

# BIG SPRING HERALD

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TUESDAY  
April 23, 1996

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## Per-head state parks entry fee to begin around Texas May 1

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

Getting as many people as you can into your car and going to your local state park won't be as easy as it used to be as of May 1.

In less than two weeks, Texas state parks will begin charging per individual and not per vehicle.

Adults will pay fees ranging from \$1 to \$5 per person, with 76 percent of state parks charging \$2 per person or less.

Devils River, Dinosaur Valley and Garner are the only parks on Texas that will charge \$5 per person.

According to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department 84 of the states 125 state parks charge

entry fees.

To include family visitation, children 12-years-old and under will get in free under the new fee schedule.

Eighteen percent (15 of 84 parks) of Texas parks, including Big Spring, Atlanta, Confederate Reunion Grounds, Eisenhower, Fannin Battleground, Fort Parker, Jim Hogg SHP, Lake Houston, Lake Whitney, Landmark Inn, Mission Tejas, Mother Neff, Rusk/Palestine, San Angelo and Sea Rim, will now charge an entry fee of \$1 per person.

Frequent park users will have an option to save on entry fees and tours by buying special licenses also available on May 1.

The new Gold Texas Conser-

vation Passport will be sold for \$50, replacing the current \$25 TCP.

Per person pricing is part of the TPWD's plan to fund a huge backlog of statewide park repair needs.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission member Richard Heath said, "This agency is currently operating on a lean budget with increased customer demands and a growing backlog of deferred maintenance at state parks. And while per person pricing alone won't solve that problem, it's an important step."

TPWD has been struggling financially since the decision was made in the late 1970's and early 1980's to add dozens of state parks across the state

while maintaining and operating the older parks.

According to TPWD, it has opened 23 new state parks in the last 10 years. Most of those parks were opened in response to growing public demand in urban areas, including Ray Roberts Lake and Cooper Lake near Dallas, Choke Canyon near San Antonio, Lake Houston and San Angelo State Park.

Andrew Sanson, TPWD executive director, said, "The new pricing structure is designed to increase park revenues at a time when state park facilities, many dating back 60 years or more to the days of the Civilian Conservation Corps, are experiencing a backlog of deferred maintenance and renovation needs."

A 1995 management audit estimated a \$186 million dollar backlog of state park repairs and capital project needs through the end of the century.

Problems range from lagging water and wastewater systems at Garner to dilapidated restrooms and other facilities at Palo Duro Canyon to aging electrical wiring at the Davis Mountains.

It costs the TPWD approximately \$32 million a year to operate Texas' state parks, while park fees generate only \$21 million annually. The new per person pricing system is estimated to generate an additional \$5 million to \$7 million per year for state parks.

The new \$50 Gold TCP is a vehicle pass. The purchaser get

a vehicle that will provide all occupants in that vehicle unlimited entry to parks and wildlife management areas for one year. The purchaser may also buy up to two additional stickers for \$15 each for any other vehicles they own. The Gold Passport will also be available with the hunting-fishing combo license and a group of hunting stamps in a new \$100 license package called the Texan beginning in August.

A new \$25 Silver Texas Conservation Passport will also be available May 1. The Silver TCP will offer access to TPWD wildlife management areas and free or discounted tours at both parks and wildlife management areas, plus a discount on Texas Parks & Wildlife magazine.

### SWCID GROUNDBREAKING



Students from the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf wait for their turn to use the shovel and participate in the groundbreaking ceremonies for the new dorm Monday afternoon. The dorm will be located behind the Student Union Building and south of the school building.

## Road and Bridge employees unhappy with commissioners

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

A group of dejected Road and Bridge employees and labor union representatives left the Howard County Commissioners' Court Monday morning feeling as if they had run into a brick wall according to employee John Smith.

Smith and eleven other employees of the department sent a signed letter to County Judge Ben Lockhart and Howard County Commissioners earlier this month requesting to be put on Monday's agenda.

The letter stated the meeting was being requested in regards to matter with County Road Administrator Eddy Jameson.

Following a brief exchange between employees and commissioners, Lockhart called for a vote of confidence or the termination of Jameson as County Road Administrator.

Commissioners voted 4-1 in favor of Jameson.

The one vote against Jameson came from Commissioner Emma Brown, who said, "I can understand two or three people complaining, but look at all of these people. I don't have anything against Eddy (Jameson), but I think we have a problem and we need to sit down and talk about it."

Employees cited three main reasons for requesting the meeting:

- Special treatment for certain employees.
- Grievances being met with verbal abuse and harassment.
- Removal of seniority within the department and the ethics and motives involved.

"We as employees have no input with our Road Administrator. We feel the Commissioners' Court is our only outlet available. We hope these matters can be resolved on or before April 22," the letter stated.

Smith was present at the April 8 meeting and addressed the Commissioners' Court, which at that time instructed Jameson to meet with the employees to try to settle their differences before Monday's meeting.

According to Smith and other employees the meeting commissioners instructed Jameson to have become a series of meetings with one or two employees at a time to get them to take their name off the letter.

Monday, Smith and the road and bridge employees submitted a similar letter signed by 13 employees.

The letter stated, "We the undersigned employees of the Howard County Road Department feel nothing can be resolved with our Road Administrator. There are some serious concerns that must be looked into and dealt with."

The group present at Monday's meeting was accompanied by Texas Public Workers Association Staff Representative Pam Johnson and Permian

Basin Central Labor Union President Dally Willis.

The major charges employees have brought against Jameson Monday included eliminating seniority, which they say locks them into one spot and eliminates any chance for them to advance; falsifying time sheets for certain employees; and handling grievances with verbal abuse and harassment.

The group said problems began back in October 1994 when the department sat down and voted on rules for in-house seniority, and job bidding rules and regulations.

Smith said, "For a period of time, we noticed certain employees could come and go as they pleased, but when we checked the roster for their absence, it was not documented."

One incident cited by Smith included the same employee receiving sick leave compensated while he was out of town working on another job.

Smith went through a list of complaints and incidents he and other employees felt warranted investigation by commissioners.

Jameson responded by saying, "I don't treat these guys bad. All I ask is they give me six hours for eight hours paid."

He added, "If something went undocumented it was probably an oversight, but the time sheets are the responsibility of these guys."

Lockhart told the group when Jameson hired, it was because the court had received a number of complaints about people not working.

Lockhart said, "I think the problem is that you guys don't like Eddy and want him gone, but I can solve that here now. Eddy is not going."

Later Jameson said he gave comp time to some men who may have been out fighting fires (assisting the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department) and just didn't document it.

Commissioner Sonny Choate said, "As long as Eddy is the boss, we'll support him. As long as the roads are maintained, we'll support him."

He added he'd support Jameson if he used a club with nails in it.

The strongest argument against Jameson was that he was disregarding men who have been with the department for a many as 20 years and putting other people in higher paying positions they may not be experienced to handle.

Employees were also complaining that there is not a proper training program in place to allow them to upgrade their skills when they want to move up.

Choate said, "He's (Jameson) trying to get the best men he can to get the job done. We're not going to run Eddy off because you're unhappy with him."

## TPWA may seek grand jury probe of department

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Following Monday's meeting of the Howard County Commissioners' Court, Texas Public Workers Association Staff representative Pam Johnson said she was very disappointed at how Howard County Commissioners' disregarded the complaints of county road and bridge employees.

"Commissioners did not address any of the issues, even after County Road Administrator Eddy Jameson admitted he didn't document everything that was supposed to be docu-

mented. They acted as if these complaints weren't even issues," Johnson said.

She added, "These employees did not come to get Eddy Jameson fired, they came to raise issues."

After Jameson received a 4-1 vote of confidence from commissioners, Johnson said there may be other legal avenues that can be explored, in view of the fact that one of the charges involves the falsification of time sheets.

She added she wasn't sure road and bridge employees wouldn't be charge vacation time to be at the courthouse to voice their grievances.

"This (grievance process) is a problem and will continue to be a problem until someone figures out how to handle it," Johnson said.

Road and bridge employee John Smith aid when the union was started it was to establish a fair grievance procedure and fairness for all road and bridge employees.

"I don't know what can be done at this point," Smith said. After Monday's meeting, the Herald learned that the TPWA may seek a grand jury investigation of the road and bridge department.

One of the argument made in favor of Jameson by Commissioner Jerry Kilgore was that \$100,000 was saved and put back into the department in the form of materials last year.

Commissioner Emma Brown, the one vote against giving Jameson a vote of confidence, said, "We can't cut things at the expense of our road and bridge employees."

Howard County resident Paul Brown addressed the court and said, "Falsification is a very serious charge and I'd like to have the Commissioners' Court look into this."

Marvin Spivey, a 20-year road and bridge employee said, "The only way I got up the ladder was through seniority. If it was

good enough for me, I think it's good enough for everyone else."

