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## TUESDAY

March 11, 2003
Weather
Tonight:


TONIGHT TOMORROW $60^{\circ}-62^{\circ} \quad 80^{\circ}-82^{\circ}$

Prayer rally, concert
The African
Children's Choir will weave its magic on
stage Wednesday night following a communiU.S. troops facing the

Both will be held at the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium and are
public.
The rally will kick choir will take the stage at about $7: 15$.
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VITA readr to help
Volunteer Income
Tax Assistance (VITA) volunteers are prepar
ing income tax returns free for those who tance.
Volunteers help individuals each Monday through March from 9
a.m. until noon at the Senior Citizens Center 1901 Simler Drive.
Needed booklet received from
the IRS, all W2s, 1099s and other documents showing 2002 income income tax return and
Social Security cards. Anyone needing fur ther information
should call Doroth Kennemur at 398-5522 or the
Center at 267 -1628
Health seminar slated
"Obesity and Your mation seminar featuring Dr. David Syn of The Advanced
Bariatric Surgery Center has been sch uled for 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Mar
2003, at the Dora 2003, at the Dora
Roberts Civic Cente ${ }^{100}$ Whipkey Drive. requested. Call toll free 866-799-517

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## Grand jury hands down indicitments

By ROGER CLINE
Staff. Writer. with Indecency with a child of a child and sexual assault topped the list of 19 felony indictments handed down Friday by the Howard County Department. Friday on separate cases and an additional charge arrested by the Grand Jury.
The 19 separate indict. indicted on a charge of second-degree felonies. jail felony, which alleged The 19 separate indict- indicted on a charge of secondergre also a Baldock's offense alleged ly occurred May 2:3. 2002, ments 16 individuals. first-degree felony ly occurred Nov. 29, 2002. Noore was arrested by See Grand Jury, Page
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Shon Roy Krueger was (enhanced). Rodriguez's Rounding out the sex the Big Spring Police indicted on a charge of offense allegedly occurred crime indictments. of a child, a first-degree arrested by the Big was indicted on Moore felony. Krueger's offense Spring Police. counts of sexual assault of allegedly occurred Feb. Big Spring Police also a child, second degree Big Spring Police also a child, second degree
nabbed Lary Joe felonies which allegedly


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Monday is final day to reserve seat on the bus
 our state legispatorr for
the job they do in Austin. but also a time to remind
them about rural West
Texas and said Pam Welch. coordi. nator for the Big Spring
Area Day Capita As legislators convene
to set the groundwork to
meet to set the groundwork to
meet the state's upcom
ing ing challenges, Welch
said the show of force
and appreciation and appreciation is cru
cial for Howard County
and rural Wert Te and rural West Texas.
"There's a lot of legisla
tion that directly affect Big Spring and rural "Sometimes rural towns get forgotten in the big
picture. We want to make pure they remember
sure we play a vital role in the economy of Texas."
And the Big Spring area does come out in force. said Debbye Valverde Big Spring Are

## Heading back to Austin



County looks to save money by roger cline

Balloting locations reduced for May 3


Lions make camping experience available to disabled children

| News Editor |  |
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| $\begin{aligned} & \text { News Editor } \\ & \text { The Evening Lions Club } \end{aligned}$ |  |
| is looking to send chil- |  |
| dren with special needs to camp this summer. Best |  |
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| Children age 7 to 16 with |  |
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HERALO photo/LYnool Mooty
president Ann Douncan Neva Herndon, left, accepts a plate full of pancakes from Kiwanis president Ar in incan
during the club's annual pance as a steady stream of pancake lovers overflowed the Howard College cafeteria. The annual fund-ralser is used to sponsor several civic activities.

