MONDAY

April 10, 2000

WEATHER

Tonight:



TONIGHT 53°-56°

65°-69°

City council sets workshop tonight, meeting Tuesday

Big Spring City Council will meet in a work session at 5:30 p.m. today and convene again at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday for its regular meet-

Among the topics expected to be discussed tonight are the upcoming budget, emergency medical services, a downtown park, recreational services for city employees and a report on Amtrak.

Tuesday's lengthy agenda includes annexation of the Highland Hills Subdivision, an appointment to the Civil Service Commission, authorizing the city manager to enter into agreements with the Texas Department of Transportation for the implementation of approvements at McMahon/Wrinkle Airpark and recreational services for city employees

Christian rock concert slated at. coliseum tonight

A Christian rock concert is planned tonight, featuring Audio Adrenaline's "The Underdog Tour."

The concert, sponsored by the youth ministry at First Baptist Church, will take place at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum at 7 p.m. and thousands are expected to attend.

Tickets are available at The Master's Touch in Big Spring as well as at the door. Also performing are bands Raze and Fono, and solo artist Riley Armstrong.

For more information, call the First Baptist Church office at 267-8223.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

☐ Texas Tech Exes meeting, 6 p.m., 309 South Main in the Sparenberg Building.

☐ Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 East Third.

□ Big Spring Comandery No. 31, 6:30 p.m., dinner, 7:30 meeting, Masonic Temple. 221 1/2 Main.

☐ Big Spring Assembly No. 211, Social Order of the Beauceant, 6:30 p.m., dinner, 7:30 p.m., meeting, Masonic Temple, 221 1/2 Main.

☐ Christian rock concert 7 p.m. at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

☐ Big Spring Amateur Radio Club, 7 p.m.

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Big Spring State Hospital to hold volunteer awards lunch Wednesday

By VALERIE AVERY

Herald Correspondent

State Rep. David Counts (D-Knox City) will be the keynote speaker Wednesday the Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Servi Council Annuål Awards



The theme is "Volunteers Give the Time of Their Lives."

The luncheon will begin at noon in the Big Spring State Hospital Allred Building for all Big Spring State Hospital volunteers. More than 150 people are expected to attend the luncheon, which is being held in conjunction with National Volunteers Week.

More than 230 volunteers worked nearly 10,000 hours last vear to benefit the patients at Big Spring State Hospital. They have done everything from knit-

cookies, planting flowers, running Bingo games, and working on fund-raisers, such as "Denim and Diamonds," and Valentine's

Day deliveries. Through their efforts, they have raised or put in hours equaling more than \$157,000, which goes directly to the patients.

One of the Volunteer Services Council's major accomplishments this past year was contributing \$40,000 to build the new Animal Assisted Therapy Building. The building houses

ting caps for patients to baking animals used in therapy and gives mental health workers a place to conduct classes.

> "The volunteers' mission is to provide things that the state is not able to provide that will make the patients more comfortable while they're here," Big Spring State Hospital Director of Community Relations Billie Russworm said. "They provide grooming items, cookies, Christmas presents and plan several social events for them."

Big Spring State Hospital CEO Ed Moughon will present pins to 26 volunteers who have worked a certain number of hours in their lifetime. Hours worked range from 100 to more than 18,000.

"This is our way to show the volunteers how much we appreciate them," Moughon said. "Their work is indispensable, and they do so much for our patients. The services volunteers provide help reconnect patients to their lives outside of the hospital."

During the luncheon, the prestigious Jack Y. Smith

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District court

Jury selection begins in trial of Big Spring man charged with double murder in 1999

By CARL GRAHAM

Staff Writer

Jury selection began in 118th District Court today in the trial of a Big Spring man accused of a double mur-

Michael Eugene Schubert is accused in the June 18, 1999, shooting deaths Francisco Xavier Navarro, 21,



and Antonia Miguel Armijo, 20 The bodies were discovered outside Schubert's home at almost 3 a.m. after neighbors called the police to report shots had been

An autopsy indicated the men had more than twice the legal

blood alcohol content in their

Schubert was indicted on Aug. 4 and has been free on \$75,000 bond.

In an earlier interview, defense attorney Robert Miller said his client's actions were in self-defense.

"There is an old saying, your home is your castle and you have a right to self-defense when a perpetrator comes on your property," he said.

The case is being prosecuted by District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson.

"We expect to prove that the defendant did in fact shoot and kill two individuals on the night of June 18," said Wilkerson.

If found guilty, Schubert faces from five to 99 years or life in prison and a fine of up to \$10,000, or both.

Polls open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday for statewide runoff elections

By BILL McCLELLAN

asphalt is put down.

News Editor

Crossroads Area residents go to the polls Tuesday to decide a handful of statewide runoff

The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

In Howard County, both the Republican and Democratic voting boxes will be at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on the

Roy Spivey, with the city street department, applies tack oil to the street at 12th and Main before

The races did not generated much interest during the early voting period, which ended Friday. There were 21 in-person ballots cast in the Democratic runoff and 21 in the Republican runoff. In addition, the county clerk's office received 12 mainin ballots in the Democratic runoff and nine mail-in ballots in the Republican runoff.

The only race on the Democratic ballot is for U.S.

old retired Air Force lawyer, and former one-term state legislator Charles Gandy are the candidates. The winner will face Republican incumbent Kay

Bailey Hutchison in November. There are three races in the Republican Party runoff — all involving candidates for the Court of Criminal Appeals.

Sharon Keller and Tom Price are vying for the presiding judge nomination. The winner

will run against Democrat Bill Vance in November. Charles Holcom and Guy Williams are seeking the Place

1 nomination. There is no Democratic opponent. And Barbara Parker Jervey and Jim Wallace are running for the Place 2 nomination. The

winner faces off against Democrat William Barr in November.

Those who voted in the Democratic Primary may vote See RUNOFFS, Page 2A

in the Democratic runoff but not the Republican. Likewise, those who voted in the Republican Primary may vote in the Republican runoff but not the Democratic. Registered voters who did not cast a ballot in the primary elections may vote in either the Democratic or the Republican runoff, but not both. According to the county clerk's office, 2,800 ballots were

Preregistration gets under way Tuesday at Lake View Head Start

By GINA GARZA

Staff Writer

Lakeview Head Start, 1107 NW Seventh St., will conduct it's preregistration Tuesday through Thursday from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 and 4:30 p.m. for the 2000-01 school year.

If your family meets any of the following criteria, your child may be eligible for the head start program.

• The child must be 3 years Lakeview School building in Society." old by Sept. 1.

· The total family income from 1999 is less than \$16,700 (for a family of four).

· The child is physically challenged. · The child is emotional chal-

Parents are asked to bring birth certificates, shot records and proof of income.

The head start program meets on weekdays at the old

North Big Spring. Students learn about hygiene, self-discipline and getting along with others, as well as colors, numbers and the other essentials of prekindergarten. Their parents are offered classes on such topics as parenting skills, stretching food dollars and community living.

The program was started in 1965 by President Lyndon Johnson as part of his "Great

Head Start was originally a summer program that soon evolved into a full nine-month school program.

All teachers have at least an associate's degree in child development and class size is limited to 20 in the 4-year-olds and 17 in the 3-year-old.

Students participate in all sorts of special events, picnics, dress-up days and lessons that revolve around certain themes.

They take naps, eat snacks and even brush their teeth twice a

The program offers free medical and dental care for all students, and counseling is available for those who need if

Bilingual teachers and staff are available in each classroom, since Spanish is the most common second language in the area.

The first day of class will be Sept. 5.

Parent/teacher organization forming at Big Spring High

By GINA GARZA

Staff Writer

Big Spring High School teachers and parents are working together form to

Parent/Teacher Organization thing that hasn't been at Big Spring High School before.

"Over the last few years, I have seen an interest in parents wanting to

be more involved in what their children are doing, so I felt it was time to do something about it," said Kent Bowermon, high school princi-

He also added the reason this wasn't done sooner was because there didn't seem to be an interest in past years.

"We had an organizational

meeting during Public Schools Week and had an excellent turnout," he said.

