MONDAY April 19, 1999



Healthy Kids Corp. meeting set tonight

Texas Healthy Kids Corp. will hold a meeting at 7 tonight at Kentwood Elementary cafeteria.

The non-profit corporation helps families ensure that their children are covered by insurance. Local rates are \$72 a month per child; however, low-income families may be eligible to pay as little as \$10 per child per month.

The statewide program covers children age 2 through 17. The child must not have been insured for the past 90 days, and has to be enrolled in school, if old enough. Also, the child cannot be covered by any other health care plan or program, such as Medicare, and has to have been a resident of Texas for at least six months.

For questions about the program, call Wilbourn at (915) 570-6927, Bice at (915) 699-0344 or 1-877 WELL KID.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

D Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E.

O Disabled American Veterans Chapter No. 47, 6:30 p.m., VAMC room 212.

TUESDAY

☐ Intermediate line dance classes, 9 a.m., Senior 1628. Beginners class will begin at 8:30 a.m. through the month of April.

O Big Spring Art Association, 7 p.m., library annex, 500 Main.

 Big Spring Chapter No. 67, Order of the Eastern Star, 7 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 219 Main.

WEDNESDAY

Optimist Club, 7 a.m., **Howard College Cactus Room** O Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

O Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, Industrial Park.

☐ Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge 704 W. Third.

O Gideons International Big Spring Camp No. 4206, 7

Tonight:

THURSDAY



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Alzheimer's advisory group to help identify needs in Big Spring

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN

Features Editor

Each year, more and more people find their affected by Alzheimer's Disease. Locally, an advisory group to the Alzheimer's Association hopes to help those whose loved ones are battling the devastating illness.

Vicki Cole, administrator of Mountain View



COLE

Lodge, will be chairperson of the adviso-

ry committee that will report to the ommendations on programs and services Alzheimer's Association Greater West Texas Chapter, based in Midland. She has at 10 volunteers lined up to help her identify local needs in treating the disease, offering services and education to

"(The Alzheimer's Association) does a lot of really wonderful things," said Cole, "but we needed more of a local connection. This will help a lot of people."

The committee is hoped to be composed of at least one-third family members of those battling Alzheimer's. It will meet once every other month, at 3 p.m., at a location not yet determined.

It will provide oversight and make rec-

to families and caregivers who live with Alzheimer's in Howard County. The committee's work will include surveying community organizations, families, businesses, health care agencies and other caregivers on the need for, and type of, services that the association may be able

Members serve a two-year term.

"We're going to find out what the needs of people are here," said Cole. "I think a lot of people in our community need more education where Alzheimer's is concerned.

The Alzheimer's Association estimates that in Howard County, with a popula-

tion of people over 65 at about 5,000 there are just over 1,000 victims of Alzheimer's Disease. Nationwide, about 4 million people have the disease

With current population growth, it is estimated that 14 million Americans will have the disease by the middle of the next century, unless a cure or prevention is found.

*I really believe almost everyone will be affected by it in some way over the next few years," Cole said.

The Alzheimer's Association is dedicated to conquering the disease through research, and to providing education

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Training Center renovation complete

Facility provides offices, places for training as well as meeting rooms

By MARSHA STURDIVANT Staff Writer

Remodeling on the new Municipal Training Center has been completed, and police officers and officials are eager to set up the new offices and use the classrooms.

"We're really excited to have this project completed. We've had this idea for several years, and in September or October, the city manager said if we could find the funds he would let us do this," said Big Spring Police Chief Lonnie Smith.

The 3,600 square foot center, directly above city council chambers, will provide a location for training classes, as well as offices for two Drug Abuse Resistance Education officers, the Resource Officer who teaches criminal justice classes at Big Spring High School, and the Street Crimes Unit.

"We need a place to conduct our departmental training meetings and classes," Smith

And most of \$14,000 to \$16,000 cost of the work and materials was donated, or came from the police department budget, he

"We used some of our seizure money, and we contacted individuals and organizations and . businesses, and they donated funds to help us do this," he said.

About \$4,000 of carpet graces the stairwell and center.

New birch paneling covers the bottom portion of the walls, at a cost of about \$1,500, which was donated by the Big Spring Police Association, the chief

Inmates from the Wilderness Camp provided most of the labor, as two non-supporting walls and a closet were removed.

Other renovations called for covering about eight to 10 win-



Corp. Charles Calvert, left, Lt. Drew Bavin, Lt. Terry Chamness and Police Chief Lonnie Smith stand next to a hand-painted mural in the larger classroom of the recently remodeled Municipal Training Center.

dows, eliminating two doors, and building additional parti-

tioned walls and another door. Smith said no architect was needed, as officers worked together to determine the best use of space.

"We wanted big rooms, as big as we could make them," he

One small classroom measures about 18 by 26 feet. The larger classroom measures about 26 by 27 feet, he estimat-

The central office location of the different community programs measures about 17 by 27-

Restrooms were completely remodeled, and another room may serve as a workout or weight-lifting room.

Smith said many individuals and businesses contributed to the effort, such as the Public Works Department with the City of Big Spring.

"That department, along with Todd Darden, provided funds for the materials, as well as



resources and skills and contacts," Smith said.

Also, Cliff Skalisky of Magic Painting donated his talent for the mural of Texas on the east wall of the large classroom.

Lts. Drew Bavin and Terry Chamness did much of the electrical and plumbing work. Bavin and Seargent Bob Fitzgibbons built the desk tables in the classrooms. Inmates made the frames for the tables.

A replica of the Big Spring Police Department shield is seen just at the top of the stair

well leading into the center. The shield was made in Llano and painted by Pat Gray Body Shop, as a donation, the chief

Now that the center is complete, plans are in the making for using the new space, Smith

A computer training seminar for national and state officers is scheduled in June, and other classes will be conducted using the classrooms, he said.

"We have mandatory schools and core classes that we must take each year," Smith said.

Some of those classes are Crime Scene Investigating, Use of Force, Child Abuse, Cultural Diversity, Special Investigation Topics, Supervisors and Search and Seizures.

The center will be open to other city departments for training an classes as well, he "We will have our police acad

emy classes here, as well as Crimestoppers meetings, Smith said.

Organization plans to help fight illiteracy

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN

Features Editor

With help from a grant they earned from International, Big Spring Rotary Club will soon be fighting illiteracy in

the community. The club recently received notification that it will get \$17,500 to divide among four schools and the **Howard County** Library.



BANCROFT

Members decided to add to that \$2,000 of their own money, and will use the total to purchase books.

"There's a big need in Howard County to improve literacy," said Ben Bancroft, of the Rotary club. He said when gathering information for the grant application, he discovered that a high percentage of local residents had not finished high

"We want to do everything we can to improve that, any way

we can," Bancroft said. Forsan's Elbow Elementary, Coahoma Junior Anderson Kindergarten Center, St. Mary's Episcopal School and the Howard County Library will benefit from the grant. Each was asked ahead of time to submit a request.

Bancroft said the club had applied for a total of \$22,678, so they won't be able to meet all requests completely, but do plan to give each institution most of what they wanted. Elbow Elementary, he said, will get its total request of \$1,100.

When the money arrives, which should be very soon, Bancroft said the club will probably assist with book purchases, or monitor them somehow, but that is yet to be deter-

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Young Coahoma students show thier skills in recent academic competition

By MARSHA STURDIVANT

Staff Writer

Coahoma elementary and junior high school students earned several first place awards during a recent University Interscholastic League competition in Post and Seagraves.

"We're really proud of our students, and their accomplishments," said elementary principal Brad Jones. In District 3-AA junior high school competition, Trevor Bibb took first place in spelling in

the seventh grade contest. In eighth grade competition, Austin Barton secured a first place honor in each division of the science and math and calculator contests. Trent DeHoyos received the first place award for maps, graphs and charts for

eighth grade. In elementary grade competition, Heather Scoggins garnered the first place award for creative writing in the second grade contest.

Bobby Payne earned the first place award for third grade spelling, and Ami Martinez won first place for fourth grade oral reading.

In music memory for fifth grade competition, the team of Latisha McCartney, Sarah Dunn, Elizabeth Conley, Ryan Green, Emily Burgess and Sterling Gee placed first. Terrell Bibb won first place in

the fifth grade maps, graphs and charts contest, and Billy Crawford earned first place in fifth grade listening.

