

# Bill would relieve judges of open meetings requirements

LUBBOCK (AP) - Meetings of district judges overseeing the state's county probation departments would become closed under a little-known piece of proposed Senate legislation.

Sponsoring Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, said the bill relieves judges of entangling requirements the open meetings law carries.

"There's a concern that, especially in the rural areas, it's difficult to comply with the routine sort of things," said Duncan, who said complaints from rural jurists in his far-flung West

Texas district prompted the bill.

Probation departments are unusual in that their oversight comes from local district judges rather than state or local governmental bodies, like county commissioners' courts.

The Texas open meetings law doesn't apply to the judiciary, but an attorney general's ruling stated that judges are subject to the law in their administrative gatherings.

"I think it's bad public policy to allow a probation department to be governed by judges meeting in pri-

vate," said Dallas attorney and freedom of information advocate Paul Watler. "Open government is not always the most efficient way of doing business, but the public has an interest beyond mere efficiency in seeing that provisions for spending taxpayer money in public policy is open to public inspection and participation."

Senior District Judge Larry Gist countered that records from judges' administrative activity are public and would continue to be under the bill.

"It's caused a ton of problems," said

Watler's scoutmaster. "Every time 1 said. However, he added, a law similar talk to my probation chief, does that to Duncan's merely would clear up the have to be an open meeting?

Since the attorney general is loathe to issue advisory opinions, Gist said he and other judges are afraid to conduct any private meetings for fear that they'll commit a criminal offense.

Neither Gist nor Watler was familiar with Duncan's bill until contacted by The Associated Press.

Gatherings with particular importance, such as annual budget meetings

Gist, who coincidentally was once should be held in the sunlight, Gist confusion many judges face.

> While conceding that Gist has the "best interests of the state of Texas in mind," Watler disagreed

"District judges in Texas are all lawyers, and they're well-versed in the law," Watler said "I don't think it's imposing too much of a burden that we ask of them the same things we ask of school boards and city councils, many of which are made up of non-lawyers.

# **County library starting** National Library Week activities with puppets

#### By CARLTON JOHNSON Staff Writer

National Library Week kicks off today and runs through

Friday and the Dora Roberts Howard County Library will celebrate National Library Week by adding the children's puppet stage to the line-up of features and services.

During National Library Week, Librarian Loraine Redman said there will be two puppet shows each day beginning at 4 p.m.

According to Redman, popcorn will be served during the shows, which will include "Man's Best Friend" featuring puppets Harold and Bernadette, and "The Bear's Toothache," featuring Boris the Bear.

Puppet Carlton will emcee the shows, according to Redman.

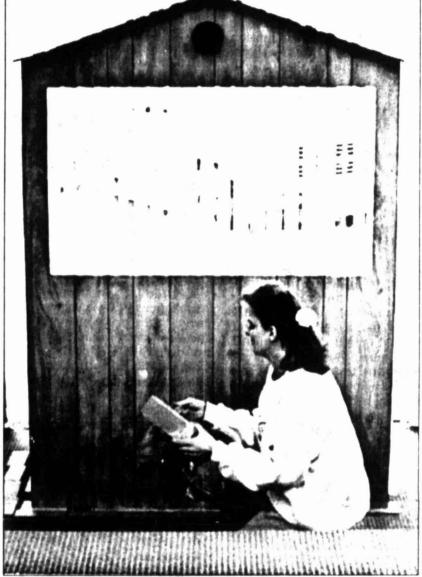
Fantasy Land has received overwhelming support and approval, according to Redman. and the puppet stage is a just a feather in the cap of everyone who worked so hard to make it happen.

Redman added, the library staff and the Friends of the Library wanted the children's section to be a place where children will enjoy coming to learn, read and explore.

Some of the items that are a part of Fantasy Land include bean bags, a shelf for big books, little square cushions in primary colors, a globe of the world and posters with all of the flags of the world.

The children's summer reading program at the library will continue, but will be at the library annex (old Scurry Street location).

The summer reading program is again approaching and will be once a week. Children will set a goal to read so many books and if they reach their goal, they will receive a certificate as well as prizes from local merchants. Also as part of the weeklongcelebration, the library will have a community book sale Saturday, sponsored by across from the courthouse, and will continue on April 26 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. as well. Redman will give daily library tours at 10 a.m. during



# Early voting begins today in local races

#### By JOHN H. WALKER Managing Editor

Early voting in three Big Spring City Council and three **Big Spring Independent School** District (BSISD) races got under way at 8 this morning and comtinues through 5 p.m. Tuesday. April 29. The election is Saturday, May 3

Voters in city council da tricts 2, 4 and 6 may cast earry ballots at City Hall while voters in BSISD districts 2 and 4 as well as the at large district, will vote on the first floor of the Howard County Courthouse

Mail ballots may be requested up to April 29 by calling the county clerk's office, but they must be received in the office by 6 p.m. on election day. A total of eight candidates are seeking the three city council seats, while six candidates are vying for the three school board

currently held by John Paul Anderson including local businessmen Randy Mason and Greg Biddison and Fina employ ee Ray Rinard.

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In the school district race. incumbent Larry Hollar is being challenged for Place 2 by Steve Jeter. Both candidates are in the insurance business. In Place 4, incumbent Don Baker is being challenged by Frank A. Long while at-large incumbent Steve Fraser is being challenged by Mike Robinson.

Voters in the city council races will have an opportunity to hear the candidates respond to questions at a candidates forum at 7 p.m. next Monday at the Dora Roberts Community Center

The children's puppet stage, which Redman promised would be a part of "Fantasy Land," was built by local resident Wilson Money, who built the stage for the library.

Redman is pleased with the interest in the library from the general public, especially young people.

Friends of the Library and the Big Spring Rotary Club. The sale will be from 10 a.m.

to 4 p.m., at the old Howard County Library (library annex) HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett

**Dora Roberts Howard County Library employee Debra Askew lines** bricks along the bottom of the library's new puppet stage in preparation for National Library Week observances slated to start today.

National Library Week. Since the library opened, one of the most enjoyed features of the new facility is the improved access.

"Because we have so much more room, people have space to browse, sit, read or just

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In council District 2 incum bent Pat DeAnda is being chal lenged by tederal prison employee Oscar Garcia and local businessman Bob Taylor. while in District 4, incumbent Tom Guess is being challenged by Howard College instructor Tommy Tune

seats

In District 6, three candidates are seeking to claim the seat

The eight candidates for three seats on the Big Spring City Council have being invited to participate in the forum and all but one, who has been out of town, has agreed.

The forum is being sponsored by the Big Spring Herald, Big Spring Cable TV and the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce

A second forum featuring the andidates for the BSISD board had been planned, but schedul ang conflicts among the incumbents have forced the cancellation of that forum

# Howard County pioneer family recognized as a 'Texas First Family'

#### Special to the HERALD

A Howard County pioneer family was recently recognized as a "Texas First Family". The descendants of the first local policeman, the late John M. Choate, received the certificates to commemorate the 150th anniversary of Texas statehood.

The family found out about the honor at its reunion last summer but the certificates and plaques were recently received.

What is so interesting about this honor is that both sides of the family, Choate's and his wife's, Cora Zaid Gibbs Choate, families were honored as being first families.

The certificates were issued in the names of Jonathan Bird and Richard C. Choat who are ancestors of Cora and John. Bird and Choat were citizens of the Republic of Texas before Texas received statehood in

One of their grandsons, Wade Choate, said the family name was originally spelled without the "e" on the end but he's not sure when it was added. Wade Choate is a former mayor of Big Spring and his first cousin, John Marshall "Sonny" Choate is currently a Howard County Commissioner.

Wade Choate said, "It's a great honor, especially since both sides of the family were recognized. It's a real nice honor."

Other local recipients of the certificates were Robert Choate Hill, Cleta Hill Britton, Carroll Choate, the children of the late Joyce Choate Phillips, Dene Choate Sheppard as well as families of the only living J.M. Choate child, Merle Grace Choate Haygood of Valrico, Fla. Dr. Jay T. Shurley, a grandson of the Choates, said the knowledge of their ancestry wasn't known by the children

grandchildren until ter of Rachel Bird (Mrs. William and research was started by Mrs. Reuben Choate, a daughter-inlaw from Phoenix. After she died, the project was picked up by Shurley and Dene Sheppard.