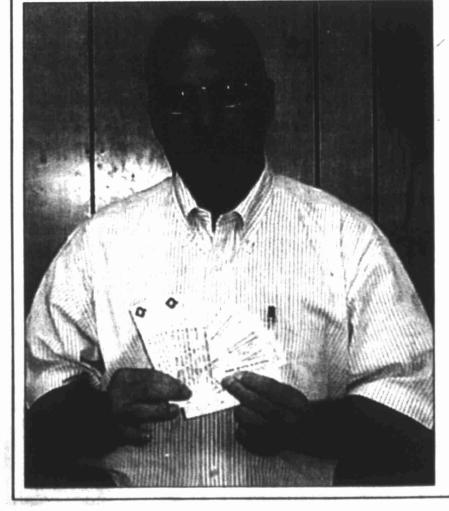
The goal of the PTO is to have more communication between parents and teachers.

"Even though the kids are in high school, parents still want to know what's going on with. them and to be more involved," said Bowermon. "We don't want money, we want parents, and 'we won't raise any money.'

The high school has been sending out parent news letters every six to nine weeks to help keep parental involvement. Some of the items included are letters from the principal, tips on test taking and communicating as well as a counselor corner and encouraging words.

"I think this is a great way to have communication between the high school and parents," he said. "Maybe, with parents being more involved, this will help some of the troubled kids." For more information call

Bowermon at 264-3641.



Kenny Davis displays tickets to a Rangers game and a Rockhounds game. The tickets are prizes to be given to the individuals who produce the most money for the **Multiple Scierosis Walk,** scheduled April 29 in Big Spring. Those interested in taking part may preregister or register on the day of the event. For more information, contact MS Walk chairman

with the Rev. Robert Rachuig officiating.

At 11:30, a memorial service was held at Forsan Baptist Church with John Gustin

Mrs. Johnson was born on Sept. 14, 1919, in Lake Creek. and she had been a Howard County resident for most of her life. She married Hershel Johnson on June 30, 1940, in Fairview Community. Mrs. Johnson was a homemaker and had also worked at Medical Arts Clinic Hospital.

She is survived by: her husband, Hershel Johnson of Big Spring; two daughters, Carol Gustin and her husband, John, of Big Spring and Sheron Lee of Dallas: four sisters. Doris Maneval of Lynden, Wash., Billie Walker, Bettie Pettus and LaVerne Patrick, all of Big Spring; two brothers, A.J. Gross of Austin and Don Gross of Riverside, Calif.; four grandchildren: two great-grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews

The family will be at 500 Wilderness Trail. Arrangements are under the

direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home and Chapel

Myrtle Fay Jones Rhodes

Service for Myrtle Fay Jones Rhodes, 90, Midland, was at 2 p.m., Monday, April 10, 2000, at Downtown Church of Christ in Stanton with Deral McWhorter, minister of Cedar Ridge Church of Christ in Gatesville. officiating. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery.

Mrs. Rhodes was born on Jan. 14, 1910, in Martin County to Samuel Edward and Otie Stella Atchison Jones. She was a member of Downtown Church of Christ. She attended grammar school and high school at Courtney. She was a member of Martin County Senior Citizens. and was one of the founders of Old Soreheads Band of Stanton. She was involved in the Old Settlers Reunion. She also was a member of the Senior Citizens Quilting Club.

She is survived by: three sons, Sam Rhodes and H.L. 'Dusty" Rhodes, both of Midland, and James E. Rhodes of Weimer; two daughters, Jonnie Foreman of Midland and Janice Kleper of Tulsa. Okla.; three sisters. Connie Nance of Seminole, Alma Wiggins and Joni Lu Wright. both of Midland; 18 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchil-

The family suggests memorials to Martin County Senior Citizens or a favorite charity.

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Oleta Johnson, 80, died Friday. Graveside services were 10:00 AM, Monday at Trinity Memorial Park, followed by a memorial service at 11:30 AM, at Forsan Baptist Church.

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Award will be presented to a volunteer who has demonstrated exemplary service. Smith was a longtime Big Spring State Hospital volunteer who was instrumental in advancing volunteer services.

A member of the Smith family will present the award.

In addition, two Texas Department of Mental Health Mental Retardation Awards" also will be presented to two volunteers who have provided outstanding service and contributed to a special project.

Volunteer Ruth Stephenson will be recognized as the Region I Volunteer of the Year Stephenson was selected from among volunteers at all the Texas Department of Mental Health Mental Retardation centers, schools and hospitals in West Texas and the Texas Panhandle.

RUNOFFS

Continued from Page 1A

cast in the Republican primary and 778 were cast in the Democratic Primary for a total of 3,578. That amounts to 18.9 percent of the 18,863 registered voters. It also means that 15,285 Howard County residents are eligible to vote in either runoff.

More than 400 people cast ballots in the runoff elections being held in Martin County, including 60 on Saturday - an extended voting period.

Drawing the interest is the Democratic runoff elections, where Miles Tollison is facing incumbent Mike Welling for county sheriff and Jesus "Sonny" Garza is taking on incumbent Doyle Hale for Precinct 1 county commission-

victors in Tuesday's Martin County runoffs will both face opponents in November. Randy Cozart is the Republican nominee for sheriff while Kyle Averitt is the GOP nominee for Precinct 1 commissioner. Neither was opposed in the pri-

Voting will be held from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. in four locations: Stanton High School gym for Precincts 1 and 3, the Community Center in Stanton for Precincts 2 and 4. Grady ISD in Lenorah for Precincts 2, 3 and 4 and the Little Brown Gin west of Knott for Precinct 4.

Investigator: detectives tried to get graveyard confession

DENVER (AP) — One of the former lead investigators in the JonBenet Ramsey case claims Boulder detectives staked out the child's gravesite seven months after her murder and planted a microphone and hidden camera, hoping to hear a confession.

Steve Thomas, who resigned from the case in 1998 after accusing District Attorney Alex Hunter of not being aggressive enough, revealed the move in a Time magazine story to be published Monday.

Thomas said John and Patsy Ramsey, who did not visit the grave during the stakeout, were the primary targets. They have denied any involvement in

their daughter's death Thomas said Boulder detectives flew to Atlanta, where the Ramseys moved JonBenet's slaying, in August 1997 on the eve of what would have been her seventh birth-

Investigators broke into St James Episcopal Cemetery with the help of a Georgia state trooper who picked the lock, Thomas told the magazine.

The detectives planted a microphone and hidden camera a few feet from JonBenet's grave and listened in vain for

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three days from a nearby high

The only things they observed were curiosity seekers and a salesman selling a burial plot to an elderly couple.

Thomas recounts the graveyard stakeout in his new book 'JonBenet: Inside the Ramsey Murder Investigation," due out

MARKETS

May cotton 56.27, down 27 points; May crude 29.65, down 39 points; cash hogs at 43 even; slaughter steers steady at 71 even; April lean hog futures 64.55, up 75 points; April live cattle futures 72.32, up 25 points. courtesy: Delta Corporation.

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Support Groups

MONDAY

•TOPS Club (Take off pound sensibly), weigh-in 5 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m., College Heights Christian church, 21st and Goliad

*Project Freedom, Christian support group for survivors of physical/emotional/sexual and/or spiritual abuse. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241 for dates/times of upcoming groups.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

•Alzheimer's support group, 7 p.m., Canterbury South, 1700 N. Lancaster, first Mondays of each month. Call Galynn Gamble at 263-1271.

 Encourager's Support Group (for widows and widowers) will meet Monday, April 17, 6 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 7th and Runnels (enter through north door). Bring a covered dish and enjoy the fellowship and good food. Call 398-5522

•Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (pager no.)

 Alzheimer's support group, 6:30 p.m., Marcy House, 2301 Wasson. Call 268-9041.

 Greater West Texas Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, 7 p.m., Canterbury South, 1700 Lancaster, Topic: Prescription for Caregivers. For more information call

Galynn Gamble at 263-1271. Association of Retarded Citizens of Howard County meet 6:30 p.m. the first Monday of each month at 806 East Third Street, the HARC bingo build-

ing. Call 264-0674 for more information. Family Education and Support, sponsored by Howard County Mental Health Center, meets the fourth Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at 409

Runnels, Clyde Alsup Building. AMI meeting to follow. For more information call 263-0027 **TUESDAY**

 Support for MS and Related Diseases, 6:30 p.m. second Tuesday of each month, Canterbury South. Public invited. Call Leslie, 267-1069.

Al-Anon, 8 p.m., 615 Settles. ·Seniors' diabetic support group, 2 p.m., Canterbury South. Call 263-1265.