Road and bridge employee Ron Maddox said, "All we wanted was a fair hearing. I was pretty upset to see the judge (Lockhart) want to take such a quick vote on the matter."

Donald Taylor, who was employed with the road and bridge department from March 1989 until he resigned Jan. 31 of this year, stated in his letter of resignation that he felt he could not longer continue as a county employee due to the recent turn of events, though he had planned to retire as a Howard County employee.

Taylor's letter stated, "I was requested by my supervisor to sign two evaluations that were grossly incorrect. I informed him at the time that I most certainly did not agree with his evaluation."

Taylor stated the evaluations were completed without any research into his work history, job qualifications of years of experience.

Smith said he felt he is in a similar situation because the road and bridge employees don't have an outlet to discuss their complaints in view of how the Commissioners' Court handled things Monday.

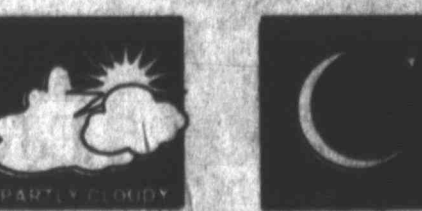
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### TODAY'S WEATHER

80 ▲ Highs 50  
Lows ▼

Forecast  
Partly sunny, highs near 80. Lows near 50. Highs Wednesday to 95.



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IN BRIEF

COAHOMA ISD will have kindergarten and pre-kindergarten registration by appointment on May 3, starting at 8:30 a.m. Please call 394-4323 to set up an appointment. Kindergarten children must be 5 years old on or before September 1, 1996. Pre-kindergarten children must be 4 years old on or before September 1, 1996. Pre-kindergarten must also be economically disadvantaged. You may call 394-4323 if you have any questions. Kindergarten students need to attend the registration and all students need to bring the following: birth certificate, social security card and shot record.

HERE IS A LIST OF UPCOMING EVENTS in Big Spring and Howard County:

OBITUARIES

Edd Hamlin

Service for Edd Hamlin, 72, Lubbock, were 10 a.m. today at Sanders Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Wayne R. Williams officiating. Burial followed in the Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park in Woodrow.

Mr. Hamlin died Sunday, April 21, 1996, at St. Mary's Hospital.

He was born on Oct. 11, 1923, in Jayton. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He moved to Lubbock in 1950. He married Macie Ola Meek in September 1946 in Big Spring. She preceded him in death on Jan. 12, 1991. He then married Essie Morrison on May 9, 1992, in Lubbock. He was a member of the Parkway Drive Baptist Church. He had owned and operated Edd's Landscaping until retiring in 1995.

Survivors include his wife: Essie Hamlin, Lubbock; five sons: Harold Wayne, Arvin Ray, Claude Alford, Ocie Joe and Marty E., all of Lubbock; two daughters: Linda Kay Armstrong, Lubbock, and Shirley Kathleen Schoonvelit, Levelland; three stepdaughters: Kathy McCallum, Dallas, Martha Hanks and Sandy Myres, both of Lubbock; a sister: Eva Arnold, Big Spring; 23 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were under the direction of Sanders Funeral Home, Lubbock.

George Creeley, Jr.

Service for George Creeley, Jr., 65, Big Spring, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

He died Tuesday, April 23, 1996, at the Veterans Administration Medical Center, following a long illness.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

George Creeley, Jr., 65, died Tuesday. Services are pending.

Nalley-Pickle & Welch FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

906 Gregg St. Big Spring, Tx. (915) 267-6331

Lois E. Coates, 75, died Friday, April 19, 1996. Graveside services will be 10:00 AM Wednesday at Little Rock National Cemetery, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Peggy Gabbard, 55, died Sunday. Services were at 2:00 PM Tuesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment followed at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Dakota's Flowers and Gifts 263-8323

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April - VA Medical Center volunteer appreciation banquet on Tuesday, 6 p.m., at the First United Methodist Church; Big Spring State Hospital volunteer appreciation banquet on Thursday, noon, at the Allred Building; Christmas in April on April 27 and bake sale to benefit the Big Spring Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association, April 27, at the Big Spring Mall.

May - National Day of Prayer, May 2; Big Spring Square and Round Dance Festival May 3-4 at the Square Corral; Cinco de Mayo Festival May 5; Kids' Zone Playground construction May 8-12; and American Cancer Society's Relay for Life at Big Spring High School May 17 and 18.

June - Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo at the Howard County Fairgrounds and Rodeo Bowl June 26-29.

July - Howard County 4-H Junior Rodeo at the Rodeo Bowl July 19-20; Comanche Warrior Triathlon at Dora Roberts Triathlon Center and Comanche Trail Park July 27-28 and Dora Roberts Pro Am Summerfest at Big Spring Country Club on July 28 and 29.

THE 33RD ANNUAL MOORE SCHOOL and community reunion will be April 28 from 2 to 4 p.m. The reunion will be at the 14th & Main Church of Christ fellowship hall. This is for all decedents of those who lived in the Moore community as well as present members and friends.

THE 1976 CLASS OF BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL will be having a 20 year reunion August 9-11. Reunion organizers are needing assistance with locating old classmates. If you have an address of an ex who moves frequently or had a name change or is otherwise difficult to locate, please call 263-7219 and leave a message.

Organizers are also in need of suggestions, ideas and monetary donations. Please send to: Class of '76; c/o Les White; General Delivery; Big Spring, TX; 79720. More details about the reunion will be given out during mailings from the organizers.

THE DAV CHAPTER #47 is going to have a rummage sale in May and needs donations of usable and saleable items. Call 263-1625 or 267-7773.

AREA NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS and persons involved in fund-raising will have the opportunity to learn fund raising techniques from a nationally known expert on Wednesday, May 1, in Midland. The Nonprofit Center at Midland College and the National Society of Fund Raising Executives, Permian Basin Chapter are sponsoring the 4th Annual Nonprofit Fund Raising Forum, Wednesday, May 1 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at Midland College's Roadrunner Room in the Scharbauer Student Center. David Sapadin, Executive Director of The Center for Fund Raising Management, will present the seminar, "Survival Skills for Today's Fund Raisers." A luncheon keynote presentation will be presented by Jesse C. Sawyer on "The Psychology of Fund Raising." In addition, the Directory of Texas Foundations and the new Mini-Directories for West Texas, published by the Funding Information Center of Texas, will be available for purchase at the seminar.

Registration for the event is \$60 per person, \$50 for additional persons from the same organization or NSFRE members. The registration deadline is Friday, April 26. Preregistration is required. For more information, call Laura Walker at 685-6479.

FILMS AND OTHER AUDIO-VISUAL MATERIALS available to public schools through the Region 18 Education Service Center may be requested for preview by parents and other interested adults during a one-day review session set for April 25. The session is scheduled from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. at the center, located at 2811 LaForce Blvd., Midland International Airport. Persons wishing to request preview of the films may call Mrs. Pam Winn, media supervisor of the Education Service Center, at 563-2380.

Big Spring ON THE RUN

TEXAS LOTTERY

PICK 3: 5, 8, 6

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents in a 24-hour period ending 8 a.m. Tuesday:

•PHILLIP MIKEL BRIDGE, 20, of 1216 E. 11th, was arrested for outstanding local warrants.

•LYNN ERBIN INGRAM, 22, of 507 E. Sixth, was arrested for outstanding local warrants.

•AMANDA KAREN SPEARS, 29, of 1301 Lincoln, was arrested for outstanding local warrants.

•ALAN K. FILL, 33, of no known address, was arrested for public intoxication.

•LLOYD SWANSON, 41, of 1002 N. Main, was arrested for outstanding local warrants.

•DARLA WILLIS FOLEY, 22, of 4202 Parkway, was arrested on a Dallas County warrant.

•MINOR ACCIDENTS at mile marker 177 of Interstate 20, in the 500 block of East 18th, 18th and Gregg, 1100 block of East 16th and 200 block of West Marcy.

•MAJOR ACCIDENTS at Sixth and State and Interstate 20 and Birdwell.

•BURGLARY WITH INTENT TO COMMIT SEXUAL ASSAULT on the Eastside of town.

•BURGLARY OF A BUILDING on North Snyder Highway.

•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF in the 1500 block of Scurry and 2700 block of Central.

•DOG BITE in Coahoma.

•BURGLARY OF A BUILDING in the 1600 block of Hardin.

•DISTURBANCES/FIGHTS in the 200 block of East 10th and at 20th and Goliad.

•JUVENILE PROBLEMS in the 700 block of East 11th and 1600 block of Main.

•ASSAULT in the 700 block of East 11th.

•DOMESTIC DISTURBANCES in the 500 block of Douglas and 2900 block of West 80.

•INVESTIGATING SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES in the 1800 block of Gregg, 300 block of Johnson, 2600 block of Coronado and 3300 block of West 80.

•LOUD PARTY at March and Randolph.

•JUVENILE ARRESTED in the 2600 block of Coronado.