John Melton and Cora Gibbs were married Oct. 20, 1895, in Menard. She was the daughter of H.B. Gibbs, a sheriff and tax assessor of Mason County. He was the father of Mrs. Earl (Mame) Talbot and her husband was a mayor of Big Spring.

H.B. Gibbs was the son by previous marriage, of Mary Melinda Gibbs Earnest (Mrs. William T.) Patterson, pioneer ranchers in Howard County in the 1880s. The Pattersons were also parents of Zorah (Mrs. Pete) Johnson, an early day citizen of Big Spring. Shurley said before "Uncle Billy" Patterson died in 1926, five generations of this family were all living in Big Spring at the same time. Mary Earnest was the daugh-

settlement in what is now the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex. and for whom Birdville, the first county seat of Tarrant County, was named. The Choate lineage through John Melton was from his father, John R. Choate, a Waco cowboy. John was the son of

Richard C. Choat who entered Texas from Tennessee in 1839 with his father, John, settling in Shelby County with his wife Rebecca Parmer. He later moved to Nacogdoches where John R. and four sisters were born

Information about the Choate family was written by Dr. Jav T. Shurley. Features Editor Kellie Jones contributed to the report.

who built Bird's fort in August

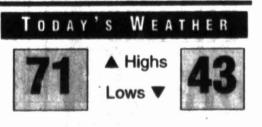
Cora Zaid Choate and John Melton Choate pose in front of their home in 1947. Their home was located at FM 700 and Goliad where Golden Corral is now located. The Choate family was recently recognized as being one of the "Texas First Families." Mr. Choate's family moved to Big Spring in the 1920s.

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Today: Sunny and fair. High in the lower 70s. Low in the lower 40s.

Tuesday: Sunny, becoming partly cloudy in the evening. High around 75. Low in the 40s.

Extended outlook: Wednesday, partly cloudy. High in the 70s. Low in the 40s. Thursday and Friday, continued partly cloudy and warmer. Highs in the 80s. Lows each night in the 40s.

# TABC officers praise local students after prom

#### By JOHN A. MOSELEY

#### News Editor

Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC) officers lived up to their promise to take part in the TABC's statewide program dubbed "Operation Safe Prom-Safe Graduation 1997," keeping a close eye on students attending the Big Spring High School prom Saturday.

However, increased scrutiny by TABC and other law enforcement officers did not result in increased minor in possession arrests.

Instead, local TABC agent James White said there were "absolutely no violations by kids at the prom ... none that I detected, none spotted by school officials and none by police officers.

White said TABC officers have always kept a relatively close eye on not only prom night, but several days prior to the events.

"Generally we don't go inside the building and spot check the kids, but we did this year." White said. "But there weren't any problems. That's something that the students and their parents should be commended for This was a very calm and order ly prom and I'm proud of these the whole community kids . should be.'

White said officers normally increase scrutiny of liquor stores and others that sell alcoholic beverages about a week before the prom.

"The kids that plan to drink usually don't go out and try to police officers for security

get their liquor or beer the night of the prom," he said. "Historically, our problems have been with the kids drinking before or after the prom. That wasn't the case this year.

"We even made a late sweep of the beer stores that evening and didn't run into any violations." White added.

White is one of about 200 TABC agents who will be making prom night inspections this spring. Most of them targeting smaller schools that don't hire

Courtesy photo

# OBITUARIES

#### Meagan Shea Stanley

Meagan Shea Stanley, 17, of Big Spring, died on Friday, April 11, 1997, in a Dallas hospital. Services

will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 15, 1997, at First Baptist Church with Tom Dr Fuller, pastor of First United Methodist

Church STANLEY in Hereford, offi

ciating. He will be assisted by Terrell Rowe of Midland, Dr Ed Williamson, pastor of First United Methodist Church in Big Spring, and Dr. Kenneth Patrick, pastor of First Baptist Church in Big Spring Interment will follow at Trinity **Memorial Park** 

She was born on Jan 14, 1980, in Big Spring, Texas.

She was a member of First United Methodist Church and participated in the Signal Mountain and High-Sky Emmaus. Meagan was a Junior at Forsan High School Her freshman year she was a varsity cheerleader, served on the student council and was active in state band. She was a homecoming queen nominee and was in the one act play her freshman and sophomore years. She was in the flag corp and was manager of the basketball team her sophomore and junior years: Meagan was class favorite and played tennis all three years and as a junior she was named band sweetheart, football sweetheart, junior homecoming Duchess and was a member of the National Honor Society.

Survivors include her parents Dickey and Cinda Stanley of Big Spring; one brother, Logan Stanley of Big Spring, paternal grandparents, Delbert and Barbara Stanley of Big Spring. maternal grandmother and step-grandfather, Jo Fitz Koop and John Koop of Oakhurst, Texas, and an aunt, Sunya Lynn Fitz of Clear Lake

She was preceded in death by her grandfather, William H. Fitz

Pallbearers will be Rusty Rutledge, Rusty Baker, Garv Simer, Casey Bristow, Nathan

#### Davenport and Bob Fishback. Honorary pallbearers will be all students at Forsan High School. Meagan's philosophy in life was "Yard by yard, life's hard; Inch by inch, life's a cinch,' and this was revealed in her daily life. Meagan was an inspi-

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ration to everyone she met. The Stanley's want to thank their many friends for their love, support, prayers, and contributions during Meagan's long fought battle. Everyone has a new guardian angel.

The family suggests memorials to Meagan Stanley Bone Marrow Fund at State National Bank, 901 Main St.; Big Spring, Texas, 79720, or the American **Cancer Society Relay for Life** or a Relay for Life team of choice; P.O. Box 2121; Big Spring, Texas; 79721-2121, or a favorite charity.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. (Paid obituary)

#### Warren D. Holley

Service for Warren D. Holley, 86, of Big Spring, will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 15, 1997, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch **Rosewood Chapel with Rodney** Tedford, minister of Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. He died Sunday, April 13, 1997, at a Big Spring hospital.

He was born Dec. 16, 1910, in Duke, Okla. and married Lila Mae Smith July 22, 1945, in Big Spring. She preceded him in death on Nov. 11, 1996

Mr. Holley came to Big Spring in 1945 and worked for Energas until retiring after 26 and a half years.

He was a member of Birdwell Lane Church of Christ and was a veteran of the U.S. Army. serving during World War II in the infantry in Australia.

Survivors include: one niece. Thelma Roach, Mission; one cousin, Howard Shivers, Big Spring; and a number of close friends

The family suggests memorials be made to the Medina Children's Home; HCR 16, Box 75; Medina; 78055-9615.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & weich Funeral Home

# BRIEFS

ALL THREE CAMPUSES **OF** the Forsan Independent School District will dismiss their classes early Tuesday so people can attend the funeral of Meagan Stanley. School will let out at 12:15 p.m. and the funeral begins at 2 p.m. at the First **Baptist** Church.

THE BIG SPRING BAND boosters meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the BSHS band hall at 7 p.m. For more information call Cyndi Marsh at 263-6705.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** FOR PATIENT care and office work at Family Hospice. Volunteer training begins Thursday and continues through May.

For more information, call Mary Kuykendall at 263-4673 or 1-800-505-4265.

THE JUVENILE DIABETES FOUNDATION is having their annual Walk-a-thon in Midland at the Chapparal Center on May 10. We are trying to raise money for research to find a cure. If you would like to participate in the walk or like to make a tax deductible donation contact Karen Davila at 264-7938 or Laurie Churchwell at 263-0087.

**ANYONE WANTING TO OBTAIN** a commercial driver's license can now prepare for the CDL test in the three basic types of commercial driver's licenses through a course at Odessa College.

For more information call OC Continuing Education at (915)335-6580

STUDENTS IN THIRD, FOURTH and fifth grade are taking the mandated Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) test April 29 (math) and April 30 (reading). School officials emphasize this is an important testing period and are asking parents to help their children by: making sure your child has a good night's sleep, providing a healthy breakfast at home or school and having your child at school on time. Also, send No. 2 pencils with your child the days of the tests.

