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Republicans to make decision during Tuesday's commissioner's runoff election

By JOHN H. WALKER

Managing Editor

It's the end of the line for one candidate or the other in the Republican race for Precinct 2 commissioner.

Incumbent Jerry Kilgore and challenger John Wayne Metcalf will work one last day to try and get their voters to the polls Tuesday to see who will carry the party's banner against Democrat Roosevelt Shaw in the November General Election.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. Tuesday. Residents who live in

205 and 208 will vote at Goliad Middle School. Voters who live in boxes 207 and 409 will vote at Coahoma City Hall.

Persons who voted in the March 10 Republican primary, or those who didn't vote at all, are eligible to vote in the runoff. Persons who voted in the Democratic primary are not eligible to

A total of 359 persons voted early for the runoff election, one of four on the ballot for Republicans.

The other three runoffs are countywide for Republicans and include the

WHERE TO VOTE:

· Goliad Middle School — Boxes 101-112, 301-306, 401-408, 410, 202-205 and 208. . Coahoma City Hall - Boxes 207 and 409.

hotly contested race for attorney general between Barry Williamson and John Cornyn.

Being in a runoff for the Precinct 2

seat is nothing new for either Kilgore or Metcalf. In 1994, Metcalf led after the primary but lost in the runoff.

Back on March 10, Kilgore received 451 votes, or 45.56 percent of the vote to Metcalf's 356 votes, or 35.96 percent.

Ken Mayhall drew 183 votes, sending Kilgore and Metcalf into the runoff. Both candidates looked at going into a runoff as a somewhat unpredictable

"Runoffs are tough because it's hard to get people out again," Kilgore said. You have to see who is eligible and go

Metcalf says he was surprised by the outcome of the March primary, but he appreciates the votes he received.

"Runoffs are where the danger zone is," Metcalf said. "I want to push the fact that I don't want anymore tax increases nor do I want anymore pay increases for commissioners.'

"We've tried to see as many people as we could and just make contact," Kilgore said. "I wanted to make sure the voters who voted in the March 10 primary come back out for the runoff." (Staff writer Carlton Johnson contributed to this report.)

Dog thefts puzzling to resident

By CARLTON JOHNSON

Staff Writer

A stolen female German Sheppard named Shelby and a male Chinese Pug named Bugsy have Big Spring resident Tammy Davidson wondering why anyone would want to steal a part of her family.

According to Davidson, her animals were stolen from her backyard in the 1600 block of E. 5th.

Davidson has filed a report with the Big Spring Police Department and said an area veterinarian has told her that she also has had a German Sheppard stolen recently.

"I'm am absolutely sick about this," Davidson said. "I have fliers all over the place and have gone to the Humane Society, house to house in my neighborhood and to the post office to see if anything would help me get my dogs back.*

Davidson said she is not sure ii other people have reported their dogs being stolen, but has been told by other residents that they have had German Sheppards and other valuable dogs stolen.

According to the BSPD, Davidson's report is the only theft report involving a German Sheppard that has been filed recently, but two to three months ago, there was a rash of thefts involving pit bulls and rottweilers.

"People don't seem to care about this and it bothers me because I keep my dogs locked up," Davidson said. "I love my animals and I don't feel like this is right. There is something going on. It's ridiculous to live in a town where people know each other, but no one will say anything about something like this."

It was about a year ago that the BSPD and Big Spring City Council faced a similar situation with residents Denise Freeman and Karen Ivey, who was lucky enough to have her Great Dane returned to her after a county resident recognized her dog's picture on television.

"There is a problem with animals being taken and dumped," Ivey told the council then. "Through persistence, I got my dog back.

She added, "I have tagged my dogs, but it does no good."

Mayor Tim Blackshear told Ivey and Freeman that until someone is caught or seen (in the act of stealing animals) everyone involved is going to have a hard time, which seems to be the case with Davidson.

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MS Walk benefits local patients

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN

Features Editor

Jonel Smallwood will be part of Big Spring's first-ever MS Walk on April 25 — but she won't be pounding the pave-

ment. It's just that walking INSIDE: any distance has become more and more diffifor an information Smallwood, and registration who is fight- form for the April

ing multiple 25 MS Walk in sclerosis. event means a lot to her, and she plans to help with registra-

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tion and in any other way she "I keep trucking along, doing what I can," she said. "I'm not a

quitter, so I just keep pushing." Smallwood, a former teacher, found out she had MS in 1984, when strange symptoms went unexplained after months of tests. Now she takes a shot every day to try to prevent and lessen the effects of her symptoms.

Smallwood said she is glad to help with the walk, which will help raise money for research into treatments and a cure for

"You always need more research," money for Smallwood said. The local walk is hoped to raise more than \$10,000.

Lois McDaniel may or may not be able to attend the walk, but her former co-workers at the city of Big Spring will make sure she's represented. The Big Spring resident discovered she had MS in 1986, when she was only 14.

For many years, McDaniel said, few people knew she had the disease. Then a series of severe attacks put her in a



Multiple sclerosis fighter Lois McDaniel, shown with daughter Mary Ashley, has hopes for research into a vaccine or cure for the disease. She will be represented by a group of her former co-workers at the MS Walk in Big Spring April 25.

wheelchair and left her unable

Her mobility has improved now, but McDaniel, who last July gave birth to a daughter, has concerns about the future. She wants to be certain the disease is not going to affect her

"I'm hopeful for a vaccine for See MS WALK, Page 1

her, to prevent her getting it," McDaniel said. "I wish they would come up with some-

thing." A Big Spring native with strong ties to the MS Walk is Tricia Tompkins, currently a student at Texas Tech working

Community Advisory Panel's goal is to help tie refinery, community residents together

By CARLTON JOHNSON

Staff Writer

Big Spring's Fina Refinery will be changing plant managers as of May 1, but not its commitment to community involvement,

according Plant Manager Carruthers.

Carruthers is leaving Spring Fina's corporate office in Dallas and will serve as general manager

high density ethylene, but before departing has announced the formation of the Fina/Howard County Community Advisory Panel

CAPs are a valuable way to bring together refinery employees and community members, according to Carruthers.

"The expected result is a relationship built on mutual respect, trust and shared wisdom," Carruthers said. "The selection process for the CAP has a goal to recruit a diverse volunteer panel providing a reflection of our community."

The charter panel members are Virginia Belew, Ken Darensbourg, Eddie Earls, Brian Jensen, Bebe McCasland, Nancy Welch, Frances Wheat and Ed Williamson.

"The panel will expand to 12 members in the near future and possibly more thereafter," Carruthers said. "Liz Sorely is

the facilitator. The role of the facilitator is to be an independent observer, keep meetings on an agenda and to encourage panel members to express their thoughts, their questions and suggestions to refinery manage-

ment." According to Carruthers, the CAP held its first meeting in February with the goal of drafting a set of by-laws for the group.

"CAP members voted to meet monthly to become knowledgeable about the health, safety and environmental issues of the Spring Carruthers said. "The frequency of meeting will be discussed after the initial training phase. Meeting last for about an hour and a half and follow the agenda selected by panel members."

Other interested person may attend CAP meeting as guests of panel members.

CAP members, in order to increase their knowledge of the refining process, have selected meeting agenda items that will allow them to learn about what goes on behind the fences at the

"I would like to understand the basic process taking place in refinery and better the health and safety issues," Williamson said.

"We need to know the emissions and sources of pollution from the refinery and what actions are taking place to reduce the releases," McCasland

The CAP will provide a bridge

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Big Spring among first markets for Citra

By CARLTON JOHNSON

Staff Writer

Big Spring, Midland and Odessa residents are among the first residents nationwide to sample Citra — the newest softdrink from the Coca-Cola Company.

In Big Spring the product is already in most 7-Eleven stores as well as H-E-B and Wal-Mart.

Customers got to taste the new product Saturday, as Coca-Cola Company gave customers a sampling of the new citrus drink in 20-ounce bottles during a special promotion at a local grocery

According to Big Spring Coca-Cola representatives, the product has been on the market since January and the company has only been doing what's called a "soft sell" of the product until now.