•THEFT OF GAS in the 900 block of Willis.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following incidents in a 24-hour period ending 8 a.m. Tuesday:

•ROBERTO MENDOZA, 47, of 901 N. Gregg, was arrested on a capias warrant for failing to pay child support. He was later released on \$1,000 bond.

•VICTOR MANUEL CORTEZ, 23, of El Paso, was arrested for theft in Tarrant County over \$20 and under \$500. He is being held for the Tarrant County Sheriff's Department.

•DANIEL ANDREW DENHOLM, 17, of San Diego, Calif., previously arrested for burglary of a building was released on \$10,000 bond.

•MICHAEL DAVID DOUGLAS, 33, of 1902 Goliad, was transferred from the Big Spring Police Department and arrested for driving while intoxicated, resisting arrest and assault of a public servant. He was later released on \$11,000 bond.

•LUKE CYRUS JEWETT, 22, of 702 West Fourth, was arrested for violating his probation.

•ROBERT BRUCE PRATHER, 20, of 600 W. 17th, was transferred from the Big Spring Police Department and arrested for possession of marijuana under two ounces. He was later released on \$1,500 bond.

•BILLY CORENZA MCGEE, 33, of 410 NW 11th, pleaded guilty in 118th District Court to credit card abuse. He was sentenced to 90 days in State Jail, five years probation, fined \$1,124.50 and ordered to pay restitution of \$457.90.

•LOOSE LIVESTOCK in Ackery.

•PHONE HARASSMENT on Ratliff Road.

•SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE on Hickory Street.

•RECKLESS DRIVING at the Coahoma Cemetery.

•SHOTS FIRED on West Robinson Road.

SPRINGBOARD

IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES IN A SPRINGBOARD ITEM OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT GINA GARZA, 263-7331, BETWEEN 8 A.M. AND 2 P.M. To submit an item to the Springboard, put it in writing and mail or deliver it to us one week in advance. Mail to: Springboard, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, Texas 79720; or bring it by the office at 710 Scurry.

TODAY

•Comanche Lake Duplicate, 1 p.m., Dora Roberts Civic Center.

•Most Excellent Way, a chemical dependency support group, 7 p.m., Living Water Church, 1008 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-1424 after 5 p.m. or 263-3168 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at the VA Medical Center on fourth floor.

•Coahoma's 18th Annual Kindergarten Stickhorse Rodeo, 9 a.m., Coahoma Elementary gym.

WEDNESDAY

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. 12&12 Study.

•Relay for Life committee will meet at noon at the First United Methodist Church.

THURSDAY

•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

•Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright, has free food for area needy, 10 a.m. to noon.

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•Masonic Lodge #598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

FRIDAY

•Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Music by CW & Co. Area seniors invited.

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•Genealogical Society of Big Spring, 7:15 p.m., Howard County Library conference room. Enter through West entrance. Call Bernice Cason, 267-8542 or 267-7236.

•Masonic Lodge #1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster. Call Dalton Lewis, 263-8411.

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RECORDS

Monday's high - 73  
Monday's low - 44  
Average high - 81  
Average low - 52  
Record high - 100 in 1989  
Record low - 32 in 1928  
Rainfall Monday - 0.00  
Month to date - 1.00  
Month's normal - 0.84  
Year to date - 1.41  
Normal for the year - 2.86



HERALD photo/Tim Appel  
Joe Dick tosses a softball as he tries to score points in the softball accuracy toss during the Sandstorm Relays at Blankenship Field last Friday. The track meet is held for the clients of the Big Spring State Hospital to show their talents in a variety of events.

81-year-old sexually assaulted in her home

HERALD Staff Report

An 81-year old Big Spring woman was sexually assaulted in her home Monday morning. Sgt. Victor Brake, of the Big Spring Police Department, said officers responded to a residence on the east side of Big Spring at approximately 7:15 a.m., Monday, in reference to a burglary in progress. Upon arrival they were informed by the victim, a white female, 61, that a Hispanic male, approximately 20-years old, entered her home by force and sexually assaulted her.

At the time of the assault the suspect was wearing khaki shorts, boots and no shirt, Brake said. He said the victim did not know the assailant.

At this time, no arrests have been made in connection with the assault and it is still under investigation.

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**Victor Morales says wife repaying loan**  
HOUSTON — Democratic U.S. Senate nominee Victor Morales says his wife must only pay \$9,000 of her long outstanding college scholarship grant, although documents he showed reporters indicated she still owes \$27,000.

Morales could not explain the discrepancies in the amounts his wife, Dani, owes the Indian Health Service. He told the Houston Chronicle on Monday that the only payment the federal government now wants is \$9,000.

"We have a clear conscience," Morales said in Austin. "They're now saying ... this is the fee. This is what you owe the United States government, and we say that's what's fair."

Dani Morales has refused for 15 years to repay the money because she and her husband have claimed she was being overcharged. It became a public issue during a runoff for the Democratic nomination when U.S. Rep. John Bryant called Morales an unfit Senate candidate because of the outstanding debt.

Mrs. Morales took the money from the Indian Health Service with the agreement she would work on an Indian reservation after graduation.

**School board renews coaches' contracts**  
ELGIN — Two Elgin High School coaches accused of a campaign of religious intimidation and coercion have survived contract renewal hearings and will likely settle a related lawsuit.

The Elgin School Board voted 4-3 Monday night to extend for two years athletic director and football coach Eddie Baca's contract. Under another 4-3 vote, the board extended for one year baseball coach Brad Osborn's contract.

Both men were accused of bringing their

religion into the locker room — leading team prayers, playing Christian music and posting biblical verses. They also were accused of trying to coerce student athletes into attending church and other religious activities.

Baca admitting using Christian music and prayer, but said he never coerced any students to participate in religious activities or to attend his church.

Osborn also denied those accusations.

**Cat restraint provision hts stiff opposition**

FORT WORTH — The Fort Worth City Council is trying to do something about a growing feline population, but hundreds of residents have called in to complain that a "cat leash law" would be a cat-astrophe.

The council was scheduled to vote on the proposal today, but one councilman said he hasn't seen much support for a measure calling for the restraint of cats.

"The reaction of my colleagues seems to be 'This is stupid' to 'It ain't going to work,'" councilman Chuck Silcox said. Calls to his office were running 3-to-1 against the provision, he said.

**Pasadena Doble wins national title**

PASADENA — J. Frank Doble High School has snared its second national Academic Decathlon title — despite having no formal program.

The sheer dedication of a handful of students propelled the Pasadena school into the highstakes competition held in Atlanta over the weekend.

"This is the culmination of a profound amount of work," said team member Jeff Dorough. "It paid off in the end. It's fantastic."

The Doble team, composed of nine members from grades nine through 12, was selected last year and trained only after school. Doble has no official Academic Decathlon program.

Doble scholars representing Texas swept

28 individual awards while edging a team from El Camino Real High School in Woodland Hills, Calif., for the national title.

**Judge issues order against Quadro Tracker**

BEAUMONT — An attorney for Quadro Corp. says the company is likely to appeal a federal judge's ruling permanently barring the manufacture or sale of a device supposedly able to detect drugs, guns and golf balls.

U.S. District Judge Thad Heartfield, citing fear that the device could lead to civil rights violations and calling it a fraud, on Monday extended a temporary order he issued against the Harleyville, S.C., firm in February.

Quadro has sold about 1,000 trackers to school districts and law enforcement agencies nationwide at prices up to \$8,000. Company officials touted the plastic, non-electronic device with a radio antenna as a detector of weapons, explosives and narcotics.

But the FBI, after examining it at laboratories in Quantico, Va., and New Mexico, concluded the tracker was nothing more than an empty plastic box.

**Texas Supreme Court delays Valdez case**

HOUSTON — A trial over \$250 million in insurance claims stemming from the 1989 Exxon Valdez disaster will not proceed until at least Thursday while the Texas Supreme Court considers a request to separate two key issues.

Exxon Corp. and its insurance underwriters are tussling before state District Judge Carolyn Marks Johnson as the Irving-based oil giant attempts to recoup a portion of the \$2.5 billion spent mopping up after the accident.

Attorneys picked a jury two weeks ago and were set for opening arguments Monday, but the state's high court issued a stay Sunday night so it could consider a request submitted by the insurers.

# Belyeu wins last-minute reprieve from execution

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — A state appeals court Monday halted the execution of a Texas death row inmate less than an hour before he could have been put to death.

The ruling from the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals came after the Texas attorney general's office had won an attempt before the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to move ahead with the lethal injection for Clifton Eugene Belyeu.

Attorneys for the inmate, however, won their reprieve by joining a challenge to a new state law legal that limits appeals for death row prisoners. Similar challenges have stalled several other executions this year.

Belyeu, 37, faced lethal injection for the Dec. 10, 1985 fatal stabbing and shooting of a McLennan County woman, Melodie Lundgren Bolton, during a robbery at her home in West.

