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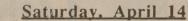
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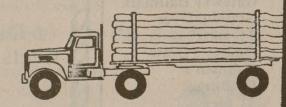
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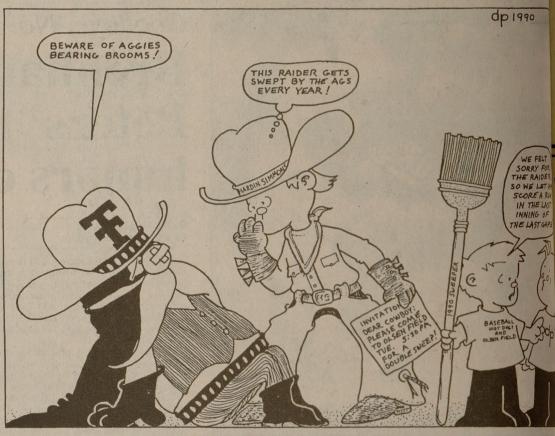
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Louisiana Tech ousts Lady Horns again

AUSTIN (AP) — There is no doubt now — especially to Texas — that Louisiana Tech's basketball team is more than just Venus Lacy.

Texas' strategy of trying to deny 6-4 Lacy the basketball worked, but the other Lady Techsters showed they are capable of taking over. Louisiana Tech dumped the Lady Longhorns 71-57 on Saturday to roll into the NCAA women's Final Four.

"I thought Texas did an excellent job of keeping the ball from Venus," said Louisiana Tech Coach Leon

Lacy didn't even touch the basketball the first nine times Louisiana Tech came down the floor, and finished with 16 points.

Shantel Hardison's 19 points from the outside carried Louisiana Tech and helped her win the Most Valu-

Barmore said the victory underscored his belief that his team is a women's basketball power although it hasn't gotten quite its fair share of attention in the past.

"I don't want to rub it in," he said "but when I pick up a paper and read that Texas, Iowa and Tennessee are the only basketball programs in the country, I think Louisiana Tech has a pretty good program."

It was the third time in four years that Louisiana Tech has ended the Lady Longhorns' season on Texas' home court - twice in NCAA re-

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Photo by Steven M. Nore

Monday, March 26,18

Wesley Sinor, a senior mechanical engineering major, makes a hit while warming up for a polo match with other members of the Polo Club Sunday afternoon at the Polo Fields.

Cowboys chaotic while Rangers enter 1990s as bastion of stability

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Rangers and Cowboys seem to have swapped roles in their first year of

new management.
The lordly Cowboys, the team of four Super Bowls and one coach for 29 seasons, became much like the chaotic Rangers of the past. Jerry Jones purchased the Cowboys in January 1989 and promised to be involved in everything, including jocks and socks.

Jones dumped upper-level management — club president Tex Schramm, player development director Gil Brandt and coach Tom Landry — and changed the system.

The Cowboys eliminated familiar faces, made risky personnel decisions and endured a 1-15 season.

The ragamuffin Rangers, the team of 13 managers and six winning seasons since moving to Arlington in 1972, took on the former appearance of the Cowboys: bastion of

Managing general partner George W. Bush and general partner Rusty Rose, leaders of a 17-member partnership, purchased 83 percent of the Rangers from Eddie Chiles for about \$56 million in March 1989. Ownership kept the inherited management group - president Mike Stone, general manager Tom Grieve, assistant general manager Sandy Johnson and minor league director Marty Scott - and was rewarded with first-year success.

The major league team lingered in the American League West race until late July. The minor league system was named organization of the year by Baseball America.

The Rangers had a team-record attendance (2,043,993) in 1989 and set a team record by selling about 7,600 season tickets for 1990. They converted the increased interest into contracts worth \$9 million annually for local broadcast rights, a threefold increase. The franchise is "stable, healthy," Bush said.

The difference is where Cowboys ownership made wrenching The Cowboys hadn't had any change, but I don't know whether radical surgery was needed."

- George W. Bush Jr., Rangers' owner.

changes, Rangers ownership group stayed the course. Bush and Rose used early months in power to study the situation and decided there was

no need for massive change 'The Cowboys hadn't had any change," Bush said. "They were dealing with an institution. I don't know whether radical surgery was needed, but it certainly didn't help Jerry from a public-relations per-

"I think we have done a good job of enhancing organizational stability If the organization had needed to be torn asunder, we would have done that. It didn't need to be."

What Bush and Rose have done is no small feat. Teams have been ravaged when new ownership decided it knew the game and made arbitrary

A group headed by Bill Giles, ex-perienced in the promotional aspect of the game, purchased the Philadelphia Phillies in 1981. Ownership either chased away or diminished the importance of the team's principal builders: Paul Owens, Dallas Green and Hugh Alexander.

Reaping the benefits of the previous administration, the Phillies reached the World Series in 1983. The Phillies have only one winning

record in the last six seasons.
In December 1984, Marge Schott took control of the Cincinnati Reds. An auto dealer, Schott changed the mer Cowboys and the current Ran organizational philosophy.

Schott, on her fourth general championships. In their first y manager, particularly challenged under Bush and Rose, the Rang spending in scouting and player de- missed the playoffs for the 18th velopment. Primarily because of secutive year. Some things tal Schott's budget cuts, the Reds have longer to change.

had two scouting directors and scouting supervisors resign s 1985. The once-deep minor le system went dry last year, and Reds were 75-87 for their worst cord since 1984.

'There's always some apprer sion when there's a change, Grieve, whose contract was extend through 1992. "But (Bush and Ro let us know they were impr with our organization and believ in what we were doing.

"A lot of the credit has to go"

Eddie Chiles. He was having fi cial trouble, but he still let us pu the system even though he knew wouldn't be around when it got the ground.' Stone and Grieve regularly m

with Bush to discuss baseball ters. Bush and Rose have the word on decisions, but they have gone against their baseball peo When other AL West teams ad players during the winter, Grieve ceived no pressure to make a just for ticket-selling purposes. The ownership group will spe

The major league payroll will in crease by about \$3.1 million to about \$13.8 million this season. The play development budget will be am the highest in the game at about million this year

"They could have come in a said, 'Forget all this,' " Stone sai "It's fortune for us that (Bush and Rose) understood what we w doing and told us to go full spe ahead. I'm super happy about tha

Stone has emerged as the Ran ers' stabilizer. He pushed the play development plan during Chi frenetic tenure and held the plan gether during the ownersh

Just like the old Cowboys. There is one difference between the for ers. The former Cowboys w