According to Coca-Cola USA executives, Citra's unique combination of crisp citrus flavor and optimal carbonation are expected to make it a favorite in the fast-growing market for citrus

Citra is expected to be spokesperson Diana

In a statement released Thursday about Coca-Cola's expanded marketing of Citra, President of Marketing Frank P. Bifulco Jr. said Citra is enjoying a level of success that well exceeds the company's own expectations which was the impetus for making Citra available on a broader basis.

"Key measures such as brand awareness, future purchase intent and incremental growth in immediate consumption-focused available in 50 percent of channels were higher the U.S. this month, than expected, underscoraccording to Coca-Cola ing the solid initial results of the brand," Bifulco said.

The rollout of Coca-Cola's newest product will be backed by a multidimensional marketing campaign including radio, television and outdoor advertising as well as product sampling and couponing.

Citra's packaging features bright yellow graphics with an infusion of purple and green, according to Garza. The new soft drink is available in 20ounce, single-serve PET (polyethylene terephthalate) bottles, as well as 6-, 12- and 24-packs and in one-, two- and three-liter bottles.

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Friends Convenience Store clerk Melinda Saiz displays Coca-Cola's newest product, Citra.

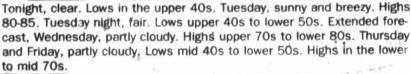
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BSISD administrator seeks city council position By CARLTON JOHNSON Staff Writer

One of the four candidates seeking the vacant District

5 city council position Joann Smoot, a four-year resident of Big Spring and an administrator with the Big Spring Independent School District (BSISD).



Smoot is joined in the race for the District 5 council seat by fellow hopefuls Maria Douglas, Jeff Gunselman and Ron Booth. "Four years ago I made the

choice to move to Big Spring," Smoot said.

If for no other reason, Smoot says her husband Carl, four children, membership in the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club and First United Methodist Church and involvement with her children's school activities are enough to qualify her as a good solid candidate for the city

"Big Spring is where I choose to live and I believe residents should give back to their city as a volunteer or community servant," Smoot said. "I am no different than the lifelong citizen who wants Big Spring to pros-

"In my position with BSISD I am responsible for running a business," Smoot added. "That business is the foodservice department. My responsibilities are on a smaller scale that what the city faces each day as a business

As food service director, See COUNCIL, Page 2

Smoot formulates and manages a \$1.5 million budget, makes purchasing decisions and has extensive knowledge of bidding requirements.

"With a staff of 85 people, i deal with personnel issues ranging from salaries to worker's compensation," Smoot said. "Constant decisions must be made concerning equipment and facilities. My department also deals with federal and state

Because Smoot answers to the

regulations.

Nellie Mae Smith

Graveside service for Nellie Mae Smith, 91, Big Spring, will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 14,

1998. at Wanette Cemetery in Wanette, Okla. Mrs. Smith

died Sunday, April 12, at her residence. She was born on May 16, 1906, in Shawnee,

Okla.

SMITH

Charles and Nannie Priscilla Maier. She married A.D. Smith on Aug. 1, 1926, in Shawnee, Okla. He preceded her in death on March 4, 1994. Mrs. Smith came to Big Spring in 1959 and was a homemaker. She was a member of Cedar Ridge Church of Christ.

Survivors include: three daughters, Corene Morton of Midland, Nola Gluege of Big Spring, and Bonnie Koeninger of Austin; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to: Alzheimer's Association of the Permian Basin; P.O. Box 3389; Midland, Texas; 79702, or American Heart Association; Howard County Division; P.O. Box 1223; Big Spring, Texas; 79721-1223.

The body will lie in state on Monday evening at the funeral

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Leona Koman

Leona Roman, 64, Knott, died on Sunday, April 12, 1998, in a local hospital. Service will be 2 p.m. Tuesday,

April 14, 1998, Nalley-Pickle Welch Rosewood Chapel with Larry Marshall, minister of **Knott Church** of Christ, and



Manning, minister of Knott Baptist Church. low at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born on Nov. 1, 1934, in Howard County, and married Jerry Roman on Sept. 10, 1954, in Knott.

She had lived in Howard County all of her life and attended school and graduated from Knott. She was a home-

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Robert Francis Penner, 79, died Friday. Services will be 10:30 AM, Tuesday, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Graveside services will be at 11:00 AM, Wednesday, at Grove Hill Cemetery in Dallas.

Nellie Mae Smith, 91, died Sunday. Graveside services will be at 11:00 AM Tuesday at Wanette Cemetery, Wanette, Oklahoma.

Leona Roman, 63, died Sunday. Services will be 2:00 PM Tuesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Julian Duran, 62, died Monday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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She was a member of Knott Baptist Church.

Survivors include: her husband, Jerry Roman of Knott; two daughters and sons-in-law. Rene and Joe Paul Beall of Knott, and Leah and Ricky Hughes of Big Spring; three grandsons, Wes Hughes, Jerrod Beall and Stuart Beall, all of Knott; one granddaughter, Kara Hughes of Big Spring; one great-grandson, Colten Hughes of Knott; three sisters, Shirley Weaver and Mary Ray, both of Big Spring, and Jean Brummett of Vealmoor; and three brothers. John Daughtery of Nacogdoches, Ben Daughtery of Big Spring, and Oren Lancaster, Jr. of Knott.

The family suggests memorials to the church of your

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Julian Duran Service for Julian Duran, 62. Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral

He died Monday, April 13, 1998, in a local hospital.

Virgil Lee Strickland, Sr.

Funeral service for Virgil Lee Strickland, Sr., 68, Abilene, was 10 a.m. today at Elliott-Hamil Chapel of Faith, with Rev. T. Gerald Cates officiating, and assisted by Ian Gray. Burial was in the Buffalo Gap Cemetery. Abilene Honor Guard conducted military rites. Mr. Strickland died Saturday,

April 11, 1998, in an Abilene hospital.

He was born in Cutoff Island, New Harmony, Ind. He had been a resident of Abilene since 1955. He married Hattie Kay Canon in 1960 in Abilene. He was a member of Calvary Bible Church and owner of Strickland Tower Service since 1973. He was a paratrooper for the 11th Airborne in the U.S. Army. Mr. Strickland had been a lifetime member of the

Survivors include: his wife, Kay Strickland Ahilene two sons, Jerry Wayne Strickland, North Vernon, Ind., and Virgil Lee (Butch) Strickland, Jr., Merkel; one daughter, Kay Lee Ann Rollins, Big Spring; two sisters, Zula Mae Robinson, Poseyville, Ind., and Dora Vaughn, Titusville, Fla.; two half-sisters, Golda Churchwell of New Harmony, Ind., and Arleta Manis of Thompsonville. Ill.; six grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be sent to the American Lung Association; P.O. Box 25460; Austin, Texas; 78764; or Hendrick Hospice Care; P.O. Box 1922; Abilene, Texas; 79604.

Arrangements under the direction of Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home, Abilene.

MS WALK

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on a master's of business Tompkins' administration. brother Troy is this year's project coordinator.

"It makes me very proud to realize he's doing this," Tompkins said, "realizing that he probably wouldn't be doing this if it weren't for me."

Tompkins, who found out she had MS in August of 1994, said this year's Big Spring MS Walk will be a very special day in many ways.

"I told one of my friends this is the biggest day of my life." she said. "I have friends coming to walk in it who come out not just for my cause, but for others who are much worse off than I am. It's a pretty incredible feel-

This year's walk will be dedicated to the memory of Chris Pierce, who died earlier this year after a lengthy battle with the disease.

Money raised by the walk will be split 60-40 between programs

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in the West Texas Division and for national research. There are estimated to be

bout 750 people in the West Texas Division area affected by the disease, and 20-25 people locally.

The walk begins with registration at 9 a.m. at First Baptist Church. The route is described as a 'scenic walk through the neighborhood," and lunch will be provided by Furr's Cafeteria. For information, call the MS Society office in Midland, (915)570-8248.

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for the public to voice concerns and questions and gives refinery personnel an opportunity to address those issues, according to Carruthers.

"A CAP does not replace other communications activities with the community," Carruthers said. "A CAP is simply a means to discuss issues of concern to the community in a very positive manner for both the community and Fina. In fact, we think the CAP will provide valuable guidance to Fina in communicating important safety and health issues to the community."