Authorities later recovered \$15,000 worth of jewelry and guns taken from the home.

Belyeu, a painter from Scurry County, had a previous two-year prison term for robbery.

State and defense attorneys had been wrangling over the validity of Belyeu's Monday execution date.

U.S. District Judge Walter Smith of Waco earlier issued an execution reprieve but state District Judge George Allen on March 19 issued Monday's execution date.

"We took the position it was not a valid order," Belyeu's attorney, Jim Volling, said Monday. "There was an existing stay at that time. That's our position."

Volling said when Allen refused to vacate the date, Smith did. The Texas attorney general's office went to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans last week to get the execution carried out.

Volling had planned an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court if the state was successful. That action was not immediately necessary once the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals made its ruling.

Belyeu's co-defendant, Ernest Ray Moore, pleaded guilty and is serving a life prison term. He testified Belyeu killed Mrs. Bolton during the late morning robbery.

A neighbor, concerned when the woman did not answer repeated telephone calls, summoned Mrs. Bolton's husband, who found the body at their home.

The woman had multiple stab wounds to her back and also suffered a shotgun blast to the head. Her hands also were tied behind her back.

Belyeu's wife told some neighbors of finding a shotgun and ammunition at home and the neighbors called police. The ammunition and gun matched those used in the Bolton slaying.

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Jim Volling  
Belyeu's attorney

# Closing arguments set in Hidalgo County trial

LAREDO — Five Hidalgo County officials accused of rigging county purchases for kickbacks may face fewer charges when the case goes to the jury.

U.S. District Judge George Kazen was considering dropping several charges against the defendants before closing arguments, which were scheduled this morning.

Suspended County Judge J. Edgar Ruiz and four others are named in a 102-count federal indictment that charges them with mail fraud, bribery, extortion, racketeering and money laundering. They are accused of funneling county business to certain companies for more than \$25,000 in kickbacks.

However, Kazen was set to decide this morning whether the mail fraud charges should be dropped because of a new federal appeals court ruling that states such charges may be pursued only when citizens are deprived of tangible property.

He also told attorneys he does not want to confuse the jury with too many charges, possible resulting in another mistrial.

The officials' first trial, held in Hidalgo County, ended in December with a hung jury.

"We're not going to overwhelm these people," Kazen said. "I'm worried about getting a verdict."

The trial wound to a close Monday with Ruiz taking the stand for the second time in an attempt to explain \$61,000 in untraceable cash deposits made in his bank accounts from 1990 to 1994.

An IRS agent, testifying last week for the prosecution, said that of \$98,000 in cash deposits made in Ruiz's bank accounts over the five-year period, \$61,000 could not be accounted for in cash withdrawals or his tax returns.

Last week, Ruiz could not explain where the cash originated. His attorney asked for more time to try to find documentation to explain the evidence, which was not presented during the officials' first trial.

On Monday, Ruiz returned to the stand armed with canceled checks and an outline of explanations for where the \$61,000

might have come from, saying the government's interpretation of his finances was "a gross representation."

Ruiz said the cash could have come from any number of sources, including reimbursements from travel and campaign expenditures, Christmas and birthday gifts and the sale of a boat.

Under cross-examination, however, Ruiz admitted he could not be sure whether that money actually was deposited in his accounts, saying he presumed much of it was but he had no documentation to support that.

He also acknowledged the canceled checks he presented as evidence already had been accounted for in the government's assessment of his accounts.

However, he adamantly denied that any of the \$61,000 was bribe money from Ramiro Gonzalez, the former county purchasing agent who testified he paid kickbacks to Ruiz and the other officials to award business to companies he represent-

ed. "I have never received a bribe from Ramiro Gonzalez or anybody else," Ruiz said. "I have not done a thing wrong ever in my life — especially in county government, which I love so much."

Ruiz also contended that about \$10,000 of the unexplained money came from gambling winnings. However, Assistant U.S. Attorney Jose Angel Moreno noted Ruiz did not claim that money on his income tax returns, which Ruiz called an accounting error.

"So it's not true that you've never done anything wrong in your life?" Moreno asked, to which Ruiz responded, "I'm not a saint."

Also Monday, architect Joseph Santopetro testified Ruiz asked him for a \$250,000 bribe in exchange for a contract to design the Hidalgo County jail.

Accused with Ruiz are county commissioners Sam Sanchez and Abelardo Arcaute, former Commissioner Leonardo Camarillo and Head Start Director Luciano Ozuna.

# Tom Green County having election woes

SAN ANGELO (AP) — Officials in Tom Green County want explanations for several voting problems in recent elections.

The latest blunder occurred when Elections Administrator Lela Breckenridge opened a ballot box and removed two entries after officials discovered two voters were given the wrong ballots for the city and school board election.

According to the state election code, opening a ballot box without following a strict set of procedures is considered a Class A misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to \$4,000 and up to a year in prison.

"We're going to have to look into this and get to the bottom of it," County Attorney Tom Goff said. "We cannot afford a taint on the election process, especially come November."

District Attorney Steve Smith said last week an investigation already has begun.

Other problems stem from an April 9 runoff election.

At one polling station, a handful of voters were turned away because they had not voted in the March primary. That was not a prerequisite.

Also, a number of mail-in ballots were returned to the elections office the day after the election. Breckenridge said she did not count how many ballots came in too late, although it was known that only 304 mail-in ballots were received on time out of the 743 that were mailed.

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# EDITORIAL

## Quote of the Day

"To love oneself is the beginning of a lifelong love affair."  
-Oscar Wilde

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## OTHER VIEWS

# Euthanasia by fiat

Suddenly, in a month's time, two separate federal court rulings have knocked down laws banning physician-assisted suicide in 12 states. Both the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals (San Francisco) and the 2nd Circuit (New York) now proclaim a doctor's right to euthanize a dying patient. Thus have 11 judges peered at the Constitution like a Rorschach test and seen what they wanted to see.

The 2nd Circuit based its opinion on the 14th Amendment's equal-protection clause, the 9th Circuit on the Constitution's nomadic guarantee of "privacy." But reasons exist to doubt that "death with dignity" has any constitutional grounding. After all, the Framers were informed by an ethic not only Judeo-Christian but also Greek. And the first pledge of the Hippocratic Oath reads: "I will neither give a deadly drug to anybody if asked for it, nor will I make a suggestion to this effect."

Moreover, U.S. jurists for more than two centuries detected no right to doctor-abetted death. Indeed, 32 states outlaw suicide assistance outright, while almost all the rest prohibit it through court precedents.

Does this sound familiar? In 1973, the U.S. Supreme Court's Roe vs. Wade decision struck down the abortion laws of all 50 states. The issue has rolled the nation since. Now once more courts are attempting to create a seismic and controversial social policy — a task best left to lawmakers motivated by a rough public consensus. If death-with-dignity is wrought by judicial fiat, expect new decades of rancorous division.

If legislators ever do allow M.D.-assisted suicide, surely it must be established that dying individuals WANT the Thanatos option. They must be sane. There can be no coercion. Witnesses must observe both the declaration and the moment of death. Yet such safeguards are frail. The Netherlands, which alone now condones euthanasia, set up a system to prevent assisted-suicide abuses. But a 1990 study found that most of the 10,000 Dutch patients euthanized never consented to the procedure.

The agonies of the terminally ill are enough to move anyone. And if there is anything noble about artificially prolonging the existence of a mere human shell, it escapes us.

But licensing a doctor to kill impugns the uniqueness of humanity. A veterinarian may put down a suffering horse or a beloved pet. But we do not take a loved one to the vet. We take him or her to the doctor, because both the doctor and his patient are — for now — different.

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## YOUR VIEWS

### Reader thinks Fina part of gas-price conspiracy

To the Editor:  
I was here when they built Cosden Refinery, now Fina. Gas has always been higher here than in any direction. I believe that the price fixing you are talking about in the Herald April 14, 1996, is not out of line as much as it seems.

I think the price fixing is between Fina and the oil companies that Fina refines for, not the jobbers.

In the late 1950's and up 1965 I was a partner in a jobber and wholesale gas and oil operation. Gas was 32 cents at the pump and for hauling and distribution we made 8 cents a gallon (if we could collect our money). That left 24 cents for Fina and taxes.

As you state 12 cents for hauling and distribution doesn't seem like such an increase in some 30 plus years. There is very few things that have just gone up one-third in 30 plus years. Fina has led its price in the same pe...

Clay Reid  
Big Spring

(EDITOR'S NOTE: One fallacy with the writer's reasoning is that the same rack price is posted for all, yet out-of-town gasoline outlets that receive gas from Fina are often priced less than those in Big Spring. Also, we mentioned nothing about the relative amount of any increase, as the reader states.)