 Compassionate Friends support group for parents who have experienced death of a child, 7:30 p.m. first Tuesday in February, April, June, August, October and December in the

BIG SPRING MOVIE HOTLINE For showtimes call **263-2479**

BIG SPRING Around the Town

Family Life Center Building. First Baptist Church, 705 West Marcy. Enter by southeast door. Call 267-2769.

·"Most Excellent Way," an addiction support group, 3610 Dixon, call 264-9900

 Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. closed meeting.

•Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas will have Dr. Ronald Meyer, D.Min., LCDC, LMFT, specializing in individual and marriage counseling, Attention Deficit Disorder and chemical dependency, available for clients in Midland. Appointments for counseling services are made by calling 1-800-329-4144.

·Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 268-4189 (pager no.)

•Big Spring Christian Home Educators meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 1:30 p.m. at the Family Life Center at First Baptist Church. Recreation is available for the kids and networking for the parents. For more information, contact Suzanne Haney at 263-7147.

 Innovators in glyconutrition als are an independent group focusing on sickness prevention and management utilizing non-toxic simple saccharides to help our body heal itself. Training sessions are the second and fourth Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at 1909 S. Gregg. For more information call 267-3013 or 267-

IF YOU HAVE A SUPPORT GROUP LISTING, PLEASE

BRIEFS

THE BIG SPRING EAGLES Lodge No. 3188 will host a barbecue to benefit the Harbour family on Saturday. Barbecue dinners, served from noon to 4 p.m., will consist of brisket, sausage, coleslaw, potato salad, beans and bread.

Dine in and carry-out will be available. The cost will be \$5 per plate.

COAHOMA'S 22ND ANNU-AL KINDERGARTEN Stick Horse Rodeo, April 18, at 9 a.m., in the Coahoma Elementary Gym. Everyone is welcome.

HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM is open weekdays from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday hours are 10 a.m. to 2

THIRD ANNUAL MASTER THE MOUNTAIN at Scenic Mountain begins 9 a.m. Saturday with a \$10 event fee that includes entry into the State Park and a free T-shirt of the event. Entry fees will help support the park.

Races include a 5K and 10K run and a 5K walk, and are challenging due to steep terrain at the park. Participants enjoy running on the park road which follows the edge of a 200 foot bluff at the Northern limit of the Edwards Plateau. Enjoy the beautiful Trans-Pecos scenery of our area.

For reservations, call Ron Alton, Park Manager at 263-4931 or Laurie Phillips at 263-1211. Reservations are not required but recommended.

PLANS ARE IN THE works for the annual dog show sponsored by the Big Spring Kennel Club. The event is set for April 29-30 at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Judging will begin Saturday morning, and spectators are always welcome to attend. There is no admission

There will also be opportunity to talk with dog breeders and owners, exhibitors and ven-



SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH, 1209 Wright, has free food for the area needy from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday.

Records

Sunday's high 76 Sunday's low 51 Average high 75 Average low 46 Record high 95 in 1939 Record low 27 in 1927 Precip. Sunday 0.00 Month to date 0.49 Month's normal 0.28 Year to date 5.20 Normal for the year 3.13 Sunrise Tuesday 7:22 a.m. Sunset Tuesday 8:12 p.m. **Statistics not available

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between noon Saturday and 8 a.m. today:

• MICHAEL HOLMES, 22. 611 Locas, Merkel, was arrested for public intoxication.

• SHANE MAYHALL, 36, 25 Valverde, was arrested for public intoxication

• ANTHONY VINES, 46, 2305 E. County Road 30, was arrested for Collin County warrants. • SHERRY DRIGGERS, 33,

for public intoxication. • JOE JOHNSON, 29, 2103 South Main, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

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• **DAVID JUAREZ**, 23, 407 West Eighth, was arrested for unlawfully carrying a weapon. • JAMES PEREZ, 22, 1600 Mesquite, was arrested for local

warrants. · LEROY WALLACE, 1218 E. 15th, no age given, was arrested

for evading • JAMES HAYES, 37, 602 Holbert, was arrested for county warrants.

• MICHAEL PEARSON, 19. 1114 Main, was arrested for transported to SMMC. minor in consumption.

• **JOSE MARTINEZ**, 22, 612 Caylor, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

• LARRY DEAN, 52, 13801 Balcones, Austin, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

• BENJAMIN MOORE, 20, 3605 Lajunta, was arrested for evading.

• **ROBERT PERRY**, 31, 1217 West Sixth, was arrested for public intoxication. • THEODORE CASTLE, 35,

7504 S. Service Road, was arrested for public intoxication. • MARTHA LOPEZ, 28, 411 N. Scurry, was arrested for burglary of a habitation.

· DAVID MANRIQUEZ, 40, 637 Manor Lane, was arrested for burglary of a habitation.

· THEFT was reported at Fourth and Birdwell, 2300 block Wasson, 400 block Johnson, 400 block Birdwell, 1100 block North Lamesa, 1900 block Wasson.

 ASSAULT was reported in the 2400 block Alabama, 2500 block Circle

 LOUD PARTY/NOISE was reported in the 1100 block Sycamore, 500 block South Goliad, 2900 block West 80.

 ASSAULT BY THREAT was reported in the 400 block East Fourth.

 BURGLARY OF HABITA-TION was reported in the 1000 block Howell, 2900 block West Hwy. 80, 1500 block Lexington, 2000 block 21st., 1500 block Wood, 4100 block Dixon.

 ACCIDENT/MAJOR was reported in the 1400 block Wood, 500 block Gregg. · CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

was reported inn the 900 block of Willia, 1500 block Lincoln,

4000 block Vickey, 400 block East Fourth. DISTURBANCE/FIGHT

was reported in the 300 block of Tulane, Service Road of I-20, 1600 block Main.

· DOMESTIC DISTUR-BANCE was reported in the 2500 block of Langley, 1500 block of Kentucky Way, 500 block of Westover, 2500 block Gunter, 3300 block of Drexel. 1500 block of Lincoln.

 JUVENILE PROBLEM was reported at the Armadillo Club, Ice House, the 500 block South Birdwell, 1800 block Goliad, 500 block Westover.

 ATTEMPTED BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 700 block of Northeast 12th. • CLASS A ASSAULT was

reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Blvd. ACCIDENT MINOR was reported in the 3300 block of

and Settles. BURGLARY OF A VEHI-CLE was reported at 350 and I-

West 80, 2500 block Gregg, 15th

20, 2200 block Alabama. DRAG RACING/RECK-LESS DRIVER was reported in the 1900 block of Alabama, 2400 block Morrison

 ATTEMPTED BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 800 block of Wyoming. BURGLARY OF A BUILD-

ING was reported in the 800 block of East 13th and on the North Side.

FIRE/EMS

7:06 a.m. —

Following is a summary of Spring Department/EMS reports: FRIDAY

2000 block

Virginia, medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. 11:17 a.m. - 400 block East

transported to SMMC!!! 1:15 p.m. - 3200 block Parkway, medical call, patient

Ninth, medical call, patient

2:22 p.m. - SMMC, patient transferred to Odessa Regional. 4:32 p.m. — SMMC, patient transferred to 3200 block Parkway.

7:45 p.m. - 400 block Gregg, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

 $7:50 \, \text{p.m.} - 2000 \, \text{block}$ Virginia, medical call, patient transported to SMMC. 8:09 p.m. — MM 167 and I-20,

ported to SMMC. 8:30 p.m. - 500 block Westover, structure fire, fire was a smoke scare.

traffic accident, patient trans-

12:01 a.m. - 300 block Northwest Third, medical call, patient transported to the Veterans' Administration Medical Center. 3:14 a.m. - 1400 block Wood

SATURDAY

Street, traffic accident, patient transported to SMMC. 9:38 a.m. - 1200 block Pickens, medical call, patient transported to SMMC

3:32 p.m. - 1800 block Donlay, medical call, patient transported to SMMC. 6:35 p.m. - 2901 block West

80, dumpster fire, fire was extingusihed. 7:50 p.m. — 2200 block West County Road 43, traffic accident, patient refused service.

SUNDAY 9:25 a.m. - 200 block West Robinson, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

2:50 p.m. - SMMC, patient transferred to 3200 block Parkway.

2:54 p.m. — 1500 block Wood, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

transferred to Stanton.