CITRA

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Western Spring's Container Corporation, which has produced bottles for several years for Coca-Cola products, expects the new Citra product will increase the demand for its 20-ounce bolt bottle.

Western Container began producing its bolt bottle in December 1998 and commercialized the new bottle as part of Coca-Cola's release of Surge, a high caffeine, low carbonation, citrus drink designed to challenge Pepsico's Mountain Dew.

DOG

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Freeman had a rare Basenji stolen and said she addressed the council last spring because she wanted to make people aware of the problem of dog theft, but she decided to return to the council to try to get some type of support established.

Although Davidson has reported her animals stolen and the matter is being investigated, a constant problem for the BSPD is that many people do not report stolen dogs to the police department.

According to Animal Control officials, the BSPD has a difficult time declaring a problem with stolen animals when people don't register their animals with the BSPD shelter and when an animal is stolen most owners don't report it to the police.

Registering animals and reporting incidents of theft will go a long way in assisting the BSPD in their investigations and although it did not do much good for Davidson, one thing people can do to help prevent animal theft is have a good fence around their yard with the gates locked.

It was mentioned by Freeman and Ivey last year that some stolen animals may be purchased by research facilities, but area officials say one way to combat the possibility is to tattoo or microchip animals because research facilities will buy tattooed not microchipped animals.

COUNCIL

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BSISD board of trustees, she says she knows that the bottom line is that she is in the business of service and customer satisfaction just as the operation of a city is a service to the people that are its residents.

"I'm not an expert in all areas of running a city," Smoot said. "I do believe that it takes different talents and knowledge to

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make a good council."

general knowledge of the workings of the city, be capable off setting policy and focus on supporting city leaders in order to carry out the day-to-day task of efficiently running the city," Smoot said. "I see in Big Spring a city that is run with good eadership.

Since moving to Big Spring, Smoot says she has witnessed several controversial issues in the city.

That's not uncommon when you are growing just as Big Spring is doing," Smoot said. "I see a lot of positives about the city that many long time residents might overlook. For example, the city that I formerly resided in was writing grants to build an amphitheater and I was involved in that grant writ-

"Little did I know that I would move to a community that already had a wonderful amphitheater facility," Smoot added. "There is nothing more I would like to see than Big Spring continuing on a positive course and taking advantage of the resources we already have available."

Smoot says many people have asked her what her "issue" is and her response is she is a concerned citizen who wants a better place and a better life for her family.

"I have some skills that I can offer to the voters of District 5 and the city of Big Spring," Smoot said. "I reside in District 5, my home phone number is listed and I welcome any questions,"

BRIEFS

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL SCHOOL is selling six flavors of frozen cookie dough in threepound tubs for \$10 each. The sale begins Tuesday, continuing through April 20.

The dough is from the Red Apple Baking Company, and includes such flavors as chunky chocolate, radical cation. madness and others. For more information, call the school at

ANIMAL VACCINES WILL BE given on Saturday, April 18, at the Coahoma Fire Department, 214 N. First, from 9 a.m. to noon and 1:30 to 5 p.m. The cost is \$5 for rabies and \$10 for distemper/parvo. For more information call the Coahoma City Hall at 394-4287.

JUNIOR AND SENIOR BIG Spring High School parents who care about their children. are asked to attend the After Prom Party planning every Monday at 7 p.m. in the Big Spring High School Library. For more information call Susan McLellan at 267-5759 or Lee Ann Rollins at 267-4959 or 264-5072.

CORRECTION

In Thursday's School News section, Dane Richardson was misidentified in a photo provided by Forsan High School. Richardson is one of five students who will be advancing to the Regional UIL Literary Meet April 25 in Abilene.

MARKETS

May cotton 62.69 cents, up 29 points; May crude 15.43, down 13 points; Cash hogs steady at 50 cents higher at 35.50; cash steers steady at 50 cents lower at 66; April lean hog futures 51.02, up 35 points; April live cattle futures 68.27, up 20 points. courtesy: Delta Corporation.

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POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activities between 1 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. Monday: GERALD ROSS, 33, was

arrested for assault. · CAMILO NIETO, 24, was arrested on DPS warrants.

• ROBERT PASCHAL, 35, was arrested for public intoxi-

was arrested for public intoxication. CHARLES SUNDY, 28, was arrested for public intoxication.

• ERNEST CLARK, 57, was arrested for theft of service. RAFAEL ORTIZ, 34, was arrested on local warrants-pos-

session of marijuana. • MELVIN JOHNSON, 50, was arrested on local warrants. • DON ATKINSON, 17, was

arrested on local warrants. • STACEY MACKE, 19, was arrested on local warrants. MICHAEL MACKEY, 18.

was arrested for disorderly con-

duct-fighting. • PHILLIP BERRY, 18, was arrested for disorderly conductfighting.

· HEATHER ARN, 16, was arrested on local warrants. ROBERT SANCHEZ, 33,

was arrested for assault by threat. • JESUS ORNELAS, 23, was arrested for public intoxication.

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was arrested for class C assault. • GEORGE GONZALES, 33,

was arrested for public intoxi-

• DERRICK WILBERT, 17. was arrested for no driver's

 HARASSMENT reported in the 400 block of Pennsylvania.

• THEFT reported in the 2300 block of Wasson, the 1700 block of E. Marcy, the 300 block of Owens, the 400 block of Birdwell, the 1600 block of Oriole, the 2900 block of Hunter's Glen and the 9000 block of Willia.

 CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING reported in the 700 block of W. U.S. Interstate 20 and the 1700 block of E. Marcy.

 BURGLARY/VEHICLE reported in the 200 block of Jefferson, the 700 block of Douglas and the 2900 block of U.S. Highway 80. · ASSAULT reported in the

500 block of Westover, the 1600 block of Martin Luther King, Jr., the 1000 block of W. 6th. and the 600 block of Aylesford. BURGLARY/BUILDING

reported in the 1000 block of Baylor. CRIMINAL MISCHIEF reported in the 1900 block of

Wasson. BURGLARY/HABITA-TION reported in the 3300 block of U.S. Highway 80.

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FIRE/EMS

Following is a summary of Spring Big Department/EMS reports: Friday

1:21 p.m. - 600 block East

FM-700, trauma call, service refused. 4:34 p.m. - 4th and Gregg, traffic accident, patient transported to Scenic Mountain

by three. 10:41 p.m. — 1800 block East Marcy, traffic accident, seven patients transported to SMMC.

Medical Center, service refused

Saturday 10:51 a.m. — 1200 block Douglas, medical call, patient transported to SMMC. 1:00 p.m. - 3200 block

Parkway, medical call, patient transported to SMMC. 6:24 p.m. — 1500 block Tucson, medical call, patient

transported to SMMC.

Sunday 7:30 a.m. — 500 block W. 17th, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

9:37 a.m. — 400 block Aylesford, medical call, patient transported to SMMC. 12:31 p.m. - 900 block

patient transported to Shannon Medical. 2:33 p.m. - 6500 block CR 846, medical call, patient trans-

Mountain Park, medical call,

ported to SMMC. 3:12 p.m. - 3200 block Parkway, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

5:15 p.m. — 1400 block E. 6th, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

RECORDS

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Tornado Watch: Will El Nino change twisters' path?

FORDLAND, Mo. (AP) Each spring, with every ugly dark green cloud, Jamey Wright's father would usher the family into a cellar, out of storms' way. Wright professes no fear today, but he learned early to respect the weather.

That may be good, because since 1950 the geographical center of tornado activity in the continental United States is Fordland, about 175 miles southeast of Kansas City — and, more precisely, on Wright's 136 acres.

Nearly five decades of data averaging twister latitudes and longitudes place Wright's property in the middle of the action although, to his knowledge, no tornado has ever hit his farm.

Perhaps one never will. With tornadoes, the past offers no clue to the future. And statisticians attach little significance to such a finding.

But Joe Eagleman, a meteorology professor at the University of Kansas in Lawrence, has plotted a similar "center of activity" on graphs for individual years. Such a spot, he says, is usually in central or southern Missouri.

Weather is a favorite topic for farmers here and April, the start of tornado season, keeps the conversation flowing. The big talk this year is El Nino, already blamed for rain and storms in the West and Southeast.