A
Big Spring
ROUND THE TOWN

## Obituaries

## Joyce Graham Childs

## night in a Midland hospital

 Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, March13, 2003, at the First Baptist Church of Loraine with 13. 2003, at the First Baptist Church of Loraine with
Ronny Skaggs and the Rev. Bryan Waddell officiating. Ronny Skaggs and the Rev. Bryan Waddell officiating.
Burial will be in the Loraine Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home of Colorado
City.
Mrs. Childs was born to Elwood and Mable Graham on March 1,1992 , in Loraine. She was a longtime res ident of Big Spring and Loraine. She married Wayne
Childs on March 2, 1984, in Big Spring. She loved trav eling and arts and crafts.
She is survived by her husband of 19 years, Wayne Childs of Loraine; her parents. Elwood and Mable Graham of Loraine: one daughter, Tammy Morrison of wife, Stephanie, of Sand Springs and James Martin of San Angelof four stepchildren, John Childs and wife. Monice, of Houston, Tabitha Wilson and husband,
Richard, of Conroe Janmes and Michelle Childs of Richard, of Conroe. James and Michelle Childs of
Houston and Jerald Childs and wife, LaDonna, of Houston and Jerald Childs and wife, LaDonna, of
Seminole, Okla:: 11 grandchildren; 12 step-grandchilSeminole, Okla: 11 grandchildren: 12 step-grandchil Fortenberry of Colorado City; two sisters, Lee Franklin of Colorado City and Jean Graham of
Lancaster; three brothers, Carl Graham of Colorado Lancaster; three brothers. Carl Graham of Colorado
City, James Graham of Tucson, Ariz., and Tom City, James Graham of Tucson, Ariz., and Tom
Graham of Abilene; and numerous nieces, nephews Graham of Abilene; and numerous nieces, nephews
and other family members that were special to her. ane was preceded in death by one daughter. Pam Martin, and one grandson, Reno James Martin. The family will receive friends at the funeral home
from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday.

## Maxine Bradley

Big Spring died Monday March 10 , 2003, at her home. Graveside service will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 12 , at the Becton
Cemetery. located east of Lubbock. under the direction of Myers \& Smith Funeral Home

## VITA Volunteers

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those who would like the assistance. those who would like the assistance.
Volunteers help individuals each Monday Volunteers help individuals each Monday
through March from $9 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. until noon at the Senior Citizens Center, 1901 Simler Drive. Those who participate are asked to park in east lot of the Senior Center.
Needed: Your tax booklet received from the IRS all W2s, 1099s and other documents showing 2002 income as well as your 2001 income tax return and Social Security cards.
Anyone who cannot come in on Monday morn ings or who is handicapped and needs at-home assistance - or, anyone needing further information - should call Dorothy Kennemur at 398
5522 or the Senior Citizens Center at 267-1628

## Take note

$\square$ SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH, 1209 Wright has free food for the area needy Distribution is

- "OBESITY AND YOUR HEALTH," a free infor mation seminar featuring Dr. David Syn of The Advanced Bariatric Surgery Center has been sched
uled for 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, March 14.2003 uled for 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, March 14, 2003, at Among the questions to be answered are: How does Among the questions to be answered are: How doe
obesity affect your health? What are the available treatment options? What is weight loss surgery? Are you an appropriate candidate
A courtesy RSVP is requested. Call toll free 866-799-
The seminar is being sponsored by Highland Medical Center as part of their commitment to community education. More information about programs
is available at www.InteractiveHealthStrategies info.
- THE IST TEXAS LIGHT ARTILLERY COMPANY C Civil War Re-Enactment Group will hold an organizational meeting at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 15, at 1312 Elm St. in Big Spring.
Anyone interested in Civil War-era battles, fashion, history or society is welcome to attend and find out what Civil War Re-Enactment is all about. For more information call Kay Porter at 267-9604

UBIG SPRING AND SURROUNDING counties are in critical need of foster families. in the community who have been abused or neglect ed.
For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective
Services office at 263.9669 . Services office at 263-9669.

- THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, which deliv ers to the elderly and homebound, needs volunteers to deliver meals
If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eigh or 10 meals, we need you.
deliver 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and Spring. Sping. p.m.


## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police, Department reported the fol lowing activity from 8 a.m. Monday until/8 a.m. today. - STORMY KAY NIX, 23 of 1117 Jeffrey Road was
arrested to hold for the Howard County Sheriff's arrested to hold for the Howard County Sheriff's
Office. Office.
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- JESUS ROCHA ALVAREZ, 25 , of 901 E. Sixth St - ROBERT RUBEN HERNANDEZ, 38, of 1033 Gai Highway was arrested on a charge of public intoxica tion. JESSICA LYNN HERNANDEZ, 22, of 1312 Park was arrested on two capias warrants


## - THEFT was reported in the 800 block of Owens

 reported stolen.- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in he 1700 block of Donley Street. Someone reportedly pried open the front doon of the home causing $\$ 180$
damage.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 300 block of Tulane. Someone reportedly inflicted $\$ 475$
damage on the motel. Police reportedly seized evidamage on the mot
- MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 400 block of Dallas Street, the 1500 block of Virginia Avenue, - DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the - DISTURBANCE OR FIGHT was reported in the 800 block of West FM 700 .
- SHOTS FIRED was
- SHOTS FIRED was reported in the 1300 block of - LOUD PARTY/NOISE was reported in the 1200


## Support groups

TUESDA
Sensibly), 5:30 T.m. weigh-in, $6 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. meeting Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, 11th and
Birdwell, Call 263-2786 or 263-1340 for more inforBirdwell,
mation.

## WEDNESDAY

D.m. at 615 Settles. Open 12 and 12 Study meeting $8 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.
The Crossroads Group of Cocaine Anonymous meets at $7 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. in the office building between Lancaster Street. For more information, call 466 3254.

THURSDAY
$\downarrow$ Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.; Women's meeting; 6:30 p.m. to $7: 30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.
Non-Smoking closed discussion meeting. $8 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. t 9 p.m.
Fibromyalgia/Chronic Fatigue Support Group
meets at noon at the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation meets at noon at the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation

FRIDAY
AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1
p.m. at 605 Settles. Noon Open Big Book Study Meeting, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
SATURDAY
1 Open Discussion Meeting, 615 Settles noon to 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. Open Birthday Night No Smoking meeting last Saturday of each month at $8 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.
SUNDAY
Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to inoon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. to 6 p.m

Surviving Pregnancy Loss meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Library Committee Room. Call 631-4430
MONDAY
Alcoholics Anonymous meets from noon to 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Open meeting on fourth floor at VA Medical Center from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m

The Military Support Group meets on the irst Monday of each month at 6 p.m. in Room 21 at the VA Medical Center. If you have a family member serving in the armed forces, you are we come to join. For more information, call Treva Hall at $263-8574$ or Holly Moore at 263-8106

- TOPS Club TX 21 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) weigh in at $5: 30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. and meeting at $6 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. at
Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 West Third.
- New Voice Club support group for laryngetomees and families. For more information, call 7-2800


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## Bulletin board

If you have Items for the Bulletin board, contact the
Herald Features Desk at 263-7331, ext. 238 or emall Jmoseley@crcom.net.

## TODAY

Big Spring High School Band Boosters, 6 p.m high school band hall. All parents are invited to attend.

Big Spring Shrine Club, 6:30 p.m. for dinner meeting to follow, First St. and Goliad. Al Masons are welcome to attend.

Big Spring Chapter 67, Order of the Easter Star, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 219 Main St.

## WEDNESDAY

Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard County Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane

Senior Circle, Stretch and Tone, 9:30 a.m. SMMC classroom

Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Line Dancing, 1 p.m., Spring City Senior Center, Industrial Park, 267-6966 or 267-1628.

Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Big Spring Country Club, Driver Road

Fraternal Order of Eagles Auxiliary meeting, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 203 W. Third.

THURSDAY
Gideon International, Big Spring Camp, U42060, 7 a.m., Herman's Restaurant, 1601 Gregg St.
Coffee Club, 10 a.m., Gale's Sweet Shoppe 1706 E. FM-700.

Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 267-6479

Friends of the Howard County Library, noon, Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

Big Spring Main St., noon, Rail Road Museum, Second St. and Main

Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Big Spring Country Club, Driver Road

Citizen's Police Academy Association, 5:30 p.m. RSVP office, 501 Runnels

Arts, Craft and Quilting Club, 6 p.m., Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

## Weather

Tonight... Increasing clouds. Lows in the lower 60s. South winds 10 to 20 mph . Wednesday... Morning low clouds with areas of driz le and fog. Becoming partly cloudy. Highs in th Wednesday night... Cloudy. Lows in the mid 50 s. Thursday... Cloudy with areas of morning drizzle and fog. Highs in the lower 80 ,
Friday... Cloudy. Lows in the lower 50s. Highs in the mid 70s.
Saturday... Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s. Highs In the lower 80s.
Sunday... Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50 s. Highs in the lower 80
Monday... Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50 s. Highs in the lower 70s.

## Lottery

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday after The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-9-8

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Monday by

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## GRAND JURY

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Wright Jr., on a charge of Wright Jr ., on a charge of
driving while intoxicated third-degree felony. Wright's offense allegedly
occurred Sept. 1, 2002, and he was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers.
charge of unlawful restraint, a third-degree elony. Fahnbulleh's offense allegedly occurred rrested by the Big Spring Police.

- Tommy Andrew Gonzales, on a charge of ubstance a state jail substance, a state jail allegedly occurred May 4 2002, and he was arrested y the Big Spring Police. - Harry Leroy Hamrick and Richard Walkup, on


## POLLS

 voting) April 16 ."
Wright said the decision to reduce the number of
polling places is mainly polling places is mainly
financial consideration. when you get down to it." he explained, noting tha ach polling place aver tion judge salaries alone
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she said.
"Nineteen polling places times $\$ 300$ is $\$ 5.700$ just in got the

## ach mathine. Then aeve got have ballot ards. when you divide are

 hem out by that manypolling places, it's just
lot. This wasn't a budget ed thing. and th
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## Republican club plans candidate forum

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 holding elections. Messlah.
Kaye Gaddy, (D), forme polling places open, it
just too many places f them (woters) to be co
fused by:"
There are currently
candidates for the ele

didate forum for March 2
in the East Room of then ..... Dorothy Rast Room of the
Dorothet
Coliseum"We're hoping to giveHoward County and the
surrounding area expo-sure to these candidates,"said Marilyn Read, club
secretary."This is goingoo be a very importanThe forum will begin anumber of candide thewill only last an hour and"People will be able tosubmit questions topanel. The panel will thencombine the questions tavid repeating the sam
ask each candidate th
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Each candidate will als
address the audience a
he opening of the forum
and another minute fo
an ending statement.
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A SMALL PRAYER
by K. Rae Anderson
Dear Lord, may we open our hearts and minds to your love.


## What Dean has learned so far

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be vulnerable on.
Me: Yet you have
praised him for his han-
dling of terrorism. Dean: Early on, but
there have been some The Saudis are funding Hamas, and the Saudis are funding madrassas $\begin{array}{ll}\text { there have been some } & \text { which are essentially } \\ \text { things, a couple of things } \\ \text { recently that I think are } & \begin{array}{l}\text { teaching, laying the } \\ \text { groundwork for the nex }\end{array}\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{ll}\text { huge problems. The first } & \text { generation of suicide } \\ \text { is that in Afghanistan } & \text { bombers and terrorists }\end{array}$ is that in Afghanistan
the Americans are not the Americans are not
policing the periphery
we're allowing the warlords to do it. That's an
enormous mistake. It's going to undo all the good things that hap-
pened in Afghanistan pened in Afghanistan
ultimately because if Afghanistan isn't a demo-
cratic nation, Al Qaeda will move back in. Secondly. I thought the
president's handling of the Scud missiles in yourn was shocking and
your the notion that into the most volatile