3:04 p.m. - SMMC, patient

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Marine aircraft crashes during training mission in Arizona; 19 killed

Comas, 27. "They're going to recover from an illness that hos-

Marine Corps aircraft attempting to land during a nighttime training mission crashed and burst into flames, killing all 19 aboard and adding to a checkered history for a new breed of hybrid plane that can take off and land like a helicopter.

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The MV-22 tiltrotor Osprey, which looks like a turboprop, is part of a new generation of aircraft scheduled to eventually replace all of the Marines' primary troop-transport helicopters. The military began flying the aircraft six months ago.

The four crew members in Saturday night's crash were from a task force headquartered in Quantico, Va. The passengers were 14 Marines from 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines based at Camp Pendleton, Calif., and one

MIAMI (AP) — The federal

government has authorized psy-

chiatrists to meet with Elian

Gonzalez's Miami relatives in

the first of what Attorney

General Janet Reno calls the

clear they were unhappy that

the psychiatrists would not

evaluate the 6-year-old boy dur-

ing the meeting set for today.

And Elian's great-uncle Lazaro

Gonzalez also said the family

might postpone the discussion

Still, family spokesman

because his daughter was ill.

the boy with his father.

final steps necessary to reunite to send Elian back to Cuba.

The Miami family made it Lazaro Gonzalez's home in

reprieve.

MARANA, Ariz. (AP) - A from Marine Corps Air Station-Miramar in San Diego County, according to the Marine Corps.

On Sunday, investigators were reviewing the crash site at Marana Northwest Regional Airport about 30 miles northwest of Tucson. Few details were released.

"My heart just breaks when I think about these young men who have so much to give," said Patti Weaver, 48, of Okanogan, Wash., mother of crash victim Cpl. Adam Neely, 22, of Winthrop, Wash.

Carol Ward, who lives about five miles from the Marana airport, said she watched the plane fly by from her porch. It disappeared behind a mountain and a few second later "I saw the smoke and this big old poof,"

The family planned to file a

brief today in their appeal of a

federal judge's ruling that

affirmed the Immigration and

Naturalization Service decision

Still, many protesters outside

Little Havana said they realized

that the boy's time in Miami

could be coming to an end. They

prayed for divine intervention

and hoped for a last-minute

a very intense week for every-

body out there and I think

"I feel this week is going to be

The dust from the crash "just straight down and become about it because you have to eliminated the sky," she said.

A heap of twisted, charred metal was visible at the scene and aerial footage showed a large blackened patch on the airport grounds.

The Osprey was in the process of shifting its propellers from airplane function to helicopter mode at the time of the crash, Capt. Rob Winchester, a Pentagon spokesman said Sunday. It was one of two Ospreys simulating the evacuation of civilians, similar to what Marines would do if they were removing people from an

embassy in a hostile country. The mission was conducted with night vision goggles and infrared radar, officials said.

Firefighters said witnesses reported seeing the plane head

Government seeks to take final steps in reuniting Elian with father

learn that this kid has rights for

Reno appointed two psychia-

trists and a psychologist to meet

with the family and help come

up with a way to smoothly

transfer Elian to his father,

Juan Miguel Gonzalez. The

experts met briefly Sunday in

Washington, D.C., with the

father, who came from Havana

Lazaro Gonzalez asked that

the Miami meeting with the

psychiatrists be delayed if

Marisleysis Gonzalez — his

daughter and Elian's surrogate

due process.

on Thursday.

engulfed in flames after it crashed.

"Our sympathies go out to the families of these Marines," said Marine Lt. Mark Carter, a spokesman for the Marine Corps Air Station in Yuma,

where the flight originated. President Clinton called the units' commanding officers and asked them to "pass condolences to the families and tell them of the importance of their service," White House press secretary Joe Lockhart said.

Several Camp Pendleton Marines, on a day off in nearby Oceanside, Calif., said they were saddened by the tragedy but couldn't let it affect their work.

"You feel sorry for the families, (but) you've got to forget

pitalized her over the weekend.

that the discussion go on with-

out Marisleysis and that she

Gutierrez said Marisleysis,

have a separate meeting later.

who has been hospitalized sev-

eral times in recent weeks for

exhaustion, was in stable condi-

tion Sunday night. He did not

know details of her condition

but said she had left the hospi-

tal too early the last time she

the government's plan to bring

in psychiatrists but not to have

The Miami relatives criticized

was there.

The government suggested

keep on training no matter what the accident," said Cpl. William Travis.

The crash is again raising questions about the safety of the aircraft that has been over a decade in the making.

Former President Bush's administration tried to scuttle the project after early safety concerns, but builders say modifications from the original design make today's Osprevs lighter and safer.

The Marine Corps lists two other Osprey crashes, both early in the aircraft's development: One, in 1991 in Delaware, was blamed on gyro wiring problems; and the other, in 1992 in Virginia, killed all seven people on board after an engine

would conclude that Elian

should not be reunited with his

evaluation is for the best inter-

est of the child," said Dr. Carlos

Gonzalez, one of the family's

psychiatrists, in a news confer-

ence outside the house Sunday

"In actuality it's a consulta-

tion for the INS on how to effect

Comas compared the situation

to a trial, in which the defense

and the prosecution each find

psychiatrists to testify. "Any-

body involved with the Clinton

"The public perception is the

father

night.

the transfer."

Crash victims

The names, ranks, assignments, units and hometowns for the 19 Marines killed Saturday in the crash of a MV-22 Osprey near Tucson, Ariz., as released by the Marine Corps:

- Maj. Jehn A. Brow, 39, pilot, Marine Helicopter Squadron 1, California, Md.

- Maj. Brooks S. Gruber, 34, pilot, Marine Helicopter Squadron 1, Jacksonville, N.C.

- Cpl. Kelly S. Keith, 22, aircraft crew chief, Marine Helicopter Squadron 1, Florence, S.C.

- Staff Sgt. William B. Nelson, 30, aerial observer/mechanic. Marine Tilt-Rotor Training Squadron 204, Richmond, Va.

PASSENGERS:

From Camp Pendleton, Calif., all from the 3rd Batallion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division:

- Sgt. Jose Alvarez, 28, machine gunner, Uvalde, Texas

- Pfc. Gabriel C. Clevenger, 21, machine gunner, Picher, Okla. - Pfc. Alfred Corona, 23,

machine gunner, San Antonio. - Lance Cpl. Jason T. Duke, 28, machine gunner, Sacramento,

Calif Lance Cpl. Jesus Gonzalez

Sanchez, 27, assaultman, San Diego. - Lance Cpl. Seth G. Jones,

18, assaultman, Bend, Ore.

 2nd Lt. Clayton J. Kennedy, 24, platoon commander, Clifton Bosque, Texas

21, assaultman, McAllen, Texas - Cpl. Adam C. Neely, 22, rifleman, Winthrop, Wash.

Lance Cpl. Jorge A. Morin,

- Pfc. Kenneth O. Paddio, 23, rifleman, Houston.

- Pfc. George P. Santos, 24, rifleman, Long Beach, Calif.

- Pfc. Keoki P. Santos, 24, rifleman, Grand Ronde, Ore. Cpl. Can Soler, 21, rifleman,

Palm City, Fla. - Pvt. Adam L. Tatro, 19, rifle-

man, Brownwood, Texas From Marine Corps Air Station

Miramar, Calif. Cpl. Eric J. Martinez, 21, field radio operator, Marine Wing Communications Squadron 38. Marine Air Control Group 38,

Armando Gutierrez predicted mother since the boy was found them evaluate Elian directly. there's going to be a little bit of administration has sold out," he late Sunday that the discussion a twist of fate," said Bienvenido at sea in November — did not They said such an examination Black women disproportionately subjected to intrusive Customs searches

WASHINGTON (AP) — Black women passing though U.S. Customs as they return home from trips overseas have been much more likely than other passengers to be subjected to strip searches and X-rays. according to congressional investigators.

Black American women were less commonly found with hidden illegal drugs than others, however, said a report released by the General today Accounting Office, Congress' investigative arm.

"Although searched passen-

gers with certain characteristics were subject to more intrusive searches, they were not always more likely to be found carrying contraband," said the

GAO report. Only a fraction of 1 percent of the 71.5 million passengers entering the United States on international flights in fiscal year 1998 were singled out for searches, the report said.