Though Wright insists "you can't outguess the weather,' tornado experts are already watching for the funneling winds and guessing about El Nino's impact.

"The atmosphere is chaotic," says Howard Bluestein, meteorology professor at the University of Oklahoma, Norman. "It's very, very slight changes in what happens at the beginning - slight changes in what happens right now - that will affect what happens a week from now tremendously."

A factor or not, El Nino faces tough precedents. The planet's fiercest tornadoes touch down most often in the United States. On average, 836 sightings are reported each year.

From its Storm Prediction Center in Norman, Okla., the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration recorded more than 38,000 segments - twisters that stay on a straight path — between-1950 and 1995.

Those storms caused nearly 71,000 injuries and more than 4.100 deaths. That's an average of two injuries per twister, according to data compiled from newspaper accounts and Weather Service National

An Associated Press analysis of that data shows that 75 percent of the tornadoes touched down in 17 states — in the Plains, Midwest and Southeast. include Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Florida, Georgia, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas and Wisconsin.

Just this past week, tornadoes through Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi, leaving dozens of deaths in their

Meteorologists do agree that El Nino — the intense warming of the Pacific Ocean off South America — has intensified in the United States and shifted

winds, bringing floods to southern California and heavy rains and winds to Florida.

Will El Nino add kick to this season's tornadoes?

Predictions fluctuate like a meteorologist's wind gauge. William Monfredo, a graduate student at Mississippi State University in Starkville, is sanguine. Earning a master's degree in geoscience, he studies tornado data, El Nino statistics and atmospheric models. His conclusion: The Midwest will see fewer strong tornadoes.

Many side with farmer Wright, claiming flat-out that no one can make a sound prediction. KU's Eagleman and Joe Schaefer, director of Norman's center, say their studies show no definite correlation. Adds colleague Louis Wicker, a professor at Texas A&M University, in College Station: "I've chased storms, and I've been doing that for 18 springs. I can say with some confidence I have no clue."

With expertise rooted in local lore, some of Fordland's 530 residents offer their own ideas, the-

south the jet stream's winter ories and memories of "the big now an alderman in Fordland,

Mary Jane Keen, Fordland's city clerk, insists that tornadoes follow the railroad tracks that cut through the heart of town. Other residents, including Wright, agree on the town's safe zone: the Dogwood General Store, 12 miles southeast of town, where Route Z crosses state Route 14.

"Z highway, two miles down the road, can get a downpour. Three miles down Highway 14 can get rain showers. We get nothing," says Mark Dever, whose family owns the store. "We haven't figured that one out yet."

The Wrights have had close calls. Wright remembers one unsettling evening, 20 years ago, when a neighbor joined him on his porch, about five miles south of town, to count funnel clouds as they formed. His wife, Diana, recalls the 1980s, when a storm forced her to find shelter inside the solid Fordland red bricks of Elementary School.

nearby Diggins, Roger Bowers,

remembers a tornado that came through during the early 1970s. Other family members bolted. "trying to get out before it took the house," and headed for a ditch. He and two relatives ended up outside, clinging to a clothesline pole.

Wright, along with other cattle ranchers south of town, considers his dairy barns shelter for humans as well as animals. Those 3-foot-deep pits, where farmers walk as they hook rows of cows to milking machines, are fine places to huddle.

Whether El Nino makes the season worse or not, Fordland is already bracing for storms, swapping three empty propane tanks for labor from the volunteer fire department to install a used tornado siren. It is to be sounded when a funnel cloud is spotted.

Spruced up with bright yellow paint, the siren - Fordland's first - hangs halfway up the town's water tower. But Wright is no more, or less, reassured.

"I don't worry about storms." As a youngster growing up in he says. "Ain't much you can

Boomer parents bury heads on kids' marijuana use

NEW YORK (AP) • Baby Boomer par-schools their children attend. Nor do they drugs and their kids, a study by the Partnership for a Drug Free America

The group's 10th poll showed that parents are consistently out of touch when it come to the allure of marijuana on the nation's youth, and the easy access they have to the drug.

"Boomers - many of whom have 'been there, done that' — are surprisingly and ironically out of step with the reality of drugs in their children's lives," said Partnership President Richard D. Bonnette.

The poll found that parents underestimated the availability of marijuana, their children's view of its risks, and whether their children's friends were smoking.

"Few parents believe their children are at risk," said Bonnette. "Few sincerely believe their children are exposed to drugs, that drugs are widely available in the

ents just don't get it when it comes to know when drugs are likely to become a part of their children's lives.'

> Past Partnership studies showed that 60 percent of the Boomers had tried marijuana at least once. The current study indicated that among

> children ages 9 to 12, the number who had tried marijuana was up from 334,000 in 1993 to 571,000 last year — an increase from 3 percent to 5 percent of children in that

> Marijuana use among ages 13 to 16 remained stable, but there was a significant increase among 17- and 18-year-olds from 41 percent in 1996 to 48 percent last

> Yet, the study indicated, parents believe their children are immune to those numbers. Some examples:

> · Among parents, 43 percent believed their teens could find marijuana easily. Yet 58 percent of children said pot was readily available.

· Thirty-three percent of the parents thought their kids viewed marijuana as harmful. Among teens, only 18 percent less than one in five — felt that smoking marijuana was risky.

· Among parents, 45 percent felt their teen had a friend who smoked marijuana. Among teens, 71 percent said they had a friend who had used marijuana.

 Twenty-one percent of parents thought their teen could have experimented with marijuana, while 44 percent of the teens said they actually had.

The Partnership is a private, nonprofit coalition of communications industry professionals, known for its anti-drug advertising campaign.

The survey was conducted last year among 1,922 children, 6,975 teens and 815

The margin of error for the children's data was plus or minus 2.2 percentage points; the teens, plus or minus 1.2; for the adults, plus or minus 3.4.

Clinton catches heat on make-up of panel set to help race relations

HOUSTON (AP) - A White House town meeting intended to smooth race relations has angered Latino activists who say the panel slights Hispanics.

Felipe Lopez, a basketball player at St. John's University, is the only Hispanic on the 11member panel, which also includes President Clinton and nine athletic figures — six blacks and three whites.

"Whenever there's a dialogue on race, it's always black and white. They should begin considering Hispanics as part of dialogue," Alfonso Maldonado, director of the Houston chapter of LULAC, said Sunday.

Lopez is just a token, the group said.

The 90-minute town hall meeting, part of the president's initiative on race, will discuss the ine iorum will be televised on ESPN.

The cable sports network, which chose the panelists, announced the selection of Lopez on Sunday, after LULAC officials wrote Clinton to protest the absence of Hispanics. However, ESPN spokesman Chris LaPlaca said Lopez agreed to be a panelist on

Saturday. "We were looking for a vari-

ety of perspectives from different sports and ethnic backgrounds," he said. "We've been working very hard to address all that. White House spokesman Joe

Lockhart said ESPN sent out invitations to about two dozen Hispanic athletes, who declined for various reasons. 23-year-old Lopez,

Dominican who lives in New York, said he doesn't mindbeing the only Hispanic on the panel and considers it an honor. "It's great for myself, not only

to be the only Hispanic there but one of the panelists. I will try to give my view about things," he said.

Joining Lopez on the panel are NFL Hall of Famer Jim Brown. Minnesota Vikings impact of race in sports from coach Dennis Green, track-andthe playground to the pro level. field star Jackie Joyner-Kersee, Georgetown basketball coach John Thompson, New York Jets receiver Keyshawn Johnson and ESPN analyst Joe Morgan, all of whom are black.

Also on the panel are San Francisco 49ers President Carmen Policy, San Diego Padres owner John Moores and Georgia athletic director Vince Dooley, all whom are white.

Houston ISD tries to eliminate social promotions

HOUSTON (AP) - Social promotion — or moving students up to the next grade who aren't academically ready — is the target of a proposal Houston school trustees will consider on Thursday.

The plan by Superintendent Rod Paige would essentially end the Houston district's longstanding policy limiting the number of times a student can be held back, the Houston Chronicle reported.

The policy, which until recently was a Texas Education Agency rule, said that students may be retained only once in elementary school and once in middle school. The idea is to prevent students from gaining too many years on their classmates.