PERSONS INTERESTED IN

# BIG SPRING ROUND THE TOWN

their party. A pot luck lunch will be at noon.

Any decendents of Harvey Bourne Hale or Miley Ann Dickerson are welcome to attend.

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For more information, call Floreine Hale Palmer at (915) 362-2190.



IF YOU HAVE ANY **CHANGES IN A SPRING-BOARD ITEM OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CON-**TACT GINA GARZA, 263-7331 ext. 238, BETWEEN 8 A.M. AND 2 P.M. All Springboard items must be submitted in writing. Mail

Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, Texas 79720; bring it by the office at 710 Scurry;

TODAY

•Big Spring Evening Lion's Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third. Call Jan Noves, 267-5811.

•Project Freedom, Christian support group, 7 p.m. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241.

•TOPS Clubs (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 5:30 to 6 p.m. weigh in and 6 p.m. meeting, Carriage Inn, 501 W. 17th. Call 263-1340 or 263-8633.

 Daytime prenatal classes, **Texas Department of Health, 1** to 2:30 p.m. Call 263-9775 to register. All expectant parents welcome. Class instructor will be Laurie Burks, BSN.

•Volunteers with the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program will assist in the preparation of 1996 income tax returns, 9 a.m. to noon, First Presbyterian Church. 8th and Runnels. This program is available to all senior citizens and others who have income from wages, tips, interest or dividends and who may be able to receive an earned income credit. Bring all W-2's, 1099's and your 1995 tax return. This is a free service. Call 398-5522 or 263-4211 for

more information.

28, 108 Cottonwood, was arrested on local warrants.

 PHILIP DELL CLARK, 43. 4107 Muir, was arrested on a charge of DWI.

 GREGORY FLYNN, 36. Box 167, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

 ANDREW AGUILAR, 28. 1510 Canary, was arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid. He was later transferred to the county jail and released on a \$1,500 bond.

 MARK ARGUELLO, 23, no address given, was arrested on a charge of DWI.

 JOHN PAUL FIERRO, 19. 1013 Wood, was arrested on **Department of Public Safety** warrants.

 JIMMY BATIE, 55, 1315 Tucson, was arrested on a charge of DWI. He was later transferred to the county jail and released on a \$1.500 bond. GAYLA SUE BATIE, 38, 1315 Tucson, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

 DOMESTIC DISTUR-**BANCES** were reported on the 1600 block of Kentucky and the 300 block of N.W. 11th St.

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• BURGLARY OF A HABI-TATION was reported on the 1400 block of Settles

 BURGLARY OF A VEHI-CLE was reported on the intersection of 15th and Main streets

 BURGLARY OF A BUILD-ING was reported on the 1400 block of Lancaster.

 ASSAULT/FAMILY VIO-LENCE was reported on the I.C.A. 700 block of E. 16th St.

**New Economy**  CRIMINAL MISCHIEF **New Perspective** was reported on the 400 block Van Kampen of Young. **Prime Rate** 

# SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the follow**BIG SPRING H** Monday, Apr

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to: Springboard, Big Spring or fax it to 264-7205.

#### **MYERS & SMITH** FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL 24th & Johnson 267-8288

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## **DeMaris E. Wiley**

Service for DeMaris E. Wiley, 85, of Big Spring, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Wiley died Monday, April 14, 1997, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

### Norma Clark

Service is pending for Norma Mesker Nelson Clark, 54, of Mansfield and formerly of Big Spring, with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. She died Saturday, April 12, 1997, in a Fort Worth hospital.

## LIBRARY

Continued from page 1 relax," Redman said "New sig nage also directs people just where they need to go to find the materials they need."

Usage of the on-line computer system has more than tripled and more than 600 new library cards have been issued since the library opened.

"We have people waiting in line to use the system," Redman said "People have access to our data base, which includes every item that we have litems can be accessed according to subject, title, author, or by simply typing in a key word.

The response has been so positive at the library, that Redman is already working on getting more computers.

Work is already in progress on phase two of the library, which will include a community room, a genealogy room and a literacy room where both old and young patrons will be able to learn to read

Library hours are 9 a.m. to 5.45 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Saturday

LOOK TO THE BIG SPRING HERALD FOR ALL OF YOUR LOCAL NEWS. SPORTS. AND INFORMATION



TAKING part in the 1997 Relay For Life event on May 16-17 should contact Judi Johnston at 267-1014 (work) or 267-1904 (home). The committee needs help with on-site events.

For more information, call Jay or Kim Phinney at 267-1480.

**COAHOMA ISD IS HAVING** school on May 26 to make up for missed bad weather day.

ATTENTION WOMEN OVER 40 who have never had a mammogram and can't afford one. American Cancer Society has provided a grant for a free mammogram for women who reside in Howard and **Glasscock** Counties. Come to the Texas Department of Health in the College Park Shopping Center

THE STATE PARK IS having Nature Walk and Sunset Tales with nature walks starting at 8 p.m. and storytelling at 9 p.m. every Saturday in June. Meet at the upper picnic pavilion/playground area. The cost is \$2 (park admission for adults 13 years and older).

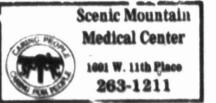
**AN OPEN HOUSE IS sched**uled for May 25 from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Big Spring Humane Society. This is to showcase to the public all of the recent renovations done to the building including new paint and tile. The Humane Society is located on the north service road of Interstate 20, west of KC Steakhouse.

THE 34TH MOORE COM-MUNITY REUNION is Saturday, 1 to 4 p.m. at the 14th and Main Church of Christ, enter from north side of 14th or from front on Main Street.

All current and former residents, teachers, ex-students, their decedents and members of their families are invited to attend.

THE HALE FAMILY **REUNION** is July 12 at about 10 a.m. in the VFW Hall in Gordon.

Each individual should bring some food for themselves and



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

•Big Spring Commandery No. 31. stated meeting, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Temple, 211 1/2 Main and 6:30 p.m. dinner.

•Big Spring Assembly No. 211, Social Order of the Beauceant stated meeting, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Temple, 211 1/2

Main, and 6:30 p.m. dinner. **•Howard County NAACP**, 7 p.m., Chamber of Commerce conference room. Call Stephanie Horton, 264-0306.

# POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between 3 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. Monday:

· KENNETH JAMES PEN-NINGTON, 22, Rt. 1 Box 110A, Highway 350. was arrested on Bastrop County warrants. · DENNIS CLAUDE PAGE.

33, 316 E. Davis St., was arrested on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

 MICHAEL HUNTER, 58, no address given, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication

arrested on local warrants.



ing incldents during a time period from 3 p.m. Saturday to 8 a.m. Monday:

 JOHN PERRY LYLES, 19. of 3609 Hamilton, was released from jail after he laid out his fine for not having a driver's license or insurance.

• MARISELDA CARRILLO. 34, of 538 Westover No. 110, was released to Scurry County authorities for a charge of theft by check.

WILLIAM B. HUTCHE-SON, 26, of Sweetwater, was arrested for possession of marijuana under two ounces.

 ARMONDO DE LEON, 38, of Route 1 Box 529, was released by authority of District Judge Robert Moore after serving time for contempt of court.

RAYMOND LANCE HAW-LEY, 30, of Moren, was arrested on a Shackelford County warrant for aggravated assault. MINOR ACCIDENT at

intersection of FM 700 and

 FAMILY DISTURBANCE in the North Highway 87 area. PERSONS LOCKED IN **BATHROOM** in the Coahoma area. The persons were gone by the time deputies arrived.

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#### **BIG SPRING HERALD** Monday, April 14, 1997

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Texas cattleman Watt Matthews dies at 98

settled in the 1850s, died Sunday. He was 98.

Princeton University early this century.