## Did we learn nothing

 your friends may be you years later". I wasshocked especially since twas an un-flagged and International law. interme what's so legal about rounding lraq unilateral So. I think letting the huge mistake. And I also
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$\qquad$ bombers and terrorists
by teaching small children to hate Americans
Christians and Jews. And I think what the president hasn't been clear about is that every
body who teaches hate i body who teaches hate i
an enemy, including the an enemy, including the to do that, and the presi-
dent has to be able to say dent has to be able to sa
to them, "You've got to stop," and he can't do it
because he has no oil po icy and we're so depen-
dent on Saudi oil - particularly with what's
going on Venezuela they're desperate to get
oil. I think oil, I think.
Me: Has the administracal purposes? Dean: He certainly did
before the election there's no question about
that. You mean, before
Me: tion?
Dean: Yeah. (Karl) Ro Bush's chief political
dviser) made it very lear that he was going very successfully. I think
the president cares deeply about Iraq. but I focus attention away on the budget and dome Democrats have. frankly ooperated with that by hey should be Me: Do you believe

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## Stop arming vicious dictators

 A
out that there has been
relatively little reporting
on the various downsides going to kill a lot of peo-
ple. The best estimates 13,000 civilians dead from
bombs and another 70.000 from the chaos of the
aftermath. With any
luck, we'll lose very luck, we'll lose very few
Americans, adding to the
"Grenada revisited"
impression. In the more potent
disastrous category disastrous category of
"What happens when w
win?" the numbers are win?" the numbers a
not good. Of the 20 regime changes forced by
U.S. military action in U.S. military action in
the last century, only the last century, only
five produced democracies; and of the five unilateral actions, only one
produced a democracy Panama. Afghanistan the closest proximate ase, is not looking good beyond Kabul. side in the debate ove this war has an unac knowledged elephant in he living room. And, oddly enough, it's the ame elephant: oil. The ismiss the slogan, "No Blood for Oil," as, at east, an overdramatic overstatement of what's at stake here. On the other hand, as somebod Middle East's primar export were kumquats. his wouldn't be happen ing. It seems to me oil is not the primary cause fo this war, but it's equally stupid to pretend it has

## gives.

The long, shifting ratio nale for war with Iraq

almost weekly regime
change. weapons of mas
destruction.
case to the United Nations for an invasion Dean: No, I don't think rarely agree with the French, but I have to say
I think they have a good I think they have a good triple the number of inspectors. But the case
(still) has to be made that Iraq is an eminent danMe: Do you want a sec ond U.N. resolution
Dean: I would Dean: I would prefer
second U.N. resolution second U.N. resolution,
but if the U.N. is ready
to go in without one. to go in without one.
that's fine - but I think this needs to be done
under the auspices of the U.N. Saddam needs to be
disarmed, let's be very clear about that. Saddam
cannot be permitted to on this can't go on for-
ever he will be diseral force is the last
resort, unlike the presi-
dent who behaves as if dent who behaves as it
it's the first resort.
Me: Would you prefer Dean: I think that's
good idea. If he make the case to Congress.
he'll get the support. But I don't think he's made.
the most important thing is he hasn't made the
case to the American
$\qquad$ ago. Watching the train-
ing. I was lucks enoubh with some of the recruit
and you know, those an young kids who are

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movie, non-compliance (of how many U.N. reso
lutions is Israel now in lutions is Israel now in
"material breach?" An phrase that is), zero to
erance, the liberation
Iraq and the recently Iraq and the recently popular connected-to-Al
Qaeda. But the capper in
the whole bunch. the whole bunch, the on
just advanced by Bush last week. is: We're going to war with Iraq in order
to achieve peace between Israel and Palestine. I know we have-some
advanced thinkers in Washington, but put me
one. the unappetizing fact that the United States gave Saddam Hussein his
weapons of mass destruc tion in the first place including stock for anthrax and E. coli, is'
not to muddy the "mora not to muddy the "moral clarity" of this lovely lit the war. It is in order doing it - stop armin doing it - stop arming still doing it around the world. It seems unfair to me to sit around criticizing th
folks in charge unless folks in charge unless idea. Mine is blindingly self-evident: If you want peace in the Middle East you lean mightily on both Israel and Palestin settlers off the West Bank, two-state solutio
GO. Then why not a Marshall Plan for the Middle East?