And the vast majority of those 52,455 searched passengers were subjected to simple pat-downs, according to the report.

Black women were selected

for more intrusive searches strip searches or X-rays — more than any other group. Whites also had a high likelihood of being strip-searched, and black men were chosen more often than most other passengers to be X-rayed.

The Customs Service has made efforts to change how passengers are checked for drugs in recent years, as allegations of abusive searches have surfaced. The agency faces numerous lawsuits alleging people were singled out for body, searches because of their race or sex, mation is a bit outdated, I think body cavities

100 black women to file a classaction suit in Chicago.

Customs officials said the changes, most enacted after the period studied by the GAO, already are yielding results not reflected in the report. For instance, fewer intrusive searches are being conducted, but more are resulting in drug seizures.

'We don't necessarily disagree with the report," Customs

including an effort by almost we've taken the problem headon.'

> The GAO said that X-rays conducted in 1998 found drugs almost twice as often on whites and black men than on black

Also, black American women were nine times as likely as white American women to be Xrayed, but less than half as likely to be concealing illegal drugs. Such searches are intended to

catch smugglers who swallow Commissioner Raymond Kelly drug packets or hide cocaine or said in an interview. "The inti- heroin inside clothing or in

Stymied on gun control by Congress, President Clinton turns to states ing those by unlicensed dealers.

Flagstaff, Ariz.

WASHINGTON (AP) — With his gun bill stuck on Capitol Colorado. Hill, President Clinton is taking to the road to encourage a bur-

geoning move in the states to deal with firearms safety questions that Congress has not. The president scheduled two trips this week to lend support

for state gun legislation. He will be on hand Tuesday in Annapolis, Md., as Gov. Parris Glendening signs a newly passed bill requiring ballistics tests and internal safety locks for handguns. On Wednesday, Clinton will be in Denver to campaign for a Colorado ballot initiative on sales at gun shows.

The White House said future trips are possible, travel designed to pry Clinton's gun safety proposal in Congress loose before April 20, the first

anniversary of the Columbine adopt the standards voluntarily, High School shootings in

"The president is going to try to force action here in Washington," said White House legislative adviser Joel Johnson. "If, inside the Beltway, the special interests have captured the Congress, the president is going to get outside the Beltway and try to elicit enthusiasm back in these members' districts.'

This outsider strategy is not new. Clinton employed a similar tactic in 1997, when his bid for national education testing standards stalled in Congress. He addressed legislatures in Maryland, Michigan and North Carolina, but to little avail: Four states initially responded to Clinton's call for them to

and Congress twice voted down his testing proposal.

On Tuesday, the House will be taking up Republican-backed legislation to create Project Exile, which would send \$100 million in block grants to states that impose mandatory sentences on gun crimes. A similar program in Richmond, Va., has helped lower gun crimes by 65 percent since 1997. Richmond's Project Exile is headed by the U.S. attorney and is a localstate-federal cooperative pro-

Echoing congressional Democrats, Johnson dismissed the House vote as "a transparent attempt for some political cover" on the gun issue. Republicans said their goal is to force the Clinton administra-Seniors without drug coverage pay more for prescriptions, study finds

tion to deal with its lax enforcement of existing gun laws.

"This is something the Clinton-Gore administration is scared of, because it's going to make them have to enforce the laws. They're not going to be able to sit on their hands anymore," said Chris Paulitz, spokesman for the Republican National Committee.

A House-Senate conference committee has been assigned to reconcile differences between a Senate-passed bill setting a 72hour background check on sales at gun shows and a House bill that shrank the wait to 24 hours. The committee has met only once, in August 1999. which the White House attributes to political arm-twisting by the National Rifle Association.

guns was one of Clinton's complaints Saturday as he went to the country in his weekly radio address. He asked Congress to remember that 12 children die every day from gunfire and said: "We've waited too long for commonsense gun safety legislation.'

The NRA says Clinton exploits gun violence for political means, and it points to his journey to Colorado as evi-

Clinton is to participate in a rally by SAFE Colorado, a firearms safety group founded after the Columbine massacre in the Denver suburb Littleton. SAFE Colorado is pushing a ballot initiative asking voters to approve a requirement that all gun-show gun sales be subject to background checks, includ-

"Most Americans see it for what it is, and, in the end, have little appreciation for this blatant politicization of an egregious tragedy," NRA spokesmán Bill Powers said. On April 20, 1999, two Columbine High students killed 12 young people and a teacher, then themselves.

While pressing Congress to act, Clinton also will pursue other measures such as potential lawsuits against gun manufacturers and negotiations that yield safety concessions like those announced recently by Smith & Wesson, White House spokesman Joe Lockhart said.

"The president believes that there's many ways we can go after this," Lockhart said. "And he thinks ultimately Congress will have to move.

Lipscomb's lawyer to seek postponement

DALLAS (AP) - A lawyer for former Dallas City Councilman Al Lipscomb plans to ask today for his client's sentencing to be postponed because Lipscomb is too sick to appear in court.

Lipscomb, 74, was scheduled for sentencing by U.S. District Judge Joe Kendall on a federal bribery and conspiracy conviction. But he remained at St. Paul Medical Center with pneumonia.

"We will show up down there and say, 'He is in the hospital. What do you want to do?"' Lipscomb's lawyer, Tom Melsheimer, said. "The judge is, of course, going to postpone the sentencing.

Lipscomb is not using his illness to stall his punish ment, Melsheimer said. He is expected to undergo more tests today and could be Tuesday released Wednesday.

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Americans who pay full price at the pharmacy window, prescriptions cost at least 15 percent more than the discount drug prices insurance companies get, passing savings along

study. White House officials said the study, released today, bolsters President Clinton's call for drug coverage for Medicare beneficiaries. Under Clinton's proposal, which would cost \$195 billion over 10 years, the government would contract with the same drug-purchasing firms used by many private health plans to get

purchases. That would let retirees and disabled Americans Medicare benefit from the same lower prices for drugs that people in private health plans do, the officials said.

discounts and rebates for bulk

The administration study also echoed previous findings that retirees without supplemental private drug coverage in addition to Medicare - which does-

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WASHINGTON (AP) - For n't cover drug costs except those administered in hospital or clinical settings — get fewer drugs than they need. It found that although health status between the two groups is similar, senior citizens without drug to their enrollees, according to a coverage purchase one-third fewer drugs and pay nearly new Clinton administration twice as much for them as those with coverage.

data from Using new Medicare and audits of pharmacy pricing, the study by the Health and Human Services Department also sought to disprove Republican assertions that lack of drug coverage is mainly a problem for poorer Americans.

It showed that one out of every four Medicare beneficia-

ries with higher incomes defined as about \$45,000 for a couple — lack coverage for prescription drugs.

Congressional inaction on

"There is no significant decrease in the gap in drug spending as income rises, suggesting that drug coverage makes a difference across all incomes," the White House said in a statement.

The study, ordered by the White House last fall, comes as the administration and Congress are locked in a heated debate about how to help elderly and disabled Americans who get health insurance through Medicare pay for drugs.

Clinton wants a drug benefit

that would start out paying up to \$1,000 in drug costs for a \$26 monthly premium, with both coverage and premiums increasing over time. He has criticized drug companies for high prices and Medicare could help the elderly get discounts.

Alan Holmer, president of the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America said that momentum is growing in

Congress for an alternative, private-sector solution and urged Clinton to work with lawmak-

"The president's plan is the wrong solution," said Holmer in a statement.

Congressional Republicans want to target aid to low-income people who they say need the most help in paying for prescriptions.



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What made Gore try to fly

this lead dirigible? Did he

dream it up himself and not

staff it out? Is it a hasty and

"reformer" mantle from the

defeated John McCain? Is it

meant to distract attention

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in Gore's good intentions?

Whatever reason lies behind

Gore's proposal, it certainly

provides a target for George W.

Gore has proposed setting up

Bush to attack or to ridicule.

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As Gore conceives it, the

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Revisiting Gore's strange finance proposal

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ally start at a disadvantage,

and this would increase it.

