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Big Spring CVB monthly meeting at 4 p.m. Wednesday

The Big Spring Convention and Visitors Bureau will hold its regular monthly meeting at 4 p.m. Wednesday in the board room at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

CVB chairman John H. Walker said the board will hear reports on recent events in the community as well as consider funding requests for upcoming conventions.

The meeting is open to the public.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

□ Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third.

□ Howard County NAACP, 7 p.m., Chamber of Commerce conference room. Call Stephanie Horton at 264-0306.

□ Reminder to all Parents Who Care, junior parents who are helping with the after-prom party, 7 p.m. in the Big Spring High School Library: Prom is Saturday! For more information, call Kelly McBee, 263-2306 or Sue Bagwell at 264-7016.

□ Big Spring Amateur Radio Club, 7 p.m. Club House.

□ Big Spring Comandery No. 31, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Temple, 211 1/2 Main. 6:30 p.m. dinner.

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

TUESDAY

□ Intermediate line dance classes, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-1628. Beginners class will begin at 8:30 a.m. through the month of April.

□ Puppet show celebrating National Library Week, Howard County Library, 4 p.m. Community invited.

WEDNESDAY

□ Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room

□ Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

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

□ Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

Tonight:



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Sales tax rebates dip slightly in April, stay virtually even year-to-date

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

Big Spring's sales tax rebates for April — covering taxes collected in February and reported by businesses filing monthly tax returns in March — dipped slightly from the same period a year ago.

Big Spring officials will receive a check for \$235,217.12 from Texas Comptroller Carole

Keeton Rylander, down 6.63 percent from the same period a year ago when the total rebate was \$251,937.67.

The March decline of \$16,720 represents most of the amount the city is behind year-to-date — \$19,104.

For the first four months of the year, Big Spring has received \$1,171,282.90 compared to \$1,190,386.49 a year ago — a decline of — 1.6 percent.

The soft economy in February, when oil and gas prices reached their lowest levels ever, took its toll on other West Texas cities as well.

Abilene, Fort Stockton and Pecos — all in the positive column along with Big Spring in March — were all down in April.

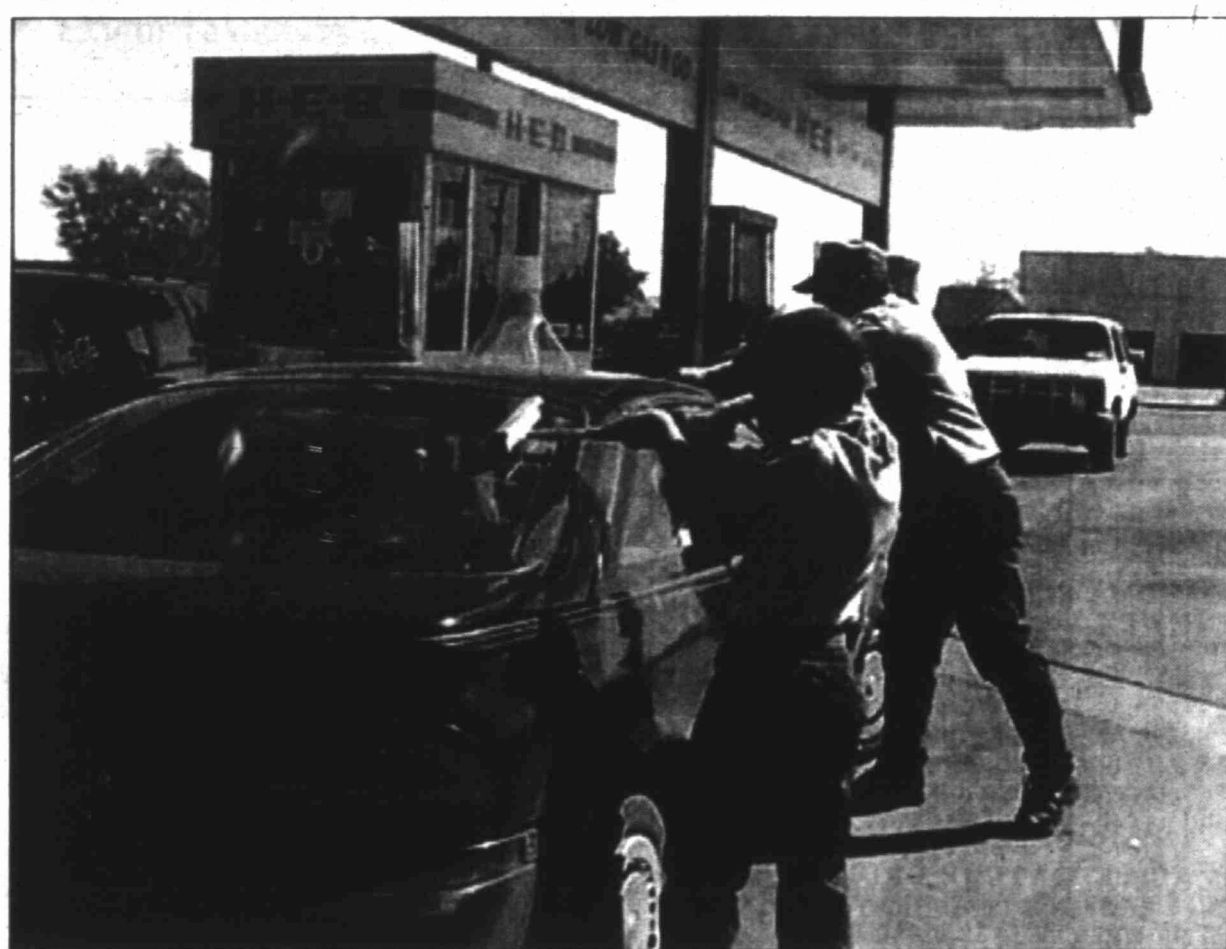
Only Odessa — drawing from new retail expansion along 42nd Street east of Music City Mall —

Lubbock, San Angelo, Snyder, Stanton and Colorado City showed increases for the month among the 18 West Texas communities monitored by the Herald.

For the month, Odessa was up 10.54 percent while Lubbock was up 2.26 percent, San Angelo was up 1.23 percent, Snyder was up 6.19 percent, Stanton was up 1.63 percent and Colorado City was up 3.08 percent.

Abilene was down .49 percent, Andrews dropped 19.23 percent, Coahoma was down 61.78 percent, Fort Stockton was down 12.12 percent, Kermit was down .89 percent and Lamesa was down 1.1 percent.

Midland was down 9.49 percent, Monahans was down 12.89 percent, Pecos was down 8.06 percent, Seminole was down 9.35 percent and Sweetwater was down 13.48 percent.



David Richardson and Billy Richardson of Boy Scout Pack 176 participated in the Lone Star District of the Buffalo Trail Council pump off at HEB Saturday by washing windows on the vehicles of customers while other Scouts pumped gasoline. The project raised \$500 for the Scouts.

Nighthawk Jazz Band among those enjoying resurgence in 'swing' popularity

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

Plenty of musicians are enjoying the resurgence in popularity of "swing" music, and Howard College's Nighthawk Jazz Band is no exception.

The band leaves Thursday for a mini-tour that includes two performances in San Antonio, where they will play the comeback hit, "Jump, Jive and Wail," and other retro favorites.

Along the way, the band will perform at Sterling City High

School, echoing a recent tour that took in Iraan and McCamey high schools.

"Those schools are preparing for their UIL (competitions)," said Adolph Labbe, director of the jazz band. "This exposes them to a different type of music than they might be used to listening to. This gives them some other music to think about."

Labbe said he has been surprised recently when high school and college students have said how much they

enjoyed hearing nostalgic hits performed by the band, such as "The Impression That I Get," originally performed by the Boss Tones.

The Nighthawks have also performed these and other tunes for basketball games at the college.

While in San Antonio Friday, the band will play at 1 p.m. in the Alamo Pavilion across from the Menger Hotel, and at 4 p.m. in the River Mall's Lagoon.

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326 clean-up volunteers bag more than 22 tons of trash

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

More than 45,000 pounds of trash was picked up from Big Spring streets, neighborhoods and highways Saturday, as the local community participated in the "Don't Mess With Texas" Trash-Off.