## Elsewhere

State and national news at a glance

## Dewhurst's staff finds 'extra' funds

AUSTIN (AP) - Lt Gov. David Dewhurst says his
staff has found as much as $\$ 6$ billion to help with the staff has found as much as $\$ 6$ billion to help with the
budget shortfall with ideas ranging from using the

DEWHURSTemergency Rainy Day Fund to changing
the way the state's gas tax is collected: But the Republican leader of the Senate was careful not to reveal too many details
about the ideas, saying he's discussing about the ideas, saying he's discussing
them with members of the Senate Finance Committee who must make the decisions about how to balance the next state budget despite a shortfall of at least $\$ 9.9$ billion through 2005.
DEWHURST "These are tough times. We've got a hat we're all concerned about is making sure that Dewhurst said Monday
Dewhurst said until now the focus has been on making cuts to state spending. After weeks of budget hearings where agencies and needy Texans testified about it's time to begin the discussion about revenue - as long as it doesn't mean new taxes.

Jury returns quich conviction
HUNTSVILLE (AP)-A Walker County jury wasted woman of smuggling a pistol into a prison for a inmate to use in a 1998 escape attempt.
Prosecutors said Virginia Jones Mitchell, 55, of Houston took a . 38 -caliber Derringer pistol to inmate Mark Roland Stallings during a visit to the Holliday Unit in Huntsville, believed to be in early August of 1998.
Stall at the Estelle career felon now serving a life sentence at the Estelle Unit, used the pistol to hold a correc-
tional officer hostage for almost four hours during the night of Aug. 7, 1998. Stallings was 31 at the time of the escape attempt; Mitchell was 5
Prosecuting attorney Kelly Weeks said Mitchell and months, referring to the small pistol as "the puppy" in letters, The Huntsville Item reported in its Tuesday

## Coalition urges new taxes for Texas

 groups took an unusmay need new taxes
may need new taxes.
The "Real Budget Proje
is needed to educate Project" is an effort the groups say costs to run a state of 22 million people. The group) laid out a state income tax as a possible solution. The coalition said that instead of focusing on budget
cuts to deal with a $\$ 9.9$ billion shortfall through lawmakers ought to consider changing the state's com plex tax laws that exempt billions from sales
prohibit state income or properts taxes.

Public invited to prayer rally, African Children's Choir concert By ROGER CLINE

Spring Break holidays impact filing for area school districts

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while the administration
building is closed building is closed for
spring break spring break.
Candidates can file the $\begin{aligned} & \text { candidate's name on the } \\ & \text { ballot for the May } 3 \text { ele }\end{aligned}$ information when the tions is March 19 and business office reopens on March 14.
Prospective candidates Prospective candidates
for school boards in for school boards in
Forsan,
Stanton, Gahoma, Grady and Ackerly can Grady and Ackerly can
file on Monday, March 17, ends on Marchacy filing Candidacy form. picked up and filed at area school board administration buildings during regular business hour
Monday through Friday.

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Texans believe the prisons are guarded, the chil dren are educated, our water systems are tested and budget shortchanges these and other programs. As with anything else, you get what you pay for," said Bee Morehead. director of Texas Impact, an interfaith The Texas Citizens Action Network, Citizens for Sound Economy and Texas Public Policy Foundation .Now is not speak up against a state income tax. matically changing our system. It's inceases or dra how our tax dollars are being spent," said Peggy Venable, director of Texas Citizens for a Sound Economy.

## AG would handle corporate fraud

arve as a clearinghouse in handling corporate would cases and investigations in Texas under proposed leg slation intended to crack down on a recent wave of orporate scandals.
The legislation aims to make addressing corporate fraud more efficient by focusing enforcement and ithin the attorney general's office The new office would assist district attorneys, coun attorneys and state agencies in investigating and The package of bills also would create an "Open The pations Law." requiring companies with state ontracts to immediately report any financial irregu arities relating to the contract or the company's finan ial pesitions and company's finan


