I hope I'm not too late and the damage done. — Boss in a Bind

Dear Boss: Some of the damage is already done — Lois thinks you are open to an affair. But there's still time to fix it. First, stop flirting so much because she doesn't know you are only kidding. Then you need to put a professional face on your relationship — friendly, but all business. Treat her last e-mail as if it never reached you.

Keep in mind that a romantic involvement with a subordinate opens you up to a lawsuit if the relationship goes badly. Then, get yourself and your

wife into counseling so you can strengthen your marriage and be less vulnerable to the machinations of an attractive office employee.

Dear Annie: I have a close friend who apparently

thinks everyone must love the scent of her perfume as much as she does. Whenever we get together, I gag from the smell. She must bathe in it.

How can I politely tell her that others may find this bothersome? Is there a way I can make this clear without offending her? — Holding My Nose and Breath

Dear Holding My Nose: There's no inoffensive way to tell someone they stink, but that shouldn't stop you from speaking up. Say, "I may be developing a sensitivity to perfume because I really notice yours a lot. It's rather overwhelming, and I'm sure that's not your intent. Would you mind using a little less?"

Dear Annie: I am writing in response to the neighbor who was concerned about the children next door. The children were being home-schooled, and in addition to being unruly, nosy and unsupervised, the children were teasing her dog.

I've been a social worker for 30 years and would advise the neighbor to report that family to their state Division of Family Services Child Abuse hotline. While most home-school environments are legitimate, we know that a savvy parent can use that to hide abusive behavior since those kids will remain hidden from those most likely to report suspected abuse — teachers,

principals and school nurses. And abused kids will often mistreat animals to displace their rage.

Please let your readers know that hotline reporting is ALWAYS anonymous, and one does not have to be certain that abuse is taking place. That is left to the professionals to investigate. Better to err on the side of caution. — Social Worker in Lawrence, Kan.

Dear Lawrence: Most home-schooled children are not abused, but we appreciate the warning for those neighbors who worry that more may be going on.

Dear Annie: I am in the middle of an ugly divorce from a man who has now been married five times. He has a history of picking up women at a Christian singles group, looking for someone who will be submissive, and then he insidiously begins the emotional and physical abuse.

This man is dishonest about how many times he has been married and does not hesitate to say whatever it takes to lure his victims. I have found that this has been the pattern with at least three of his wives. He has now moved on to another woman from the same singles group, and he has her completely convinced that I am out to get him.

Why isn't there some sort of registry for predatory abusers? There should be some means of tracking these men so they do not ruin so many lives. Why won't women listen? I know love is blind, but if there is a history of restraining orders and reports of child abuse in a man's past, a woman should pay attention. How can I get this



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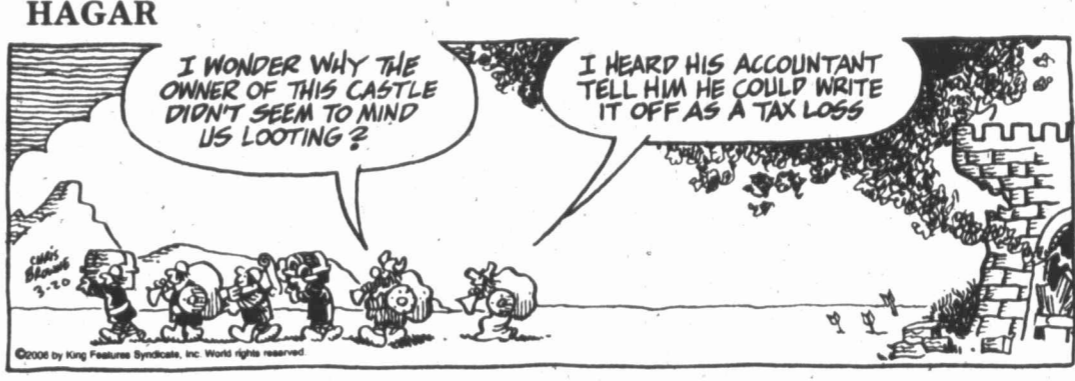
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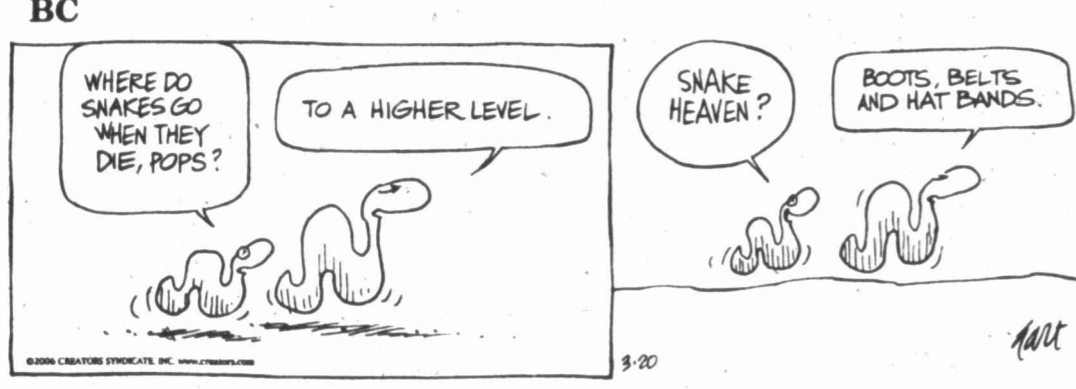
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EVERY YEAR, I VOW TO GRAB WINTER BY ITS CLAMMY GRAY TAIL AND ENJOY IT FOR WHAT IT IS. BUT EACH YEAR, THE SLUSH AND SNOW AND GLOOMY DAYS BEAT ME DOWN, AND I WATCH A HUGE CHUNK OF MY LIFE FADE AWAY WHILE I QUIETLY CELEBRATE ITS PASSING. BUT NOT THIS YEAR! IT'S TIME TO GET BUSY! IT'S SPRING.