"We collected 45,800 pounds of trash, and that's a lot of trash, more than we collected last year," said Pat Simmons, coordinator for the event.

A total of 326 volunteers, comprising 17 teams and two Adopt-

A-Highway groups participated in the cleanup that reached all areas of town, she said.

"There was a big push at the Vietnam Memorial, near Marcy School. Martin Luther King Boulevard looks great, and a tremendous job was done on Birdwell to FM 700," Simmons said.

Scenic Mountain Medical Center provided lunch for all workers as part of their contribution to the event.

"And they cleaned their own front yard, and it looks great," she said.

The city of Big Spring sponsored a clean up crew, as well as helping with trash disposal, she said.

"Todd Darden has been my right hand man, he has been wonderful. Without him this

important work would not have been done," Simmons said.

Volunteers carried trash bags to the various clean up sites, and the filled bags will be transported to the city landfill, she said.

"Crews did a fabulous job, helping to make our city a more desirable place to live," she said.

The clean up teams were: 14 city of Big Spring employees, 16 Comanche Flats residents, Fina Oil and Chemical with 25 volunteers, the Big Spring Fire Department had 10 members cleaning, 10 H-E-B employees cleaned the area around the store, 40 volunteers from SMMC and 25 TU Electric team members cleaned areas of Big Spring.

Also, Western Container had 15 members, Girl Scout Troop

No. 105 had six, 26 Sand Springs Boy Scouts helped collect trash, nine Howard College diplomats, 12 Phi Theta Kappa members, 10 Big Spring High School Key Club members, 15 Big Spring Herald employees and friends and 25 Marcy Elementary volunteers helped.

A 10-member team led by Brenda Davis, along with 34 individuals and couples also participated in the clean up. An Adopt-A-Highway group from American Legion Post 506 and from Teen Court participated.

Areas in town that received attention are the Big Spring at Comanche Trail Park, Wasson Road, 11th Place, FM 700, Goliad, Martin Luther King Boulevard, Birdwell Lane, BSHS campus, Lancaster,

Allendale, 14th and Nolan, the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf campus and Scurry Street.

Also Sixth Street, Thorp Street, Abrams, Airbase Road and Anderson Kindergarten Center campus, Comanche Lake, and the north service road at Midway and FM 700 were cleaned of trash and debris.

Inmates cleaned up parts of FM 700 on Friday, Simmons said.

Describing the effort, Simmons used words such as "fabulous job," and "wonderful" and "tremendous effort."

She said cleaning Big Spring is an important task, and she was gratified by the participation she received from the community.

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

The bright lights are shining, the timer is set and the basketball court is ready. Now all that's needed are the players.

"This took a lot of work and a lot of effort, and now we need the support of the merchants, parents, coaches, volunteers, and of course we want the kids to come out," said Northside Community Center executive director Max Webb.

Youth sign up for the free Summer Basketball Program at Northside Community Center is set for April 17 and 24 at the center and from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. at Big Spring Mall.

"We'll be signing up kids at both locations on both days at the same time. This is so those who cannot make it to the mall can come to the center," said director Max Webb.

Webb raised \$30,000 through donations and support from three philanthropic foundations — Permian Basin, Abell-Hanger and Dodge Jones — to finance lights and a refurbishing of the basketball court, which sits to the west of the center on Northeast Eighth Street.

The summer youth basketball program is open to any youth age 12 to 18, and will feature both a girls and boys league.

"The girls will play the girls

and the boys will play the boys," Webb said.

After the sign up is complete, coaches and volunteers will begin evaluating the talent and skill of the players, and experience is not needed to be on a team, he said.

"We want to balance the skill levels out on each team. All players will get to play every game, at least half of a game. This is about fun, sportsmanship and learning the fundamentals of the game, and to transcend cultural differences," Webb said.

Teams will consist of about eight to nine players. Games will be played in the evening, probably on Mondays, Fridays and Saturdays.

League play will begin the first week in June and conclude the last week of July, he said.

Webb said the lights are bright, and that neighbors in the area have remarked about the luminescence without complaint. The court lights are set on a timer, that turns on at 7:30 and shuts off at 11 p.m.

There is no charge to join the league. Players may need to purchase shorts or shoes, he said.

All youth who want to participate should be attend the sign up at either location, and be accompanied by a parent or guardian, he said.

Consent forms will need to be signed, and the player should bring proof of age, he said.

For more information or to volunteer to be of service to this program, call Webb at 263-2673 or Charlie Hall at 263-0159.



WEBB



A heavy equipment operator runs this trencher to open a trench in which cable will be laid. The project is north of Big Spring alongside U.S. 87.

HERALD photo by Marsha Sturdivant

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OBITUARIES

Jaime Palacios

Service for Jaime Palacios, 22, Big Spring, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home. She died Monday, April 12, 1999, at a Midland hospital.

HOG

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The HOGs earned the main trophy from the tournament, which is scheduled to become an annual event.

"It was a really good match, and the HOGs just barely won it," Kirkland said.

"The Law came back and won the first game, and then the HOGs won the final game by two points. It was very close," she said.

Swoosh won first place in the overall competition, with Too Hot With Handles coming in second and Henry Villa's team winning third place, she said.

Javier Becerra, a sergeant with the Big Spring Police Department organized the event. Becerra is also a sponsor of Special Olympics.

Money was generated for the event through concession stand sales, t-shirt sales, as well as the \$25 entry fee for each team.

Kirkland said Special Olympics needs coaches for upcoming events.

SWING

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Both performances are scheduled to go along with San Antonio's giant "Fiesta" celebration.

"We've played there three or four times," Labbe said. "But this is the first time we've added the River Mall. It won't be a 'sitting down' crowd, but we'll be listened to by several thousand people there."

Because of the resurgence of the swing sound, the band has added a vocalist for the first time ever, on the tune, "Jump, Jive and Wail." It was originally recorded by Louis Prima, and has been popularized again by commercials for The Gap clothing stores.

Labbe called the renewed popularity of this type of music a good thing for bands like his.

"Horns are coming back," he said. "It used to be you needed strings and (had) to be called an 'orchestra' to be legitimate."

Students in the Nighthawk Jazz Band are: Tony Bacari, Lupita Barraza, Jessie Bravo, Ryan Byrd, David B. Cook, Jackie Clark, Jason Haislip, Jason Kelmel, Jason McCain, Damien Puentes, Tiffany N. Rodriguez, Veronica Serrano and Michelle Steward.

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-

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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 Golliad. 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 Street, the HARC bingo building. 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 Alsop Building. TXAMI meeting to follow. For more information call 263-0027 or 267-7220.

•The Big Spring Alliance for the Mentally Ill meets the fourth Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at 409 Runnels (formerly the TU building) For further information call Sondra at 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.

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 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.

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•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.

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BRIEFS

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ANNUAL AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION charity golf tournament, Big Spring Municipal Golf Course April 17. Sign up at the Municipal Golf course for four-person scramble, must have A,B,C,D player (open to all). \$200 per team (includes cart and green fee).

All proceeds of this event go to the Howard County Chapter of the American Heart Association to help in the fight against heart disease.

THE BIG SPRING EVENING LIONS CLUB will have free eyeglasses for all adults Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon at the Big Spring Evening Lions Club bingo building, 1607 East Third.

All adults needing eyeglasses who don't have the income to purchase the exam or glasses are welcome. The recycled eyeglasses are taken from donations from the community as a service project of the Lions.

The Lions group will offer the eyeglasses the third Saturday of March and April. For more information call Janis Dean at 267-3068.

COAHOMA FIRE DEPARTMENT will host a pet vaccination clinic Saturday, April 17, from 9 a.m.-noon and 1:30-5 p.m. Cost is \$5 for all rabies shots, \$10 for cat vaccinations and \$10 for dog vaccinations. For more information, call Coahoma City Hall at 394-4287.

55 ALIVE/MATURE DRIVING 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 363-1491 to preregister or to ask questions.

CYCLIST RICHARD CYPERT will participate in the Texas Lions Camp 50th Anniversary Wild Texas Bike Ride which starts in College Station May 23. The ride ends at the Lions International Convention in San Diego, Calif., June 28.