Paige's proposal comes in the midst of a campaign by Texas Gov. George W. Bush to end social promotion statewide. Bush is drafting his own proposal to be presented to the

Legislature next year.

Last year, 6 percent of all students in the Houston Independent School District were held back while 7.7 percent were promoted despite failing grades.

The problem is most obvious in the ninth grade, where thousands of students premoted out of middle school can't pass their high school coursework to earn graduation credits.

As a result, the ninth-grade enrollment in HISD is about 19,000 students, compared with about 15,000 in eighth grade, 12,000 in 10th grade and 7,000 in

"Our high school is full of students who have been placed in high school simply because of their age, not because of their proficiency," said Austin High School teacher Debbi Savage. "Every high school in HISD deals with that problem on a yearly basis."

But, as teachers know all too well, merely retaining a child and forcing him to repeat a grade doesn't solve the problem

either. "The biggest problem we've had is we tend over the years to look at social promotion as an either-or," said Gayle Fallon, president of the Houston Federation of Teachers.

"Either we pass them on when we shouldn't or we retain them and have the 20-year-old third grader. And we don't look at what is a much better option, which is stop the child, pull him out and teach him what he doesn't know."

Fallon and Houston Education Association President Jon Dansby, a middle school counselor, worry that Paige's proposal so far lacks detail on what intervention strategies and resources will be used to help kids keep pace academically.

But Paige said he is seeking

input from teachers, principals and administrators before filling in more details.

According to the proposal, which is now before the board on first reading, students would have to attend summer school if they don't meet promotion standards beginning at least for some grades at the end of the 1998-99 school year.

Promotion standards would be based on three criteria whether the student passes certain portions of the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills, whether he is close to grade level on the Stanford Achievement Test and whether his classroom grades are pass-

Students who fail to meet at least two of the three standards would not be promoted to the next grade until they receive help from a program designed to boost performance for students considered at-risk.

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OUR VIEWS

Tuesday's runoff offers last chance to east your ballot before November

uesday offers persons who either voted in the March 10 Republican primary, or did not vote at all, a last chance before November to participate in the Democratic process. Voting is one of your greatest duties and obliga-

tions as a member of a democracy. But you already know that.

Voting in an election gives you a voice in the outcome, whether the candidate of your choice wins or

But you already know that, too.

Obviously, you are well within your rights to let this next election pass you by. If recent historical trends hold, we'll be pretty lucky to get a smattering of the potential voters to the polls, so you'll have plenty of company if you sit this one out.

That's your right. Non-participation in a democracy is just as much a right as participation. That's what freedom is all about. Nobody is going to hold a gun to your head and force you into the voting booth.

Many people are dissatisfied with this voting business. "My vote doesn't count," or "They're all a bunch of crooks," are popular refrains among the non-vot ing set this time of year.

Well, you're darned right — but not for the reasons vou believe.

If you don't vote, of course it doesn't count. And, by staying away from the polls, the risk of a fringe candidate actually winning increases. Do nothing, just sit on your hands and wait the whole thing out, and the political arena will become a greater quagmire than people already believe it to be.

On the other hand, if you're sick and tired of the mess, if you want candidates who stand for more than just what they can get out of the job you're giving them, then it is absolutely necessary that you get off your duff and vote.

Why do you think politics has earned such a dirty name lately? Is it because politicians are by nature a bunch of lazy bums with their hand in the public

Absolutely not. A vast majority of candidates are honorable men and women sincerely committed to the public good. The only way unworthy individuals hold political office is if we let them. And we allow that to happen by - you guessed it - not voting.

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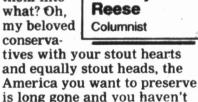
Readers off the mark on PR assimila

Reaction to my column saying Puerto Ricans have earned the right to choose statehood if that's what they want has amused

me. Many are worried that it may be difficult to assimilate the Puerto Ricans.

Assimilate them into what? Oh, my beloved

even missed it yet.



Charley

For 50 years, the U.S. government has preached, practiced and propagandized internationalism. The official doctrine of government schools is multiculturalism, not assimilation. and internationalism, not patriotism. About the only thing graduates of government schools seem to know about America is that the founders of the country owned slaves and shot Indians.

The U.S. government admits 1 million legal immigrants a year while another quarter of a

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million enter illegally, and you are worried about assimilating people who have been American citizens for most of this century.

The U.S. government has enacted trade laws that sacrifice both American sovereignty and American jobs, handed out hundreds of billions of dollars to foreign governments, deployed troops in 100 foreign countries, not one of which is

a threat to the United States, and you are worried about assimilating people who have served and died in defense of the United States

Do you not realize that the standard practice of domestic politics is the same as it was when the Radical Republicans first took office under Lincoln to pit race against race, ethnic group against ethnic group, so the ruling elite can hold

onto power? Do you not yet realize that the modern Republican Party is what the former Russian KGB referred to as "political prophylaxis," a phony opposition into which conservatives can be drawn and controlled?

Who passed the North **American Free Trade** Agreement? Republicans.

Who passed the bill authorizing the World Trade Organization? Republicans.

Which party is blocking campaign finance reform? Republican.

Who stopped Congress from blocking the Mexican bailout? Republicans.

Who has prevented reform of the environmental laws that represent an assault against the last pillar of liberty - private property rights? Republicans.

Who saved the Greater Legal Services Corp., which Ronald Reagan tried to kill? Republicans.

Who has refused to stop the atrocity of abortion? Republicans.

Who has allowed the man in the White House to waste lives and treasure on U.N. peacekeeping missions? Republicans.

Who is allowing the armed forces to be depleted? Republicans.

Who allows foreign aid to sail through with virtually no debate? Republicans.

Who whitewashed the Waco massacre? Republicans. Who has confirmed the majority of the president's radical appointments to the bench? Republicans.

Who twisted public education into a unrecognizable mess? Republicans.

Who has been a combination doormat and step-and-fetch-it

for the big corporations? Republicans.

Who treated Pat Buchanan, the one pro-American Republican candidate, like a

fascist? His fellow Republicans. Who said, "(Expletive) the conservatives. Who else are they going to vote for?"? James

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Baker, Republican. Conservatives said that if we elect a Republican president our ideas can become law. They elected Republican presidents and got the same policy they got under Democrats. Then they said if we had a Republican majority in Congress our ideas would get enacted. They got a Republican majority in Congress and got the same policy they got when Democrats were in power.

Heck, fellows, I'm a slow learner myself, but by God I'm not permanently slow. If the America you love is a constitutional republic committed to American independence and to the safety and welfare of Americans, your disagreement is not, I say again not, with brown or black or foreignaccented people. It's with folks who look like you and talk like you and were elected by you.

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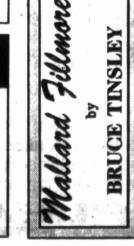
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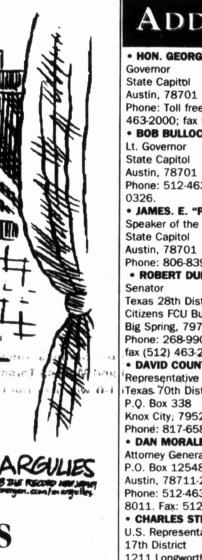
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Together at Easter after a loss

Scripps Howard News Service

I always wanted to make Easter a day my children would remember. I'd say I wanted to make it special, but I don't say "special." The word has been so overused it has lost its meaning, or rather, its power to convey what it means. Much like the word "Easter."

As a child, I envied my friends whose families were what my grandmother called "cultured." She didn't elaborate, but I was pretty sure it had to do with money. Families with money, it seemed to me, celebrated Easter with more style, more decorum, not to mention,

more chocolate. Everybody, cultured or not, went to church. It was a given in the Bible Belt where I grew up: If you could breathe, you went to church Easter Sunday. Even my uncle Ed, a self-described heathen. He would quit drinking on Good Friday, shake real bad Saturday night.

Sunday morning, sure as salvation, he'd be sitting in a back pew, guilty as sin and glum as a corpse. But by the time the Easter ham came out of the oven, Uncle Ed would be feeling no pain.

We were all equals in the eyes of God. We went to the same church, sang the same hymns and were saved by the same precious blood of Jesus, who loved us all the same, even Uncle Ed. But beyond that, I have to say, some were more equal than others.