Thanks for concern while relative in hospital in Big Spring  
To the Editor:  
We wish to thank all the doc-

tors and nurses and helpers in the Scenic Mountain Center for all their help with Mr. Olive W. Riley while he was in the clinic here. Also the ladies and Mr. Mann who came out to our house to check on him and to give him baths and clean up his bed. Also the doctors and nurses in the burn unit at the University Medical Center in Lubbock.

He is now in a rest home here in Big Spring across from the golf course. His shoulder and legs are looking good after several operations on his shoulder where a heart pacer was put in and got an infection in it. He had to have skin grafts put on it.

Thanks for all the prayers that family, friends and brothers and sisters in churches here, Lubbock, New Mexico, New Jersey, Idaho and California.

Thanks for the good people that are waiting on him now in the home.

Thanks for all the cards and visits from our pastor, Rev. Robert Lacey, and other friends — continue to pray for Olive and myself.

Mrs. Olive W. Riley  
Big Spring

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# Dole knows all the vice presidential prospects

By PETER A. BROWN  
Scripps Howard News Service

WASHINGTON — One reason Bob Dole can take his time picking a vice presidential running mate is that he knows all the potential candidates.

That puts him in a different situation than presidential nominees such as Jimmy Carter in 1976, Ronald Reagan in 1980 and Michael Dukakis in 1988.

At the time of their nominations, they were relative newcomers to the national political scene and lacked the wide contacts that Dole enjoys within his party.

The GOP convention in San Diego, when Dole has to have a running mate, is four months away. The indications are that he will not make a quick choice. He is concentrating on mixing campaigning with his duties as Senate majority leader.

Other than reading a staff memo on a proposed selection process, Dole has not done anything regarding the vice presidency, aides say. They think he is not in any hurry.

Dole has been in Congress since 1960. He has spoken at dozens of GOP fundraisers around the country, probably more than any other Republican during that period. He knows virtually everyone in his party who could possibly be on his list of potential running mates.

"It is unlikely there is somebody he doesn't know" within the GOP hierarchy who could get the job, said David Carney, a Dole senior advisor.

But, Carney cautioned that Dole is not limiting his choice to those he knows and might consider someone from outside the political world.

In 1992, Clinton, who had been active in Democratic affairs for 20 years, knew many of the top prospects for the vice presidency. One he did not know very well before the selection process began was Al Gore, his eventual selection.

The names most bandied around as Dole's potential running mates — Gops. John Engler of Michigan, George Voinovich of Ohio, Tommy Thompson of Michigan and Sen. John Ashcroft of Missouri — have worked with Dole for years.

years. The same is true of Colin Powell, former Joint Chiefs Chairman who has said he would not take the job, but is still on some moderate Republicans' wish lists.

Carney says Dole "knows the governors, the senators, congressmen and former officials. He knows them all. That is the advantage of his experience."

"The reason all the governors went with Bob Dole (all but two endorsed him in the primaries) wasn't because he was the front-runner, although that didn't hurt, but they already had a relationship with him and knew the kind of guy he was," said Carney.

"It is a tremendous advantage for him, but it also makes the search more difficult because there are so many people to be considered."

(Peter A. Brown is the chief political writer for Scripps Howard News Service.)

## YOUR VIEWS

### Make governor aware of thoughts on tax burden

To the Editor:

Mineral (oil) ad valorem tax values in Texas have declined by more than 45 percent in the past 10 years, placing a burden on school funding. This decline (from 10 counties in West Texas) resulted in a loss of funds for 52,554 students 1991 through 1995. Replacing this money rests heavily on the home/property owners. Appraisers estimate the decline to continue. School boards are hard pressed to control costs and still maintain adequate education. Appraisers are now reevaluating property in eastern Big Spring and the Coahoma ISD, in part to make up for this loss as mandated by Senate Bill 1.

Governor Bush has stated his desire to restructure the tax system and is seeking public input on a variety of plans. One is a broad-based tax on gross sales. A 4 percent tax gross sales would return the same amount (\$8.278 billion) as the present 6 1/4 percent over-the-counter tax, and the school property tax (\$15.2 billion, \$4,500 per student; 3,377,931, ADA for 1994-95).

Here is our chance to have a small say in our tax system. We can voice our opinion with a 20-cent postcard. List your choice of sources, such as:

- 1) Few people will move here for the economy.
- 2) Few will move here for the climate or scenery.
- 3) No one will come for the water.
- 4) No one will come for our housing, shopping, hospitals or schools.

We do have a way to bring many well-to-do people to town to live. Take the money going into Moore Board and use it to improve our schools. They may be good, but they need to be the best. This money should be dedicated to higher salaries for teachers or for better equipment. Higher salaries will attract better teachers. As better teachers come our schools would improve.

Put Moore Board's money to work on school system  
To the Editor:  
I approve of and support the Moore Board. I wish them all the luck in the world - but let's face facts.

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Higher salaries = better teachers.

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Parents who would not consider Big Spring for any other reason would come to get the best education for their children. This is nothing new. It has worked - Plano, Spring and Greenwood to name a few.

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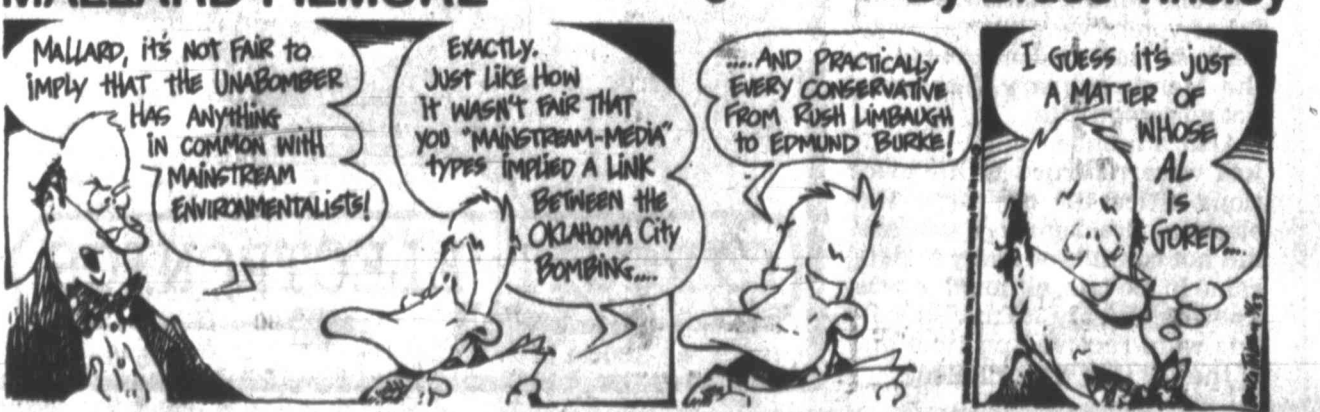
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Anyone who can afford to move just for their child's education is going to have money. A big part of it would stay in Big Spring.

Marcellus Weaver  
Big Spring

By Bruce Tinsley



Nation Briefs

WASHINGTON — Democrats and Republicans in the House and Senate say they are determined to give President Clinton legislation that would assure workers who lose or switch jobs an opportunity to buy health insurance.

But significant differences in House and Senate versions must be worked out by a conference committee before it can be sent to the White House.

Chief among the sticking points was a surprise amendment added by the Senate last week that would require that mental illness be treated the same as physical disease in insurance policies.

Another problem was a provision in the House bill setting up tax-exempt medical savings accounts.

WASHINGTON — Responding to accusations by three former employees, Philip Morris denied it manipulated the nicotine content of its cigarettes and criticized a government review of tobacco industry practices.

The three workers made the allegations in affidavits filed with the Food and Drug Administration, which is considering whether to regulate tobacco as a drug.

"The agency's decision to reopen this record to allow the staff to add these three declarations ... says far more about the apparent recognition that it does not have an adequate factual (or legal) basis for its assertion of jurisdiction over cigarettes than it does about the practices or products of any cigarette manufacturer," the company said in a 57-page filing.

Also Monday, an anti-smoking group said it provided the FDA with a tape from a 1989 meeting of Philip Morris researchers that allegedly demonstrated the company knew how to remove some carcinogens from cigarettes.

SAN FRANCISCO — Erma Bombeck's humor rang true because she was the frazzled housewife we all knew, the mother who told us to pick up our sneakers, who car pooled and cleaned with an eye for the joys in the drudgery.

"I can't let go of being a housewife. You have to be part of it," she once said. "You've got to empty the garbage, wash out the toilet bowls. Doing the laundry keeps you humble."

When Bombeck wrote about washing the dog, picking her kids up from school or changing diapers, it wasn't shtick. She'd been there.

Bombeck, who in her books and columns poked fun at real life and gave a voice to suburban housewives everywhere, died Monday at the age of 69 from complications from a kidney transplant.

WASHINGTON — The new farm bill is supposed to make paperwork easier, but it is creating confusion and anger among farmers and landlords trying to work out rental agreements.