Cypert will join other riders on Interstate 10 in Junction and ride to Sonora and Ozone over Memorial Day Holiday weekend, May 30-31. He is sponsored by the Big Spring Evening Lions, Club with a donation to the Lions Camp for every mile he rides. Cypert and the Lions are challenging other Lions and families of children who have attended the camp for disabled children to make a donation to the program.

The camp, located in Kerrville, was chartered March 12, 1949 and serves handicapped and diabetic children. It will host 2,000 kids this summer at no cost to their families.

For more information about the camp, Cypert's ride or an application for the summer program, call Bob Noyes at 267-6095.

GOOD SHEPHERD FELLOWSHIP CHURCH, 610 Abrams, 7 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays, and 9 a.m. Sunday. Everyone welcome to come. For more information call 267-5936.

THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, also known as Meals on Wheels, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, we need you. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

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Chevron	94% +1
Cifra	16% to 16 1/2
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Texas Instruments	106% - 3 1/2
Texas Utils. Co	40% +1
Unocal Corp	36% +1
Wal-Mart	103% +1
Amcap	18.34-19.46
Europacific	31.41-33.33
Prime Rate	7.75%
Gold	282.70-283.70
Silver	4.93-4.98

POLICE

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

• **THEFT MORE THAN \$50** was reported in the 300 block of Owens. Four 18-packs of beer and five packages of potato chips, valued at \$67, was reported stolen.

• **DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED** was reported at the police station.

• **JOE LOPEZ**, 36, was arrested for public intoxication.

• **MARIA LOPEZ**, 36, was arrested for public intoxication.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 700 block of San Antonio, 1000 block of East 12th, 800 block of Willia and 1300 block of Madison.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF OF A VEHICLE** was reported at the police department.

• **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 1400 block of Stadium and 500 block of Young.

• **LAZMINDA VILLAREAL**, 26, was arrested for theft less than \$50.

• **DISTURBANCE/FIGHT** was reported in the 800 block of West Seventh and 2400 block of Monticello.

• **ARTURO HERNANDEZ**,

69, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

• **AIESHA LOVE**, 18, was arrested for no driver's license.

• **ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 200 block of Northwest Third.

• **JACKIE LANG**, 24, was arrested for possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

• **ASSAULT** was reported in the 900 block of North Gregg.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 800 block of East 14th.

• **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 2600 block of Gregg. A camera, a bottle of cologne and 35 compact discs, all valued at \$602, was reported stolen.

• **JUVENILE PROBLEM** was reported at the intersection of Sixth and Gregg streets, 500 block of Wasson, 1300 Park and 2600 block of Barksdale.

• **CLASS C ASSAULT** was reported in the 200 block of Northwest Third.

• **DRAG RACING/RECKLESS DRIVING** was reported in the 2000 block of Gregg.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 1700 block of East Marcy.

• **DENNIS BOLT**, 45, was arrested for local warrants.

• **SIDNEY WHEELER**, 39, was arrested for no driver's license.

• **AMBER BENNETT**, 18, was arrested for local warrants.

SHERIFF

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

• **YSA RUBIO**, 38, was arrested for contempt of child support order.

• **WESLEY MARTIN CARNAHAN**, 34, was arrested for a parole violation.

• **LETICIA HILARIO RUIZ**, 24, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

• **JOHNNY AGUILAR MARTINEZ**, 49, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

• **WILLIAM DOUGLAS GRAHAM**, 60, was arrested for driving while intoxicated third or more offense.

FIRE/EMS

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

FRIDAY

12:45 p.m. — 2300 block Wasson, medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

12:58 p.m. — 1700 block Johnson, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

2:07 p.m. — 1900 block North 87, medical call, patient transported to VA Medical Center.

8:42 p.m. — 300 block E. Third, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

9:08 p.m. — 200 block west I-20, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

10:27 p.m. — 3200 block Parkway, traffic accident, service refused.

10:37 p.m. — 1200 block Runnels, medical call, service refused.

SATURDAY
9:15 a.m. — 2300 block Wasson, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

10:06 a.m. — 400 block N. Alysford, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

11:57 a.m. — 400 S. Alysford, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

12:51 p.m. — 500 block west 17th, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

1:44 p.m. — 1300 block Runnels, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

10:24 p.m. — 100 block west Eighth, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

11:16 p.m. — 1000 block of Birdwell Lane, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

SUNDAY
12:20 a.m. — 1600 E. 17th, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

1:14 a.m. — 2900 block east I-20, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

1:50 a.m. — 1900 block Simler, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

6:12 a.m. — 1900 block north 87, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

10:03 a.m. — 1900 block north Monticello, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

12:09 p.m. — 2700 block Coronado, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

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RECORDS

Sunday's high 74

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Average low 47

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Yugoslav parliament approving plan to join Russia-Belarus alliance

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — NATO struck at Serbia's industrial heartland today, returning to sites already hard hit in the allied air campaign to force Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic to accept a peace agreement in Kosovo.

As NATO foreign ministers convened in Belgium for their first meeting since airstrikes began nearly three weeks ago, the Yugoslav parliament overwhelmingly approved plan to join an alliance with Russia and Belarus. Russia has said it will not get militarily involved.

Western officials expressed deep concern over the more than half-million ethnic Albanian refugees who have fled or been driven out of the province, and hundreds of thousands of others displaced within Kosovo.

The U.N. refugee agency said 3,300 refugees were flown out of Macedonia on Sunday to temporary haven in Norway, Germany, Turkey and Poland, with nearly 1,300 others to be flown out today. Macedonia, a former Yugoslav republic flooded with 120,000 refugees, is trying to arrange for most to leave.

Along the Yugoslav-Albanian frontier, the worst border clashes in weeks between Yugoslav troops and Kosovo rebels left two people dead and nine others wounded, international moni-

tors said, and Yugoslav officials accused NATO and Albania of aiding the rebel army.

NATO says the bombing will continue until Milosevic withdraws Yugoslav and Serb units sent to Kosovo province in southern Serbia as part of his crackdown on the Kosovo Liberation Army separatist rebels. Serb forces are also accused of terrorizing ethnic Albanian civilians, driving hundreds of thousands from their homes.

The alliance acknowledged today that poor weather was still hampering its air campaign. Some aircraft came back from their latest missions still carrying bombs, but NATO refused to say how many. All returned safely, it said.

In the industrial town of Pancevo just across the Danube from Belgrade, wind-whipped orange flames leaped into the night sky as fire engulfed one of Yugoslavia's biggest oil refineries early today. NATO confirmed the hit, also reported by Serb media.

The factory that makes Yugo cars was hammered again early today, Yugoslavia's state-run Tanjug news agency said. The Zastava complex in Kragujevac, 45 miles southwest of Belgrade, was badly damaged last week.

A NATO spokesman confirmed the car plant was target-

ed, saying it also makes military vehicles. Tanjug said three dozen workers in the complex were hurt in today's attacks, and quoted its manager as saying damage to the facility now totaled \$1 billion.

Nearby Batajnica, site of a military airfield, was also hit, Serb media said.

The latest wave of strikes also hit Serbia's second-largest city, Novi Sad, where two major bridges had already been destroyed early in the air campaign. Tanjug said a missile struck a residential area Sunday evening, but NATO said there were surface-to-air missile production and storage facilities in the area targeted.

In the central Serbian town of Krusevac, a heating plant was destroyed and a heavy-machinery plant was targeted, Tanjug said, in strikes that touched off huge fireballs. Both it and Serbian TV said civilians were wounded, but did not say how many.

Kosovo, which took the brunt of strikes on Sunday — Orthodox Easter — was hit again today in attacks that went on well into the daylight hours.

Tanjug said an empty military barracks in Pristina was hit at mid-morning. Sunday night, British Harrier jets struck a fuel storage depot, the British military said.

Slatina airport outside Pristina, whose terminal was reported wrecked in strikes late Saturday and early Sunday, came under new attack overnight, Tanjug said. It said the region southeast of the capital was also targeted, with cluster bombs dropped in the southern municipality of Lipljani.

The urgent session of the Yugoslav federal parliament today opened with a minute of silence for victims of "NATO's aggression."