My "cultured" friends got new clothes for Easter. Their baskets were so heavy they had to drag them on the ground. They ate their ham on real china, then went out to hunt for handpainted eggs on meticulously groomed

Or so I always imagined. My cousins and I wore hand-me-downs mostly. Our baskets were paper bags that we had to shake to be sure they weren't empty. We ate Easter dinner in shifts (men first except Uncle Ed, who'd be too "tuckered out" to eat) then the women and children. Between shifts, we had to wash plastic plates. Finally, we'd go out and have a raw

egg fight in the weeds. Come to think of it, maybe it was special. I was happy, as long as I got marshmallow peeps in my paper bag and didn't have to share the porch

swing with Uncle Ed. Still, I wanted to give my children a more "cultured" Easter. And I tried. Not hard enough, no, but I tried.

They didn't always get new clothes, but they didn't have to wear hand-me-downs for Easter, usually, except the youngest who still prefers to shop at Good Will. They got real baskets with their pick of candy; except for the peeps. which they had to give to me. We never used plastic plates on Easter, because we always went out to eat. And they never even met Uncle Ed.

But ask them, as I did recently, what they remember about Easter and they'll say, "Dad made us go to church. We got those chocolate eggs with the runny yolks. And Mom always stole our peeps."

So much for culture. This Easter — the first since my husband died called for a new tradition, a letting go of the past to make room for the new. Which, of course, is what Easter is all about.

to eat. They got chocolate eggs. I took their peeps. We may not be cultured, but we were together, the four of

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us, a family. And that was special enough for me.

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Texas to introduce Clemson's Rick Barnes as its new basketball coach ate picture than he did walking in at

AUSTIN (AP) — When Rick Barnes took over at Clemson in 1994, one newspaper predicted that his team could be the worst in the history of the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Barnes was inheriting a squad that had lost four starters from the previous year, including first-round draft choice Sharone Wright, who opted for the NBA after his junior season.

Barnes defied doubters by leading the team to an NIT berth that year and to a school-record three straight NCAA tournaments after that.

With his introduction as the new Texas basketball coach today, Barnes might be facing an even more desperClemson. His problem now isn't player gradua-

tion. It's player dissension. Four young Longhorns' starters, including freshmen Luke Axtell, Chris

Mihm and Bernard Smith as well as sophomore Gabe Muoneke, met with Texas athletic director DeLoss Dodds on March 8 to say that they had lost faith in Tom Penders and his program.

The meeting began a month of controversy that included the suspension of Axtell by Penders for academic reasons; the wrongful release of Axtell's grades to a radio station; and the resignation of Penders, the winningest coach in the program's history, who received a settlement package of roughly \$850,000.

Muoneke, who threatened to transfer, has said he will stay at Texas. Axtell, the second-leading scorer for the Longhorns, was reinstated to the team the day after Penders stepped down. But he already had received his release to transfer and is reportedly considering Kansas and Texas Tech.

Barnes, who was 74-48 in four years at Clemson, is obviously up to the task, and he might have the personality to calm the storm.

At Clemson, he was a favorite among fans, who wore T-shirts to home games

reading, "Clemson Barnes Stormers." He instantly won favor by regularly doing humorous live remote radio interviews from fans' tailgate parties before football games.

When students camped out last year in near-freezing temperatures for tickets to then second-ranked Clemson's game against No. 4 Wake Forest, he brought them hot chocolate and pizza, talking with them into the night before studying game film until 3 a.m.

He gets on airplane intercoms and jokes around with his team, and he'll stick up for his players to the point of

drawing a fine. Three years ago, he got in the face of

North Carolina coach Dean Smith. accusing Smith of badgering Clemson players with unfair criticism about dirty play during an ACC tournament

Referees had to restrain Barnes, who was wildly pointing and shouting at Smith. Both coaches were fined \$2,500.

The feud continued into 1996, when Smith continued to yell at Clemson? players during a game, accusing one of grabbing the jerseys of North Carolina

Both coaches were forced to meet with ACC commissioner Gene Corrigan to settle the ongoing spat in

Wind-blown homer gives Rangers win

ARLINGTON (AP) - Texas manager Johnny Oates doesn't like windy weather.

On Sunday, though, it helped the Rangers beat the Toronto Blue Jays 3-1 on Kevin Elster's wind-blown, two-out homer in the bottom of the ninth.

"Of the three elements cold, wet, wind — my least favorite is wind," Oates said. "The game is supposed to be won by the team with the most talent. If it's cold, everybody is affected. If it's wet, same thing. But if it's windy, crazy things can happen."

Elster's shot came off Paul Quantrill (0-1), who got the first two outs of the inning before he walked Lee Stevens. Quantrill had shut down a Texas rally in the eighth by getting Juan Gonzalez with the potential goahead run at third.

John Wetteland (1-0) struck out the side in the ninth for the

"It's amazing there weren't more balls hit out, the way the wind was blowing. The wind was galing all day long," Elster said.

"I got lucky. I hit a ball over my head and let the wind take it out. I thought it would be enough to score the run, but I didn't think I hit it high enough to get it out. I was trying to go to right field all day."

Starting pitchers Hanson of Toronto and John Burkett of Texas battled the winds, which gusted up to 40 mph, into the eighth inning.

"You could feel yourself getting blown over in your windup," Hanson said. "It was a tough day to pitch, but it was also a tough day to hit."

Starting in the majors for the first time since last April, Hanson allowed seven hits in 7 1-3 innings. Burkett allowed seven hits in eight innings.

Burkett, who took an 8.76 ERA into the game, was behind 1-0 after the first two batters. Shannon Stewart singled and scored on Tony Fernandez's double to left.

The Blue Jays had runners on second and third with two outs. but Darrin Fletcher popped up.

Hanson had faced the minimum eight batters before Fernando Tatis hit a two-out fly that was held up in the wind and fell in front of right fielder Shawn Green. Tatis stole second and scored on Tom Goodwin's single.

But Hanson followed with five scoreless innings.

"Erik did a great job. We made some great plays, but that last ball just got into the jet stream, and it just kept going," Blue Jays manager Tim Johnson said.



Big Spring's Melissa Mertinez (10) starte to leave the batter's box as Andrews' Leesa Lopez (12) and Melissa Tarango respond defensively on a purious time sailed out of play during the bady Steers' O win over the Lady Mustaries last week. Martinez went hitless in the showd fect 4-for-4 in Thursday's run-ruling of Sweetwater. The Lady Steers play their next to last District 4-4A game when they play host to Pecos' Lady Eagles at 5 p.m. Tuesday at the Roy Anderson Complex.

Knicks protest controversial loss, want Stern to overturn Miami win

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Commissioner David Stern has a big decision to make today. Does he follow the letter of the law or the spirit of right and wrong?

Sounds familiar, doesn't it? The New York Knicks will ask him to overturn their loss to Miami, arguing that the officials blew the call when they disallowed Allan Houston's buzzer-beating basket Sunday in the Heat's 82-81 victory.

The evidence will support the Knicks. The rule book will support the Heat.

Televised replays clearly showed Houston's shot leaving his hand before the clock expired.

The official rules state: "Regardless of when the horn or red light operates to signify the end of period, the officials ultimately make the final decision whether to allow or disallow a successful field goal."

Knicks general manager Ernie Grunfeld said the team will file an official protest today.

"David will take all the evidence and make a ruling,"

league spokesman Brian McIntyre said.

In other games, New Jersey Toronto 116-109, defeated Phoenix crushed Vancouver 129-106, Indiana topped Boston 93-87. Seattle beat Houston 103-95, Atlanta downed Washington 91-81 and Charlotte edged Detroit 88-86.

If the Knicks-Heat outcome stands, it will mark the second time the Knicks have come out on the losing end of a controversial finish to one of their games at Miami. Last year, Stern suspended five members of the Knicks for one game each after they left the bench during a brawl in Game 5 of the

In that case, Stern followed the letter of the law — even though Patrick Ewing merely strayed to halfcourt and didn't join the fracas — when he cited a league rule that mandates one-game suspensions for players leaving the bench during a skirmish.

Eastern Conference semifinals.