ALBANY -- Watkins Reynolds "Watt" Matthews, who lived his

whole life on the West Texas spread his pioneering cattle family

Matthews, who helped guide the family business for 56 years,

died on the 45,000-acre Lambshead Ranch to which he devoted

his life. He never married and left the ranch only to attend

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry called Matthews

'the finest gentleman that I ever met in the highest sense of the

"He treated men like men, women like ladies, loved children,

and the land," Perry said. "Watt projected the image that every

Texan should try to look up to. We lost an extraordinary link

Matthews died of pneumonia. A week earlier, he suffered a

FRIENDSWOOD - Beneath the optimistic yellow ribbons that drape Friendswood, this Quaker-founded community clutches

tightly to the hope Laura Kate Smither will return to them alive. But as the search for the 12-year-old - missing since April 3 entered its 10th day Sunday, traces of frustration slid from

"There are a lot of questions. Where's the piece to the puzzle

that will bring Laura home?" an emotional Rev. Robert E.

Wareing asked during his sermon at Good Shepherd Episcopal

A phalanx of news cameras recorded the teary pastor and con-

gregants, many who worked hard at averting their eyes from the

pew holding a solemn Gail "Gay" Smither, the missing girl's

HOUSTON – An oil and gas drilling boom in East Texas has

raised fears of public exposure to hydrogen sulfide, a foul sub-

stance five times more toxic than carbon monoxide, according to

Much of the work is in an oil and gas formation known as the

Smackover zone and a deeper, contiguous zone called the Cotton

Valley pinnacle reef, the Houston Chronicle reported in a copy-

Both are considered "sour" deposits, especially Smackover, because the oil and gas contain significant amounts of hydrogen

As a result of this renewed drilling activity, East Texas resi dents once vaguely aware of hydrogen sulfide are now educating

themselves, pooling limited resources and doing battle with com-

panies such as Ultra Petroleum Corp. of Vancouver, B.C., and

stepmother and David Smither, Laura's nine-year-old brother.

East Texans battling with firms over hydrogen sulfide

stroke, but he made it clear he wanted to return home. He

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Community refuses to give up hope in search for girl

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# **GENERAL NEWS**

# Schools scramble for bilingual teachers

Rivera's topic for the day: the caliente weather de primavera outside la ventana.

With an adroit blend of English and Spanish like that heard in many Texas families, she draws her fourth-graders into a bilingual discussion of the warm spring weather outside the window.

She's something in short supply and tall demand – a certified bilingual elementary school teacher.

With enrollments of immigrant children, mostly from Mexico, mushrooming in Texas and other states, school districts are not only fighting over existing bilingual teaching talent, they're cultivating their own.

for two years, throw out English words on command. Others hang back, new to the experience and to the language.

All are 9- and 10-year-olds whose English fluency is limited at best. Their knowledge of Spanish grammar also is lacking because of limited formal schooling in their former homeland.

That complicates the task of teaching them English, Rivera said.

For example, consider 9-yearold Daniel Olivares.

"He's brand new, (but) he's just jumped from one year to the next, into this incredible gap of proficiency, because he was so good at Spanish. It was Some of Rivera's students, so easy for him to transfer all of

DALLAS (AP) - Clarita having been in bilingual classes this into English," Rivera said, watching over her students at Dallas' John F. Kennedy Learning Center.

The grades 4-7 public school in the Old East Dallas neighborhood has an enrollment of 780, 75 percent of it Hispanic.

"And those that are so proficient in Spanish are the ones that make the transition a lot easier into English," she said. "The ones that are not as good with their language in Spanish, they have more difficulty acquiring English.

In 1995-96, the most recent figures available from the Texas Education Agency, 11.3 percent of all students in the state's public schools were in bilingual education programs. The vast enrollment of 178,970; 56 percent majority were Spanish-speak- of it Hispanic.

That was a 6.3 percent increase from the previous school year, when 10.8 percent of the state's students were in bilingual programs.

To teach them that year, Texas had 16,724 bilingual teachers - almost one for every 25 English-deficient students. But 25 percent of those teachers were not certified as bilingual teachers, according to the State Board for Education Certification.

The Dallas Independent School District is gaining 5,000 Hispanic students each year. Of the current enrollment of 154,985, 45.5 percent is Hispanic. By 2000, the district projects an

Republicans set for showdown on budget

WASHINGTON (AP) Republicans say this is the make-or-break week for a balanced-budget deal with the White House, and they will have to bypass the administration with their own spending plan if there is no agreement.

That ultimatum came as House Speaker Newt Gingrich added a new element Sunday to the tax issue, the toughest obstacle to budget negotiators. Gingrich, R-Ga., proposed an amnesty that would give delinquent taxpayers up to a year to pay back taxes without penalty.

With time running out, opin-

Republicans were to a deal. White House budget chief Franklin Raines said he was "cautiously optimistic." Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y., said hat negotiators were "just inches away from a bal-

But House Budget Committee Chairman John Kasich, R-Ohio, said compromise between the two sides on such issues as the

Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., stressed that this week is cru-

make-it or break-it week," he said on ABC's "This Week." If no agreement is reached, Domenici said, Senate Republicans would abandon attempts to reach a compromise with the administration and invite Democrats to join them in writing their own bill.

The extent of tax cuts in any plan to balance the budget by 2002 remains a key issue of contention, with the White House saying it can accept about \$100 billion in reductions and Republicans seeking up to twice that much. There has been some talk, generally rejected now, of putting off tax cuts until after a budget deal is reached.

Raines, also on ABC, said that while President Clinton has agreed to limited cuts in the capital gains tax, there "won't be a tax cut in any form unless we can get a budget deal.'

Kasich said on NBC's "Meet the Press" there was "no question" that taxes will be a part of any budget that Congress passes. He said must-pass items include reductions in the capital gains and estate taxes and middle-income tax relief.

In today's USA Today, ingrich wrote that with Tuesday's tax day approaching, "it's an ideal time to think about just saying no to some taxes.

ions differed on how close the cial. "I really don't think this Clinton administration and can go on forever; this is a

# Pope's appeal for peace welcomed, but unity elusive

SARAJEVO, Herzegovina (AP) Bosnians welcomed Pope John Paul II's appeal for peace and forgiveness, but the key issue facing them – whether to find peace in unity or separation remained unsettled after his visit.

Surrounded by tight security and buffeted by snow and chilling winds, John Paul delivered a message of peace Sunday to the city that holds a special place in his heart.

"I can say that I have experienced directly and at first hand and faiths welcomed the visit,

Bosnia- a courageous and proud people," the pontiff said later as his 25-hour visit came to an end.

"And I bear witness to the fact that this is a society which wishes to be reborn in spite of the difficulties which persist; a society which intends to build its future by following the paths of peace, justice and cooperation.'

Before returning to Rome on Sunday evening, he repeated his message, "Never again war!'

People of all ethnic groups

despite winds that made temperatures around 30 degrees feel much colder and the discovery The of explosives along the pope's

travel route. It was unclear who placed the explosives.

U.N. police spokesman Liam McDowall said the plastic explosives were wrapped around anti-tank mines and were to have been triggered by radio.

He said local police found the explosives after being alerted by a citizen who had seen someone with a shovel in the area, although no digging seemed to ally Roman Catholic Croats.

have been involved in setting the explosives.

76-year-old pontiff appeared touched by the sight of the city he originally wanted to visit in September 1994, when it was still under siege. More than 10,600 people died in the 40-month Serb blockade.

In his peace message Sunday. the pope preached forgiveness to Catholics, Muslims and Serbs alike. Bosnia's Muslim reli gious leader, Mustafa Ceric, said he would use the visit to seek a dialogue with tradition-

Mitchell Energy Corp. of The Woodlands. Hurst residents lose homes for mall

HURST - Residents in this city between Dallas and Fort Worth whose homes will be demolished next month to make room for a mall's expansion are suing the city and the country's largest mall developer.

The owners say the home seizures violate the Texas Constitution. The homes were bought by the city of Hurst through a process called eminent domain to make way for North East Mall's expansion.

The law lets cities use the process to acquire property for projects such as street widening or for a fire station. In some cases, utilities have been able to exercise the eminent domain right.

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# anced budget ... let's seize the moment.

size of a tax cut "may be a bridge too far. His counterpart in the Senate,

# U.N. officials extend voting amid mistrust

VUKOVAR, Croatia (AP) Voting irregularities marred elections in Croatia's last Serbheld enclave, prompting U.N. officials to extend the balloting through today in a bid to convince Serbs they can live in Croatia.