Other junior high school winners were Alex Toscano and Chris Bustamante, fourth and fifth place winners in sixth grade math; Brandon Gressett and Katie Bowling, second and third place winners in sixth grade spelling: Shayla Walsia, sixth place winners in oral reading; Chelsea Griffin and Garret Cline, fourth and fifth place winners in sixth grade listening contest; and Clint Walker and Zachary Phillips, third and fifth place winners in

Other seventh grade winners were K.K. Kellar, third place ready writing; Alexis Bollier, fourth place impromptu speaking; K.K. Kellar, fourth place modern oratory; and Will Kington, third place maps, graphs and charts contest.

Other eighth grade winners were Austin Barton, second place in number sense; Michael Batterton, sixth place calculator and Ricky Crawford, fourth place maps, graphs and charts contest.

Other elementary winners were Rachel Tucker, third place storytelling for second grade; William Reilly, fourth place storytelling in third grade; Rachael Wheeler, sixth place spelling in third grade and KaySea Spiller, fifth place ready writing.

In fourth grade competition,



HERALD photo/Marsha Sturdivant David Clinkscales, president of the Big Spring Rod and Custom Car Club presented Lezlie Kurklin, director of the Harley Owner's Group with a \$1,760 check toward the purchase of a thermal imaging camera. The money was raised at a recent cruise night of the car club sponsored by Sonic, All Star Sports, KBST radio and the Big Spring Herald.

•NED HILDEBRAND, 25

was arrested for driving while license invalid.

CLE was reported in the 900

block of Scurry, 800 block of W.

Marcy, 1500 block E. Fifth,

Coronado Hills Apartments,

ed in the 1200 block of Marijo.

SHOTS FIRED were report-

•GUSTAVO MARQUEZ, 38,

was arrested for no driver's

and 1500 block E. 15th.

·BURGLARY OF A VEHI-

Robert "Virgil" Hines

Graveside service for Robert "Virgil" Hines, 79, Big Spring, will be 3 p.m. Tuesday, April 20, 1999, at Trinity Memorial Park with Rev. Doug Shelley, pastor of East Side Baptist Church, officiating.

Mr. Hines died Sunday, April 18, at his home following a long illness.

He was born on Jan. 20, 1920, in Oklahoma. He grew up in Forsan and attended Forsan and Garden City schools. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, and after being discharged from the Army, he joined the U.S. Navy. He served during World War II. Mr. Hines had worked for many vears for the Hilton Hotels.

Survivors include: one sister, Johnnie Fay Ray and her husband, Charles, of Coahoma; and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

SKILLS

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the team of Gus Yanez, Christin Murphy, They Thorton and Pros Yanez won sixth place in art; and Callie Paige earned a fifth place award for ready writ-

In fifth grade, the team of Latisha Sarah Dunn. McCartney, Trey Thorton, Pros Yanez and Randi Davis placed fifth in art competition; Taylor Haile earned a third place award for spelling; Sarah Dunn placed third in dictionary skills; Patrick Croft placed second in maps, graphs and charts; Joe Holquin and Genevy Jacque placed second and fifth in listening competition.

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Gena Franke, reading teacher at Coahoma Junior High School, said the money will be extremely welcome there. "Our kids are reading so fero-

ciously, they've almost read everything we have," Franke said.

Since most are 12-14 years old, Franke said they are "interested in all the things that age kids are interested in," including adventure, romance, thrillers and non-fiction as well.

She said the school aims to encourage reading any way it

"Once you get (a student) hooked on reading, they read for life," she said.

COMMITTEE

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and support to people with Alzheimer's, their families and

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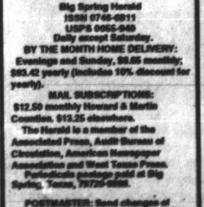


MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

Marie Wallace, 77, died Thursday. Graveside services were 9:00 Am today at Trinity Memorial Park.

Robert Hines, 79, died Sunday. Graveside services are 3:00 PM Tuesday at Trinity Memorial Park.



caregivers. It serves 24 West Texas counties which include, along with Howard, Martin, Glasscock, Andrews, Pecos, Midland and Ector.

Some of its programs include Safe Return, counseling for families, newsletters, caregiver education and support groups. Locally, the agency plans to offer quarterly caregiver education sessions, expanded support group opportunities and is considering opening an information center.

For more information about the advisory committee, call Cole at 263-1271, Madeline Boadle at 267-2203, or Nancy Jones at 264-2397.

Air Force deeds Bergstrom to Austin as new airport site

AUSTIN (AP) - Bergstrom Air Force Base has been officially turned over to the private sector.

The acting secretary of the Air Force, F. Whitten Peters, signed over to the city on Saturday the deed to the soonto-open Austin-Bergstrom **International Airport**

'While that officially ends the presence of the Air Force on this property, the influence on the community will endure for years and generations to come," said Mayor Kirk Watson.

The ceremony was the first major event before the opening of the new airport, delayed from May 2 to May 23. By using the former military base as a starting point in building the \$690 million airport, city officials saved \$200 million in runway re-use and land costs.

Also Saturday, the city named one of the last remnants of the Air Force base, the 12,250-foot west runway, after President Lyndon B. Johnson, who used to fly in to the base on Air Force One.

The east runway will bear the name of former U.S. Congressman Jake Pickle, who pushed for the new 9,000-foot runway to allow simultaneous landings and takeoffs at

Austin's new airport. Grand opening festivities continue Wednesday when President Clinton arrives with U.S. Transportation Secretary Rodney Slater and Federal **Aviation Administration Chief** Jane Garvey. Gov. George W. Bush will join Clinton on Wednesday morning at a small event at the airport.

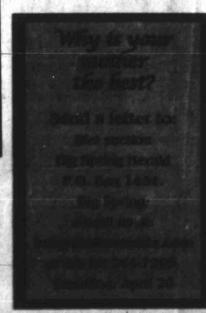
BRIEFS

55 ALIVE/MATURE DRI-VING CLASS will be April 22-23, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Berea Baptist Church, 4204 Wasson Road. The cost is \$8 and you must attend both sessions. Call 263-1491 to preregister or to ask questions.

THE TEXAS DEPART-MENT OF Health and WIC will be closed for all services on April 21. We will reopen on Thursday, April 22 at 8 a.m.

LOCAL FIREFIGHTERS ARE COLLECTING non-perishable items and toiletries for the victim's of the tornado in Midland. Items such as canned goods and basic supplies can be dropped off at any fire station, Wal-Mart or at the collection box at the Big Spring Fire/EMS booth at the health fair Saturday.

Monetary donations can be





made to the Red Cross in Midland. Call Joe Brewer at 264-2302 for more information.

BIG SPRING KENNEL CLUB will begin canine obedience classes April 22 for the community. Puppy classes begin at 6:30 p.m. and "household obedience" classes start at 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$40 and all classes meet in the National Guard Armory. Call 267-4194 or 264-6427 for more information.

GRADUATING AREA SENIORS WHO plan to attend Texas Tech University beginning in the fall can apply for Tech Ex-students Association Scholarship. Deadline is April 30.

Forms can be picked up at the Sparenberg Building downtown. For more information, call Pat Porter at 267-7828 or Roxie McDaniel at 267-3388.

THE NO PLACE LIKE Home Seminar will be presented at Region 18 Education Service Center Wednesday, April 28, from 8 a.m. to noon. The free seminar is for people to learn more about planning services for families and someone with developmental disabilities. Anyone with an interest in serving people with disabilities is invited to attend. To register, contact Joanne Mundy (915)683-9492 kelley.knight@hhsc.state.tx.us

COAHOMA IS PLANNING ITS Third annual Citywide Garage Sale, sponsored by the Coahoma Lions Club, for May 8. Those who would like to participate should call Irene at 394-4424 or call the Li'l Sooper Market.

by April 20.

The Lions Club will be having a sale this year as a fundraiser. To donate items to the club, call Irene and she will arrange pickup. Deadline to register is May 4.

The fee to be part of the giant garage sale is \$15.

THE CAUBLE SCHOOL **REUNION** will be on May 1 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Elbow School cafeteria. This date was chosen to avoid family reunion dates.

Please come for a day of remembering with old friends and bring your favorite casserole and dessert for the covered dish luncheon at noon.

If you know of someone who lives out of town who is a Cauble School ex, please spread the word to them.

SUPPORT GROUPS

MONDAY

•TOPS Club (Take off pound sensibly), weigh-in 5 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m., Birdwell Lane Church of Christ

 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.

 Encouragers Support Group (formerly Widow/Widower support group) will meet Monday, March 1, at 6 p.m. at Santa Fe Sandwich Shop in the Big Spring Mall. They will also meet Monday, March 15, at 6 p.m., at the First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Runnels (enter through the north door), for a covered dish dinner. For more information call 398-5522.