In this case, the rulebook unambiguously states that the it was good. officials' decision is final. But the replay clearly shows that the basket should have counted,

leeway to differentiate between the letter and spirit of the rule.

The frantic finish began as York inbounded at midcourt with 4.4 seconds left. Chris Mills took the pass and drove past Alonzo Mourning, but missed a short runner. Charles Oakley missed a tip, and Dan Majerle then slapped the ball in the direction of Houston, who hastily threw up one last attempt at the buzzer.

Referee Bob Delaney immediately signaled the shot didn't count. After conferring briefly with the two other officials, the ruling stood.

"Any time there is a controversial play, we always huddle and decide," head official Hugh Evans said. "There was not a difference of opinion.'

"The shot was good," Chris Childs of the Knicks said. "You all know it, the Heat knew it, the referees knew it, NBC knows it and the world knows it. The shot was good. But nobody had the courage to say

The loss dropped New York into eighth place in the Eastern Conference.

O'Meara charges to final hole birdie for Masters crown

a practice round, knowing the hole would be there on the 18th green in the final round of the Masters, but not realizing he would be there with so much at

Neither did anyone else.

The cheers on Sunday were for Jack Nicklaus, teasing a breathless gallery with one more run at another green jacket. And for Fred Couples, who took himself out of contention as quickly as he got back in it with unforgettable shots on the

When O'Meara lined up his 20-foot birdie putt on the 72nd hole, thousands of fans had already lined the 10th fairway in anticipation of a playoff between him, Couples and David Duval.

"Am I nervous a little bit? Yeah," O'Meara said. "But there was no need to set the playoff. 'I can put this in my hands and finish it off. '' " "

That's what he did, raising both arms defiantly after the putt fell, giving him a 5-underpar 67 for 279 and a one-stroke victory.

"We had a great round, but we got beat by somebody who played a great round the last round of the Masters," said Couples.

A great round was lurking. With only a soft breeze, the table was set for the kind of back-nine charge that makes the Masters special, and there were plenty of players on the

leaderboard who were capable. Tiger Woods was not one of them. One year after his record 18-under 270 gave him a 12stroke victory and raised concerns that Augusta was obsolete, Woods never managed to break 70 and finished six strokes back.

"People just don't know how hard this golf course is," Woods said after a round of 72 that included his third three-putt of the week.

For a while, a 58-year-old man

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — Mark with six green jackets made it O'Meara had hit the putt during look easy again. Nicklaus birdied four of the first seven holes, rocking Augusta with

roars that only he can generate. But after getting to 5 under with a birdie on the 15th, his next three putts for birdie all missed by no more than an

"To have all the people out there, knowing that might be the last time you walk in front of them with the chance to do something good was a pretty nice feeling," Nicklaus said after closing with a 68.

O'Meara was a forgotten man, fifth in career earnings with 14 PGA Tour victories, but none of them a major championship. The 41-year-old would have thought no less of himself had he not had a major to his credit at the end of his career, but he never quit trying in 56 previous

attempts. "I know that this game has always been based around performance of major championships."...O'Meara said. know that there's been comments about why I haven't won a major. I think timing and a little luck — that's what wins major championships.

A hot putter never hurts. especially at Augusta.

The previous four Masters champions had but one threeputt between them - Nick Faldo in 1986. O'Meara had a three-putt par on the second hole of the second round, and no more the rest of the week.

"I've played enough with Mark. That's just how he putts," said Duval, who teamed with O'Meara in the President's Cup. "He's one of the best putters out here, and he makes an awful lot of them.

O'Meara got a lift when he dropped a pair of bombs on the third and fourth holes for birdie, but he saved the best for the end.

His birdie putt from 7 feet on the 17th finally made people take notice, if only because it put him in a share of the lead.

Big Spring's Rondel Brock finishes third in Abilene Speedway feature **HERALD Staff Report**

ABILENE — Rondel Brock of Big Spring was among the money winners Saturday evening at the Abilene Speedway. Brock, who competes in the IMCA Modifieds division, drove to a third-place finish in the first "B" feature, finishing behind

Johnny Holland and Rand Jones.
In addition to the IMCA Modifieds division, races in super stock, street stock and sprint cars were also staged at the speed-

SPORTS BRIEFS

SMMC fun run, fun walk is Saturday

Scenic Mountain Medical Center has scheduled the first ever "Master the Mountain" Fun Run/Fun Walk for 8 a.m. Saturday at the Big Spring State Park.

Entry fees for the event will be \$10 per runner which includes entry into the park. Trophies will be awarded for the top three finishers.

· For more information, contact Lauri Phillips at 263-1211, Ron Alton at 263-4931 or the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce at 263-7641.

Golf tourney slated with 'Relay for Life'

A four-person scramble golf tournament benefiting the American Cancer Society has been scheduled for April 25-26 at the Big Spring Country Club in conjunction with the Relay for Life.

Entry fees will be \$75 per player plus cart fees Team will include A, B, C. and D players.

For more information, contact the club's pro

shop at 267-5354.

Junior, Senior League sign-ups continue

Registration for teens between the ages of 13 and 15 interested in playing Junior League or Senior League summer baseball will continue through today.

Players may sign up to play in either league at the Karat Patch, 1008 E. 11th Place, until tryouts begin, according to Big Spring Youth Baseball Association official Jay Phinney.

Tryouts are scheduled for 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. today and Tuesday at the Roy Anderson Complex.

4-H shooting sports team meeting slated

The Howard County 4-H shooting sports team will have its first meeting of the season at 6 p.m. Monday, April 20, at the Howard County Courthouse According to Van Gaskins, one of the team's and 18 years of age interested in skeet or trap shooting, including beginners just learning the sport, are urged to attend the meeting.

Lady Steers banquet set for May 11

The Big Spring Lady Steers Booster Club will hold its annual Lady Steers Athletic Banquet at 7 p.m. Monday, May 11, in the Garrett Hall at the First United Methodist Church.

The banquet will be catered by Al's and Son Bar-B-Que.

Tickets, priced at \$8.50 per person will go on sale Monday, April 13, at Big Spring High School, Athletic Supply, Neal's Sporting Goods and at Faye's Flowers.

For more information, call 263-4921.

CGA slates scholarship fund tournament

The Big Spring Chicano Golf Association has scheduled its sixth annual Scholarship Fund coaches, any youngster between the ages of nine Tournament for Saturday and Sunday, May 9-10,

at the Comanche Trail Golf Course. Entry fees, which include dinner and a dance,

are priced at \$150 per two-man team.

A new car will be presented to the first player to make a hole-in-one on the par 3 No. 4 hole on Saturday by the New Car Dealers Association of Big Spring.

For more information and tee times, contact the Comanche Trail Golf Course pro shop at 264-2366

Lady Steers boosters meeting Thursday

The Big Spring Lady Steers Booster Club will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday in the Athletic Training Center at Big Spring High School to make final plans for the Lady Steers Athletic Banquet.

ball, basketball, track and volleyball teams, as well as the cheerleaders, athletic trainers and managers.

The banquet, set for May 11, will honor the soft-

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 14: Experiment, forge new paths

and break outdated patterns this year. Others respond to you and want to help you realize your dreams. Long-distance communications, higher learning and increased spirituality seem to happen naturally. A foreigner easily could play a significant role in events. If you are single, you go for different, exotic and eye-opening experiences. 1999 sees the fruition of a special relationship. If attached, you are learning to understand each other better, and to be more generous and loving. Make plans for that long-talked about trip. SAGIT-TARIUS helps you see the other side.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Keep trying to break through someone's barriers. The resistance might not be conscious; it is most likely unintentional. Be loving yet persistent. Success might not come today, but it will sooner than you think. Take the high road when weighing the pros and cons. Tonight: Off to the movies. *****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Letting others express their point of view doesn't mean that you automatically have to agree with them. Carefully consider options. Popularity soars, but decisions aren't made easily, nor are they likely to stick. Examine various options with care. Tonight: Where the party

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Plug into work, and be more direct about what is going on. Your dynamic thinking helps you be more efficient. Zero on what is important, and stay upbeat. Schedule an important meeting for later in the day. Others respond to you in a big

way. Tonight: Socialize.**** CANCER (June 21-July 22) Let your imagination roam.