Sunday's U.N.-organized elections in eastern Slavonia were bogged down from the start. They will continue today under the voting extension.

"At every place there were problems. said U.S Ambassador Peter Galbraith, who toured a number of polling stations

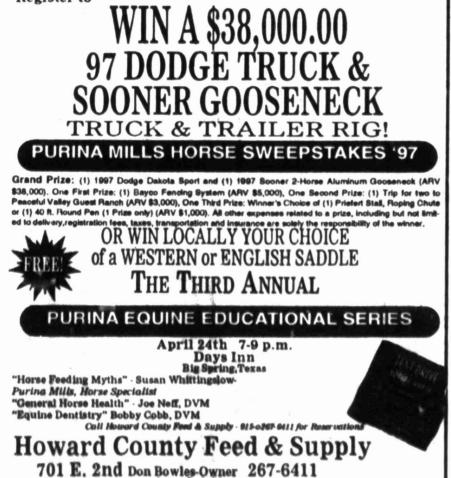
Polling booths opened late in 70 of 170 locations, while others lacked voting lists and even ballot boxes. In the town of Ilok, local Serbs were angered to find that voter rolls in most polling stations contained only Croats' names.

"The organization of the elections is catastrophic," Vojislav Stanimirovic told reporters.



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**GOLFING NEWS** 

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Pro Hits 400-Yard Tee Shots during Test Round

Want to Shoot an Eagle or Two?

YALESVILLE, CT – A small golf company in Connecticut has created a powerful, new ball that flies like a U-2, putts with the steady roll of a cue ball and bites the green on approach shots like a dropped cat. But don't look for it on weekend TV. Long-hitting pros could make a joke out of some of golf's finest courses with it. One pro who tested the ball drove it 400 yards, reaching the green on all but the longest par-four's.

Scientific tests by an independent lab using a hitting machine prove the ball out-distances ten major brands dramatically.

#### Ball gains altitude quickly, then sails like a glider

The ball's extraordinary distance comes partly from a revolutionary new dimple design that keeps the ball aloft longer. But there's also a secret change in the core that makes it rise faster off the clubhead. Another change reduces air drag. The result is a ball that gains altitude quickly, then sails like a glider. None of the changes is noticeable in the ball itself.

Despite this extraordinary performance, the company has a problem. A spokesman put it this way:

"In golf you need endorsements and TV publicity. This is what gets you in the pro shops and stores where 95% of all golf products are sold. Unless the pros use your ball on TV, you're by Mike Hensen



virtually locked out of these outlets. TV advertising is too expensive to buy on your own, at least for us.

"Now, you've seen how far this ball can fly. Can you imagine a pro using it on TV and eagle-ing par-four's? He would turn the course into a parthree, and real men don't play par-three's. This new fly-power forces us to sell it without relying on pros or pro-shops. One way is to sell it direct from our plant. That way we can keep the name printed on the ball a secret that only a buyer would know. There's more to golf than tournaments, you know."

#### "We keep the name on the ball a secret"

The company guarantees a golfer a prompt refund if the new ball doesn't cut five to ten strokes off his or her average score. Simply return the balls-new or used-to the address below.

"No one else would dare do that," boasted the company's director.

If you would like an eagle or two, here's your best chance yet. Write your name and address and "Code Name S" (the ball's R&D name) on a piece of paper and send it along with a check (or your credit card number and expiration date) to National Golf Center (Dept. SN-949), 60 Church Street, Yalesville, CT 06492. Or phone 800-285-3900 anytime. No P.O. boxes.

One dozen "S" balls cost \$24.95, two to five dozen are only \$22.00 each, six dozen are only \$109.00. You save \$40.70 ordering six. Shipping and handling is only \$4.50 no matter how large your order. Specify white or Hi-Vision yellow.

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#### **BIG SPRING HERALD** OPINION Monday, April 14, 1997 There's A box DITORIAL OFF IF WE WANT **Quote of the Day** Stir OUR TAXES TO GO TO "An individual is as strong as his or her prejudice. Two things reduce prejudice — education and laughter." THE PRESIDENT'S LEGAL AUGUSTA Laurence J. Peter in a green jac It seems rea Opinions expressed on this page are those of the Editorial Board of the Big DEFENSE FUND .... years to the Spring Herald unless otherwise indicated. broke the co Charles C. Williams John H. Walker that someth Managing Editor so simple co still cause su John A. Moseley Kellie Jones stir. But th News Editor **Features Edito Tiger Woods** a sense of o sion like alm **OUR VIEWS** no one else. Kids, clubh attendants **Barrientos' slamming** captains of in try stood el to elbow in bill a good suggestion shade of a g live oak ald side the first Sunday, all o as if he were Thil it happens to you, there's no way of express-Which, in a ing just how angry getting "slammed" - suddentof an Africar ly finding that your telephone service has been Thai mother, switched from one company to another without your a millionaiı permission - can make you. blessed with

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However, under a bill that's been approved by the Texas Senate and is now under consideration by the House, consumers would have recourse at the Public Utilities Commission.

The bill was filed by Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos, D-Austin, after he experienced an unauthorized change of his long-distance service provider on a private phone line in his Capitol office.

That measure not only has the support of industry and consumer groups, it has ours' as well.

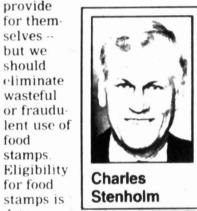
Federal law already bars service changes without authorization, but putting the ban into state law would allow consumers to go to the state regulatory agency rather than the Federal Communications Commission or the state attorney general's office.

The Barrientos bill, SB253, would require the Public Utilities Commission to adopt rules by Nov. 1 that bar slamming.

Under that measure, a company that made an unauthorized change would have to pay to switch the customer back to the original company; pay the original utility the money it would have received from the customer if the change hadn't been made; and return the customer any excess charges paid as a result of the change.

If a company repeatedly violated the rules, it could be subject to administrative penalties. And if a company was found to be in violation both repeatedly and recklessly, the commission could revoke the company's right to provide service in Texas.

I agree with my constituents that food stamps should go to the truly needy -- those innocent people who for some reason beyond their control are unable to



mined by income level and number of individuals in a household. This week the House passed a bill I cospon-

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determining food stamp eligibility. This does not mean that innocent children will pay more for their sins of their fathers and mothers -- the kids will retain their stamps. But it does mean that food stamp dollars won't go to law-breakers.

This week the House passed two bills favorable to rural areas. While they are not major bills, both can play a small part in improving life for rural Americans.

First was a bill which would permit more nursing homes to offer training and competency evaluation programs for nurse aides. Currently, some nursing facilities, particularly those in rural areas, find it difficult to fill staff positions because they are unable to conduct nurse aide training programs on-site.

staffing. This bill is part of the remedy for that problem.

The second bill would make permanent a rural housing development program under which the Agriculture Department could guarantee loans made by private leaders for the construction of rural apartment housing for moderate-and low-income families. With this sort of guarantee provided by the government, rural areas should be able to provide affordable housing to a greater number of residents. ...

West Texans brought their joined by Jim Tate of expertise to Washington on a wide range of issues this week. of local fireman. Paige and Elaine Eiland from Stanton came to discuss crop Also in town, but more to insurance, while Helen Martin of Stephenville with a Brazos Norman and Lena Naill of River Authority came because of the composting project in Abliene. Erath County. Brownwood legend Groner Congressman Charles Stenholm represents the 17th Pitts traveled to Washington Congressional District which for the annual Congressional Breakfast held by the National includes Big Spring.

Making sure prisoners aren't getting food stamps Guard Association of Texas. Dr. Daniel and Tracy Kirsch of Mineral Wells continued their efforts to gain FDA approval of the medical devices they manufacture.

Three Abilenians participated in Washington business as well. Newsman Dick Tarpley attended a newspaper meeting, while Dr. Lanny Hall, president of Hardin-Simmons University, came to the first official business meeting of the National Commission on **Retirement Policy, for which** he was selected to be a commissioner. Randy Fleming, Granbury, were here on behalf

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According to Barrientos, literally millions of people have had their long distance service carrier changed without permission.

We agree that's wrong and believe Barrientos' bill simply says that Texas telephone consumers have a right to spend their money with the company they want.