 Alzheimer's support group, 7 p.m., Canterbury South, 1700 N. Lancaster, first Mondays of each month. Call Galynn Gamble at 263-1271. The topic for Nov. 2 will be on "Validation therapy, connecting with your loved one."

·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.

 Association of Retarded Citizens of Howard County meet 7 p.m. the first Monday of each month at 806 E. Third

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POLICE

The following incidents were

reported by the Big Spring

Police Department between

noon Saturday and 8 a.m.

·DISTURBANCE/FIGHT

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E. Third. 3000 block W.

Seventh, 3700 block Calvin,

1100 block E. Sixth, 1100 block

N. Nolan, 3700 block Parkway,

300 block Tulane 1700 block E.

ING was reported at 350 and I-

arrested for driving while

20, and the 800 block E. I-20.

BURGLARY OF A BUILD-

•FREDDY MOORE, 45, was

JUVENILE PROBLEM was

reported at W. 14th and Oriole,

1700 block E. 15th, 1400 block

Lincoln, and 2000 block Gregg,

MARION MONCADAD, 46.

ACCIDENT/MINOR was

reported in the 1400 block of

Settles, 1300 block Barnes, and

ROBERT PERRY, 30, was

·LOUD PARTY/NOISE was

reported in the 800 block of

Willia, 1700 block W. Third,

4100 block Parkway, 2600 block

Albrook, and 3800 block Calvin.

•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was

reported in the 3200 block of

Fordham, 600 block Main,

Seventh and Johnson, 500 block

Gregg, 600 block Sgt. Paredez,

1500 block Scurry, 700 block

Johnson, 600 block E. Sixth,

700 block Anna, and 200 block

JACK BIRDWELL, 42, was

·THEFT was reported in the

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block E. 11th, 300 block Gregg,

400 block Johnson, and 18th

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·HECTOR MELENDEZ, 19,

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1000 block Nolan, 1800 block

Owens, 1400 block Main, and

·ACCIDENT/MAJOR was

·JOE GOMEZ, 38, was

•RUNAWAY was reported in

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·ATTEMPTED BURGLARY

KATRINA BUSTAMANTE,

·MARK SHELBY, 27, was

•TONY DELAGARZA, 34,

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Street, the HARC bingo building. Call 264-0674 for more information.

or 267-7220.

·Encourager's Support Group (for widows and widowers) will meet Monday, April 5 at 6 p.m. at the Spanish Inn. They will also meet April 19, at 6 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Runnels, (enter through the north door. Bring a covered dish. For more information call 398-5522.

 The New Voice Club, a support group for laryngectomees and their families, will meet Monday, April 19, at 6:30 p.m., at 2410 Wasson Drive, the house behind the 7-11 store but with the driveway on Randolph. For directions, call 267-2800.

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

·Seniors' diabetic support group, 2 p.m., Canterbury South. Call 263-1265.

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

 Cancer support group, first Tuesday of each month, 7-8 p.m., VA Medical Center room 213. Call Sue Jones, 263-7361 ext. 7179 or 264-7518.

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

Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. closed meeting.

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.

p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 268-4189 (pager

MARKETS

May cotton 57.75 cents, up 6 points; May crude 17.52, up 19 points; cash hogs steady at \$1 higher at 30 even; cash steers steady at 65 even; June lean hog futures 55.50, up 82 points; June live cattle futures 63.47, up 12 points.

Noon quotes provided by Edward D. Jones

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BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

·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

Al-Anon, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

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•Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas will have

•Narcotics Anonymous, 6

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ASSAULT BY THREAT was reported in the 3700 block of Adams.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Friday and 8 a.m. today:

 FLORA NUNEZ VEGA, 49, was arrested for delivery of a controlled substance

·HEATHER BARR, 21, motion to revoke probation.

•JOSHUA DAVID MILAM, 17, was arrested for possession

of marijuana. DANIEL SALAS, 41, was arrested for driving while license suspended/invalid. LOPEZ ·FRANKIE

JUAREZ, 30, was arrested for

delivery of a controlled sub-

stance. **ESCOVEDO** -JIMMY RODRIGUEZ, 41, revocation of probation for burglary of a building.

FIRE/EMS

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

2:54 a.m. —4400 block Elder, medical call, patient transported to the VA Medical Center 20010 nemi 1600d 19:35 a.m. 2600 block Crestline, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

1:06 p.m. -- Swords and Rackley, structure fire, out on arrival. 5:16 p.m. - 500 block E. Fifth,

structure fire, false call. SATURDAY 2:31 p.m. - 1700 block Morrison, medical call, patient

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CBS' "Face the Nation." Schroeder told CNN's "Late Edition" he sees "no reason whatsoever" to change current President Slobodan Milosevic's ability to fight ethnic Albanians in Kosovo, but they continue to rule out using ground troops.

Yugoslavia's military "gener-ally is being weakened, while our air campaign is strengthen-Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said Sunday. "Our allies are all determined to prevail."

Albright, appearing on ABC's "This Week," said President Clinton still has "no intention" of ordering ground troops into Yugoslavia to follow air attacks plan shelved last fall could be

NATO Secretary General Javier Solana agreed, saying, "At this point, the alliance has no plans to go into an invasion." However, he added, "If the moment comes when it is necessary, I'm sure the countries that belong to NATO will be ready to do it."

"We are going to maintain the air campaign to the end," he said on "Fox News Sunday."

British Prime Minister Tony Blair and German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder affirmed allied unity. "I think the importhat began March 24. She said a tant thing is to see the strategy we have through," Blair said on

policy. "Airstrikes have to be continued, and they have to be sharpened as well," he said.

Adding a new lethal element to the air campaign, the first of 24 Apache attack helicopters are to arrive early this week in Albania for possible strikes against Serb forces, whose camagainst Kosovar paign Albanians hasn't been interrupted by high-flying NATO jets. The Serbs have chased more than 1 million ethnic Albanians from their homes, half the Kosovo population.

The helicopter gunships, one of the most effective antitank weapons, have been delayed by bad weather and a crowded airfield in the Albanian capital of Tirana handling humanitarian missions for refugees. The Apaches are armed with up to 16 Hellfire missiles designed to knock out tanks and other armor, plus 70mm rockets and a 30mm cannon that can fire at a

rate of 625 rounds per minute. To protect the helicopter runs, rocket launchers also are being placed in Albania along with U.S. Bradley Fighting Vehicles, British tanks and at least 3,000 American troops.

An additional 8,000 allied troops will provide humanitarian relief in Albania. And 12,000 NATO treops, including 600 Americans, are in Macedonia as the vanguard for any peacekeeping mission.

NATO's military commander, Army Gen. Wesley Clark, meanwhile, is awaiting Pentagon approval for more than 300 additional U.S. aircraft to boost the alliance total to about 1,000 warplanes

The increased air power will require President Clinton to call up as many as 33,000 military reserves, mostly for refueling and administration duties, with the order expected this week.

Clinton branded Milosevic a "belligerent tyrant" in a published article Sunday. He said the NATO airstrikes will continue until his forces are too weak to fight in Kosovo or until he agrees to peace and autonomy for the Serbian province's ethnic Albanians.

"Our campaign will continue, shifting the balance of power against him until we succeed," Clinton wrote in an opinion piece in the Sunday Times of London. "Ultimately, Mr. Milosevic must either cut his mounting losses or lose his ability to maintain his grip on Kosovo."

The administration has refused to arm the Kosovo Liberation Army fighting for independence since early last year or support their cause, arguing they should get selfrule instead. Still, U.S. officials note that every NATO strike on Serb tanks and artillery bolsters

Compaq chief executive Pfeiffer ousted

HOUSTON (AP) - Compaq Computer Corp. chief executive Eckhard Pfeiffer had been assuring associates that the company would rebound this year from first-quarter profits that will be only half of expec-

How quickly the world's largest personal computer maker recovers from its slump remains in question. What is certain is that Pfeiffer won't be around to guide it. Compaq ousted its CEO of almost nine years over the weekend.

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"We've been making the right decisions, but with the world moving at Internet speed, we have to be quicker than we Compaq chairman Benjamin M. Rosen said.

It was the second time in nine days Compaq delivered a piece of stunning news from its

northwest Houston campus. On April 9, the company revealed that its first-quarter results due out Wednesday - are expected to show a profit of 15 cents per share on revenue of \$9.4 billion — \$600 million lower than expected.

Pfeiffer, who built Compaq into the world's largest personal computer maker, has struggled to maintain profits while PC prices are plunging.