Yugoslav Premier Momir Bulatovic later addressed both chambers of the assembly, and proposed that parliament accept the decision to join because it "creates a condition for the peoples of Russia, Belarus and Yugoslavia to join forces and protect their vital state and national interests."

At the lower house, out of 115 deputies present, 110 supported the motion, while five abstained. At the upper house, of the 27 delegates present, 26 were for and one abstained.

In a joint statement the chairmen called the proposal "a historic step of great importance to Yugoslavia's people."

Gennady Seleznyov, Russia's Communist parliament speaker and a political foe of President Boris Yeltsin, had raised the idea of an alliance during a meeting last week with

Milosevic. The Russians and Serbs, both Slavs and Orthodox Christians, share cultural and historical ties.

Amid growing Western concern about conditions inside the southern province, NATO officials showed aerial photographs Sunday of what was described as a possible mass grave in Pusto Selo outside Pristina.

Spokesman Jamie Shea said Sunday the ground appeared to be freshly dug and the pictures resembled those of mass graves seen during the war in Bosnia.

First-hand information from inside Kosovo is hard to come by, but British Foreign Secretary Robin Cook estimated Sunday about 400,000 ethnic Albanians are hiding from Serb forces in the forests and mountains of Kosovo. He came up with the figure after talking by telephone to Hashim Thaci, an ethnic Albanian leader in the province.

British officials also said some 100,000 ethnic Albanian men were believed missing, based on the low number of males among the refugees crossing into Macedonia and

Albania. The estimate revived speculation the men had either been massacred by Serbs, joined the rebel Kosovo Liberation Army, or were being held hostage.

On Yugoslavia's tense southern border, conflict spilled over again into Albania. In the border town of Tropoja, heavy mortar fire hit border police headquarters and a residential neighborhood Sunday, killing two people and wounding nine, said Andrea Angeli, spokesman for the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, which monitors the frontier.

More fighting at the Padesh border station, near Tropoja, wounded three KLA fighters and a French journalist, Angeli later reported. No further details were available.

A Yugoslav army officer on the border told Serb TV on Sunday large numbers of KLA fighters were trying to infiltrate Kosovo from Albania. The officer accused NATO of supporting the KLA and pressing its fighters to cross over into Yugoslavia.

78-year-old Lamesa woman fights deportation

LAMESA (AP) — Natalia Caudillo came to Texas with her family in 1920, looking for a better life than they had in Mexico.

She raised a family of seven children and more than 50 grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She has lived in the same house in Lamesa for 50 years. And at the age of 88, she still works as a housekeeper, the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal reported.

But Mrs. Caudillo never bothered to apply for citizenship. Then, last year she realized that her green card had expired.

"I said, 'Well, I might as well

try for citizenship,'" Mrs. Caudillo said.

It's a decision she regrets. In a letter from immigration officials, Mrs. Caudillo learned she is being deported.

"I got sick," Mrs. Caudillo said of her reaction to the letter. "We had to find a lawyer."

Mrs. Caudillo traced her predicament to 1984, when, she said, a man at the Dawson County courthouse encouraged her to register to vote. She said the man told her she could vote if she had lived in the United States for 50 years.

Mrs. Caudillo's relatives said the man — whom they can't

identify — must have filled out the voter registration card because the "yes" under "U.S. citizenship" was written by someone else's hand.

Twelve years later, thinking she was legally entitled to vote, Mrs. Caudillo cast a ballot in Dawson County.

After she applied for citizenship, Mrs. Caudillo received a letter from the Immigration and Naturalization Service stating that she had voted illegally and was being deported for her crime.

Mrs. Caudillo's daughter, Audelia Chapa, blames her mother's situation on the mystery man who helped her mother register to vote.

"I wonder why they don't ask, 'Are you a citizen?'" Ms. Chapa said. "I work at the school with a lot of immigrant workers, and, you know, if they trust you

they'll sign anything."

INS officials in Dallas, where Mrs. Caudillo's case is being handled, declined to comment because the case is now a legal battle. Ms. Chapa has contacted U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm, D-Stamford, to ask the INS to take a second look at the case — or at least delay a deportation.

Ms. Chapa said the most encouraging news has been the support of local residents, including a resolution adopted by Dawson County commissioners on Mrs. Caudillo's behalf.

Family members try to lighten Mrs. Caudillo's anxiety by cracking jokes about her dilemma.

With no close family in Mexico, Mrs. Caudillo would have nowhere to go there.

"My brother-in-law said, 'Go to Cancun so we can come visit,'" Ms. Chapa said.

Police snitch accused of murder was out of jail at cops' request

FORT WORTH (AP) — A man accused of killing a single mother in December was an informant who was released from jail at police request five weeks earlier, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported Sunday.

Fort Worth police lost track of Joshua Edwards for nearly two weeks before the slaying of Debbie Ralph, who interrupted a burglary at her employer's Ridglea home Dec. 4.

Ms. Ralph, 34, the mother of a 12-year-old girl, had stopped at the house to change light bulbs and drop off refreshments for a Christmas party as a favor to her boss, reports indicate.

Edwards, 26, was arrested the same day and charged with capital murder after he confessed to the killing, police said. He had walked out of jail Oct. 31 after he pledged to help detectives solve 90 burglaries, all of which he said he committed. About three weeks later, he dropped out of sight.

The detective assigned to Edwards didn't learn of his disappearance for more than a week because of "a lack of communication" within the department, said Lt. Ric Clark, a police spokesman. Had the detective been told, he would have sought a warrant for Edwards' arrest, Clark said.

Law enforcement officials routinely grant informants special treatment in exchange for

help with investigations, police and prosecutors said. In Tarrant County, district judges annually authorize the release of about 15 informants from jail, said Greg Miller of the district attorney's office.

"The request that the Police Department made is one that is made (and granted) on a routine basis," Miller said. "Unfortunately, it had a very tragic ending."

Investigators generally strike agreements with informants whom they believe to be reliable and nonviolent, Clark said. Officers conduct surveillance, including random checks at the home or workplace, on informants who require more oversight.

Before Edwards, no informant in recent memory had been accused of murder, police said.

"We're sorry that Ms. Ralph was murdered, (but) Joshua Edwards killed her," Clark said. "The Police Department has been using informants in a manner like this for years, and nothing like this has occurred before."

While working with police, Edwards tested positive for cocaine and marijuana use. He was also jailed on a misdemeanor charge of possessing drug paraphernalia; he was issued a citation and released the same day, police and county officials said.



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OUR VIEWS

Health Fair set to take visitors to next Millennium

How's your health? Find out Saturday, when at least 50 exhibitors, displays and demonstrations will be part of the Big Spring Health Fair at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. This year's theme is "Walking Into the Millennium." From 10 a.m.-4 p.m. the coliseum floor will be covered by booths from local hospitals, doctor's offices and clinics, health-related services and programs. Admission is free.

Also free are a variety of health screenings that will include spinal checks, glucose, blood pressure and cholesterol, grip strength and vision. There will be plenty of free information on such topics as Alzheimer's, rehabilitation programs and prescription drugs.

In addition, related events taking place that day include a fun run/walk at Big Spring State Park, bicycle rodeo for kids and Walk Across Texas, a health promotion of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Other displays and demonstrators will include Big Spring Fire Department/EMS, Aerocare, Rape Crisis/Victim Services and several religious organizations.

Corporate sponsors for this year's health fair, which are also planning exhibits, include Warren Chiropractic, Malone Hogan Clinic, Nurses Unlimited, Leonard's Pharmacy, Comanche Trail Nursing Center, Scenic Mountain Medical Center, Family Medical Center, Mountain View Lodge and the VA Medical Center.

In short, it will be a day-long event that shouldn't be missed by anyone with a concern, or an interest in any aspect of health. We all fit that category. Sure, we all have our aches and pains, but wouldn't you be interested to learn what new technology and techniques will be available to serve your family's needs?

While you're at it, why not start the day off with something uniquely healthy, the "Second Annual Master the Mountain" fun run/walk. It begins at 9 a.m. at Big Spring State Park and includes 5k and 10k races around the 200-foot bluff. Register in advance by calling the park, 263-4931 or Laurie Phillips at 268-4581; or register at the event that day at 8 a.m.