That, after all, is what all those television commercials convince us we have.

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sored and helped pass through the Agriculture Committee which requires states to verify that prisoners in any penal facility are not counted as part of a household for purposes of

Often, the traveling distance required for individuals to receive their training certificates becomes prohibitive, and nursing homes and their patients suffer from under-

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# Nasty, brutish, short and filled with allusion

#### **By JAMES J. KILPATRICK**

Syndicated Columnist

Anthony Lake fired off a hot letter to President Clinton last month. He had just withdrawn his nomination to become director of central intelligence. and he was still suffering the whips and scorns of his time before a Senate committee.

The whole confirmation process, he said, has become outrageous. "It is nasty and brutish without being short. How many ders, I wonder, caught Lake s allusion? Not many, I assume, for the paraphrase came from one of the great unread classics of English literature, Thomas Hobbes' "Leviathan." No one is known to have read "Leviathan" in this century, and leyond the groves of academe, no one is likely ever to read it again.

The philosopher believed that men are motivated more by fear of a stick than by hunger for a carrot. Without the authority of a powerful sovereign, they will war among themselves and return to a state of nature. In such a state, there are

"No arts; no letters; no society; and which is worst of all. continual fear and danger of violent death; and the life of

man, solitary, poor, nasty, brutish, and short.' (Let me digress long enough

to note that Hobbes had a fine sense of cadence. He ended the famous sentence with "nasty, brutish, and short." If you retread those adjectives, you get such flat tires as "brutish, short, and nasty" or "short, nasty, and brutish." The best sentences end on an accented syllable -- not with a whimper, that is to say, but with a bang.)

Back to allusions: Their use demands the sort of judgment calls that writers must make all the time. Will their readers delight in an apt allusion? Or will readers be mystified instead? The writer must form some sort of perception of the education of his audience. How old are these readers? I don't catch a tenth of current allusions to movie stars. My grand children would be puzzled by references to Jean Harlow or Clara Bow

I suspect that Tony Lake overestimated the classical knowledge of his readers, but in his valedictory he was serving caviar to journalistic generals. He was seeking the sympathetic approbation of the editorial board of The New York Times. Here too he fell short, though not nastily or brutishly short.

What about a reference to

'quiet desperation''? In USA Today a business writer commented in February upon the tooth and claw competition in the world of breakfast cereals. Kellogg had just introduced a new product. Said the reporter: "The move signals a sense of quiet desperation."

The phrase comes from Thoreau. "The mass of men," said the sage of Walden Pond, "lead lives of quiet desperation." I wish I'd written that. Anthony Lewis of The New York Times took a swing last

year at scientists who were "deceived by the Savonarolas of the National Institutes of Health." The allusion left me more puzzled than informed. I thought Girolamo Savonarola (1452-1498) was generally regarded as merely a zealot, not as a deceiver. I wondered if my erudite friend was thinking of Tomas de Torquemada (1420-1498), the Grand Inquisitor who brooked no heresy from any source. Does this comport with the National Institutes of Health? Hard to say.

Another recent allusion by a Times writer threw me. The article made the point that books about presidential campaigns have lost their appeal. The genre isn't dead, but it's dying. "Some of this, of course," said the Timesman, "stems from the fact that 1996

was the Regis Philbin of recent campaigns: Politics was present but so bland as to pass unnoticed.

On inquiry, I have learned that Regis Philbin is a talk show host who is more given to sugar than to salt. Did most readers of The New York Times catch the allusion? Probably so. Sigh.

Now, if you have been reading these remarks with care, you will have noticed half a dozen allusions along the way. Were these fly balls caught, or did they roll unnoticed to the fence?

The whips and scorns of Tony Lake's ordeal came from Hamlet's soliloguy. Hamlet also is the source of "caviar to the general." It was Horace who taught us to seek truth in the groves of academe; I can copy the Latin right out of Bartlett's **Quotations: "Atque inter silvas** Academi quaerere verum." So there. The bang and whimper come from Eliot's "The Hollow Men." Tennyson provided a picture of nature, "red in tooth and claw."

Readers, please let me have citations of apt or inapt allusions in your current reading. How many of these clusive arrows miss the mark? How many hit it? COP: RIGHT 1997 UNIVER-

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# Stir created by a black man in a green jacket almost remarkable

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) - A black man in a green jacket.

It seems remarkable now, nearly 50 years to the day Jackie Robinson broke the color barrier in baseball, that something

so simple could still cause such a stir. But then, **Tiger Woods has** a sense of occasion like almost no one else. Kids, clubhouse

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attendants and captains of industry stood elbow to elbow in the shade of a great live oak alongside the first tee

Sunday, all of them cheering Woods as if he were one of their own.

Which, in a sense, he was. The son of an African-American father and a Thai mother, 21 years old and already a millionaire businessman, he is blessed with skills so sublime you can glimpse the golf's future simply by watching him play it today.

And by playing the game better than anyone has in a Masters — and as

well as anyone ever in a major chammen who rode buses and trains west hand. pionship — Woods took one more giant step toward unifying a sport that was once regarded as the most divisive. Especially since he won his first major in that place whose very name, Augusta National, once served as code words for exclusivity, and whose spartan white clubhouse was once home to the owner of an indigo

plantation. "I was the first," Woods said just before slipping his green jacket over a red sweater, "but I wasn't the pioneer.

"Charlie Sifford, Lee Elder, Teddy Rhodes — those are the ones who paved the road for me to be here. And I thank them, because if it wasn't for them, I might not have had the chance to play at all.

"I was thinking about them last night and what they've done for me and for the game of golf," he added. "I was coming up 18 and I said a little prayer: I said thanks, thanks to those guys, because those guys are the ones that did it."

Those names do not belong to ancient history.

Fifty years ago, Rhodes and Howard Wheeler were the stars of the Negro National Tour, self-taught, self-made

in the fall and back east by spring, staying a few days in Los Angeles, Chicago, Detroit, Columbus, Ohio, and points in-between — anywhere a promoter could scratch together an audience big enough to throw a few hundred dollars in the pot.

It wasn't much, but they had no alternative. It was only 36 years ago that the PGA lifted its "Caucasian clause" and Sifford, who played some on the Negro tour, changed paths and blazed the trail out on the PGA tour. It has been only 22 years since Lee Elder became the first black invited to play in the Masters.

Sifford, who once wrote that he believed the powers at Augusta changed the qualifying standards to keep him out of the tournament, was not on hand to see Tiger's triumph.

"I took a lot of knocks when I started talking about the Masters," Sifford said by telephone from his home in Kingwood, Texas. "But it's all over with now. Lee Elder played and now Tiger has won it. I'm proud of them both.

Elder set out early from his Pompano Beach, Fla., home to reach Augusta. He felt he needed to be on was behind me."

"I was part of history being the first black to play at the Masters," he said. "I had to be part of history to see Tiger become the first black to win here.

He was not the only one.

All four days of the tournament, Woods pulled huge galleries along behind him like an undertow. Some of the faces in the crowd, like Elder's, belonged to people following the kid out of a sense of kinship, or history, or both. Most belonged to people who wanted to get a look at state-of-the-art golf.

Still others were less interested in the fine points of Woods' game; they wanted to see, hear and feel what it was like when he drilled holes in the wind with drives that defy imagination

Woods appreciated every one of them, even the youngster who came out of the gallery at the 15th to offer a sympathetic pat on the back after a tough shot and nearly got conked with a club Woods swung over his head in anger

"I was still so hot with that shot," he said afterward, "I didn't know he

But after emotional hugs to repay his mother and father, who trained him from infancy for just such a test, the support Woods appreciated most of all came from Elder. He walked behind the clubhouse to watch Woods practice chipping before going off.

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"Because of what he did" Woods said, "I was able to live my dream."

And because of that, the rest of us have been treated to transcendent golf. That alone should be a reminder that golf can only benefit by being accessible to anyone and everyone struck with the curious desire to chase a little white ball across a big green expanse.

A glance through the PGA Tour media guide reveals only three black faces among the 291 professionals pictured inside: Woods, Vijay Singh, who is from Fiji with his family roots in India, and Jim Thorpe

What Woods achieved Sunday will change that. Not immediately, but soon. Anyone who saw him play understood that.