What is surprising is the decisiveness with which the board took action in such a short period of time," said US Bancorp Piper Jaffray Inc. analyst Ashkok Kumar, a vocal critic of Compaq's business

Pfeiffer resigned Sunday, one day after the board of directors told him they wanted new lead-

financial officer, also resigned Sunday, with treasurer Ben Wells handling his duties on an interim basis. The company called Mason's move unrelated, saying he was taking a chief executive's job with another, unnamed company, the two departures will mean broad changes in Compaq's leadership as it copes with the biggest challenge since its founding in 1982 as an upstart to then-dominant IBM.

"This is a major, major admission or realization that this management team is not cutting it," said Aaron Goldberg, chief analyst for Ziff-Davis Inc. in New York.

Shares of Compaq, which traded as high as \$51.25 earlier this year, dropped 22 percent on April 12, the first day of

within me," he said. "It

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Earl Mason, Compaq's chief trading after the announcement. In recent days, Compaq has been flirting with its 52week low of \$22.93fl.

> Rosen says that there's no place to go but up for the sleeping giant.

> "We have re-energized this company before and, working together, we will do it again,'

Rosen said. In a statement, Pfeiffer stuck to the positive. "Compaq has come a long way since I joined the company in 1983," he said. "We are a world leader in personal computing, enterprise computing and Internet applications."

PC Week editor-in-chief Eric Lundquist and his staff interviewed Pfeiffer for 30 minutes on Wednesday. Lundquist said Pfeiffer appeared weary but

The Defense Department

started the program in 1998 in

response to complaints from

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Researcher discovers way to budge TV-watching kids

WASHINGTON (AP) — Parents may have a way to budge their chip-chomping, TV-watching kids from the family sofa: a bicycle hooked up electrically to the set. To see their favorite shows, couch potatoes have to pedal.

An obesity researcher who came up with the "TVcycle" says early tryouts helped youngsters shed fat and discouraged TV view-

David Allison of St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital in New York knows parents are not going to race to rewire TV sets and he cautions that his findings are preliminary.

But he says his small study of a few overweight New York children is important because it suggests tinkering with the technology that makes life more comfortable — but also more sedentary and fattening — could help trim Americans' expanding waistlines.

"I am not naive enough to think we're going to solve the world's obesity problems with TVs hooked to bicycles," Allison said. "But there are other things we could do ... that are limited only by our

The National Institutes of Health says about 55 percent of American adults are overweight or obese, up from 43 percent in 1960. Studies also suggest more than 13 percent of youngsters ages 6 through 17 are overweight, and getting fatter each year. Lack of exercise is a main cause.

Research shows television is a major culprit for kids, mesmeriz-

ing children who otherwise might burn calories while playing. Formal exercise programs do not help much because it is hard to get to a gym or playground regularly, particularly for young children with busy parents, so scientists are hunting for homebased tricks to get kids moving, Allison said.

For his experiment, an engineer rewired TV sets to work only while the viewer was pedaling an attached bicycle. Built-in computers measure how long the televisions were on. The TVcycles, which are back in Allison's office as he hunts money for a larger study, are not for sale.

Military urges vets to sign up for medical evaluation

AUSTIN (AP) - The largest Army post in the free world is the latest focus of a Gulf War illness outreach program, with the military urging Texas veterans of the Iraqi conflict to sign up for a comprehensive medical evaluation.

Lt. Col. Dian Lawton, a U.S. Department of Defense spokes-woman, said about 20,000 people in the department's registry have undiagnosed illnesses, with symptoms ranging from migraines to aches and pains that don't fit normal disease diagnosis.

She told the Austin American-Statesman that the military is interested in finding out what is making Gulf War veterans ill.

"We know these people are suffering," Ms. Lawhon said. "We know they have medical problems. We don't know what's causing it."

Sgt. 1st Class Jason Potter said that a few months after returning from the Persian Gulf, he started having intense joint pains and short-term memory loss.

"Just out of the blue a partic- serious medical conditions ular joint would start aching to the point where it felt like an ice pick being stuck into the joint," said Potter, who works for the agency's office in Washington, D.C., that is dedicated to the mysterious sick-

Representatives from the Gulf War Illness office this week will be at Fort Hood, about 60 miles north of Austin, to tell veterans about treatment plans for the illness as well as measures now being taken by the military to protect other veterans from suffering similar medical prob-

The outreach program is part of an effort to convince all Gulf War veterans to sign up for the free comprehensive medical

evaluations. Potter, who recently participated in a six week medical examination, said some - but not all - of his ailments have been quelled.

"The biggest thing is, it (the evaluation) stopped any fears that there were any underlying Poll shows Texans favor

AUSTIN (AP) - A vast majority of Texans favor spending limits for legislative campaigns and believe judicial candidates should not be allowed to accept campaign contributions from lawyers or law firms, according to a poll for the consumer group Public Citizen.

Austin Trends surveyed 400 people across the state between March 31 and April 6. The poll's margin of error is plus or minus 5 percentage points.

Ninety-two percent of those polled said they favored spending limits for legislative candidates, and 86 percent said they believe campaign contributions have too much influence on public policy.

Last week, another Public Citizen report showed that industrial groups, their lobby-ists and political action com-mittees had donated more than \$10 million to political campaigns from 1993 to 1998.

Of that money, more than \$4 million went to candidates currently in office.

campaign spending limits "Texans hate loopholes and they hate the special influence favors that campaign contributions buy," said Tom Smith, Texas director of Public Citizen.

> As for judicial elections, 71 percent said they opposed allowing judicial candidates to receive contributions from lawyers or law firms. Instead, 68 percent said they favor using attorney's fees to publicly finance judicial elections. Among other findings in the

76 percent said they are willing to pay an extra \$1 a month on their electric bills to replace polluting power plants

with cleaner energy sources. -55 percent said they favor governor-appointed judges with retention elections every six

A proposed rewrite of the state Constitution would require appellate judges be appointed by the governor instead of the current system of elections.

More dry weather on tap for Everglades

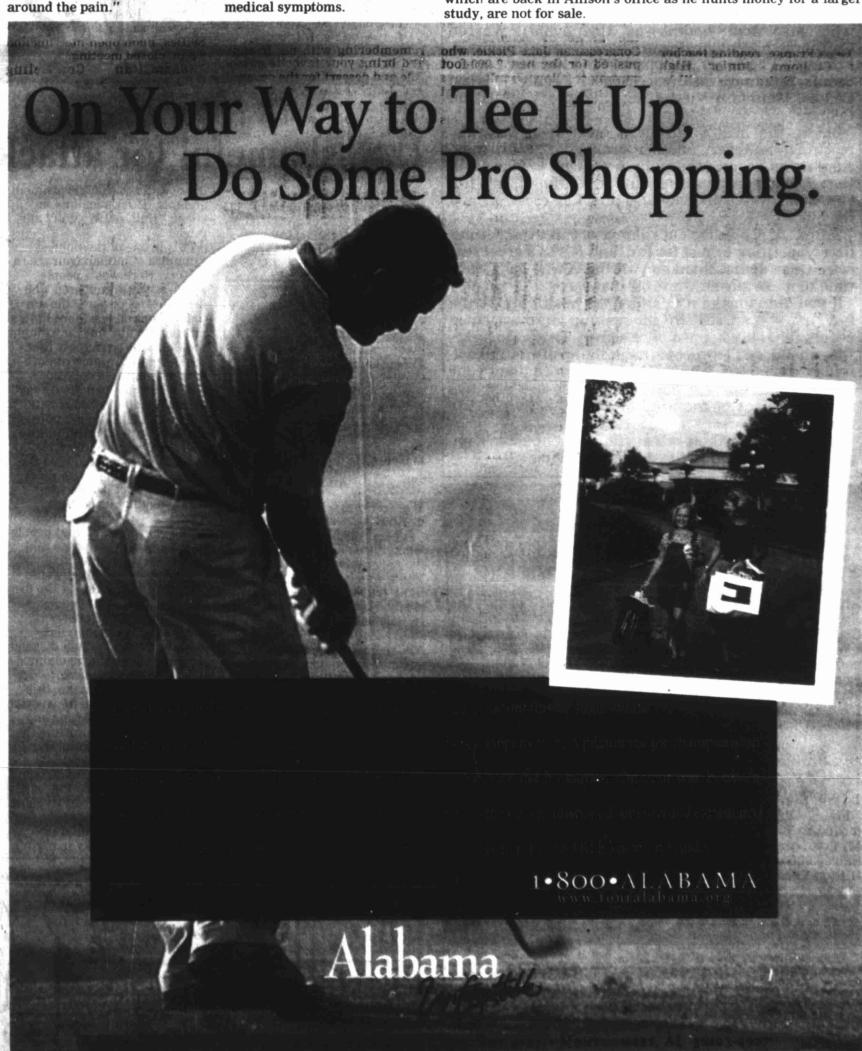
FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) - An Everglades fire that already has consumed 70,000 acres threatened to expand today as erratic winds and dry

weather stayed in the forecast.
"We expect identical weather in the next day or two," state fire spokesman Gene Madden said. "We expect more fires."