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## In Brief

Tennis, gymnastics classes now forming Registration is taking
place now for tennis, gymnastics. swimming and martial arts class es at the YMCA. All
classes are scheduled to begin meet two days o begin meet two days
a week for four weeks. a week for four weeks.
Gymnastics classes will meet on Mondays and Wednesdays begin
ning at
4 $\begin{array}{lll}\text { ning at } 4 & \text { p.m. for } \\ \text { preschoolers and } & \text { for } \\ \text { an }\end{array}$ p.m. for school age
children. Swim classes will begin at 6 p.m. on Mondays and Wednes-
days for school-aged children, and on Tuesdays and Thurs days for preschoolers.
YMCA tennis classes will begin at 4 p.m. for preschoolers
Mondays and Wednes days and at $4: 45 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$ for school aged youths.
Martial arts classes will be held Tuesday and Thursdays For more informa
tion contact the YMCA BSCGA to host golf tourney March 16 The Big Spring
Chicano Golf Association will hold a 4-per Tournament (A, B, C
D) on Sunday
D) D) on Sunday
Members and non members are welcome
to participate in the event.
For more informa
tion Pineda at $264-7116$ or the Comanche Trail
golf course at $264-2366$.

## Lady Steers begin

play in Sam Marcos
The Big Spring Lady
Steers will return to Steers will return to
action Friday afternoon when they begin
play in the San Marcos Invitational Softball Tournament.
The Lady Steers. 11-5

1. face Medina Valle 1. face Medina Va
in the first round.
'Hawk Talk' will air
Wednesday on KBST Hawk Talk, a live
radio show on Howard radio show on Howard
College sports, is
scheduled to be bradcast on KBST-AM 1490
at 9 a.m. Wednesday.

Clay shooting event slated for Stanton The Fourth Annual
Albertson's Clay Shoot will be held March 21 22 at Windwa
Farms in Stanton. For more inf
(915) 570-0172.

## Longhorn softball

 tourney scheduled Longhorn Softbal Tournament will beheld March $22-23$ at held March $22-23$
Cotton Mize Field. Entry fee is $\$ 110$ per team.
For on more informa Cen contact Osca Cervantes at 2638-9597
or Pano Rodriguez at 267-8307

## Midland to host

Spring Bash tourney
The Midland Softball Association will be
hosting the Spring Bash the Spring Tournament at the Bill Williams complex on April 12-13. Men's B/C,
D/E; women's C/D D/E; women's C/D and Co-ed divisions will b For more informa tion contact Tommy Hawkins at $915-699$

## Lady Steers finish 3rd at WT Relays <br> just three shy of tying Amarillo ning time of 49.1 seconds _tion. The BSHS pair finished 2.3

 thirdin the Division II standings at the 59th Annual West Texas Relays in OdessaRunning in a meet dominated by Class 5 A schools, Big Spring rolled up three gold medals
including a win in the $4 \times 100$ and $4 \times 200$ meter relays. Overall, the Coahoma
Crane, Colorado City earn Bulldog Junior
High Relay crowns High Relay C
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Sports Editor
COAHOMA -. The Coahoma COAHOMA The Coahoma
Junior High School eighth grade
track teant turned in a strong per-
formance last week at the annual Brmance last week the annual
Buldog Junior High Track Meet.
The Buldogs hammered out 129 points and legeed out a second
place finish in the bors' final Crame won the boys eighth
grade division it deyisive fash
ion. scoring more than 200 points Coahoma made its presence felt.
however. The Bulldogs won all
three distance races the 800 . 1,600- and 2.100 meter rums and
earned gold medals in two of the
six field event divisions. The Forsan Junior lligh eighth
graders finished fourth in the
boys' division. Stanton was fifth. boys' division. Stanton was fitth.
The Stanton Lady Buffatoes,
behind a gold medal run trom
sprinter Rand Carden. finished
third in the girls' ream standings. The Lady Buffs rofled up 141
points in the meet-only 41 less
than champion col Carden carried the flag t
Stanton at the meet. She streak to a win in the 100 meter dash.
recording a time of 13.25 seconds.
Her time was more than hald Her time was more than half
second faster that crane's Tiffany
Rives.
The Lady Buffs scored 16 of
their point in Their poimts in the 100.
Teammates Amber Barboza and
Limsey Dugan finished fourth and
fifth. respectively. fifth, respectively.
Coahoma's Britnee Nix high Coahoma's Britnee Nix high
lighted the Bullogettes' efforts
She won the 800 -meter run in time of 2:57.66. Stanton's Angelica
Montez was third. Forsan's Dani Borel keyed the
Lady Buffalues' outing by winning the 100 -meter hurdles crown. She