"Somebody erased the board for us," said Ted Glaub, a professional farm manager from Jonesboro, Ark., who largely represents owners of cotton and rice land in the Delta region.

Because of its sharp break with past farm programs, the bill President Clinton signed earlier this month has changed how farmers and landowners figure rental payments. Record-high prices for many crops have worsened the problem by inflating land values.

The issue is a huge one, because 43 percent of crop land is rented or leased, in arrangements that let farmers farm and investors, heirs or retired farmers find someone to work their land profitably.

Federal damage teams visit Arkansas tornado sites

FORT SMITH, Ark. (AP) — After a swarm of tornadoes left a trail of splintered homes, smashed buildings and four dead, shaken residents did their best to clean up and recover from a night of terror.

"I had three years in Vietnam and I had never known the type of fear as last night," Bill McAdams said Monday as he surveyed what little was left of his home in Van Buren.

The twisters roared through Fort Smith and suburban Van Buren late Sunday, sweeping some houses off their foundations, before moving on to St. Paul, a rural community 50 miles away. At least 50 people were injured and more than 330 left homeless.

"Everything's basically gone," City Administrator Strib Boynton said Monday as he toured the hardest-hit neighborhoods. "It is staggering ... truly staggering."

Federal Emergency Management Agency inspectors planned to begin touring the area today. The Red Cross said 636 houses, 30 apartment units and 217 businesses were damaged. Of those, 35 houses, five apartments and 78 businesses were beyond repair. Damage was put in the millions of dollars.

The worst damage was in a historic district downtown — where some of the buildings date to the 1800s — and a residential area 1 1/2 miles away. Several buildings collapsed.

Firefighters conducted a house-to-house check for damage and victims Monday evening, but were hampered by traffic jams caused by sightseers.

Five people who police said were about to start looting were

arrested and charged with prowling. Said police Cpl. Tim Randolph, "We're having a problem with lookers and some of the lookers are looking to loot."

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In Fort Smith, a 2-year-old girl and a 5-year-old boy were crushed to death when the houses they were in collapsed. Outside one house, rows of 30-foot trees 2 feet in diameter lay across the street.

In St. Paul, police found the bodies of a man and his 10-year-old son in the ruins of their house Monday. "It just disintegrated," Deputy Bill Mason said.

Along Interstate 40, tractor-trailer trucks were left strewn like toys. "I seen four semi's on Interstate 40 on their side, and all of them pointing in different directions," said volunteer worker Roger Weaver of Alma.

In Oklahoma, severe storms and flash floods Sunday and Monday were blamed for five traffic deaths and damage to 350 buildings.

The tornadoes were part of a series of storms that swept through the Midwest and South over the weekend, also causing major damage in Berea, Ky.

From Friday afternoon through Monday afternoon, 111 tornadoes had been reported, according to the NWS' Storm Prediction Center.

Israeli warplanes destroy water reservoir

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Israeli warplanes destroyed a water reservoir that supplies 20 villages in southern Lebanon today and Hezbollah guerrillas fired rockets at northern Israel, confounding American efforts to halt the latest explosion of violence in the Middle East.

Israeli gunboats sporadically shelled the coastal highway connecting Beirut to the southern port city of Tyre, keeping traffic to a trickle on the main supply artery to the southern Lebanon battle zone.

Guerrillas fired 24 Katyusha rockets from southern Lebanon overnight, said U.N. peacekeeping officers, speaking on condition of anonymity. Israel radio said a number of rockets fell in the Galilee panhandle and western Galilee, damaging one building.

There was no word on casualties from overnight hostilities in the south on the 13th day of Israel's onslaught against Shiite Muslim Hezbollah guerrillas.

Since the hostilities began, at least 137 people have been killed. Most have been Lebanese civilians, including at least 91 killed in an Israeli artillery attack Thursday on a U.N. base. U.N. officials counted 75 bodies immediately after the bombing, but the Lebanese civil defense officials said today that it had 91 bodies after some of the wounded died.

About 300 have been wounded on both sides. Some 400,000

Lebanese have been displaced and thousands of northern Israelis have fled their homes.

Secretary of State Warren Christopher is shuttling between Syria, Lebanon's dominant power, and Israel in an attempt to reach a durable agreement on ending the hostilities.

In Jerusalem today, Christopher said cease-fire talks have reached "a very intensive period." Neither he nor Prime Minister Shimon Peres of Israel said they were on the brink of an agreement or used the word "progress."

Christopher then flew to Damascus for more talks with Syrian President Hafez Assad. Syria has 40,000 troops in Lebanon and wields enormous influence with the Iranian-backed Hezbollah by controlling their supply routes from Tehran.

Hezbollah has been fighting for years to drive Israeli troops from the strip of land they occupy in southern Lebanon to curb cross-border raids.

The U.S. cease-fire plan Christopher presented to Assad does not call for Israel's withdrawal from southern Lebanon, State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns said. That topic, he said, is reserved for peace discussions among Israel, Syria and Lebanon.

In Baghdad, Iraqi officials accused the United Nations of "double standards," saying Israel has gone unpunished for

attacking Lebanon, while crippling sanction against Iraq for its 6-year-old invasion of Kuwait remain in place.

The accusation came in a statement issued by the Iraqi parliament and published in three government newspapers today.

Security sources said Israeli fighter-bombers demolished the water reservoir in the village of Sultaniyeh, 15 miles southeast of Tyre, early today.

Water gushed from the tower tank, depriving 20 area villages of water, said the sources, speaking on condition of anonymity. Only 4,000 residents of the original 22,000 inhabitants have stayed in the villages. The rest fled to safer areas north.

The Israeli army said warplanes attacked overnight targets in the villages of Shalaya and Qalileh, and pilots reported good hits.

The area, five miles southeast of Sultaniyeh, is used by guerrillas to launch rockets on Israel and has been a frequent target.

It was not immediately known whether the water reservoir was deliberately targeted. Israeli jets have attacked two power stations in the capital, Beirut, during the latest offensive in retaliation for damage to electricity supplies from guerrilla rocket attacks on the Israeli border town of Kiryat Shemona.

Officers of a U.N. peacekeeping force policing part of southern Lebanon reported that Israeli warplanes carried out five air raids and that more than 400 artillery shells crashed in the area overnight.

The United Nations documented 25 Israeli air raids and more than 1,400 shells fired in the south in 24 hours beginning 6 a.m. Monday. Guerrillas fired 90 Katyushas in the same period.

That was about half of what the daily exchanges were earlier in the fighting.

Refugees slow army in Sri Lankan war

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) — An exodus of Tamil refugees has slowed the army's drive into rebel-held areas in the north, while guerrilla attacks intensified in the second battle front in the east, military officials said today.

Tamil Tiger rebels overran a police station Monday night, killing seven policemen and wounding 15 at Serunuwara village, 120 miles northeast of the capital, Colombo, an official said.

Soldiers killed three rebels caught near an army base at nearby Karapola, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Since 1983, Tamil rebels have fought for an independent homeland in Sri Lanka, a civil war that has killed more than 41,000 people. The Tamils say they suffer discrimination under Sri Lanka's Sinhalese majority.

The military on Friday launched its largest offensive against the rebels since December, when troops captured the western portion of the Jaffna Peninsula and the rebel stronghold of Jaffna city.

Five Tamil political parties made a plea for a cease-fire.

"The younger generation of Tamils continues to die in vain and innocent civilians including women and children perish in a struggle that has lost its direction," the parties, which had fought for a homeland before joining mainstream politics in 1987, said Monday in a statement.

Troops advanced 10 miles into the eastern peninsula, seizing control of three towns, before being slowed by hundreds of thousands of Tamil refugees, military spokesman Maj. Tilak Dunuwille said.

Many refugees wanted to return to homes in areas under military control and soldiers were screening them to uncover guerrillas, he said.

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## Four BSHS tennis players still alive

By CHARLES BRYCE  
Special to the Herald

SAN ANGELO - Big Spring High School sophomores Hsiao-Hsuan Li and Monica Villarreal had very different days Monday during the Region 1-4A tennis tournament at the Angelo State University varsity courts.

But the good news is they're both still alive in the tournament.

Li, whose first name is pronounced "Shoo-Shin," is the top-seeded boys singles player at regionals for the second consecutive year, and he wasn't expected to get tested in the tournament's early rounds.

Unseeded Adam Pickett of Waxahachie fought back from a 4-2 deficit in the first set to win it 6-4 and put Li's state tournament hopes temporarily on the ropes.

However, Li, who was nursing a sore right shoulder, exhibited his fortitude by rallying to win the next two sets for a 4-6, 6-3, 6-3 quarterfinal victory.

"I think I took the match too lightly," said Li, who lost in the Class 4A state semifinals last year. "I was up 4-2 in the first set and I just kind of goofed around and didn't do too good, and he came back and took the first set."

Big Spring coach Ralph Davis said Pickett probably should have been seeded.