On Sunday, firefighters set a

control fire to help contain the Everglades blaze, which has charred dry marsh grass and darkened sky in the Fort Lauderdale and Miami area with clouds of thick smoke.

The fire began on the Everglades' western edge Saturday, possibly ignited by heat from a vehicle's catalytic



"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

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OUR VIEWS

Health Fair, fun run made for great time

on't you feel a little bit healthier this week? You might if you stopped by the Big Spring Area Health Fair Saturday, where exhibitors demonstrated, screened and gave away tips, treats and healthy stuff by the bagful.

It was another successful event, with good attendance, a variety of booths, quality information and services. This year's theme was "Walking Into the Millennium," to reflect the variety of services and technology available locally. Booths represented hospitals, doctor's offices and clinics, health-related services and programs, both businesses and non-profit

There were also religious booths, public interest displays and plenty of old-fashioned "meeting and greeting" with our friends and neighbors. Hundreds of people passed through the doors at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum during the six hours of operation.

Are hats are off to all those who took the time to set up a booth and share their information with the community. A special salute to the corporate sponsors, who also had booths at the event: Warren Chiropractic, Malone Hogan Clinic, Nurses Unlimited, Leonard's Pharmacy, Comanche Trail Nursing Center, s Scenic Mountain Medical Center, Family Medical Center, Mountain View Lodge and the VA Medical Center.

Before the health fair even opened on Saturday morning, however, another group of 'health nuts' were up on Scenic Mountain, preparing to take off in the "Second Annual Master the Mountain" fun run/walk, which included 5K and 10K races around the bluff.

Dozens of people took advantage of this event, either for competition or just for fun, and it was a great success. Once again, thanks to all those who gave their time to make sure it came off that way.

If you didn't make it to either the health fair or the fun run, you missed two interesting, family-oriented events that only happen once a year. That's too bad.

If you did, don't forget to thank the sponsors and volunteer organizers who worked hard so you and your family could enjoy a Saturday. These are just two more examples of the kind of quality activities Big Spring has to offer.

And remember them when you are tempted to complain, "There's nothing to do in Big Spring!"

Your Views

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TO THE EDITOR:

We would like to thank all of the volunteers that helped to expedite the Big Spring AMBUCS Relays on Saturday, April 10, at the high school Blankenship Field.

Without the time and support of the volunteers, we would not be able to put on such a successful track meet. Again, thank you for your support.

BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL COACHING STAFF

TO THE EDITOR:

great-grandparents moved to Big Spring in 1898. My great-grandfather John M. Bates bought the farm on Hilltop Road in 1903.

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walker@xroadstx.com.

· By e-mail at either bsherald@xroadstx.com or

By mail at P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79721

Our offices are closed on weekends and holidays.

We still own the farm. Since everyone has passed away I have been cleaning out old trunks, etc.

I came across a picture that I would like to get to someone in the family instead of throwing it in the trash. Maybe you could help.

This lady was in the class of 1918, Big Spring High. Her name is Ollie Flowers White.

If anyone knows if she has children or grandkids living there, please have them contact me so I can give them this picture. Thank you for your time.

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Straight, empty roads to learn to driv

he cars of Georgia's Sapelo Island are rustbuckets, mottled clunkers mostly used to get islanders from their homes to the ferry dock

and back. Some have headlights, some don't. Mufflers are nonexistent, brakes option-"We bought

this van for \$500 in Brunswick," Cornelia Bailey confided as we

GRIMSLEY JOHNSON bumped and rattled through the palmetto forest on a road

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straight as a seam. Cornelia was my island hostess a few weeks back. "This is a good Sapelo car," she laughed.

Sapelo's old cars are like its old people. They never leave the island. All around the Hog Hammock community in the island's interior are abandoned

cars in various stages of decomposition. The cars get to the island by appointment, on a work barge; they disappear a lot more slowly, succumbing bit by bit to sand, wind and salt air.

There is no need on Sapelo for safety inspections, or car tags, or speed limits. There are no traffic jams, no traffic. There are 70 full-time residents on a land mass bigger than Manhattan.

The day I rode over on the ferry the deck was loaded with a bouquet of collard greens and bags of dog food and big boxes of mainland groceries. A dozen or so of Sapelo's children got off the mainland school bus, scrambled aboard the ferry and rode it to another school bus on the island side. Except that a couple of the children, two of the smallest ones, jumped behind the wheel of their own island vehicles and coaxed them toward home.

Children learn to drive early on Sapelo. And why not? Conditions are ideal. A 12-yearold, Monique Grovner, gave me an island tour in her family's

big van. Once I got past the shock of being driven around by a kid, I was amazed at her expertise. She knew how to avoid gaping mudholes, and where the sand was too soft to park. She knew the essentials of island driving. In an hour of exploring, I don't think we saw another car

I've thought about those empty roads and ancient cars a lot lately. The Atlanta-area news has been full of horrible stories involving traffic. A 2year-old dies after being struck, along with his mother, by a teen-age driver. A woman dies when the car in which she is riding rams a truck abandoned on the interstate. An 84year-old woman is hit and killed as she tries to cross the road while returning from her mailbox. Less than a week's worth of fatalities.

I feel awful for today's teenagers. Where do they learn to drive? The roads are so congested that all trials are by fire, all decisions life or death. No longer is there the luxury of the deserted back road, an empty Sunday afternoon interstate, the quiet neighborhood

I didn't learn to drive on a marvelously empty island, but Atlanta makes my experience look swell. There were places to get your feet wet before you took the solo plunge. I can remember my father's voice as he advised: "You don't have to stop to turn right." But back then a beginner could stop without being rear-ended.

Al Gore recently got grief for suggesting that traffic control may be this nation's next big challenge. Maybe his critics were faulting him for stating the obvious, but isn't that better than ignoring it? How could anyone disagree that something has got to give? You cannot drive any dis-

tance these days without seeing a wreck. Unless the wreck involves us, we selfishly put it out of her minds. File it away under "Delay" and "Detour." We carry on.

Would that all children had the straight, empty roads of Sapelo Island to learn to drive on, in cars that have advanced age as a governor of speed.

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U.S. shameful for attacking old ally

et me tell you about something that hap-pened back in the dark days of World War II. The German army, in 1941,

stood astride of Europe, having defeated or compelled the surrender of every nation. From the borders of Russia to the Atlantic, from the English Channel and North Sea to



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Mediterranean, the German war machine stood victorious.

It is no surprise then that when it rolled into Yugoslavia, the government surrendered. There was no chance to win a fight. Croatia became an enthusiastic fascist state and set up its own concentration camps to slaughter Jews and Serbs. Albania had joined the fascists and sent a division into Kosovo where, at that time, Serbs were a huge majority. They killed about 140,000 Serbs.

The Bosnian Muslims, including its present leader, enthusiastically formed a Waffen SS division.

So what did the Serbs do? Well, that's the magic. Within a few days after the Yugoslavian government surrendered, the Serb people rose

up, overthrew that government and told Hitler's legions in effect: "Hell, no! We don't surrender.' This is one of the noblest

examples of human courage in history. Here was a people hopelessly outnumbered who nevertheless preferred to die than to surrender. More than a million did die, but they fought the Germans so fiercely that the German invasion of the Soviet Union was delayed. Hitler later blamed his defeat by the Russians on this delay.

It is shameful, in my opinion, that the United States, in its postwar decline and led by sleazy people, is attacking the Serbs, who fought with us as allies, to assist people who fought against us as Nazi allies.

And it is moronic that people in Washington supposed that the Serbs, who defied the German war machine, would collapse and tremble at the feet of a cowardly draft dodger whose ill-planned, poorly thought out campaign has already led to a human disaster for the very people he claimed it was designed to save.

And make no mistake, this president — famous for his bad judgment — by rejecting any compromise is committing the United States to ground war in the Balkans.

The idea that this man, who spoke of loathing the U.S. military and who cowardly avoided the draft, is now willing to put American troops into war against a former ally is really

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Clinton is going to discover, like Hitler, that he can occupy Serbia, but he cannot subdue the Serbian people.

