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SUPER TUESDAY

Bush controls GOP race

Gore trounces Bradley to grab Democratic bid

By Richard L. Berke

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Texas Gov. George W. Bush and Vice President Al Gore crushed their rivals yesterday in powerful displays that assured them their parties' nominations.

After claiming the two biggest electoral powerhouses of California and New York, which account for more than 40 percent of the delegates chosen yesterday, Bush and Gore immediately turned to each other — and to firing the first salvo of the general election campaign that lies ahead.

Gore's victories over former Sen. Bill Bradley were particularly impressive because he was supported by a majority of every demographic group in the 10 states with Democratic contests, and, significantly, by women, who backed him in some states by ratios of more than 2-to-1.

In several states Gore won by 3-1 or better. Gore also racked up a double-digit margin in New York, a victory made even sweeter by the memory of his dismal performance in the 1988 presidential primary, when he won a paltry 10 percent and quit the race.

Bradley did not win one state, a defeat so pronounced that his advisers said it was only a matter of days before he would withdraw.

The Republican verdict yesterday was decisive, though not as overwhelming. Bush prevailed over Arizona Sen. John McCain by comfortable margins in California and New York, as well as in Ohio and Missouri and in the only Southern state voting yesterday, Georgia.

McCain captured four relatively small New England states: Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Vermont.

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Associated Press photos



A triumphant Al Gore, above, who hasn't lost a single state to rival Bill Bradley and is assured the Democratic nomination for president, addresses supporters in Nashville, Tenn. Texas Gov. George W. Bush, left, with wife Laura, was headed to victory in California, the most-sought-after electoral prize in yesterday's presidential primaries.

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Major losses batter McCain's 'crusade'

By Joe Salkowski

The Arizona Daily Star

WEST HOLLYWOOD — You know what they say about March: In like a lion, out like a lamb.

The same seems true of John McCain's presidential campaign, which faltered badly in yesterday's Super Tuesday primaries. While aides insisted the campaign would continue, McCain told a small crowd of supporters here last night that he would be reassessing his chances of winning the Republican nomination.

Tomorrow, we will take a little time to reflect on the direction of our campaign," the 63-year-old Arizona senator said. "But I want to assure you that our crusade continues tonight, tomorrow, the next day... We will never give up this mission."

Wes Gullitt, McCain's close friend and deputy campaign manager, said the candidate seemed deter-

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Weather miserable, and lethal, to migrants

By Tim Steiler and Ignacio Barua

The Arizona Daily Star

SELLIS — As the group of 31 undocumented Mexicans tramped toward mud and snow Monday night, brothers Francisco and Alfredo Ubieta Dominguez were slipping behind.

Everyone was suffering from the cold, but Alfredo was doing worse — he could barely speak.

Francisco asked the way to the nearest highway, and the brothers decided to cut loose to look for help. After arriving at Arizona 286 south of Three Points around 8:30 p.m., Alfredo was shivering violently and could no longer walk or talk.

Within a half-hour, a Border Patrol agent picked the brothers up, but it was too late for Alfredo. Performing first aid, the agent revived a faint pulse, but Alfredo died after being transported to Kino Community Hospital.

Alfredo, 35, from Tucson, was one of two border crossers known to have died of exposure while cross-

ing Arizona's southern border during the winter storm Monday and yesterday. Agents found a 19-year-old from Veracruz state in the same area yesterday morning.

Another three illegal entrants died earlier in the mountains east of San Diego and were found Monday.

The two known deaths in Arizona were just the most severe examples of suffering among at least 1500 border crossers treated for exposure to the cold late Monday and early yesterday.

Beginning just after dark Monday and continuing into yesterday, groups of illegal entrants began emerging from the brush across Southern Arizona, especially on the Tohono O'odham Reservation. There, they went into villages and headed onto highways looking for the agents they normally try to evade.

By 7 p.m., the pattern was becoming clear to the Tohono O'odham police, the Border Patrol and hospital officials.

"After that, they just kept coming in groups of 30 or 40," said a police officer. See MIGRANTS, Page 2A



Francisco Ubieta Dominguez came north with his brother, Alfredo. But Alfredo died, and Francisco is returning alone.

Hot schools will soon be a lot cooler

By Sarah Tully Tapia

The Arizona Daily Star

The days of sweaty, stinky classrooms are about to end in TUSD.

But some students and teachers will wait longer than others for tolerable temperatures during the toasty months.

Last night, the Tucson Unified School District Governing Board decided which of the 51 buildings will get air conditioning first and last. The board voted unanimously to approve the list. See list, Page 12A.

The state's second-largest district is expecting to start installing air conditioning as early as next winter. The first 15 air conditioners should be running by this time next year, said Lynn Webster, interim executive manager of fiscal and operational support.

TUSD expects to take three years to finish the conversion from swamp coolers to air conditioners in schools that do not have them.

An estimated \$60 million in funding will come from the state, which took over the building and maintenance of schools two years ago.

Students, teachers and parents have long complained that swamp-cooled classrooms often climb above 90 degrees during the first few weeks of classes, making children lethargic and ill.

In September, the state School Facilities Board approved guidelines that require classroom temperatures to stay within 68 and 82 degrees.

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WEATHER

This is more like it. Today is expected to be partly sunny and much warmer, with a high in the mid-60s and a low near 40. Yesterday's high and low were 54 and 38. Details, Page 13A.

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CHAPTER 25: DADDY'S DEMONS

Daddy was a man with his share of troubles

Editor's note: This is a continuing series about one family's struggle to carve out a life in Arizona. It runs daily through March 19.

By Carmen Duarte

The Arizona Daily Star

W HILE picking cotton at Midvale Farms, Mama met Federico Duarte, my Daddy.

Daddy was from the small mining town of La Colorada, Sonora. His mother, Carmen, had brought him and his two older brothers, Ricardo and Agustin, by wagon to Naco, Ariz., when they were young boys in 1914.

Among Grandma Carmen's possessions was a sewing machine. She worked as a seamstress to feed her

boys. Agustin helped, laying railroad track in Naco at age 13.

The mother and sons eventually moved from Naco, following the seasonal crops in the farm fields of Pima and Pinal counties.

When Mama met Daddy in the fields at Midvale, Daddy had left a wife and five children behind in Eloy. He later divorced.

Daddy and Mama married and my brother, Raymond, was born at Tucson Medical Center in 1954. I was born there in 1956.

I loved Daddy and I felt very close to my paternal uncles, aunts and some of my cousins while growing up.

But when I grew older, I realized

Mama suffered a lot because of Daddy. We all did.

Daddy appeared to be a happy-go-lucky fella, but he carried a demon. Mama's prayers to God and the santos didn't change that fact. Neither did my prayers.

I was 17 when my father died at Tucson Medical Center after a severe stroke.

Father George Beardon, then pastor at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, helped me let go of my father when the doctors told us that Daddy's brain was mush and he was breathing because of the machines attached to his body.

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