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 $\begin{array}{llll}\text { Lady Bronchos won the Division } & \text { Lewis easily won the 4x200 } & \text { week's Lubbock Invitational, } \\ \text { II crown with } 132 \text { points. } & \text { crown by running a time of } 1 & \text { logged a throw of 120, Hurrington }\end{array}$ Big Spring came away with the minute, 45 seconds. honor of being the fastest team Amisha Vanderbilt collected Wrightsil. Airianne Brown, by garnering the W'T Relays' shot Ka'Rissa Magers and Carmen put honors. She posted a throw of Lewis teamed to put the BSHS 40 -feet. 3 -inches to win. Senior Friday. In the finals, Esha Ward Chierra Butler and Moshea lepped in for Wrightsil and Hurringtor turned in a strong 8th yrader's nad 2nd

ime of 19.86 seconds. Louder fin did not win was the 2.400 -meter Crane dominated the seventh Their best finish in that
event was third.
grade boys' division. The Cranes
Colorado City woin the seventh Cradte boys division. The Cranes City woin the seventh
look first place in all but one grade girls' division. Stanton and vent and rolled up a meet-high Coahoma finished second and
third, respectively. The onls

R-Rod powers Steers to 7th in SA By TOMMY WELLS The Big Spring Steers did just what they wanted this weekend at the San
Angelo Invitational Golf Tournament: They proved they are a team to be watched. The Steers closed out
their 2003 non-district their 2003 non-district teams - many from the 5 A ranks. Big Spring carded a final mark of 632
over the two days of the over the
event.

## event. Ryan Rodriguez led the

 Ryan Rodriguez led theSteer efforts. He turned a season best effort on both
days and finished sev. days and finished sev. enth in the individual
standings with a final mark of 148 . In the open Quicksand Quicksand course
Rodriguez carded a 79 The following day, play ing on the Riverside
course, he hammered out a season-low 69 a season-low 69 .
Nick Read finished sec ond on the Steers' team
He shot rounds of 82 and 74 and finished at 156 . Jason Murphree and
Jace Williams both pen Jace Williams both pen-
ciled in scores of 167 while Clayton
Big Spring will open District $4 \cdot 4 \mathrm{~A}$ action on
March 24 in Levelland. March 24 in Levelland.
"It should be a real good race to see who wins the district title," said Big Ward. The BSHS junior varsi ty linksters were also in action last week, placing
fifth at the Sin fifth at the Seminole
Invitational on the Invitational on the
Gaines County Golf Course
The Steers were led individually by Ryan
Wegman's 81 . He was sev Wegman's 81 . He was sev enth in the final medalis
standings. Chance
Chance Cain also mance, carding an 85 . Tommy Billalba and John Marina both fin ished at 87 while team-
mate Landon Jenkins mate Lando

## 7th-inning run lifts Andrews by Bulldogettes

The Andrews Lady
Mustangs scored in the bottom of the seventh inning Saturday after noon and took a $2-1$ win over the Coahoma. lead, scoring in the early the first. Ruby Garcia led off the inning by reach ing base via an error. She later scored on a fielder' choice. Andrews used an error to pull even in the fifth. trong outing by biled Dunn. She ellowed jus two hits and fanned eight
in $71 / 3$ innings. in $71 / \mathrm{simhnhes}$

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## New Jersey From A to Z



New Jersey's location has always
been important. Because it is located between New York City and Philadelphia, many people live in the
state but commute to those cities to work. It is our most densely populated state.
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battles were fought there. It was the
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