For more information about the health fair or any related activity, call the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, 263-7641.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

Several eighth graders from Coahoma Junior High recently held a fund-raiser to help the students go to Washington. This trip will be very educational and will help the students to understand the workings of our government.

Our local businesses were very supportive in helping us with prizes. Those businesses are: Billy's Hair Salon, Bowlarama, Neighbors Convenience Store, Als BBQ, Movie Warehouse, Pizza Hut, Jiffy Car Wash, TCA Cable TV, Rainbow International, and Little Caesars Pizza. We would like to thank these businesses very much for their support of our school children.

KELLY OVERTON

Coahoma

TO THE EDITOR:

Thank you so much for allowing me to share with you and the public that which has considerably changed my life, and will, no doubt, others as well. Attaining and maintaining fitness (spirit, soul and body) have been first priorities for me since about 1983, accomplished with much success. But a few years ago, I experienced such stress-related challenges that my immunity to illness was considerably weakened; the

results were destructive and devastating. My physician and chaplain urged me to "get away from it all!" A move to southern California was exactly what the doctor ordered.

Living in West Hollywood afforded me easy access to neighborhood libraries, especially the beautiful downtown location. I read and searched for answers to my dilemma. Miraculously, two of David Carradine's instructional videos, Tai Chi and Chi Kung, reached out to me from the shelves. These 5,000 year art forms differ in that they exercise the body (the heart, liver, spleen, lungs, kidneys) from within utilizing movements that flow easily, gently, and naturally.

Each routine leaves me calmer, happier - more relaxed, centered, grounded, focused. Ancient Chinese people believe the body is so uniquely designed that it has the ability to give itself what it needs. Investing in a couple of video tapes has been the catalyst to achieving those life long personal and physical goals of fitness - spirit, soul, and body. Sharing this information will, hopefully, benefit others as much as it has me.

SHARON J. TUCKER
Big Spring

Is conflict in Kosovo Marshall Tito's legacy?

Amid the outcry over and bombing of Kosovo, a steady drumbeat of essays and commentary has spoken almost with yearning for the quieter, less bloody days of Marshall Tito.

It may well have been what the wily old communist leader both expected — and intended — to have happen.

One might think the man who ruled for 35 years of peace and cohesion over the six republics and two provinces that were once Yugoslavia would have wanted it to stay that way after his death.

But it's highly probable that Tito deliberately ensured the bloodshed that inevitably followed his death in a megalomaniacal bid to be seen, historically, as a great peacemaker and leader.

This is no idle observation, but one made to us by one of those who knew him best, the late author Milovan Djilas. In interviews with our associate Dale Van Atta, and in some of his writings, Djilas expressed a belief that Tito's refusal to pick a capable successor was a misguided attempt to achieve a

kind of historic royal status.

Djilas noted that Slobodan Milosevic, the one-time Belgrade banker who evolved into the Butcher of the Balkans, initially styled himself after Tito. Milosevic developed a cult of followers who would chant "Slobo" in his wake, often using an inflection in the shout to steer it to the Serbian word for "freedom," which is similar.

But Milosevic is missing several key Tito elements. For one thing, Tito was Croatian and deliberately minimized the role of the dominant Serbians in the federal government, giving other ethnic groups a place at the table. Milosevic is Serbian and basically decided that the government would stay in Serb hands forever.

While Milosevic has stoked Serbian nationalism, particularly in the latest conflagration, Tito pushed Yugoslav nationalism against a common enemy — the Soviets, who might have invaded any day because they didn't like Yugoslavia's brand of communism.

In fact, when the Soviets invaded Czechoslovakia in 1968, Tito mobilized the entire country. He created the "Territorial Defense Force," which essentially made every man and woman a soldier. Enormous caches of small arms were stockpiled around the country in caves and other hiding places, according to

still-classified Central Intelligence Agency reports we have seen.

In addition, Yugoslavia began producing so many small arms that it was 80 percent self-sufficient in this less-sufficient weaponry. This military proficiency and those same stockpiles have been a large factor in Serbia's nearly decade-long civil war against other ethnic groups.

But it was the slow realization that Tito probably foresaw all this, and it did not bother him, that was most intriguing in our series of conversations with Djilas.

Djilas had reason to be bitter about Tito, who jailed the dissenter on separate occasions for a total of nine years. But despite this, Djilas had always been respectful, even admiring of Tito since their split in 1953.

"We were the closest of friends for 17 years, before the second World War, during and after. We fought side by side," he once recalled to us. "Still, I had, many times, disagreements with him. We had different mentalities. I am an independent person and very easily came into conflict with this totalitarian man. But not until 1953 did it become greater."

After one Djilas lecture on Tito's achievement with Yugoslavia, we pressed him: In the last analysis, what good did he do for his country?

"He was a very talented political man," Djilas began. "He

had this unique realization of Yugoslavia as independent, which would not have been possible if he hadn't broken with Stalin — as I urged at the time — in 1948. But it had less to do with Tito's vision than his lust for absolute power."

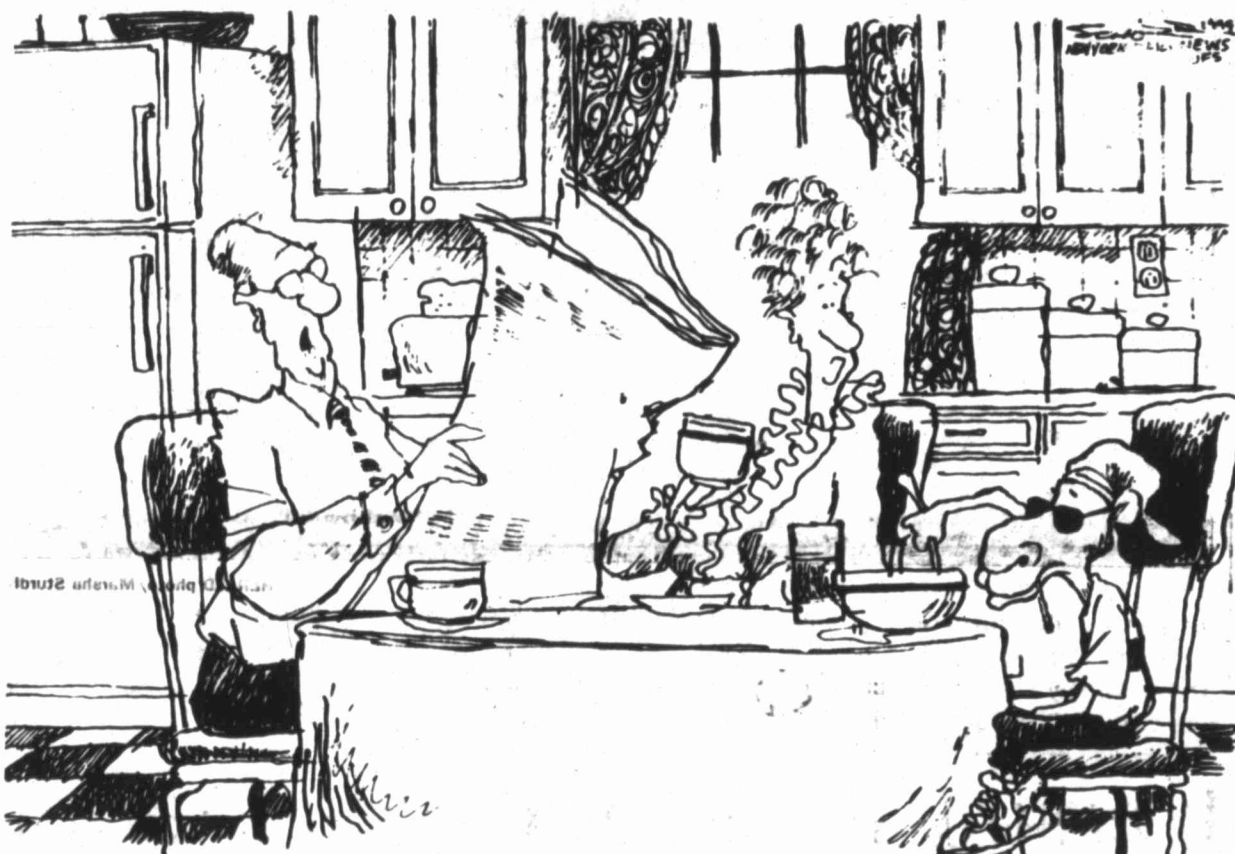
And that is why, through a circuitous course of writings and thoughts over decades, the octogenarian Djilas finally condemned Tito in the historical perspective. "He would have a secure place if he had provided for a strong transition after his death in 1980," Djilas told us. "Since he did not, he must be viewed much more harshly."