"This might have more potential than Jackie Robinson breaking into baseball." Elder said. "Because no one will ever turn their head again when a black man walks to the first tee.

# Bulls, Jazz, Sonics all lose Sunday The ASSOCIATED PRESS

How strange of a Sunday was it? Let us count the ways:

• The Bulls not only lost, they lost by 17 to a team they had beaten 19 straight times.

• The Jazz not only lost, they had their 15-game winning streak snapped by a team they had clobbered in their previous three meetings.

• The SuperSonics not only lost, they lost by 40 points that's right, 40 points - as their apparent free fall continued.

If anything, it was a day that proved how interesting the upcoming playoffs might be. Chicago and Utah are not invincible. Seattle apparently is not to be taken seriously. And the Lakers are especially dangerous now that Shaquille O'Neal is back.



# Lady Steer linksters just miss regionals

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The Big Spring High School girls' golf team came up just short of claiming a spot in the regional golf tournament.

Despite a team-record round of 339, the Lady Steers were unable to gain ground on District 4-47 leaders Fort Stockton and Andrews during the third leg of the tourney, finishing third with a total 1,060.

Fort Stockton won the district team title with a total score of 1.014, while Andrews finished second with a 1,042 team score

Big Spring was next, followed by Pecos and JV squads from Fort Stockton, Andrews and Lake View, Sweetwater

and JV squads from Big Spring and Sweetwater rounded out the field.

Big Spring's Kelly Hollar also barely missed a spot in the regional tournament. She finished tied for second in medalist competition, but lost a fourhole playoff to Raquel Martinez of Fort Stockton.

Hollar and teammates Stefanie Waggoner and Alicia Wood finished in the top 10 individually and were named to the all-district team

Individual BSHS scores Saturday were: Hollar, 78; Waggoner, 79; Wood, 83; and Ashlie Simmons, 99. Big Spring junior varsity scores were: Pricilla DelBosque, 99; Brittany Roberson, 100; Lauren Fraser,

102; and Jillian Armstrong, 114.

**Jim Litke Associated Press** Sportswriter

The second-to-last Sunday of the regular season began with the Detroit Pistons beating the Bulls 108-91, ending any chance that Chicago would duplicate its 72-10 record of a season ago. It was the 11th loss for the Bulls, who can still finish with 71 victories if they win their final three.

In other games, Houston routed Seattle 113-73, the Lakers edged the Utah 100-98, Milwaukee topped New Jersey 132-123 and Phoenix defeated Golden State 105-97.

#### Lakers 100, Jazz 98

Calif., At Inglewood, Shaquille O'Neal scored 39 points and swished a baseline jumper against double coverage at the final buzzer to end Utah's second 15-game winning streak of the season.

Eddie Jones added 20 points and reserve Kobe Bryant scored 12 for the Lakers.

#### Rockets 113, Sonics 73

At Houston, the 40-point margin of victory was the biggest ever for Houston over the Sonics, a team that has dominated them in recent years.

The Rockets were led by 20 points from Clyde Drexler and 17 points and 15 rebounds from Charles Barkley. Gary Payton had 22 points and was the lone Seattle player in double figures. Shawn Kemp was hampered by early foul trouble and fin-

ished with six points on 2-for-7 shooting in 26 minutes.

#### Bucks 132, Nets 123

The Bucks, who had a seasonhigh 76 points in the first half as they opened a 30-point lead, finished with their highest point total of the season.

Johnny Newman had 20 points, Ray Allen 18, Vin Baker 15. Chucky Brown 13, Armon Gilliam 11, and Elliot Perry and Sherman Douglas 10 each.

#### Suns 105, Warriors 97

At San Jose, Calif., Rex Chapman and Kevin Johnson each scored 26 points as the Suns completed a sweep of the four-game season series.

**HERALD** photo/Jonathan Garrett

Big Spring golfer Rudy Gamboa lines up his putt during the final leg of the District 4-4A golf tournament Saturday at Comanche Trall Golf Course. Gamboa shot a 236 over the three district legs to finish seventh and earn all-district honors.

# **Orioles blank Texas Rangers, 9-0**

#### The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The two home runs by Jeffrey Hammonds sure helped. So did the solo shots by Cal Ripken and Chris Hoiles

The player who really gave Jimmy Key room to finish his first shutout in four seasons was pitcher Scott Erickson.

Erickson was sitting on the Baltimore bench, charting pitches. And when Orioles manager Davey Johnson asked how many Key had thrown through eight innings, he was told 97.

Trouble was, Erickson forgot to count 10 or so.

Johnson let Key continue, and the left-hander wrapped up a 9-0 victory over the Texas Rangers on Sunday at Camden Yards for his first shutout since May 28, 1993.

#### White Sox 11, Tigers 8, (12) **Tigers 4, White Sox 2**

Travis Fryman, who nearly won the opener with an extrainning homer, won the second game with a three-run shot in the bottom of the ninth at Tiger Stadium.

Chicago overcame a 7-0 lead in the first game, tying it with a three-run rally in the ninth

single with two outs. In the 11th, Fryman made it 8-all with a home run, connecting one pitch after Roberto Hernandez picked Vince Coleman off first base

Fryman hit his first two homers of the season. Hernandez (1-1) got the decision in both games.

#### Yankees 3, Athletics 2

Athletics 7, Yankees 4 Andy Pettitte won the opener

for New York, then Oakland came back to salvage a doubleheader split at Yankee Stadium

Pettitte (3-0) joined Waite Hoyt as the only pitchers to win three times in the Yankees' first 10 games of the season. He allowed four hits in seven innings

Scott Brosius' two-run single helped the A's take a 5-0 load the third inning of the

#### game. Angels 8, Indians 3

Eddie Murray hit the 502nd home run of his career and Anaheim again roughed up Jack McDowell.

McDowell (0-1) was tagged for six runs and 10 hits in 4 2-3 innings. Last week against the

capped by Tony Phillips' RBI Angels, he allowed 12 hits in 4 2-3 innings Red Sox 7, Mariners 1

Tim Naehring hit a grand slam over the left-field wall and Wil Cordero homered off the Coke bottles above the Green Monster at Fenway Park

Naehring's shot broke a 1-1 tie in the second.

Boston wore white caps for the first time since the 1930s. Seattle had won four in a row. Brewers 3, Blue Jays 2 Playing for the first time

after a pair of snowouts at County Stadium, Milwaukee won when Fernando Vina singled home the winning run with no outs in the bottom of

the ninth inning. The Brewers sustained a loss. too, when shortstop Jose Valentin fractured the middle finger on his left hand trying to bunt. He'll be sidelined for three weeks.

#### Royals 6, Twins 1

Damon, the eighth- and ninthplace hitters in the lineup, each drove in three runs as Kansas City won at home.

Damon, making just his second start of the season, hit a two-run homer and RBI double.

Cubs' futility continues on field frustrating selves after tying the

#### The ASSOCIATED PRESS

With two teams playing their best baseball ever and two more their best of this decade, smiles are commonplace these days in the National League.

And then, there are the Cubs. They are far cry short of the early-season accomplishments of the Marlins, Rockies, Dodgers

and Giants. In fact, they're even

a far cry short of their usual

modern day NL record by losing their 10th straight. Elsewhere Sunday start

· San Francisco swept New York 5-1 and 7-6 to rise to 7-3, its best start since the 1989 pennantwinning season.

• NL West leader LA went to 8-3 • its best beginning since the World Series championship season of 1988 - with a 14-5 victory over Pittsburgh.

• Despite an 8-3 loss to Montreal that left them 7-3, the Rockies are off to their best

• So are the Marlins, 8-3 even though they lost 6-4 to Cincinnati

 San Diego, last in the NL West with a 7-4 mark, bea Philadelphia 3-1.

• The Cards, whose 3-7 start is among the worst in the majors, beat Houston 6-2.

The Lady Wildcats were led by Angela Welsh, who quali-

Other Lady Wildcats to qualify for the regional meet were: Rebecca Robles (first in the high jump and second in the

Ackerly

200 dash) and Rebekah Adams (second in the shot put). Grady's girls qualified the 800 and 1,600 relays to the

event to qualify for regional.