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amounts of federal money, the

process would favor the incum-

bent, who has the better name

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Wherever you look in Gore's

proposal, it tends to limit polit-

ical options, isolate candidates

from actual voters, protect

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process in the hands of the

politically chosen "trustees,"

ing and cut off politics from

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OUR VIEWS

Take advantage of activities at county library

t's almost as good as a "get out of jail free" card All week long, the Howard County Library will accept your overdue books without charging

That could save many of us a few nickels, since the cost of keeping books out past their due date is 5 cents a day. But the real goal of this "amnesty week," according to Librarian Loraine Redman, is to bring back the books that have been out for months - or even years.

And the goal is to bring back patrons, too, since people who can't pay their fines sometimes just avoid returning to the library at all. This way, everyone gets a fresh start.

The library planned this period of amnesty to recognize National Library Week. Staff are also planning a puppet show at 4 p.m. Tuesday for children of all ages and their parents.

Another activity of celebration is a special meeting of the group Friends of the Library. Thursday at 7 p.m., the group plans a tea to help recruit new members. Everyone interested in helping to support the library and its programs is invited to attend.

We urge you to support our Howard County Library in every way possible this week. Return those overdue books, take your kids to the puppet show and visit with members of Friends of the Library.

Let's all show we recognize the value of this public

OTHER VIEWS

Elian Gonzalez is 6 years old and adorable, with big brown eyes and buzzcut hair.

.. A child of Elian's age needs to be surrounded by adults who encourage the natural delight of being 6. Unfortunately, Elian appears to be surrounded by many adults acting like children themselves.

Elian is adorable now. It makes him an easy symbol to fight over. ... Will Elian be as irresistible as a 15-year-old adolescent struggling with delayed grief?

Perhaps the saddest part of his story is yet to unravel, because what seems to be forgotten here is the fact that Elian is a child of grief. ...

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Children who lose a parent can face adult lives marked by social withdrawal, depression and even suicide. Strong adult support at the time of the death, and emotional support for years afterward, determine which children will be OK as adults and which will not.

Maybe Elian is getting some nurturing, despite the media and political circus around him. Maybe. The hope remains that some adults in his life remember the grieving 6-year-old boy at the center of this internation-

> THE SPOKESMAN-REVIEW, SPOKANE, WASH.

here has been renewed

interest of late in the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) as a solution to high oil prices. Most Americans, however, know little about it. Here

are the facts: The Strategic Petroleum Reserve has more than 565 million barrels of oil stockpiled in four facilities along the Gulf

of Mexico.

JACK **ANDERSON**

These reserves represent a \$20 billion investment of federal

funds. The facilities are: Bryan Mound, Texas, with a capacity of 226 million barrels and currently holding 217

million barrels

Big Hill, Texas, with a capacity of 160 million barrels and currently holding 82 million barrels

West Hackberry, La., with a capacity of 219 million barrels and currently holding 193 million barrels

Eayou Choctaw, La., with a capacity of 75 million barrels and currently holding 68 million barrels

Each of these facilities stores the oil in slat caverns. The SPR is under the man-

agement of the Office of Fossil Energy, which is under the Department of Energy However, only the president can authorize the tapping of reserves. If he does so, the oil would be distributed through competitive sale. The SPR has only been tapped once, and that was in 1991 during the Persian Gulf War, when the government conducted a draw-

Is Strategic Reserve large enough? down of 17.3 million barrels.

In 1995, the SPR suspended its efforts to fill the reserve in order to redirect funds to the refurbishing of equipment and facilities. Starting in 1999, however, efforts to fill the reserve were resumed in a joint venture between the Departments of Energy and the Interior, which bought royalty oil from federal offshore tracts and placed them in the SPR.

In an emergency, the SPR can produce 3.9 million barrels of oil daily for 145 days, which equals approximately 38 percent of the daily oil imported in the first five months of 1999.

So the question is whether or not a five-month reserve is sufficient in the event of another **OPEC** (Organization of **Petroleum Exporting** Countries) embargo. That embargo lasted five months, from October 1973 to March

One, legislators had to spend about half their time raising money in order to get re-elected. This is not how we want them to spend their productive lives, and it also discourages able people from seeking such

Secondly, the limit also led to large "soft money" contributions — not to individuals but to "information" television, political parties and PACs which are now condemned but necessary, given the restriction, to "get the message out." The second brute fact is that,

as things stand today, the liber al side starts with a huge advantage in getting the message out. That is, the liberal message has volunteer "special interests" that can be counted on to beat the drum: the major print media — such as The New York Times, The Washington Post, the Los Angeles Times. Time magazine and Newsweek — as well as the major networks' TV news, colleges and universities nationwide and Hollywood, to mention only the obvious. These are countered, to some extent, by The Wall Street Journal, some weekly journals, some quarterlies, Fox, CNN, C-SPAN and so on. But the volunteer liberal megaphone remains enormous.

interests and other non-liberal interests are not articulate in this sense, and therefore limit ing their expenditures limits their ability to reach the voters. This is why "campaign finance reform" is generically a liberal cause.

And that is why reform that really restricts expenditures will never get through

sioned by Gore would insulate the process from such interests, at least to a considerable degree, but would it on that account better reflect the mind of the nation? I very much Corporate interests, taxpayer doubt it. More likely, the "Endowment" would precipitate a huge drop in the number of people taking an interest in There are two key facts underlying all the current talk of finance reform First, the present reviled sys tem is the result of reform. That is, after the Watergate

> Gore knows that. So perhaps he merely sailed his plan out to give it a free ride.

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Gordon decides to stay with Stanton program

Stanton boys basketball coach Doug Gordon has decided to stay at the Buffaloes helm and not accept the head basketball coach's position at Midland Lee High School.

"I believe it is in the best interest of my family to remain in Stanton," Gordon said after deciding not to take the Midland job. "I love the kids in Stanton and have always enjoyed the full support of the school district."

Gordon said the invitation to interview for the Lee post and the resultant job offer simply came too fast for him. "I accepted too quick," Gordon said. "I just didn't

think it through enough. "It just came down to a personal decision," he added. "It got harder every day last week as I faced those kids here in Stanton. This is where I want to be.'

HC's Griffin, Loesch place at WTC Rodeo in Snyder

Howard College's Cody Griffin and Todd Loesch turned in the top performances for the Hawks during Saturday's short go-round of the Western Texas College Rodeo in Snyder.

While nine Howard athletes reached the short go in six events, Loesch and Griffin were the only ones to post placing finishes.

Loesch finished fourth in the short go-round in steer wrestling to finish third overall, improving his chances of reaching the College Finals Rodeo later in the spring.

Griffin added a fourth-place finish in the bareback riding's short go-round and in the

Lady Hawks fall victim to sweep by El Paso

Howard College's Lady Hawks suffered 11-3 and 8-4 losses to El Paso Community College's Tejanas Saturday's Western Junior College Athletic Conference softball action.

"You have to be clearly better, play extremely well or have a lot of luck if you want to beat El Paso there," Lady Hawks coach Andy Mace said after losing four games that left Howard 27-25 overall and 2-10 in conference play. "None of those three things happened for us this spring."

The Lady Hawks return to action Tuesday with a 2 p.m. doubleheader against Sul

Fort Worth Dunbar star signs letter with Howard

Howard College women's basketball coach Mayberry has announced signing his first recruit of the spring, Fort Worth Dunbar post Shamieka Buckley.

A 6-footer with a soft shooting touch, Buckley averaged 20.6 points, 15.2 rebounds and 4.1 blocks per game during her senior season at Dunbar.

A two-time all-district selection, she was named the offensive player of the year in District 9-4A this season.

"We're very excited about Shamieka deciding that she wants to play for Howard College," Mayberry said. "She's a big steal for our program. She'll be an impact player."

Men's siowpitch softball league now being formed

Plans are currently under way to create a 12-team men's slowpitch softball league in Big Spring this summer.

Anyone interested in entering a team should call Becky Crane at 264-2376 or Andi Andrews-York at 263-7641.

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Runner-up doubles finish sends Smiley, Langford to region

HERALD Staff Report

MIDLAND - Big Spring's Aaron Langford and Zac Smiley defeated Steers teammates Alex Edgemon and Brian Watt on Saturday to finish as boys' doubles runners-up at the District 5-4A tennis tournament.

Seeded second behind Snyder's Adrian Gonzales and Ryan Gibson, Langford and Smiley opened the tournament with a 4-6, 6-1, 6-0 win over Snyder's Justin Guy and Cris Casas.