"It happens all the time where

you don't know who should be seeded," Davis said. "It's just a political thing. The coaches get together and they vote on it, and you never know really who's there."

Davis said he was "scared to death" when Li was nearly up 3-0 in the deciding set before Pickett retaliated to win the game and eventually pull even at 2-2.

But Li, despite the nagging injury, never went away. He just kept returning shots like a human backboard.

Li will meet third-seeded Matt Thompson of Borger in the semifinals today at 8 a.m.

Li beat Thompson in the fall.

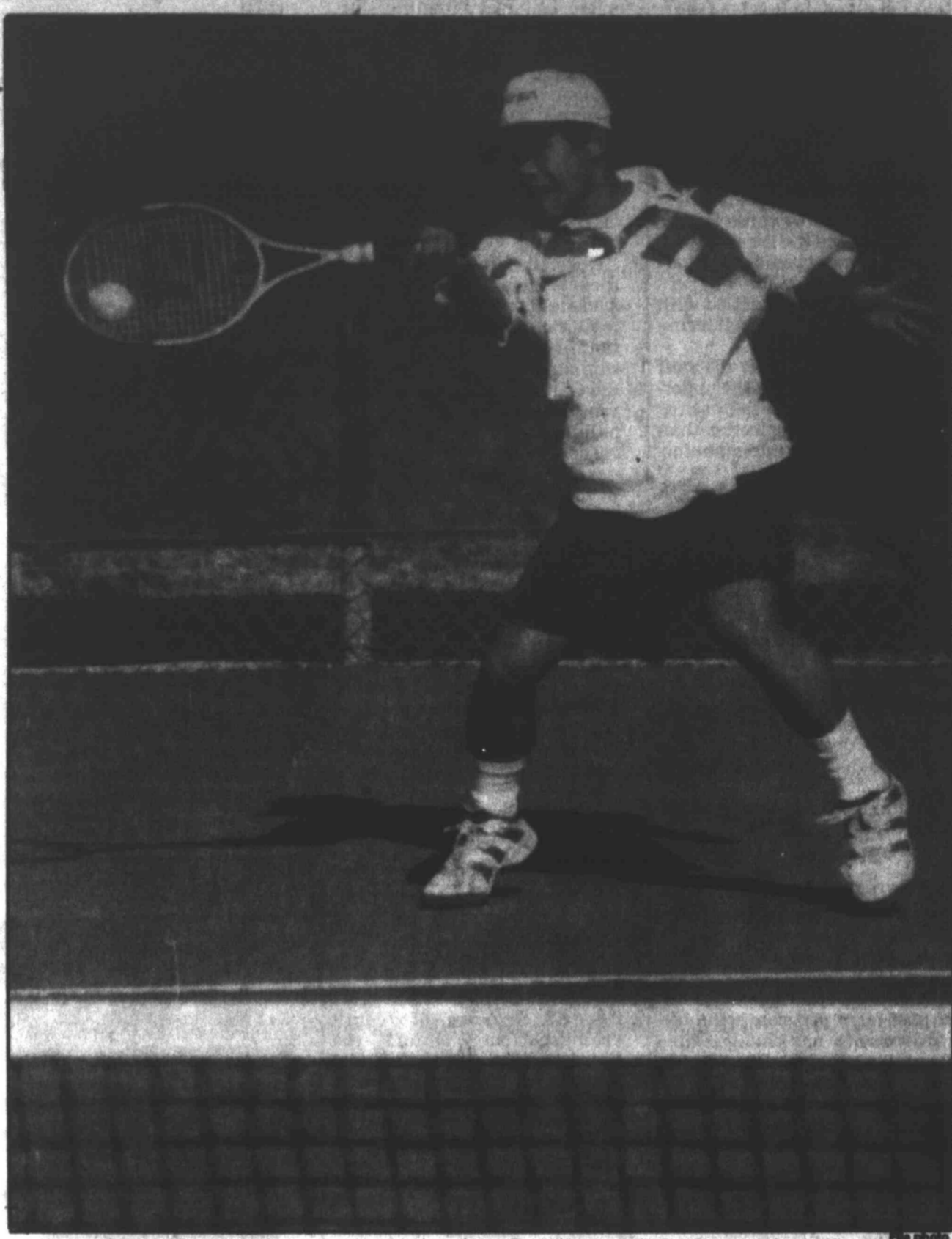
Villarreal lost only three

games en route to the semifinals, where she will get the rematch she was looking for against Borger's Lacey Jordan. Jordan is the only Class 4A player with a win over Villarreal this year.

Big Spring's boys doubles team of Drew McKimney and Kayne Stroup, who are seeded third, advanced to today's semifinals, also. McKimney and Stroup topped Sweetwater's Brandon Mix and Daniel Howard, 6-1, 6-2, in the quarterfinals.

Jeff Moss of Big Spring dropped a 2-6, 6-4, 6-2 decision to Salvador Aguirre of Snyder.

The top two finishers in each draw advance to the Class 4A state tournament May 10-11 in Austin.



Big Spring's Hsiao-Hsuan Li, the top seed at the Region 1-4A tennis tournament, survived a second round scare to advance to today's semifinals.

## Golfers stand fourth

HERALD Staff Report

SAN ANGELO - The Big Spring boys' golf team is lurking in the shadows after one round of the Region 1-4A golf tournament.

The Steers ended Monday's round in fourth place, but are only six strokes back of leader Borger.

The top two teams at regional qualify for the state golf tournament in Austin.

After Monday's play, Big Spring stood fourth with a team score of 310. Borger was first with 304, followed by Hereford (306) and Granbury (310).

In medalist competition, Jake McCullough ended Monday tied with Lamesa's Kevin Taylor for fourth place with a 74. Pat Carter was one stroke back with a 75. Page Patterson of Snyder shot an opening-round 70 to take the lead.

Other Big Spring individual scores included: Sammy Rodriguez, 79; Justin Cole, 83; and Charlie Marmelejo, 82.

Andrews, which finished second to Big Spring in District 4-4A, was tied with Stephenville in eighth place with a score of 322.

## Sox torch Witt early; Astros take advantage of error-plagued Giants

ARLINGTON (AP) - The Chicago White Sox consider themselves a good offensive club. Their .260 team average showed otherwise.

The American League's 11th-ranked hitting team broke out in a big way Monday night in a 12-4 victory over the Texas Rangers.

Danny Tartabull, Robin Ventura and Ozzie Guillen snapped out of slumps in the victory. Those are three hitters Chicago needs to be productive if the White Sox are to contend this season.

"We've got a good hitting club," Frank Thomas said. "Our offense got off to a slow start, but we're capable of doing the things that we did tonight. It's good to see some of the guys start hitting again."

Tartabull went 4-for-5 with a home run after a 4-for-19 slump. Guillen, hitless in his previous 18 at-bats, had two triples and Ventura, 0-for-12 coming in, hit two solo homers.

The White Sox, ironically, broke out against the hot-hitting Rangers. Chicago twice hit back-to-back home runs: Harold Baines and Ventura in the sixth inning and Ventura and Tartabull in the eighth, as the White Sox snapped the Rangers' five-game winning streak.

The Rangers, the AL's top hitting club, had scored 55 runs in

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their previous four games. That was the most in the majors in a four-game span since June 7-10, 1950 when the Boston Red Sox scored 64 runs in three games against the St. Louis Browns and one against the Detroit Tigers.

"They're certainly a team to be dealt with," Tartabull said. "Their lineup is certainly potent. When you can win a slugfest with them, it makes you feel good."

Alex Fernandez (3-1) held the Rangers relatively in check on three runs and nine hits in 5 2-3 innings. He struck out 10 and walked three. Matt Karchner pitched the final 3 1-3 innings for his first career save.

Astros 11, Giants 8  
SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - No excuses. No sulking. "I just had a bad day," said San Francisco shortstop Shawn Dunston, who made four errors on grounders as Houston defeated the Giants 11-8 on Monday night. "You make one, then you don't want to have it hit at you."

Dunston, who missed eight starts in the past two weeks because of a strained left groin, had never made more than two errors in a game before.

No major leaguer has made five errors in a game since 1911.

"I'm going to be a man about it," said Dunston, who also was involved in four of the Giants' five double plays. "I'm going to go home, kiss my wife and kids and put them to bed."

First baseman Mark Carreon added a throwing error for San Francisco, giving the Giants 16 errors in their last eight games. "Shawn hadn't played much defense and his timing was off," Giants manager Dusty Baker said. "We gave away at least three runs and the deficit was three. The Astros are hot, so you can't give them another five outs - that's like an extra two innings."

Rick Wilkins raised his average to .396 by homering, doubling and singling twice for Houston. Wilkins, who drove in two runs and scored three, missed most of last season because of neck surgery.

"I'm healthy again now. That's the difference," the catcher said. "I'm on the way to getting back up to speed. Nights like tonight definitely help."

