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Slam dunk for Kaspar

**Former
SFA coach
excited to
take helm
at TxSt**

By **TYLER MAYFORTH**
Daily Record Sports

Texas State ended its 17-day search for a new head men's basketball coach Thursday morning when it hired Danny Kaspar to replace Doug Davalos.

The *Daily Record* was first to report the hiring.

Prior to accepting the Bobcats' offer, which was five years at \$270,000 per season, Kaspar was the head coach at Stephen F. Austin University in Nacogdoches. It was Texas State's location



Danny Kaspar

and his familiarity with the position that lured him 245 miles and to a former conference opponent.

"Location is everything, as they say in real estate," Kaspar said. "Our location, here in San Marcos, will really help us in recruiting and even things like scheduling, where I had a lot of difficulty getting my schedule completed year in and year out.

"I don't have enough tickets to give all of my friends and relatives when I come to play at this place. It's always been a great place to me to come play, because I get to see so many people I truly care about that live in this area."

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Springs Fest here Saturday

From staff reports

People who love to kayak the San Marcos River, and people who would like to, will be taking over Rio Vista Falls on Saturday for the annual Springs Fest.

Participants are due to register at 8 a.m.; for the rest of us, events get under way at 9 a.m. and include both demonstrations and competition in kayaking and stand-up paddling. Free lessons are also on tap for children and adults alike; and a "swap meet" is ongoing all day.

For more, visit kayakinstruction.org.

READY TO RUMBLE



Texas Cobras roll into town

John Ross backs his Cobra out of the trailer as he arrives for this weekend's Texas Cobra Meet at Embassy Suites. (Photo by David Short)

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Friday, April 5, the 95th day of 2013. There are 270 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight

On April 5, 1933, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed an executive order creating the Civilian Conservation Corps and an anti-hoarding order that effectively prohibited private ownership of gold.

On this date

In 1614, Pocahontas, daughter of the leader of the Powhatan tribe, married English colonist John Rolfe in Virginia. (A convert to Christianity, she went by the name Lady Rebecca.)

In 1621, the Mayflower sailed from Plymouth Colony in present-day Massachusetts on a monthlong return trip to England.

• Kaspar

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Kaspar, whose daughter Nicole is a senior at Texas State, led the Lumberjacks to a 27-5 record last season. SFA won the regular-season title in the Southland Conference and advanced to the National Invitation Tournament, where it suffered a first-round loss to Stanford.

Yet once Kaspar found out about the Bobcats' opening, he contacted his agent.

"I let him know that this is a job that interests me and asked if he could find out if there is any interest on their end," Kaspar said. "If not, let's move on and I'll stay at Stephen F. Austin."

Feelings were mutual once Parker Executive Search brought him to Texas State Director of Athletics Dr. Larry Teis' attention.

"We were just trying to find out who was really committed," Teis said. "Everything just fell into place with him. He's been here, has seen the campus, has seen the growth, has seen the facilities and he was excited."

It also helped that Kaspar had some high-profile friends, notably former Bobcat great Jeff Foster and San Antonio Spurs head coach Gregg Popovich, who called Teis and Texas State president Dr. Denise M. Trauth.

"People who talk about him (Kaspar), talk big-time," Teis said. "Popovich said, 'You guys should not pass up on Danny Kaspar.'"

Perhaps the most important intangibles Kaspar brings to Texas State are his dedication to seeing a job through and his ability to build a winning program.

While last season was Kaspar's 22nd year as a head coach, he's only spent time with two schools (University of the Incarnate Word in San Antonio and SFA). Also, no college coach in the state of Texas has won more games in the last six years than Kaspar (136).

"Another Sun Belt school contacted me and I wasn't giving them the answers they were looking for because the enthusiasm wasn't there to live there or to go there," Kaspar said. "I have enthusiasm for being here and believe this school can help me achieve what the administration wants and what I personally want: That is Sun Belt championships and NCAA Tournament trips."



Safe Digging Month

Mayor Daniel Guerrero proclaims April as "Safe Digging Month" to support the 811 national notification system to prevent damage to underground utility lines. Shown are Guerrero assisted by Milagros Garcia, Juliette Rocha, Joseph Meador, Diego Reyna, Yliza Rodriguez

and Vanessa Suarez, Tony Salinas and Lloyd Juarez with the city's Water and Wastewater Utility, council member Wayne Becak, Doug Meeks with Texas 811, Mark Konwerski with Cox Utility Services and council member Shane Scott. (Photo by Don Anders).