Djilas came to conclude Tito was so megalomaniacal that he never intended to leave a cohesive, viable Yugoslavia after his life.

"I talked with him about it many times in the early days," Djilas said. "I urged him to appoint a successor. He never did. He knew he was not leaving a strong heir. I can point to many instances where he went out of his way to make sure no one strong enough to follow him would be in the position to follow him."

And so, Djilas finally concluded to us before his own death (1995), history will condemn the man whose ego was so great and misbegotten that he consigned his country to an inevitable and bloody civil war that is now consuming the world's attention.

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YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

I hope you'll print this since I'm sure I have many cousins in Howard County and have no other way how to try to contact them.

First, I'll briefly give a brief overview of my Thompson branch. It has been said this branch descends from Charles Thompson, who was Secretary of the County Congress and a fiery activist for American Independence, but I've not been able to confirm this. I do know that William Thompson (1755-1813) served in the Revolutionary War in the 1st NC Regiment. He lived in Bladen and Robeson Counties, N.C., wed a Ms. Milbrey and they had 10 surviving children. One of these, James, went to Wilcox County, Ala., and bought an estate and prospered. He also founded Society Hill A.M.E. Church and evangelized throughout Southwest Alabama at his own expense.

There was about 25 years of prosperity, although this was marred by early deaths. Rev. James died in 1853; his wife, Mary Lock, died in 1835. Then the war between the states came which ruined this family financially, but by this time nearly all of their children had died. My direct line through Dr. Benjamin D. and Frances J.C. Rodgers Thompson (1817-1861) left six children who managed to survive the war and left as young adult and teenaged orphans for Texas. Actually, there were five who left; I assume one daughter remained in Alabama after she had wed. These pioneers came into East Texas but some went on into Southwest Oklahoma and West Texas. My great-grandpa, Wilbur James Hughes Thompson (1853-1922) began teaching school at 17 and taught, while homesteading, most of his life. He wed in 1880 to Rebecca Jane Turnbough (1864-1938).

W.J.H. and Rebecca had 11 surviving children. Most lived out their lives in Texas. One son, Rufus Benjamin (1888-1918) died in Big Spring in the great flu epidemic. I'm sorry that I know little about him. He wed Irene Woods about 1909. All I know about her family is that her mother was Rachel Jane Todhunter and Irene was born in Childress

County. They had four kids, Glenn Wesley born 1911 in Wellington who wed Naomi Hunt in 1931; Oleta Fay born 1913 in Jackson County, Okla.; Eugene Victor born 1916 in Big Spring; and Clyde James Howell, who has no birthdate listed on the genealogy record I'm using. I assume he also was born in Howard County. He probably was born shortly before his Dad's death. Irene must've had a hard time raising four small children as a widow in that era.

I'm sorry my info on Rufus Benjamin and Irene and their kids is so skimpy. I would've known more about them and my other Thompson granduncles and aunts had I been born and raised in West Texas as so many of maternal kin were. I'm descendant from the oldest sister of Rufus Benjamin, Stella M. Thompson Jones (1885-1977), who had nine surviving kids. Unfortunately, she and my granddad, L.D. Jones, went to Northwest Arizona during the Depression, for a short time. My mom, Ethel Evelyn Jones Sears (1914-1996) went with them and wed a man who had

nothing. I was raised in abject poverty; we were cut off from my maternal line for most of my early life, except for a few visits. I didn't meet all my granduncles and aunts who are still living. Most lived to old age. Rufus Benjamin was the first to die. Two other siblings died younger, David Madison (1884-1932) died in Plainview or in Hale County, when he tried to kill red ants with gasoline. That must have been a horrible death. Martha Louise Thompson Griffin Knically (1894-1948-9) died in Fort Worth of cancer.

The next to last child of W.J.H. and Rebecca's marriage, Joseph Wilber (1901-1993) died last in Ada, Okla., a wealthy man, although he had the least education of all this family. I think he must've inherited the brains and ambition of his antebellum ancestors in Alabama. I feel sure that some descendants of these other siblings are in Howard County. I hope to hear from someone.

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IN BRIEF

Howard's Jeremy Hughes wins event at WTC Rodeo

Howard College's Jeremy Hughes led the way for the Hawks rodeo team Saturday, finishing first in the short round of bull riding and first in the average at the Western Texas College rodeo in Snyder.

Kim Green also turned in a strong showing for the Lady Hawks in the barrel racing competition, finishing first in the short round and second in the average.

In the team roping competition, Walker Wallace was sixth in the short go-round and fifth in the average, while Cody Owens was sixth in the short round and seventh overall in the steer wrestling.

Matthew Burrow rounded out Howard's placing finishes when took seventh in both the short round and the average in bareback bronc riding.

Lions edge Rangers in Little League play

A home run by Ryan Slate helped power the National Little League Lions to a 10-8 win over the Rangers in majors action Saturday.

Chance Cain also contributed excellent hitting for the Lions, while Brandon Tant, Charles Downing and Kyle Briggs provided defensive highlights.

Cody Schoonover and Brice Lopez spearheaded the Rangers' attack, while Adam Johnson and Chad Hammock turned in strong defensive play.

Comets take 5-3 win in roller hockey action

David Lee took advantage of a week off and scored two goals in a span of 1:27 during the first period to lead the Comets to a 5-3 win over the Asteroids in YMCA Inline Hockey action.

Ryan King turned back 16 of the Asteroids' 19 shots, but early on it looked as if a high-scoring game was in the offing as Tony Emerson and Brandon Gross scored unassisted goals to tie the game at 2-2 as the first period came to a close.

But Moses Canales and Dustin King gave the Comets all the lead they'd need.

Emerson would add his second goal of the game, trimming the Comets lead to 4-3, but Lee put the game out of reach with a third goal, his hat trick completing the scoring.

Teenage League signups scheduled to begin today

The Howard County Youth Baseball Association has scheduled registration for youngsters interested in playing on Teenage League teams this summer beginning today at the American Little League Park.

Registration will be from 5:30 to 8:30 tonight and continue each evening through Friday.

To register, players must bring their \$50 registration fee and their birth certificate.

BSHS netters compete at San Antonio toumey

The senior tandem of Stephanie Lewis and Yuching Li turned in the best finish by members of the Big Spring High School tennis team over the weekend, as it took part in the San Antonio Invitational tournament.

Lewis and Li knocked off the No. 1 team from San Antonio Churchill to finish 10th in the field of 32 girls' doubles teams entered in the tournament.

Derek DeHoyos provided Big Spring's best finish in the boys' division, placing 12th in singles competition.

The Steers and Lady Steers no head to the District 5-4A Tennis Tournament set for Friday and Saturday on the campus of Midland College.

ON THE AIR

Television

NBA BASKETBALL
7 p.m. — Houston Rockets at Minnesota Timberwolves, TBS, Ch. 11.

Sele's big curve cuffs Angels in Rangers' 6-3 win

ARLINGTON (AP) — If it's April, Aaron Sele must be on a roll.

By throwing 5 2-3 solid innings in Texas' 6-3 victory over Anaheim on Sunday night, Sele won his seventh straight April start and improved to 15-3 during the month over his seven-year career.

The reason one-fourth of Seles' 59 career victories have come in the season's first month is because of his big-breaking curveball. Batters have yet to adjust to pitches that start at their eyes and end up at their knees because they haven't seen many of them this early in the year.

"I've faced him before and I know how hard it is," teammate Rafael Palmeiro said.

Sele (2-0) had his curve working great for the second time in as many starts as

he struck out 10, one shy of his career high. He allowed three runs — one earned — on five hits and three walks.