Horoscope

You come up with wonderful. dynamic ideas, as you do a wish list of what you want for the future. Count on your abilities to solve problems. Postponing work might be all right for a while, but it will catch up to you. Tonight: Off to the gym. *****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Listen to a child's feedback. Let your creative ideas flow. Ideas suddenly pop into your head. You are invigorated by all of life's choices. Channel your energy into your domestic life. Others respond to your infectious spontaneity. Tonight: Naughty and nice.****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Communications flow easily. But if you think you can change someone else's mind, think again! Keep the door open, even with a negative person. Others are likely to change their tune, but not immediately. Plan on taking home extra work. Tonight: Breeze through mundane paperwork.****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Don't make any permanent financial decisions, as they are likely to backfire on you. Make a list of calls and errands. Do what you can to answer a nagging question. Touch base with others, to solicit opinions. Be open to friends' feedback. Tonight: Review your budget.***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Your personality melts away the hassles of the day. What appeared worrisome to someone becomes irrelevant, once he speaks to you. Be more direct, and do not complicate a difficult situation. Make time for an activity or excursion just for you. Tonight: Happy as a cat.****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

Take some time off to recycle and recharge. Others are active and energetic, and might attempt to convince you to go along with their way of thinking. A low-key approach is likely to benefit you now. Soon,

you will be full of more energy. Tonight: Nap, then decide.***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

Aim for what you want. Getting together with others, networking and adding to your immediate circle of connections increase your resources. A potential positive change is on the horizon. Be ready to take a leap into the unknown. Tonight: Take time to yourself.****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Others turn to you for news and guidance. Put your foot down, and eliminate superfluous things from your life. Hedging might buy time, but you can't put off the inevitable too long. Maintain a high profile, and decide what you will soon act upon. Tonight: Out and about.***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Your mind drifts, making it difficult to focus on what is

happening. Understand more of what you want through the process of day dreaming. Think and visualize. Calls from a distance inspire you. Don't decide that anything is impossible. Tonight: Follow your imagination.****

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DEAR ABBY: I seem to be having a communication prob-

I became a widow a year ago. I have two sons, a daughter and three grandsons. They are very good to me.

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what I really need is help around the house someone to mow m v



Abigail Van Buren

lawn, trim the shrubs and trees, paint, etc. I can't do these things myself. I am 72 years old, and having to pay for this kind of help doesn't leave much

It's a shame, Abby. Here I am with two sons, a son-in-law and three grandsons - and no help. Please don't use my name. I don't want to hurt anybody's feelings. I just want to be heard - NO HELP

.wDEAR NO HELP: Here's your letter. You should be more specific about your needs. Offer to prepare lunch in exchange for a day of work around your home, then be effusive with your appreciation. Here's hoping that after this runs, you (and others who are in the same boat) won't have to send

out a cry for help. DEAR ABBY: I have never written to you before, but "Josie," my daughter-in-law, does something that really bothers me. She frequently tells "Sammy," her 3-year-old, to "shut up." That phrase seems

so ugly. I am afraid it will undermine my grandson's self-confidence. Children should be made to feel they are important and loved, and that what they have to say is of interest to adults. They need to be supported. I also think Josie should be more consistent with her discipline. How is Sammy to know if Mommy means it this time when last time she threatened

but never acted on her words? Abby, how can I get my daughter-in-law to quit telling her darling little boy to shut up without coming off as critical and interfering? - MRS. X IN BANGOR, MAINE

DEAR MRS. X: Explain your fears to your son, and offer some alternative phrases for "shut up." Until your daughterin-law is willing to make a change, there's nothing you can do to force her. All you can do is lavish your grandson with a double dose of love and sup-

DEAR ABBY: I recently married a wonderful, unselfish man who was willing to take my last name at the altar instead of my assuming his. The reason for his decision was that his family had other sons to continue their family name; mine is a family of daughters.

In order for him to assume my last name legally, we have been told he will have to go to court and request the name change. Isn't this discrimination? From the time a woman marries, she can begin signing her new last name without legally changing it.

Can't a husband assume his wife's last name without going to court? And, do I call myself "Mrs." even if I keep my maiden name? - CONFUSED IN CANADA

DEAR CONFUSED: Your husband may call himself whatev-

er he chooses, but the prudent thing to do with a last-name change is to discuss it with a

lawyer. And yes, now that you are married you may call yourself 'Mrs. John Jones'' — your hus band's new last name -regardless of the fact that you were a Jones before the marriage.

DEAR ABBY: "Indebted to Them, Lakewood, Calif." was contrite about how she had treated her mother and stepfather. She asked if she should say something to apologize, and to thank them for putting up with her behavior.

Some time ago, you suggested that children write a letter to their parents saying how much they loved them and thanking them for all they had done. I not only took your advice - I went further by writing letters to my in-laws from my first marriage, and also my present in-laws.

After my parents died, we found they had saved my letter. My father-in-law has shown the one I sent him to everyone in his rather large family. He is very proud of it.

In the letters, I thanked each of them for their gifts, tangible and intangible, and asked them to forgive my shortcomings. In the case of my in-laws, I thanked them for their daughter — "a gift I will always trea-

sure." Abby, please suggest that "Indebted" put her feelings in writing so folks will have something to cherish for the rest of their lives. - TOM COL-LIMORE, SAN MARCOS,

CALIF. DEAR TOM: Thank you for the reminder. For years I have urged readers who are fortunate enough to have their parents (or even one parent) to whom they can give such a priceless gift, to write a letter expressing their love and gratitude for the countless things a parent must do to raise a child. Such a letter is sure to become a treasured keepsake.

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When will I officially be known as "Mom"? - JUNIE'S **ONLY MOM**

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Today is Monday, April 13, the 103rd day of 1998. There are

THE Daily Crossword

By Dorothy B. Martir

Highland Park, MI

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262 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: Four hundred years ago, on April 13, 1598, King Henry IV of France endorsed the Edict of Nantes, which granted rights to the Protestant Huguenots. (The

Saturday's Puzzle Solved

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King Louis XIV, who declared France entirely Catholic again.) On this date: In 1742, Handel's "Messiah" was first performed publicly, in

edict was abrogated in 1685 by

Dublin, Ireland. In 1743, the third president of the United States, Thomas Jefferson, was born in present-TMSPuzzles@aol.com day Albemarle County, Va.

In 1870, the Metropolitan Museum of Art was founded in New York.

In 1943, President Roosevelt dedicated the Jefferson Memorial.

In 1958, Van Cliburn became the first American to win the Tchaikovsky International Piano Contest in Moscow.

In 1970, Apollo 13, four-fifths of the way to the moon, was crippled when a tank containing liquid oxygen burst. (The astronauts managed to return safely.)

In 1986, Pope John Paul II visited a Rome synagogue in the first recorded papal visit of its kind.

In 1992, the Great Chicago Flood took place as the city's century-old tunnel system and adjacent basements filled with water from the Chicago River.

Ten years ago: A commandeered Kuwaiti jetliner took off from Cyprus for Algeria, after the pro-Iranian Shiite Muslim hijackers on board freed 12 hostages.

Five years ago: Pulitzer Prizes were awarded to David McCullough for his biography "Truman," to Robert Olen Butler for his collection of short stories "A Good Scent from a Strange Mountain" and to Tony Kushner for his drama 'Angels in America: Millennium Approaches." The gold medal for public service went to The Miami Herald for its Hurricane Andrew cover-

One year ago: With tanks, sharpshooters and thousands of police deployed to protect him, Pope John Paul II preached forgiveness during a mass in Sarajevo. Tiger Woods became the youngest person to win the Masters Tournament and the first player of partly African heritage to claim a major golf title.

Today's Birthdays: Former Minnesota Gov. Harold Stassen is 91. Author Eudora Welty is 89. Actor Howard Keel is 79. Movie director Stanley Donen is 74. Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell, R-Colo., is 65. Actor Lyle Waggoner is 63. Actor Edward Fox is 61. Playwright Lanford Wilson is 61. Actor Paul Sorvino is 59. Movie and TV composer Bill Conti is 56. Rock musician Jack Casady is 54. Actor Tony Dow is 53. Singer Al Green is 52.

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