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This Date In History

Today is Monday, March 20, the 79th day of 2006. There are 286 days left in the year. Spring arrives at 1:26 p.m. Eastern time.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 20, 1815, Napoleon Bonaparte entered Paris, beginning his "100 Days" rule.

On this date:

In 1413, England's King Henry IV died; he was succeeded by Henry V.

In 1727, physicist, mathematician and astronomer Sir Isaac Newton died in London.

In 1852, Harriet Beecher Stowe's influential novel about slavery, "Uncle Tom's Cabin," was first published.

In 1896, U.S. Marines landed in Nicaragua to protect U.S. citizens in the wake of a revolution.

In 1956, union workers ended a 156-day strike at Westinghouse Electric Corp.

In 1969, John Lennon married Yoko Ono in Gibraltar.

In 1976, kidnapped newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst was convicted of armed robbery for her part in a San Francisco bank holdup.

In 1981, former girls' school headmistress Jean Harris was sentenced in White Plains, N.Y., to 15 years to life in prison for slaying "Scarsdale Diet" author Dr. Herman Tarnower. (Harris ended up serving almost 12 years.)

In 1985, Libby Riddles of Teller, Alaska, became the first woman to win the Iditarod Trail Dog Sled Race.

In 1995, in Tokyo, 12 people were killed, more than 5,500 others sickened when packages containing the poisonous gas sarin were leaked on five separate subway trains by Aum Shinrikyo cult members.

Today's Birthdays:

Producer-director-comedian Carl Reiner is 84. Actor Hal Linden is 75. Singer Jerry Reed is 69. Former Canadian prime minister Brian Mulroney is 67. Country singer Don Edwards is 67. TV producer Paul Junger Witt is 63. Country singer-musician Ranger Doug (Riders in the Sky) is 60. Hockey Hall-of-Famer Bobby Orr is 58. Blues singer-musician Marcia Ball is 57. Actor William Hurt is 56. Rock musician Carl Palmer (Emerson, Lake and Palmer) is 56. Rock musician Jimmie Vaughan is 55. Country musician Jimmy Seales (Shenandoah) is 52. Movie director Spike Lee is 49. Actress Theresa Russell is 49. Actress Vanessa Bell Calloway is 49. Actress Holly Hunter is 48. Rock musician Slim Jim Phantom (The Stray Cats) is 45. Actress-model Kathy Ireland is 43. Rock musician Adrian Oxxal (James) is 41. Actress Liza Snyder is 38. Actor Michael Rapaport is 36. Actor Alexander Chaplin is 35.

Newsday Crossword

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 - 5 Dutch cheese
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 - 14 Pleasant
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 - 23 Peculiar
 - 24 Leaves the path
 - 28 Walk through water
 - 30 Commercial-free TV network
 - 33 Pigeon sounds
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 - 36 Once more
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 - 42 Minus
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The high school facturing program the Moore Development for Big Spring Wednesday afternoon... The program, was introduced Spring High School 2005 and managed to manufacture a number of poinsettias made iron and Christmas lights, may be in due to questions of titles, according to Development Executive Director Kent Sharpe... "It appears as the high school going to be able to poinsettias because can't get comfortable the liability involved," said... "For example, let the high school sell one of the poinsettias to the city of San Antonio and it caught afire of their buildings, ing it down and someone. That's the possible situation. There's no doubt that point someone is going to file a lawsuit." Sharp said the school would most likely...

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