"He made a lot of quality pitches with his curveball," Texas manager Johnny Oates said. "I don't know if he can throw the curveball consistently much better than he did tonight."

Sele, who threw seven shutout innings in his previous start, has a 0.71 ERA over 12 2-3 innings. The rest of Texas' rotation has a 13.17 ERA over 13 2-3 innings. None has finished the fifth inning.

Part of Texas' problem has been horrible first innings. Anaheim led 1-0 before the Rangers' first at-bat on Friday and Saturday.

On Sunday, Sele stopped Anaheim in the first by allowing only a two-out walk. When he returned to the mound, he had

the luxury of a 3-0 lead.

"It's nice when you can get some runs early, especially when there's a zero on the other end of the scoreboard," Oates said.

Tom Goodwin and Mark McLemore got the Rangers' offense started with consecutive triples off Tim Lincecum (0-1) and Rusty Greer followed with a sacrifice fly. Palmeiro also singled home a run in the inning.

Sele allowed unearned runs in the second and third innings, both caused by errors by shortstop Jon Shave, but he kept the Angels from getting more by getting all six outs in that span with strikeouts. He closed the second through fifth innings with strikeouts.

"I was able to spot my fastball early in the game and when I needed a strikeout I was able to get my curveball over,"

Sele said.

The first earned run of the year against Sele came on Troy Glaus' leadoff homer in the sixth. Sele got the next two guys out, then was pulled after allowing a single to Andy Sheets.

"I wish I could have been out there a bit further into the game, but (the bullpen) came in and shut them down," Sele said.

John Wetteland, the fourth Texas pitcher, got his second save.

Belcher gave a Rangers-like outing by allowing five runs and 11 hits in three innings. He has given up 10 runs and 17 hits in 7 1-3 innings this year.

Angels manager Terry Collins said he's not worried about Belcher.

"It was just one of those games," Collins said. "His velocity was where it needed to be. He'll be fine."



Members of the HOGs team prepare for a return of serve from members of the Law team during beach volleyball action at Saturday's fundraiser staged at Comanche Trail Park by members of the Big Spring Harley Owners Group and local law enforcement personnel. While the Law team won the game, the HOGs squad took the tournament's championship.

Iverson stalls in fourth quarter; Bucks blow big comeback effort

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

One had an offensive meltdown; the other an episode of brain lock.

For star guards Allen Iverson of the Philadelphia 76ers and Ray Allen of the Milwaukee Bucks, Sunday featured fourth quarters that they and their playoff-hopeful teams would rather forget.

"We had the game. We gave it to them," Iverson said after being shut down in the fourth quarter of a 105-98 loss to the Washington Wizards.

"My brain got so locked," Allen said after attempting a 2-point shot when his team needed a 3-pointer just before the final buzzer in a 95-92 loss to the Miami Heat.

The losses by Philadelphia and Milwaukee further cluttered the Eastern Conference playoff race, where 10 teams are fighting for eight spots.

In other games Sunday, the Los Angeles Clippers stunned Portland 89-83, Seattle beat the Los Angeles Lakers 113-109, Utah defeated Houston 85-76, Minnesota topped Detroit 88-79, New York beat New Jersey 93-78, Boston topped Chicago 87-81 and Sacramento downed

Vancouver 91-88.

The Wizards rallied to outscore the 76ers 34-16 over the final 12 minutes to give Jim Brovelli his first official victory as head coach of the Wizards (he led the Wizards to a 1-1 record earlier this season when the since-fired Bernie Bickerstaff had the flu.)

Iverson finished with 32 points, 10 rebounds and five assists as the 76ers had their three-game winning streak snapped.

The 76ers gave up 100 points in regulation for the first time this season.

Rod Strickland scored 10 of his 19 points in the final period and helped hold Iverson without a point in the fourth until the final minute. Rookie Randall Jackson added 11 points in 16 minutes, all in the second half, and Mitch Richmond scored 24.

Heat 95, Bucks 92

Terry Porter made one of two free throws to give Miami a 95-92 lead with 11 seconds remaining. After that, there was no reasonable explanation for what Allen did.

Haywoode Workman missed a layup, and the loose ball went

in and out of P.J. Brown's hands to Allen near 3-point territory. Instead of trying a 3-pointer, Allen took off for the basket and missed a pull-up as time expired.

Jamal Mashburn scored 21 of a season-high 25 points in the first half to help Miami win its fifth straight game.

Clippers 89, Trail Blazers 83

It was another stunning upset victory for the NBA's worst team.

Maurice Taylor scored 14 straight points for the Clippers in the fourth quarter and Los Angeles won for just the fifth time this season.

The victory, the Clippers' fourth against teams assured of playoff berths, came one night after they lost at home by 27 points to the Blazers.

Portland didn't score for the last 2:27.

SuperSonics 113, Lakers 109

Gary Payton scored 33 points and Vin Baker added 27 as the Sonics snapped a four-game road losing streak. Within the last four days, Seattle has beaten Pacific Division-leading Portland and the Lakers, but lost to lowly Vancouver.

Olazabal's comeback lets him walk again, win another Masters

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — Jose Maria Olazabal just wanted to be alone. His feet ached so bad he couldn't walk, and he couldn't stand the thought of others seeing him in his condition.

Friends and fellow golfers called, but he shrugged them off. The mysterious foot ailment that forced him at times to crawl to the bathroom had taken him from the heights of being a Masters champion to the life of a recluse in his home in Fuenterrabia, Spain.

"Some of the players wanted to come and visit me," Olazabal said. "But I was feeling so low that I didn't want them to see me that way."

Playing in the Masters again wasn't a question. Playing golf at all didn't seem possible. Getting off the couch was enough of a chore.

"I thought I would never play golf again. My quality of life was an issue," Olazabal said.

But play he did. Oh, how he played Sunday coming down the stretch at Augusta National.

He played his way into another green jacket, holding off Greg Norman and culminating a remarkable comeback that left a very proud man weeping as the sun set on the 63rd Masters.

And when it came time for a final walk up 18, Olazabal's feet were more than willing — but not willing to go alone. He waited for Norman to join him in a tribute to a fellow competitor who came up just short yet once again.

"He's a great gentleman. He's a great player," Olazabal said of Norman. "And just walking with him those last few yards was the right thing to do."

Another day that held such brief but bright promise for Norman ended with Olazabal slipping on the same green jacket he won in 1994 with a back nine 33 highlighted by an in-your-face birdie putt on No. 13.

Yet, it ended on a note of redemption for the eventual third place finisher as well as the champion.

"It's not heartbreak. Don't make a mountain out of a molehill on this one," Norman said.

Not like 1996, it wasn't, when Norman squandered a six-shot lead in one of golf's most public and spectacular collapses to lose to Nick Faldo. This time, Norman hung in there to give himself a chance with an eagle on the par-5 13th before Olazabal answered with a birdie putt of his own to keep them tied.

Norman played the final five holes 2 over to lose by three, but shoulder surgery and a lack of tournament time may have

been as much to blame as anything else.

"I feel 80 percent success, 20 percent failure," Norman said after finishing in the top 10 of a major tournament for the 28th time but has yet to win anything but the British Open.

Olazabal's final-round 71 gave him an 8-under 280, the highest winning score in the 10 years. Masters officials succeeded in toughening up the course with some new trees and tees and a cut of light rough that made it difficult to spin the ball.

Winds gusting and swirling through the tall pines did their part to ensure the final day would be one when players thought more of survival than making a move at the lead. Only seven players broke par, and David Duval's roller-coaster 70 was the low score of the day.

"It was very hard out there," said Duval, who made a run at the lead and was only two strokes back when he hit it in the water on 11 and made double-bogey.

The conditions brought the leaders back to the field, with Olazabal squandering his early lead with three straight bogeys starting at No. 4 and Norman shooting a 1-over 37 on the front nine.

At one point midway through the final round, five players were tied for the lead at 5 under, and the tournament seemed there for the taking.

Among them was Davis Love III, who made a courageous par on No. 13, then hit a miraculous chip from behind the 16th green that went 25 feet by and rolled back in the hole. Love ended up finishing second by two strokes, but couldn't make the 20-footer on the last hole that might have put some pressure on Olazabal behind him.