The American people should wake up and decide how many of their sons and daughters they wish to sacrifice for the sake of Albania - once a fascist state, once the most Stalinist of the communist states, and currently the most corrupt and incompetent of the former communist states. When Clinton sends troops

into Yugoslavia, it will be pointless to talk about an exit strategy. There won't be one. There isn't even one for the American troops stuck in Bosnia. NATO officials have said they will be there at least another five years. Americans should also

remember that not one single European leader in 1914 intended to start a world war. They simply found themselves trapped in a chain of actions and reactions and ended up in a situation not a single one of them had intended or wanted. Clinton is a cheap, small-

state hustler and is clearly out of his depth. He is playing a dangerous game and isn't sane enough to realize just how dangerous it is. Beware of God's ironic sense of humor. The century started with a world war ignited in the Balkans. Let's pray it doesn't end the

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Big Spring junior varsity girls closed out their 1999 softball season with a 12-3 loss in Andrews Saturday.

The young Lady Steers kept it close early on, but Andrews managed 8 runs in the bottom

of the third inning.
Big Spring pitcher Nicole Chesworth struck out 7, walked 4 and allowed 4 hits. Reliever Kaci Stokes struck out 1, walked 2 and gave up 5

Bridgette Cain had a home run and a single for the Lady Steers, who ended the season at 8-3. Molly Maberry had an RBI single while Melissa Ray cracked a double and Tracy Padilla and Val Aguirre hit singles.

"We had a really good season when we got to play," said coach Kari Eggleston. "We had a real good group of girls."

Comets take victory over Asteroids, 3-1

In a defensive battle, the Comets skated to a 3-1 win over the Asteroids Saturday in in-line hockey, backed by fine play from forward Adrian

Brown and goalie Ryan King. The Asteroids got their only goal midway through the first period when Andrew Brown sent a shot the length of the court for a 1-0 lead. With solid play from goalie Quinn Long, the Asteroids kept the lead for the first of the period.

Then Adrian Brown, who had changed his number to 99, scored early in the second to tie the game at 1-1. The score stayed that way until the final period when David Lee tallied from the right wing and Adrian Brown again found the

Little League Instruction event slated for April 25

Howard College's Little League Instruction Camp for players of all ages has been cheduled for April 25 at Jack Barber Field.

The camp will provide instruction in baseball fundamentals under the supervision of Howard coaches Brian Roper and Justin Hays, as well as members of Hawks baseball team.

Registration is set for 1:45 p.m. with camp instruction slated for 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The fee will be \$10 per youngster, and participants should bring a baseball glove and bat.

Lady Steers boosters set meeting for Thursday

The Big Spring Lady Steers Booster Club will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday in the Big Spring High School library.

Cancer Society schedules golf event for April 24-25

Big Spring Country Club will again host a two-day golf tournament benefiting the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life on April 24-25. Entry fees are \$75 per play-

er, plus cart fees, but private carts will be permitted. For more information, call

Larry Bryan at 267-5354.

Bass club's open tourney slated May 1 at O.H. Ivie

The ninth annual Big Spring Bass Club Open Tournament has been scheduled for May 1 at Lake O.H. Ivie.

Guaranteed prize money based on 150 entries will be \$4,400, with the the first-place winner taking home \$1,500.

In addition, a grand prize of \$20,000 is available for anyone landing a new lake record largemouth bass. The current record is 13.71 pounds.

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IN BRIEF The Iceman Goeth: Gretzky's masterpiece closes

NEW YORK (AP) — He played the game with such style and grace, it brought tears to the eyes. When he left hockey, it was Wayne Gretzky who couldn't keep from crying.

"It was a tough game for me today," Gretzky said of his farewell from the game he dominated for two decades. "I wanted it to be a celebration.

"You know, this is not a passing on," he added, his eyes watery for perhaps the 100th time Sunday. "This is a moving on."

It was a moving scene as the sport's greatest player said goodbye. The NHL also said goodbye to No. 99, which commissioner Gary Bettman announced would never be worn in the league

wear this sweater, I didn't imagine one day nobody else would be allowed to wear it," Gretzky said, referring to Murray (Muzz) MacPherson, his coach with the Soo Greyhounds of the Ontario Hockey League.

He wore it with as much class as any superstar in any sport. Gretzky was universally acknowledged throughout his 21-year career as the best; never was that respect more apparent than in his final

"It's always too soon when you see a great player retire," said Mario Lemieux, the only man ever to perform anywhere near Gretzky's level. "It's going to be very difficult for the National Hockey League to lose the best hockey

such a great ambassador for the game for 20 years.'

In front of Lemieux - who retired for health reasons in 1997 — Mark Messier, Glen Sather, Paul Coffey and many more former teammates and opponents who revered The Great One, Gretzky set up the New York Rangers' only goal in a 2-1 defeat. The game ended abruptly in overtime when Pittsburgh's Jaromir Jagr scored, which somehow seemed appropriate.

"Maybe it's only fitting that the best young player in the game scored the winning goal," Gretzky said. "Everyone always talks about passing torches.'

Wnen it was over, Gretzky smiled through tears during four final laps of

Madison Square Garden. The greatest player ever made it easy for everyone to say goodbye.

He skated slowly enough for plenty of souvenir photos to be taken. Whenever he noticed a youngster's extended hand from the crowd, he touched it. He even played to the fans, donning a blue Yankees hat, then a red Rangers beret.

Then, almost as suddenly as word had come last week that he was retiring, No. 99 was gone.

'I'm devastated I will no longer be a hockey player," Gretzky, his eyes still red, said more than an hour after his final skate. "I will miss every part of the game, because I loved every part of the

"But I've made the right decision."

Everyone's a winner in NFL draft

Of course, coaches' sentiments could change after time

NEW YORK (AP) - Nobody, of course, did badly in this weekend's NFL draft. Everyone got just the players they want-ed, and everyone will be better next season.

Except Cleveland, which didn't have a last season.

"We were a good football team coming in," coach Mike Shanahan of the two-time Super Bowl champion Denver Broncos said Sunday. "We got a lot more depth, we got a lot more team speed. Overall, I feel like it was an excellent draft."

Everyone else feels that way now - from the New Orleans Saints, who became the first team in draft history to have just one pick to the Washington Redskins. They took advantage of Mike Ditka's generosity, got just what they wanted, cornerback Champ Bailey and have three No. 1s next year. Reality?

Wait two or three years. Some strange things happened, the strangest Ditka's

the Heisman-winning running Ernie Accorsi told the media. back can take a 6-10 team to the playoffs, playing the same role Walter Payton did with Ditka's Chicago Bears 15 years ago. But all Ditka has at quarterback are career backups in the Billy Joes (Hobert and Tolliver), and there's very little speed at wide receiver.

Then there were the New York Giants, with a history this

decade of awful first-round picks and great ones down the draft - Jason Sehorn and Michael Strahan (2nd round), Charles Way (6th) and Jessie Armstead (8th).

On Saturday, they used the 19th overall pick on offensive lineman Luke Petitgout of Notre Dame, who most scouts had as a second-rounder. Perhaps they felt they had done so well in the second round that they'd take a secondrounder No. 1.

In the fourth round on Sunday, the Giants took running back Sean Bennett of Northwestern, who was listed as "not draftable" in the only scouting guide that even rated him. New York used nine picks on relatively obscure or flawed players. What does that mean?

Probably nothing. The Giants were so sure of their picks that it took them just 34 seconds to take Petitgout and 18 to choose Ohio State running back Joe trade for that wound up netting Montgomery, who has a history injusted a history expect of our to be has a decent delense, believes shocked," general manager

Overall, it was one of the strangest drafts of recent years.

It was only the second in NFL history when quarterbacks went 1-2-3 - Tim Couch of to expansion Cleveland, Donovan McNabb to Philadelphia (roundly booed by Philly fans who wanted Williams) and Akili Smith to Cincinnati.

The Bengals also drafted a QB, Miami's Scott Covington, in the seventh round, giving them six on their roster - Jeff Blake, Neil O'Donnell, Paul Justin and Eric Kresser are the

Five quarterbacks were drafted in the first round and 13 overall — the first-round haul was the biggest since 1983, when John Elway, Dan Marino and Jim Kelly were among the picks.

There also were 26 trades during the draft, most by teams moving up and down a few places to get a player they craved, even on a late round.

The most interesting picks of the second day were running back Cecil Collins by Miami in the fifth round; quarterback Michael Bishop by New England and safety Anthony Poindexter by Baltimore in the

Collins has played five college games, three at LSU and two at McNeese State. He was kicked off the team in

Just before the draft, he received four years probation after pleading guilty to two misdemeanors and two felonies for breaking into two apartments and fondling two women.