The Big Spring duo then steamrolled past Fort Stockton's Orlando and David Yanez 6-2, 6-0 in the semifinals before running afoul of the top seeds.

Gonzales and Gibson managed a 7-6, 6-4 win to take the doubles championship, while Langford and Smiley were forced to take on their unseeded teammates for a berth in the Region I, Class 4A tennis tournament set for April 24-25 in San

Edgemon and Watt has opened the tournament with a 6-0, 7-5 win over San Angelo Lake View's Garcia and Engstrom. They followed that with a 6-2, 6-3 win over Sweetwater's Pennington and Matchen before running into Gozales and Gibson, dropping a 6-1, 6-3 decision.

They earned the playback against Langford and Smiley by taking a 6-4, 6-2 win over the Yanez brothers in the thirdplace match.

Edgemon and Watt, who'll travel to the regional tournament as the Steers' alternates, didn't surrender that playback without a battle, winning the first set 7-6 in a 7-5 tiebreaker before dropping the final two sets by identical 6-4 scores.

Big Spring's second seed in the boys' singles, Derek DeHoyos didn't fare quite

After taking a 6-1, 6-2 win over Fort Stockton's Vimal Bhakta in the opening round, DeHoyos was upset by third-seeded Allen Smith of Snyder 7-5, 3-6, 6-4.

That created another battle of Big Spring players, as No. 4-seeded Jay Shroff took a 6-3, 4-6, 6-3 win in the third place game.

The win gave Shroff a chance to challenge Smith in a playback for the runner-up's berth at the regional tournament. Smith managed to take a 6-3, 5-7, 6-

Big Spring players also fared well in the tournament's junior varsity division, as Brian Wingert finished second in boys' singles, Drew Mireles and Michael Williamson were second in boys' doubles, Nathan Smith and Ryan Vela were third in boys' doubles and Melissa Hale

as well on the Midland College courts, finished fourth in the girls' singles.

Wingert opened the tournament with a 6-0, 6-2 win over Andrews' Jason Pickerell and outlasted Snyder's Guy Rogers 6-1, 3-6, 7-2 in the semifinals.

Another three-set win was not in the cards, however, as David Marquez of Fort Stockton took a 6-3, 1-6, 7-6 victory in the finals, taking the third-set tiebreaker 7-5.

Mireles and Williamson knocked off teams from Sweetwater and Snyder before falling in the finals to Snyder's No. 1 team of Best and Gordon. Smith and Vela opened with a win over Fort Stockton's top team before falling to Best

and Gordon in the semis. Hale opened girls' singles play with a 6-1, 6-4 win over Snyder's Amanda Hartzog before running afoul of Fort Stockton's Mallorie Lujan and Michelle Parras in the next two rounds.

Big Spring's Amy Jackson (16) finds San Angelo Lake View catcher Traci Harp blocking the ple and ready to apply the tag, as she tries to score in the first loning of Friday's District 5-4A softhaling game. The Lady Steers rebounded from the first-inning setback to take a 7-1 win. The Lady Steers how travel to Snyder for a 5 p.m. Tuesday showdown with the Lady Tigers.

Helling snaps personal loss streak with 7-5 win

Helling has been trying for years to convince Texas manager Johnny Oates to let him throw 150 pitches in a game.

"When I was at Stanford, I threw 160 pitches every time out," Helling says, pleading his own case. "So pitch counts don't bother me.'

They bother Oates, though, and he was particularly concerned Sunday when Helling needed 75 pitches to get through the first three innings. Helling became more economical and lasted six, earning the victory as Texas beat Toronto 7-5.

Helling (1-0) allowed three runs — two earned — in six innings to snap a career-worst four-game losing streak. He gave up four hits, his fewest since last June, while striking out seven and walking four.

It seemed like Helling went to a full count with about every other hitter. Two of his walks were stacked between a run of

ARLINGTON (AP) - Rick five straight strikeouts in the second and third innings, sending his pitch count way up.

> "I know in my heart, in the long haul, keeping his pitch count down is a plus for us and a plus for Rick," Oates said. Helling is starting to rely

more on his changeup and he's getting more confident in his slider. He threw it early in the count to several Blue Jays, which surprised them.

The key, though, was his curveball.

"Usually, my big strikeout games come when I have the good curve," he said.

Helling sliced his ERA from 10.80 to 5.79, a lot better than the 14.85 he carried after two starts last year, which he finished 13-11 with a 4.84 ERA.

Helling appeared off to another lousy start by allowing four runs in 3 1-3 innings Tuesday against Chicago. The Blue Jays, though, only had one runner get past second after Carlos

Delgado's two-run double in the

'We swung at a lot of bad balls," manager Jim Fregosi said. "We had a ton of opportunities, but we just didn't get it done. Whatever he walked, he

should've walked more. Helling took a 3-2 lead into the third on Rafael Palmeiro's third homer and a two-run double by Luis Alicea.

Alicea nearly blew the game, though, committing a fifthinning fielding error at third base that allowed Toronto to tie the game, then making a throwing error at second base that helped the Blue Jays score twice in the ninth.

David Segui, acquired from Toronto in a three-way trade in March, drove in the go-ahead run for Texas in the fifth and Frank Catalanotto added a tworun triple that chased Roy Halladay (1-1).

Halladay gave up six runs and seven hits in 42-3 innings.

Unlikely, maybe, but Singh takes jacket at Masters

winning the Masters won't change Vijay Singh, winning a few more majors might.

"If you win once, many people may say you got lucky, you got good breaks," Singh said. "But if you can win twice, it's a selfsatisfaction as well. You really believe in yourself that you can do it again and again.

Another chapter in one of the most improbable stories in golf unfolded Sunday when the man who learned the game in a place far removed from the manicured grounds of Augusta National won the Masters.

Singh won despite having learned how to play golf from videotapes in Fiji and refined it by beating balls in the rain jungles of Borneo.

He did it despite a funny looking putter and a cross-handed grip that combined for more putts than any Masters champi-

And he served notice that he may do it again, and again, and

If Singh's first major win in the 1998 PGA Championship peaceful struggle," Singh said. was considered a fluke, his second win in the last six majors certainly validates him as one of the game's stars.

"I feel that I had a lot of chances of winning all the majors," Singh said. "But winning this one now has really given me all the confidence that I can go out there and win a lot more.

It wasn't always that way for the 37-year-old Singh, who never lost either his confidence or the faith that somehow he would eventually persevere through banishment from the

"He feels thankful just to be here, unlike a lot of other players," Davis Love III said.

Singh methodically held off challenges from the game's biggest stars Sunday, escaping disaster twice at Amen Corner for what turned out to be a three-shot win over Ernie Els.

Tiger Woods took his shot early, but the roars of the crowd ahead didn't deter Singh from his task. Neither did David Duval, even when he sunk three birdie putts on the front nine that Singh promptly

Singh never let go of the lead he grabbed at the 12th hole Saturday, holding off Duval in the morning dew to finish the third round and coming back to do it again as the shadows lengthened over Augusta National.

"I don't think anyone should be surprised Vijay won this golf tournament," Duval said. "He's one of the best players on this planet.'

For a long time, the planet didn't know Singh existed.

He grew up in Fiji using his father's castoff clubs and learning golf from Tom Weiskopf videotapes. The Masters was something he knew only from videotapes his father would bring from his job as an airline mechanic.

Exiled to Borneo for two years after being banned from an Asian tour in 1983 for a cheating allegation he has long giving lessons in the sweltering heat and hitting golf balls at

every free opportunity. "It was a struggle, but a

He later got on the European Tour and, finally, the PGA Tour, where he built a reputation as the last one on the driving range, hitting ball after ball in search of the perfect

It paid off at Augusta National, where his precision shots helped a shotmaker win on a course where putters normally reign.

"This golf course has always been perfectly suited for his game," Els said. "He just hasn't putted well in the past."

That wasn't the case Sunday, when Singh made a six-footer to save par on 16 as he and Duval finished their third round. Then he drained a 12-foot downhiller for par on the next hole to save a possible two-stroke swing and keep his lead for the afternoon.

Duval made four birdies on the front nine for a 32 that put him only a stroke back, but the Masters is usually won on the back nine. That went according to form

Sunday, when Singh got a favorable drop after hitting it in the water on No. 11 and sal-

Griffey hits first homer; Johnson throws NL's first shutout Big Unit said. "I had no room to make tying run.