Palmer's Restaurant partners in 'Child Abuse Awareness Month' fundraiser

Last year, 316 children living in Hays County became confirmed cases of abuse and neglect.

Monte Sheffield, owner and manager of Palmer's Restaurant, and his staff have joined with Hays County Child Protective Board to make a difference for these children.

Palmer's will allow a 10 percent donation to HCCPB for all regular-priced meals (excluding alcohol) when a patron mentions the Child Protective Board fundraiser or requests the donation for abused and neglected children. The fundraiser will run the entire month of April, which is Child Abuse Awareness Month.

The all-volunteer Hays County Child Protective Board is appointed by county commissioners.

All its funds support the needs of abused and neglected children in the county.

These children are liv-

ing away from their parents through no fault of their own. Donations from the community will help provide them opportunities to fit in with their peers, to succeed in school and to pursue their dreams for the future.

The goals of the board are twofold: to inform the public and policy makers about the rights and needs of abused and neglected children, and to administer the board's budget to provide childhood needs that are not met by the State of Texas.

These needs include

emergency medical care, school supplies, summer school, sports camps, band instruments, Christmas and birthday gifts, music lessons and drivers education. Much of the budget provides an initial clothing allowance for children taken into custody, who often arrive with only the clothes they are wearing.

The HCCPB consists of Julia Ramsey New, Susie Churchill, Jeanne Worrell, and Jennifer Anderson from Wimberley; Judy Burns, representing Buda; and

Ed Silliman, Lee Ikels, Mary Cauble, June Hankins, Karen Brown and Anna Farr from San Marcos. Active on this project but not full-time members of the board are Jody Doss and Janis McBride.

Residents interested in the cause of neglected and abused children can support Child Abuse Awareness Month by dining at Palmer's and requesting the 10% donation to the Child Protective Board. Direct donations can be made by mail to HCCPB, 605 Rogers, San Marcos, TX 78666.



Americans paid less for gasoline in first quarter of 2013 than '12

Consumers in the U.S. saw gasoline prices steam to a record average price in February, but the motor fuel market cooled considerably in March.

Contrary to public perception, average first quarter 2013 gas prices averaged below 2012 numbers, GasBuddy reported this week.

In fact, Americans paid about 30 cents a gallon less for gasoline in the most recent Easter Weekend than they paid over the same period in 2012. Gas prices averaged just over \$3.64 a gallon on Good Friday and may dip further in coming days. Consumers paid just over \$3.93 a gallon on Easter Weekend last year.

GasBuddy analyst Patrick DeHaan estimates that each penny per gallon translates into about \$3.6 million per day in cost differences based on typical demand numbers. Hence, consumers are saving about \$108 million each day when current costs are compared to last year.

The average first quarter 2013 price, compiled by GasBuddy, was \$3.548 a gallon, compared with a \$3.584 a gallon price level in the first quarter of 2012. As recently as 2009, the first quarter gasoline price averaged under \$1.90 gal, so these are still stiff

numbers when compared with 21st century historical values. Ten years ago, U.S. gasoline prices averaged under \$1.59 a gallon for the same period.

GasBuddy ranked 363 distinct "Metropolitan Statistical Areas" or MSAs, and found two U.S. markets that actually averaged less than \$3 gal during the entire first quarter. Fortunate motorists in Casper and Cheyenne, Wyo. found an average first quarter 2013 price of \$2.87 a gallon and \$2.955 a gallon, respectively, down about 16 cents a gallon from last year. The Rocky Mountain region was the most attractively priced area of the country, thanks in part to relatively cheap North American crude availability for refiners.

In all, 300 Metropolitan Statistical Areas saw cheaper first quarter prices for gasoline than in 2012, with two MSAs showing no statistically significant change.

More expensive markets in 2013 included locations in Vermont, New York, Massachusetts, and Pennsylvania. The most expensive market in the country was the Honolulu area, but the outright price of \$4.157 a gallon this year was just 3 cents a gallon above the 2012 number.

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