Miami coach Jimmy Johnson was known to want him and turned it into a no-lose situation to wait until the fifth round to grab a back who in three games at LSU in 1997 ran for 583 vards.

The Dolphins hope Collins can emulate the feats of Minnesota wide receiver Randy Moss, who fell to 21st overall last season because of off-field problems. He ended up All-Pro and the offensive rookie of the

"My concern is giving people second chances. If they don't do what's right we go on with our business," said Johnson, who said Collins reminds him of "a faster Emmitt Smith." "He's a risk. That's why we waited until the fifth round. Everyone in the league wanted to take

Poindexter, a safety from Virginia, would have been a high first-round pick if he hadn't suffered a horrific knee injury last season.

Bishop, who almost led historically downtrodden Kansas State to the national championship game, was runner-up to Williams for the Heisman Trophy. He has perhaps the best arm

of any quarterback in the draft, and is one of the best athletes. But most scouts don't think he's ready to read NFL defenses, and some teams viewed him as a wide receiver or running back. Coach Pete Carroll, however,

hinted he might use him as a "Slash." as Pittsburgh used Kordell Stewart before he became the starter.

"He can give us a change of pace," Carroll said. "We would like to put Michael Bishop in a position where he can run.'

Cowboys think they can contend

IRVING (AP) - Jerry Jones took stock of his Dallas Cowboys after the NFL draft ended Sunday and said the team has the perfect blend of kids and veterans to produce a Super Bowl contender.

The team owner is well aware of the perception that too many of the Cowboys' stars have seen their best playing days.

When the regular season kicks off in less than five months, key players such as quarterback Troy Aikman, running back Emmitt Smith, wide receiver Michael Irvin, cornerback Deion Sanders and tackle Erik Williams will all be 30 or

But the Cowboys think that some speedy players picked in this weekend's draft, along with free agents and young players who have earned starting jobs in recent years, make the team much faster. And that has Jones thinking Super Bowl.

"I'm convinced that we've got the high-performance veteran players with the guys who've never won a Super Bowl ring." Jones said Sunday after the seventh and final round of the draft. "That hunger is there to go get one."

The Cowboys were hurting for speed and play-making ability when they were knocked out of the playoffs in the first round by the Arizona Cardinals in January. "Every year we're trying to

get faster," coach Chan Gailey said. "At the same time, we want great football players. You can sign a 4-by-100 relay team, but what you need are football players.' Dallas made moves to pump

up a pass rush that produced only 34 sacks last season by selecting defensive ends Ebenezer Ekuban of North Carolina with the 20th overall pick and Hundens "Peppi" Zellner of Fort Valley State in the fourth round.

Cowboys scouts and coaches say Ekuban and Zellner were two of the most athletic defensive ends at the scouting combine Texas A&M inside linebacker

Dat Nguyen, who won the Lombardi Award for defensive players but slipped to the third round, apparently due to his relatively small size at 5-foot-11 and 231 pounds, also visited Valley Ranch on Sunday. The team projects him as a backup at all three linebacker spots next season and a candidate for starting middle linebacker the next season. "I'm not a prototype line-

backer," Nguyen said. "I'm just a small guy out there trying to make some tackles.'

Rangers get all they need in first to top Athletics, 6-2 "Yeah, but the difference is 21 "We're lucky it wasn't OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) -A&M nabs top

Give the Texas Rangers a few good innings and some early runs, and manager Johnny Oates says he can usually rest in peace.

"The whole attitude of the entire ballclub changes when you go out and you're not in trouble right away," said Oates, whose Rangers scored six runs in the first five innings to defeat the Oakland Athletics 6-2 Sunday.

"I don't have to even try and measure the importance of it. especially with our ballcub."

The Rangers have batted their way out of trouble to go 7-6 and take the early lead in the AL West, even with starters whose ERA is near eight runs after two weeks. They had the unusual luxury of a quality start Sunday, the second straight by Mike Morgan, whose 21-year big league career started on this same mound as a high school phenom hand-picked by former A's owner Charlie Finley.

Day, whose 35-foot birdie putt Sunday

gave him the MCI Classic title in a play-

off with Payne Stewart and Jeff Sluman.

a tremendous high. And you know, the way I am I want to win again just to

prove that it wasn't a fluke.

When that putt went in on 18, it was

Only hours earlier, Day was packing

his things and making plans for a

friend's pro-am as he waited to see

which PGA star would take away his

Would it be second-round leader Payne

Stewart, twice a winner at Harbour

years ago I lost," Morgan said. "As long as we win, I do my job."

Morgan has two wins as a starter this season and one in "He wouldn't let us put any

hits together." Oakland manager Art Howe said. "They gave him runs to work with early and that made a big difference." Todd Zeile and Lee Stevens

hit consecutive home runs, and Rafael Palmeiro went 4-for-4 with two RBIs. Oakland starter Mike Oquist (1-1) left after 2 1-3 innings when

Rusty Greer's line drive struck him on the left wrist, causing a bruise. The A's don't think Oquist will miss any starts. "That's one I probably should have (caught)," Oquist said. "I

Oquist gave up three runs and six hits, and reliever Kevin Jarvis allowed three runs and five hits in 2 2-3 innings.

jabbed at it. I just jabbed too

worse." Howe said. "There was no feeling in his hand at all when we first got out there. It's swollen, but there were no breaks. He'll be fine for his next

Oakland (6-7) had been seeking to move over .500 for the first time since opening day, but wound up with a 4-2 homestand that started against Anaheim.

"We took two out of three from both clubs in our division," Howe said. "We took it to two teams which came in hot. You have to look at it realistically. When you come into a series, the goal is to win the

Palmeiro had an RBI single in the first, and Oakland added two more runs in the third. Mark McLemore doubled with one out, and Greer's liner went off Oquist to third baseman Eric Chavez, whose throw bounced and skipped past first for a run-scoring error.

seat in Big 12 COLLEGE STATION (AP) Shawn Schumacher's 2-run sin-

gle in the bottom of the ninth

lifted No. 5 Texas A&M to an 11-10 victory over No. 7 Baylor on Sunday as the Aggies wrested first place in the Big 12 away from the Bears. Both teams are 35-9 for the season, but A&M's conference record of 16-4 is a half-game ahead of Baylor's 16-5 slate. The game drew a crowd of 7,107 plus 1.250 who watched for free from

Aggie Alley beyond the leftfield

wall. That came on the heels of

a school record crowd of 10,730

8,230 paid and 2,500 beyond the fence -- on Saturday. Baylor took a 7-1 lead on three runs in the first and two runs each in the second and third innings, but the Aggies rallied to win in the ninth.

35-foot putt earns Day his first PGA Tour victory

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. (AP) -Lee Janzen? Or Chris Perry, the thirdnament in six seasons. Glen Day waited a long time for his first PGA Tour victory. He doesn't plan to round leader who's patience and single-"I'd gotten really close a lot last year, vait that long again. mindedness came from his major league Professional golf is a game of tremendad, Jim? "Everybody told me I'd win when I dous highs and tremendous lows," said

> you, I didn't expect it." Stewart missed an 18-foot birdie putt that would have extended the playoff.

least expect it," Day said. "I can assure

Day was so confident he wouldn't survive, he told his caddie to collect their extra clubs "because when somebody got to 11-under. I wanted to leave," he said. Day told his friends, tour players Brad Fabel and Larry Rinker, that their ride to a Monday pro-am — Day was driving

- wouldn't be delayed. But Fabel was urging Day to hurry up in the interview room. That's what hap-

Town? Or reigning U.S. Open champion pens when you win your first PGA tour-

and pretty much every year I have had a chance at least once (to win) and it hadn't happened," he said. "I got very fortunate.'

Day started 10 groups ahead of the leaders in the final round. He shot a 5under-par 66 and was certain it wasn't enough.

Why should it be? Stewart, Janzen and Corey Pavin were all on the course and within striking distance. Sluman and Tway, both with PGA Championship titles, were making runs.

Perry seemingly had the tournament wrapped up with his fifth birdie of the back nine.

But one by one, they fell away.

Pavin, playing his best golf in almost three years, missed a short par putt on

Janzen made bogeys on two of the final three holes. Sluman couldn't make a birdie after

tying Day with three holes left. Perry was in the most enviable position after his birdie on 16 moved him back in front at 11 under. But he bounced a ball over the 17th green for one bogey and barely missed a 25-footer for par on 18.

"I'm disappointed because I played really well," said Perry, who shot a 72. "I was in control of my emotions all day

long." Stewart shot a 70 and Sluman a 67 to share second. Perry finished at 275, one stroke in front of Pavin.