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

It was only a matter of time until Ken Griffey Jr. hit his first home run for Cincinnati. That Randy Johnson pitched the National League's first shutout of the season wasn't surprising, either. "It was bound to come," Griffey said

Sunday after the Reds' 8-7, 11-inning win over the Chicago Cubs. Griffey, acquired from Seattle in January, was 2-for-24 before his two-run

homer off Scott Downs. "If four games makes a career, there would be a whole lot of people in this locker room, including myself, that

wouldn't be here," Griffey said. Johnson, another Mariners refugee, pitched a five-hitter and struck out 13 to beat Jason Schmidt in the Arizona Diamondbacks's 1-0 victory over the

Pittsburgh Pirates. "A game like today is extra special because you realize that any mistake by the pitcher could be the ballgame," the

any mistakes.

In other National League games, Atlanta beat San Francisco 9-3. Florida edged Colorado 7-6, Montreal defeated San Diego 2-1, St. Louis routed Milwaukee 11-2 and Philadelphia beat

Houston 3-2. Los Angeles' game at New

York was snowed out and will be made up April 24. In American League games, Boston topped Anaheim 5-2; Seattle beat the New York Yankees 9-3; Baltimore defeated Detroit 11-6; Texas edged Toronto 7-5;

Oakland beat the Chicago White Sox 14-2; and Cleveland routed Tampa Bay 17-4. At Cincinnati, the Reds rallied from a 6-0 deficit and overcame Sammy Sosa's second homer of the series.

After Damon Buford's RBI single off Danny Graves (2-0) put Chicago ahead 7-6, Matt Karchner (0-1) walked Griffey in the bottom half, and third baseman Shane Andrews threw away Hal Morris' bunt, sending Griffey home with the

Diamondbacks 1, Pirates 0

Johnson (2-0) his 26th career shutout and 69th complete game. He has 127 double-digit strikeout games in his career, including both of his starts this season. Steve Finley singled with one out in

the seventh off Schmidt (0-2). took third on Travis Lee's bloop single to center and scored on Lenny Harris' sacrifice

Braves 9, Giants 3

Bobby Bonilla had his first three-RBI game since May 6, 1998. Bonilla hit a solo homer in the fifth inning for a 3-2 lead at Turner Field and added a two-run single in the sixth that chased starter Russ Ortiz (0-1).

Tom Glavine (1-0) allowed two runs and five hits in seven innings.

Marlins 7, Rockies 6

Preston Wilson hit a controversial

home run and Mike Lowell drove in four runs with a three-run double in the fifth and a solo homer in the eighth.

Wilson's two-run homer down the leftfield line off Pedro Astacio (0-2) in the first inning appeared to be foul by about six feet. But third-base umpire John Shulock, in his first series at Pro Player Stadium, called the ball fair.

Ryan Dempster (1-1) struck out nine in 7 1-3 innings at Miami, allowing three runs and five hits, and Antonio Alfonseca pitched the ninth for his third

Expos 2, Padres 1

Hideki Irabu (1-1) allowed one run and seven hits in seven innings in his first appearance against the team he refused to play for in 1997. Ugueth Urbina pitched the ninth for his second save.

Lee Stevens hit a game-tying single in the sixth off Brian Boehringer (0-1), who forced in the go-ahead run by walking Trace Coquillette with the bases loaded

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Difficult ARIES (March 21-April 19) *** Pressure mounts. You could express frustration and then wish you had said nothing. Aim for what you want. Don't stand on ceremony. Tonight: Catch up on mail and

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) **** Reach out for another. There is nothing wrong with expressing your insecurity. Your vision of what is possible could change with discussion.

Tonight: Where th e gang is. GEMINI (May 21-June 20) *** Your sixth sense kicks in with office gossip and information you seek. Know your needs. Don't discount a friend's moneymaking tip, even though it might not make sense. Check it out anyway. Tonight: Indulge.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) **** Make that additional effort, even with a sour boss. You don't always need to say what you think. Diplomacy can go a long way in achieving your long-term goals. Tonight: Beam in what you want.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) *** Say little right now. Another seems mixed up or seems to be giving you faulty information. Listen carefully to one version, then dig out your own facts. Tonight: Relax, then decide

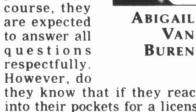
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

***** Assume that more is going on with a cantankerous associate, and you won't be far from wrong. Realize your limits

DEAR ABBY: My husband ly. I have always taught them

and I are the parents of three college-age children, all of whom drive their own cars. We are law-abiding citizens who have no trouble with the law. The town we live in has been designated a high-crime area by the county police, so it is not uncommon to see cars

'suspicious' behavior. My concern as a parent is that most young people don't know how to act if they are stopped by police. Of course, they



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they know that if they reach into their pockets for a license or identification, they might be perceived as reaching for a weapon? Shouldn't they learn this in school as part of a health and safety course? Recently my children and a

few friends were relating experiences of being stopped by the police. I was appalled to hear about some of the encounters these kids have had. My sons and their friends were grabbed from a vehicle, thrown up against the car and searched. just because the driver had started to reach for his wallet.

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Syndicate Inc. Teen drivers must know how to act if stopped by police

respect for authority, including the police, but I expect that same respect from police in return. - GAIL FROM BRENT-WOOD, N.Y. DEAR GAIL: 1, too, was taught as a child that "the policeman is our friend"; it's a lesson I passed on to my chilpulled over, not only for minor dren. While that is still true in traffic violations, but also for most cases today, the availability of illegal weapons has made the job of policing more danger-

> ous than it was a generation or two ago. Call it self-protection or paranoia — police now fear for their lives when they make routine traffic stops. I agree that young people should know exactly how to respond if they are pulled over by police. Their parents should instruct them: One's hands should be in plain sight at all times. If there is a need to reach into a pocket or purse, or

trunk, the officer should be asked for permission first. You mentioned that your children's experience was not the result of racial profiling. In many cases it IS. The American Civil Liberties Union has mounted a campaign to bring attention to this problem, and thanks to the activism of people of color who have come forward with their stories. politicians and law enforcement officers are beginning to

to open a glove compartment or

take notice. Hundreds of law enforcement agencies have agreed to collect data on the race and ethnicity of the people they stop, which is the first step in dealing with the problem. © 2000 UNIVERSAL PRESS

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In 1912, the luxury liner RMS

Titanic set sail from

Southampton, England, on its

In 1932, German president

Paul Von Hindenburg was re-

elected, with Adolf Hitler com-

In 1953, the three-dimensional horror movie "House of Wax,

produced by Warner Brothers

and starring Vincent Price, pre-

In 1959, Japan's Crown Prince

Akihito married a commoner,

In 1963, the nuclear-powered

submarine USS "Thresher"

failed to surface off Cape Cod,

Mass., in a disaster that

In 1972, the United States and

the Soviet Union joined some

70 nations in signing an agree-

ment banning biological war-

announced her resignation as

In 1998, the Northern Ireland

peace talks concluded with an

agreement meant to end 30

Ten years ago: Three

European hostages — a French

woman, a Belgian man and

their two-year-old daughter,

were released in Lebanon by

the Abu Nidal Palestinian guer-

rilla group following an appeal

by Libyan leader Moammar

Five years ago: Sen. Bob Dole

launched his third bid for the

White House in Topeka,

One year ago: Bad weather

hampered NATO's bombing

campaign against Yugoslavia,

but the allies warned Slobodan

Milosevic the lull wouldn't last.

The Pentagon, meanwhile,

announced that 82 U.S. planes

would join the force conducting

airstrikes over Yugoslavia. The

Miami Heat humiliated the

Chicago Bulls, 82-49, holding

the Bulls to the lowest point

total since the introduction of

Today's Birthdays: Actor Harry Morgan is 85. Country

singer Sheb Wooley is 79. Actor Max von Sydow is 71. Actress

Liz Sheridan is 71. Actor Omar

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blues singer Bobbie Smith (The

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artist Bunny Wailer is 53.

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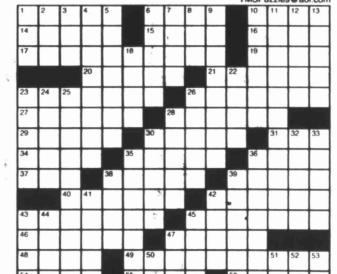
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