"There are four or five guys here that could say they might have won it and I'm one of them," Love said. "It's disappointing."

It was disappointing to Norman, too, but in a different kind of way. This was his 19th Masters, but it was the first real test of a new attitude and new shoulder and both passed easily.

The new Norman is a more patient Norman, a more understanding Norman and a Norman not as frantic to win the one that keeps getting away.

It didn't seem like this one would when Norman stroked a 4-iron 25 feet from the hole on the par-5 13th, then rolled in the putt for eagle. But Olazabal answered with a 21-footer for birdie that kept them tied and took the momentum away.

Steers linksters improve with round of 321, still stand fifth

HERALD Staff Report

FORT STOCKTON — Big Spring's Steers managed to improve on their first-round showing in the District 5-4A golf tournament Saturday, turning in a second round of 321 on the Pecos County Country Club course, but couldn't climb out fifth place in the team standings.

The tournament's big move belonged to San Angelo Lake View's Chiefs, as they turned in a 303 that coupled with their first round of 317 left them at 620, just 10 strokes off the pace set by Andrews' Mustangs.

Andrews, which went into the second

round with a 15-stroke lead, posted a 308 and heads into Saturday's final round of the tournament in Sweetwater with a 610 total.

Fort Stockton's host team, which entered the round tied with Lake View, posted a 319 Saturday and dropped 26 strokes off the lead. Andrews' No. 2 team was fourth with a 317-324, 641.

The Steers' No. 2 team finished the day in 10th place with a 349-358, 707.

Big Spring senior Sammy Rodriguez pulled into second place in the medalist standings with a round of 73 that, coupled with his opening round of 78, leaves him at 151 going into the final round.

Teammate Heath Bailey was 17th in

the individual standings with a 78-083, 161. Rudy Gamboa climbed to 28th place, having rallied from his first round of 90 with a 77 that left him at 167.

James Womble (84-89, 173) and Richard Gaitan (87-88, 175) rounded out the Steers No. 1 team scoring. Womble is currently 34th in the medalist standings, while Gaitan is 36th.

Big Spring's No. 2 team was led by Jerrod Simmons' 80-87, 167 that left him tied for 28th place individually with Gamboa. Zach Hall was 10 strokes back at 88-89, 177, while Josh Long finished the round at 90-90, 180 and Dustin Rinard was right behind with a 91-92, 183. Will Conley rounded out the team's scoring

with a 105-102, 207.

Three Big Spring golfers are entered in individual competition only. Chris Bravo posted a 97-101, 198; Jacob Garcia finished at 113-101, 214; and Richard Key posted a 107-109, 216.

Sweetwater's Mustangs were sixth in the team standings following the second round at 338-323, 661, while Snyder was seventh after carding rounds of 348 and 323 for a 671 total.

Fort Stockton's No. 2 team was eighth following the round at 348-343, 691 and Lake View's No. 2 squad was ninth at 354-352, 706. Rounding out the team field were Snyder No. 2 at 374-353, 727 and Sweetwater No. 2 at 377-370, 747.

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9:30	Movie: Love	Mad Abt. You	Antiques	Movie: Dangerous	Movie: Dangerous	Movie: Dangerous	Movie: Dangerous	Movie: Dangerous	Movie: Dangerous	Movie: Dangerous	Movie: Dangerous	Movie: Dangerous	Movie: Dangerous	Movie: Dangerous	Movie: Dangerous	Movie: Dangerous	Movie: Dangerous	Movie: Dangerous	Movie: Dangerous	Movie: Dangerous	Movie: Dangerous	Movie: Dangerous
10:30	News (CC)	Jerry Springer	700 Club (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)
11:30	Politically Inc.	Cops (CC)	Show-Funny	Show-Funny	Show-Funny	Show-Funny	Show-Funny	Show-Funny	Show-Funny	Show-Funny	Show-Funny	Show-Funny	Show-Funny	Show-Funny	Show-Funny	Show-Funny	Show-Funny	Show-Funny	Show-Funny	Show-Funny	Show-Funny	Show-Funny
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THIS DATE
IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Monday, April 12, the 102nd day of 1999. There are

263 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 12, 1861, the American Civil War began as Confederate forces fired on Fort Sumter in South Carolina.

On this date:

In 1934, "Tender Is the Night" by F. Scott Fitzgerald was first-

published.

In 1945, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt died of a cerebral hemorrhage at age 63; he was succeeded by Vice President Harry S. Truman.

In 1955, the Salk vaccine against polio was declared safe and effective.

In 1961, Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin became the first man to fly in space, orbiting the Earth once before making a safe landing.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

ACROSS

1 Single-masted boat

6 Air France fliers, for short

10 Light touches

14 Daddy

15 Normandy town

16 Not working

17 Join in

18 Taj Mahal location

19 Flushing stadium

20 Restlessness

22 Anthracite, e.g.

23 Final

24 Timepieces

26 Cool sunglasses

30 Anesthetic

32 Mischievous Norse god

33 Bacterial culture base

35 Twin Cities suburb

39 Like a mimic

41 Chafes

43 Singer Gill

44 Fellini film

46 Kiddy taboo

47 Director Welles

49 Camp follower

51 Part of an eye

54 Orient

56 Kitchen appliance

57 Unease

63 French head

64 Absorbed by

65 Classic tune

66 Clapton or Ambler

67 Lingering sign of injury

68 Flower of Paris?

69 Leave text in

70 Mountain lake

71 Sherburne and panzers

By Robert Zimmerman
San Diego, CA

DOWN

1 Stepped on it

2 Actress Anderson

3 Makes a choice

4 Fuel cartel's letters

5 Conditional release

6 Skedaddles

7 Herbal beverage

8 Sea swallow

9 Grasp suddenly

10 Off-key

11 Like a temporary committee

12 Dreary

13 Waterproofs

21 Twangy

25 Lascivious stare

26 Serb or Croat

27 Indians of Arizona

28 Related by blood

29 Unplug

31 Mine car

34 Kin of a sub or a lalele

36 Golden calf, e.g.

37 Goose on Oahu

38 Hebrew zither

40 Roll-call response

42 Deep-voiced singer

45 Type of general

48 Pain specialist

50 Extreme

51 Pigeon strollers

52 In plain view

53 Bind anew

55 Potential oak

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59 Dog dogger

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In 1981, the space shuttle Columbia blasted off from Cape Canaveral on its first test flight.

In 1983, Chicagoans went to the polls to elect Harold Washington the city's first black mayor.

In 1985, Sen. Jake Garn of Utah became the first senator to fly in space as the shuttle Discovery lifted off.

In 1992, Euro Disneyland opened in France.

Ten years ago: Radical activist Abbie Hoffman was found dead at his home in New Hope, Penn., at age 52; former middleweight boxing champion Sugar Ray Robinson died in Culver City, Calif., at age 67.

Five years ago: Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell declined to be nominated to the Supreme Court. Playwright Edward Albee won his third Pulitzer prize for "Three Tall Women"; the Pulitzer prize for fiction went to E. Annie Proulx for "The Shipping News"; the gold-medal award for public service journalism went to the Akron Beacon-Journal of Ohio.

One year ago: Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams appealed to IRA supporters to accept Northern Ireland's compromise peace accord. Golfer Mark O'Meara won the Masters title in Augusta, Ga.

Birthdays: Bandleader Lionel Hampton is 91. Actress-dancer Ann Miller is 76. Country singer Ned Miller is 74. Actress Jane Withers is 73. Opera singer Montserrat Caballe is 66. Actor Charles Napier is 63. Jazz musician Herbie Hancock is 59. Rock singer John Kay (Steppenwolf) is 55. Actor Ed O'Neill is 53. Actor Dan Lauria is 52. Talk show host David Letterman is 52. Author Scott Turow is 50. Singer David Cassidy is 49. Actor Andy Garcia is 43. Country singer Vince Gill is 42. Country singer Deryl Dodd is 35. Folk-pop singer Amy Ray (Indigo Girls) is 35. Actress Shannen Doherty is 28.

Thought for Today: "The world is quite right. It does not have to be consistent." — Charlotte Perkins Gilman, American economist-feminist (1860-1935).