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You may be unusually subdued this year. Be willing to discuss what is going on within you. You could easily misunderstand others and might be overly sensitive. Associates go to bat for you, giv- .. friend. ing you reason to feel more secure. Broaden your horizons. If you are single, summer proves most interesting as another enters your life, revitalizing it. If attached, communication needs to be worked on. Plan a special summer vacation. You will be happiest as a duo; leave your children with Grandma and Grandpa! Cancer loves to hang out with you. ARIES (March 21-April 19)

***Deal with confusion and changes. You might not speak the same language as another, who aggressively attempts to clarify what is happening. Respond accordingly. Question fundamental beliefs relating to your personal life. A new beginning impacts finances in the near future. Tonight: Put up your feet and

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

****Communication flourishes; so will major misunderstandings. You could be hurt by another and his response to you. Stay calm. A partner contributes to a clearer perspective. You could be more stern than you realize. Tonight: Out and about.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

****You indulge others often; why not do for yourself? Treat yourself to a new item or a toy for your house. Whatever puts a smile on your face works. Your intuition needs to be honored more frequently. Get some exercise at the gym or take a walk at lunch. Tonight: Check out a purchase.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

****Your smile warms others, who sense that what they don't understand isn't a problem. It could take a while to iron out communication. Your sense of humor comes out. Network, reach out for friends. Don't stand on ceremony; zoom in and get what you want. Tonight: Do what you love. **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)

**Sometimes you might feel like another isn't telling you the whole story, but your questions elicit only erratic answers. Don't keep butting your head against a wall. Stick to the basics as you figure out what you want. Use your intuition with a boss. Tonight: Vanish as fast as you can.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ****Be especially careful when Inc.

Communication with those at a distance is stymied for now. Be as direct as possible. Let your message be heard. Tonight: Join a **LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ****Others observe your decisions and choices. Gossip behind

dealing with an associate with

whom you don't see eye to eye.

Money could cause controversy.

the scenes could be destructive; choose to not get involved. You've been spending way too much! Stop and think. A partner isn't likely to agree. You could be surprised by the power this person has over you. Tonight: Working late.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) *****Take an overview. Don't act on a change impulsively. A partner isn't easy, and the ball is in his court. A friend adds to the confusion at work. Take a walk to clear the air and your mind. Do research; seek out others. Your vision is a lot different than anoth-

er's. Tonight: Rent a movie. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ****One-to-one relating is important. However, getting your point across could leave you frazzled and tired. Establish stronger ground rules with a child or a new friend. This person is simply buoyant right now. Look within to find out why you are getting so triggered. Tonight: Handle a financial matter.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

****You have good intentions, but everyone else wants to put in their two cents' worth. Let others have control right now. Stay on top of calls, especially from a family member. Creativity remains high; consider taking a vacation and enjoying yourself. Tonight: Go

along for the ride. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

***Handle work and don't let others distract you. You have the energy to get the job done. A boss could be testy when you least expect it. Work with his ideas. Confusion surrounds communication. Verify appointments. Use your intuition with family. Tonight: Home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

****Creativity reaches a new peak. Reach out for a friend; listen carefully to his point of view, even if it is a bit dreary. You can always use another perspective. Use caution with finances; recheck figures, especially involving your checkbook. Mistakes are made far too easily. Tonight: Improve the quality of your life.

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Words can't be fairly judged by paper they're written on

DEAR ABBY: I was intrigued by your response column about "Sick of Scraps." I can't help but wonder if I'm the only person who knows about Emily Dickinson, the great American poet who lived in Amherst, Mass., in the

early 19th century. She and her sister came from a thrifty New England family and were evidently raised to "waste not, want not." Emily

Dickinson wrote many of her poems on pieces of

scrap paper, the back of grocery lists, etc. After her death. her sister found little rolls of those papers, tied with ribbon, among her effects. So, one of our greatest geniuses utilized scrap paper! — MARY LEE ROLLOW, PORTLAND, ORE.

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DEAR MARY LEE: What an enlightening tidbit! One never knows when a bolt of inspiration will strike. Read on: DEAR ABBY: Enough of

'Sick of Scraps," already. After all, did the Gettysburg Address, having been written on a used scrap piece of plain brown envelope with a pencil, diminish in any way the importance of that historical document? I think not! - L.S., HUNTING-TON, W.VA.

DEAR L.S.: Many untrue stories have circulated about President Lincoln's famous speech. One of them is that it was written in pencil on the back of an old brown envelope while he was on the train on his way to Gettysburg. According to the World Book Encyclopedia, Abraham Lincoln actually wrote five different versions of the Gettysburg Address. Most of the first draft was written in Washington, before he traveled to Gettysburg. However, thank you for giving me the opportunity to dispel an untrue rumor even at this late date.

The letter from "Sick of Scraps" must have touched a great many people, because mail is still coming in about it. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: As a mother and grandmother, I have enjoyed your column for many years, and I can relate to some of the letters, but the one from "Sick of Scraps" brought tears to my eyes.

My beloved mother sent me letters written on scrap paper after I moved to Hawaii. However, I eagerly looked forward to her "scraps" - always surprised at what she would come up with.

On May 17, 1992, she walked several blocks to the post office, walked back home, and that evening was rushed to the hospital, where she passed away.

I will always treasure that last scrap letter. It was written on a brown piece of "junk mail" envelope and was filled with plans she had made for the two of us, as I was going home the next month to spend the summer with her.

Abby, please tell "Sick of Scraps" to enjoy the treasures her friend sends. They will be more valuable to her than any hundred-dollar stationery could ever be. -JUNE BROWN FROM VIRGINIA

DEAR JUNE: How generous of you to want to share your last precious memory of your beloved mother. As this column illustrates, the thoughts within a letter are more important than the quality of the paper on which it was written.

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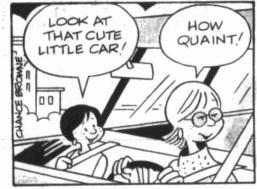


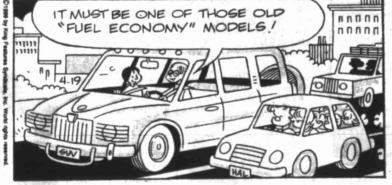
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Today is Monday, April 19, the 109th day of 1999. There are

256 days left in the year.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

Today's Highlight in History: On April 19, 1951, Gen. Douglas MacArthur, relieved of his command by President Truman, bid farewell to Congress, quoting a line from a ballad: "Old soldiers never die; they just fade away."

On this date: In 1775, the American Revolutionary War began with the battles of Lexington and Concord.

In 1897, the first Boston Marathon was run from Ashland, Mass., to Boston.

In 1898, Congress passed a resolution recognizing Cuban independence and demanding that Spain relinquish its authority over Cuba.

In 1933, the United States went off the gold standard.

In 1943, during World War II, tens of thousands of Jews living in the Warsaw Ghetto began a valiant but futile battle

against Nazi forces. In 1945, the Rodgers and musical Hammerstein "Carousel" opened on

Broadway. In 1982, astronauts Sally K.

Ride and Guion S. Bluford Jr. became the first woman and first African-American to be tapped for U.S. space missions. In 1993, the 51-day siege at the

Branch Davidian compound near Waco, Texas, ended as fire destroyed the structure after federal agents began smashing their way in; dozens of people, including David Koresh, were killed.

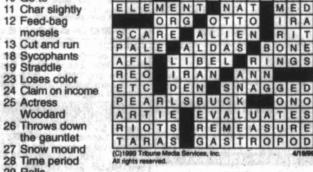
In 1995, a truck bomb devastated the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, killing 168 people. Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols were later convicted of charges related to the bombing.

Ten years ago: Forty-seven sailors were killed when a gun turret exploded aboard the USS Iowa. A female jogger in New York's Central Park was brutally beaten and raped. Six teenagers were later charged in the near-fatal attack; five were convicted, one pleaded guilty to a lesser charge.

Five years ago: A Los Angeles jury awarded \$3.8 million to beaten motorist Rodney King. The Supreme Court outlawed the practice of excluding people from juries because of their gender:

One year ago: Wang Dan, a leader of the 1989 Tiananmen Square pro-democracy protests, arrived in the United States after being freed by China. It was announced that Linda McCartney, the wife of Paul McCartney, had died two days earlier at age 56. Mexican poetphilosopher Octavio Paz died at age 84.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Hugh O'Brian is 74. Actor Don Adams is 73. Actor-comedian **Dudley Moore is 64. Actress** Elinor Donahue is 62. Actor Tim Curry is 53., Pop singer Mark "Flo" Volman (The Turtles; Flo and Eddie) is 52. Tennis player Sue Barker is 43.



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