Grady qualified two relay

and several individuals to the

regional track meet at Friday's

District 15-A track meet in

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regional meet. Tarah Scheulke, Bailey Greenhaw,

Robles and Adams teamed to finish second in the 800 relay, while Scheulke, Robles, Greenhaw and Caroline Madison were second in the 1,600 relay

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Grady's Brad Cox competes in the triple jump during Friday's

District 15-1A meet at Ackerly. Cox finished second in the

Grady's boys also will be well-represented at the regional meet. Brad Cox fared well in the field events, finishing first in the high jump (6 feet) and second in the triple jump. Also placing first in the field was Brady Peugh, who cleared 9-6 in the pole vault.

Another first place was captured by Jonathan Robles, who won the 3,200 run in 11:11.16 and placed second in the 1,600 run (5:14.77).

The Region II-1A meet will be held April 25-26 at Abilene's McMurry University

fied by finishing first in the 3,200 meter run, finishing in a time of 13 minutes, 11.77 seconds.

Grady's 'Cats qualify for regional meet in 11 events David Howard and Johnny

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well as a misunderstanding. Adapt, give others ample space and maintain a sense of humor. Your playfulness helps others calm down. Use your personality. Tonight: Do whatever

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boss's requests. Do not be nega-

# Those with mental illness suffer from being shunned

him

DEAR ABBY: Why does mental illness, which affects millions of Americans, remain so stigma-

Please tell your readers that if they know anyone who's suffering from mental illness, to reach out. Look beyond the illness to the inner person. They tized and need friends.

I only wish more people had gotten to know the Mike that a few in his life looked beyond the illness and found. -- JEAN KEY, PRESIDENT, UPPER-CUMBERLAND ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL. COOKEVILLE, TENN.

DEAR MRS. KEY: Please accept my deepest sympathy on the loss of your beloved son. Perhaps your letter will provide insight to people who label the mentally ill as "weird" or "crazy," and fail to recognize that they are people with biologically based brain disorders.

More than 12.5 million families in the United States face the challenge of mental illness. For too many years the mentally ill and their families have been blamed and stigmatized. Often the stigma is more difficult to deal with than the disease itself, compounding the pain and sense of isolation.

In many parts of the country, it is difficult to find non-medical services for those with mental illness. Social, vocational and housing services are not available -- leaving the family to shoulder the entire burden of attending to the daily needs of their mentally ill family member

The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill is a national umbrella organization for local support and advocacy groups for individuals and families affected by serious mental illness. The toll-free helpline (1-800-950 NAMI: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. EDT) provides emotional support, referrals to local organizations and printed information to persons with serious mental illness and their family members. For further information, write: NAMI, 200 N. Glebe Road, Suite 1015, Arlington, Va. 22203-3754.

last voice calling out to from nowhere and saw the

mind. He died in his sleep on July 28, 1992. He often told me that, if he could, he'd just "lie down and go to sleep forever, to end it all." He had battled the devastating illness of schizophrenia for many years -- and although the disease did not kill him, it made him pray to die.

what schizophrenia does to the mind, but worse is what society does to its sufferers. If my son had been stricken with cancer, he would have received sympathy. Because he suffered instead from a mental illness as a "sorry piece of human flesh." He was shunned by peosome family and church memsometimes people would say about him, they left.

ers who don't understand mental illness to try to. There is such a volume of information available today that there's no excuse for being ignorant about it. Mental illness affects one out of every four families.



Van Buren Columnist

misunderstood? My son, Mike, finally heard the

last terrible scene that was only in his

No one should have to endure that sometimes made him do weird things, he was treated as less than an animal by some people. Professionals in the judicial system referred to him ple with whom he yearned to be friends, and ignored by bers. He once confided that they would be his friend and then, when they found out Please, Abby, urge your read-

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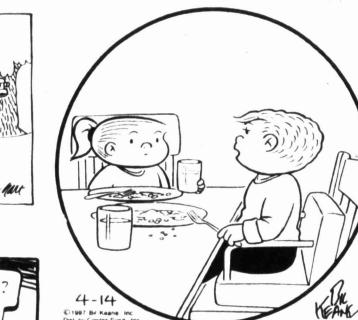


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"DO YA TIE EVERY BODY TO THE CHAIR

BEFORE YA PUT A SHEET ON 'EM?"

**FAMILY CIRCUS** 



"I've never ever had a square meal. All our dishes are round."

# THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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Today is Monday, April 14, the 104th day of 1997. There are 261 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On April 14, 1865, President Lincoln was shot and mortally wounded by John Wilkes Booth while attending the comedy "Our American Cousin" at Ford's Theater in Washington. On this date:

In 1759, composer George

Frideric Handel died in London. In 1775, the first American society for the abolition of s'avery was organized by Benjamin Franklin and Benjamin Rush. In 828, the first edition of

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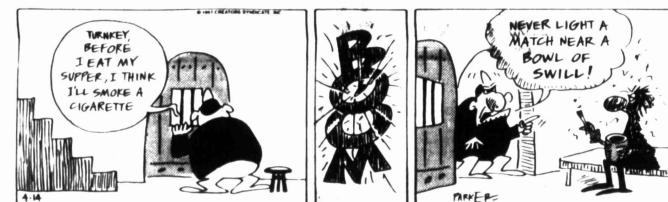
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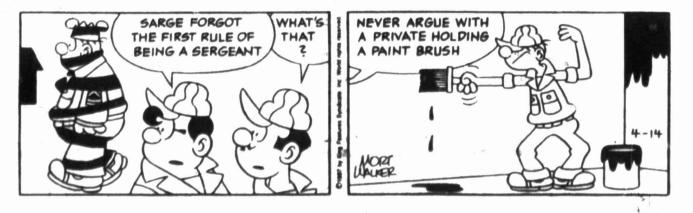
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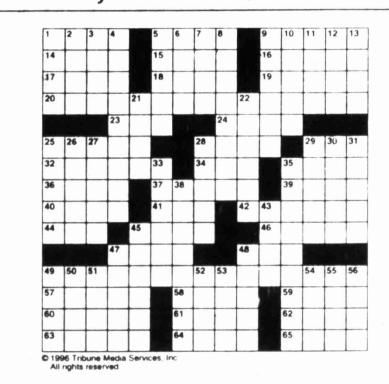
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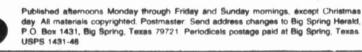
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In 1912, the British liner Titanic collided with an iceberg in the North Atlantic and began sinking.

In 1931, King Alfonso XIII of Spain went into exile, and the Spanish Republic was proclaimed.

In 1939, the John Steinbeck novel "The Grapes of Wrath" was first published.

In 1981, the first test flight of America's first operational space shuttle, the Columbia, ended successfully with a landing at Edwards Air Force Base in California.

In 1986, Americans got first word of the U.S. air raid on Libya (because of the time difference, it was the early morning of April 15th where the attack occurred).

In 1994, two American F-15 warplanes inadvertently shot down two U.S. helicopters over northern Iraq, killing 26 people, including 15 Americans.

Ten years ago: Secretary of State George P. Shultz met at the Kremlin with Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev, who proposed the elimination of shortrange nuclear missiles in East Germany and Czechoslovakia as part of an arms control agreement with the United States.

Five years ago: Libya cut itself off from the world for 24 hours to mark the sixth anniversary of the U.S. air raid, the same day the World Court rejected Libya's appeal to prevent sanctions against it for refusing to turn over suspects in the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103.

One year ago: Israel's fourday-old military campaign against Hezbollah guerrillas continued, with aircraft bombarding guerrilla strongholds in Beirut and southern Lebanon, provoking guerrilla vows to turn northern Israel into a "fiery hell."

Today's Birthdays: Actor Sir John Gielgud is 93. Actor Rod Steiger is 72. Actor Bradford Dillman is 67. Country singer Loretta Lynn is 62. Actress Julie Christie is 57.

Thought for Today: "History repeats itself and 'History never repeats itself' are about equally true ... We never know enough about the infinitely complex circumstances of any past event to prophesy the future by analogy." - George Macaulay Trevelyan, English historian (1876-1962).