Orlando Miller added two doubles and two RBIs for the Astros, who have won five of six. Derrick May and Brian Hunter also had two hits each for Houston, which had 15 hits.

## Bulls rested, ready for playoffs

CHICAGO (AP) - Winning an NBA-record 72 games required so much energy, some worry the Chicago Bulls might be burned out even as they begin their postseason championship pursuit.

Nonsense, says Scottie Pippen, who insists that "one thing has nothing to do with the other."

"We're not tired, not at all," said Pippen, who along with Michael Jordan played heavy minutes in most regular-season games. "I think (coach) Phil Jackson did a good job making sure we didn't burn out."

Added Steve Kerr: "It's not like we were on such a mission for 70 wins that we were going to do it at all costs. Scottie rested. Dennis rested. Luc rested. And Michael certainly wasn't overworked."

In March, Pippen sat out five games to recover from several nagging injuries. Dennis Rodman was suspended six games for head-butting a referee and Luc Longley began a 10-game respite for his sore knees. In April, Jackson often let Jordan and Pippen sit out entire fourth quarters of games.

Ron Harper, the other starter, missed the season's last two games with a sprained ankle. But he'll be ready for the playoffs, which start Friday against the Miami Heat.

In his first full season after

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coming out of retirement last year, Jordan averaged 30.4 points for a league-record eighth scoring title. The only Chicago player to start every game, he also averaged a team-high 37.7 minutes.

What about the wear-and-tear of an 82-game season on his 33-year-old body?

"I laugh when people say Michael should've played 38 minutes in a game instead of 40. Two minutes? It's nothing," Kerr said. "You try to tell Michael he's coming out of a close game. Phil tried and there were times Michael wouldn't leave the court. He's too competitive."

"Besides, I'd say he's held up pretty well. Anyone who thinks he's going to collapse in the playoffs is nuts."

Said Jordan: "I feel great. I'm always excited and ready for this time of year."

This time of year is the only time that really matters to Jordan, who desperately wants a fourth championship ring to go with those he won in 1991, 1992 and 1993 before retiring.

"The regular season doesn't really count," he said. "We want to redeem ourselves for last year."

Last May's bitter second-round loss to the Orlando Magic has been the main

motivating factor for the Bulls, who this season dominated the league as no team ever had.

The Bulls set NBA records for victories (72), winning percentage (.678), consecutive home wins to start a season (37) and road victories (33).

There were individual achievements, too. In addition to Jordan's scoring title, Rodman tied a record with his fifth straight rebounding crown (14.9 a game). And despite a late slump, Pippen affirmed his status as one of basketball's best all-around players.

"We've had a wonderful season, but now is the big challenge," said Pippen, who averaged 19.4 points, 6.4 rebounds and 5.9 assists. "If we don't win the title, the whole season will be ruined."

On Monday, forwards Jason Caffey, Dickie Simpkins and Jack Haley learned that they won't be on the playoff roster. The 12 players who will go for the title are Jordan, Pippen, Rodman, Longley, Harper, Kerr, Toni Kukoc, Bill Wennington, James Edwards, John Salley, Randy Brown and Jud Buechler.

The Bulls aren't likely to look past Miami, which handed them their most embarrassing loss. On Feb. 23, with only eight players in uniform, the Heat defeated Chicago 113-104.

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Big Spring at Region 1-4A tournament, San Angelo  
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Big Spring at Andrews, 7:30 p.m.

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#### Court puts Tyson on notice

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - Mike Tyson has been ordered to stay out of bars and strip clubs after a woman claimed the boxer assaulted her in Chicago. Tyson has disputed the woman's version of events, in which she said he fondled her and tried to bite her face at a Chicago nightclub. He is on probation after serving a prison sentence for raping a woman.

The purpose of the new restrictions is to keep Tyson out of potential trouble situations, said George Walker, chief probation officer for Marion Superior Court.

"In other words, he couldn't figure it out before," Walker said. "It not only puts him on notice, but his staff and friends on notice."

#### County puts suit on hold

SEATTLE (AP) - King County will put its lawsuit against Seattle Seahawks owner Ken Behring on hold to help clear the way for the team's sale to Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen, the county prosecutor said.

#### State senate nixes stadium plan

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) - A state senate panel dealt a major blow to supporters of a tax plan that would help finance a \$168 million stadium to keep the Buccaneers in Tampa Bay.

The Community Affairs Committee rejected a proposal to tax rental cars in Hillsborough County, prompting Sen. John Grant to declare the Bucs would leave for another football-hungry city.

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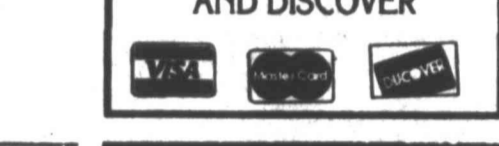
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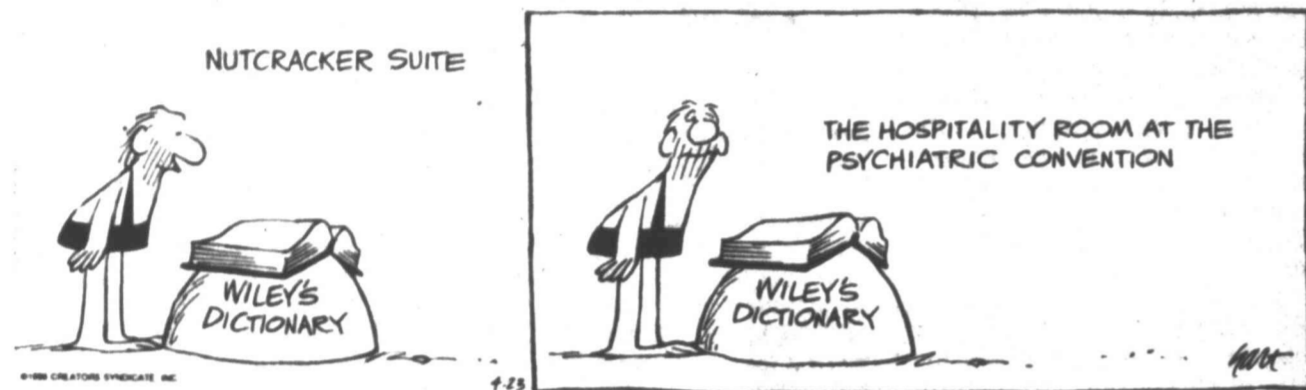
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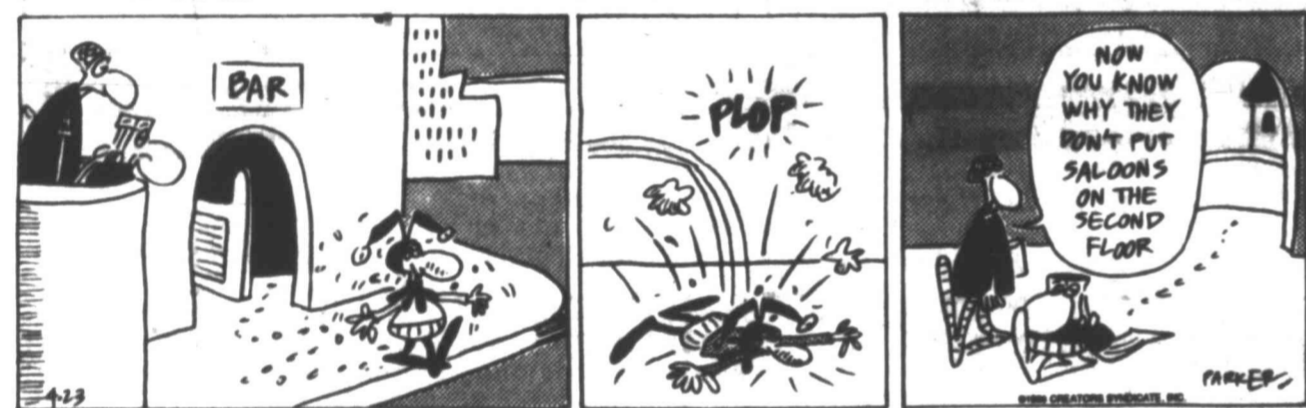
April 23, 1564 is the generally accepted birthdate of the English poet and dramatist William Shakespeare. He died on the same date 52 years later.

Cervantes died in Madrid (the same day William Shakespeare died in Stratford-on-Avon, England).

THE Daily Crossword by Diane C. Baldwin

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Clues include '1 Distinctive interpretation', '5 Hoolbeat sound', '14 Ms. Chanel', etc.

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Big Spring Herald advertisement. Includes contact information: (915) 263-7331, Fax #915-264-7205. Lists staff members like Charles C. Williams and John H. Walker.

CINEMARK THEATRES advertisement for MOVIES 4. Lists showtimes and movie titles like 'JAMES & THE GIANT PEACH' and 'THE SUBSTITUTE'.