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War begins in Iraq

The Associated Press

U.S. forces launched their long-awaited war against Saddam Hussein, targeting him personally with a barrage of cruise missiles and bombs as a prelude to invasion. Iraq responded hours later, firing missiles today toward American troops positioned just across its border with Kuwait.

None of the Iraqi missiles caused injuries or damage, and one was intercepted by a Patriot missile, according to U.S. officers. American and

"My fellow citizens, at this hour American and coalition forces are in the early stages of military operations to disarm Iraq, to free its people and to defend the world from grave danger."

President George W. Bush



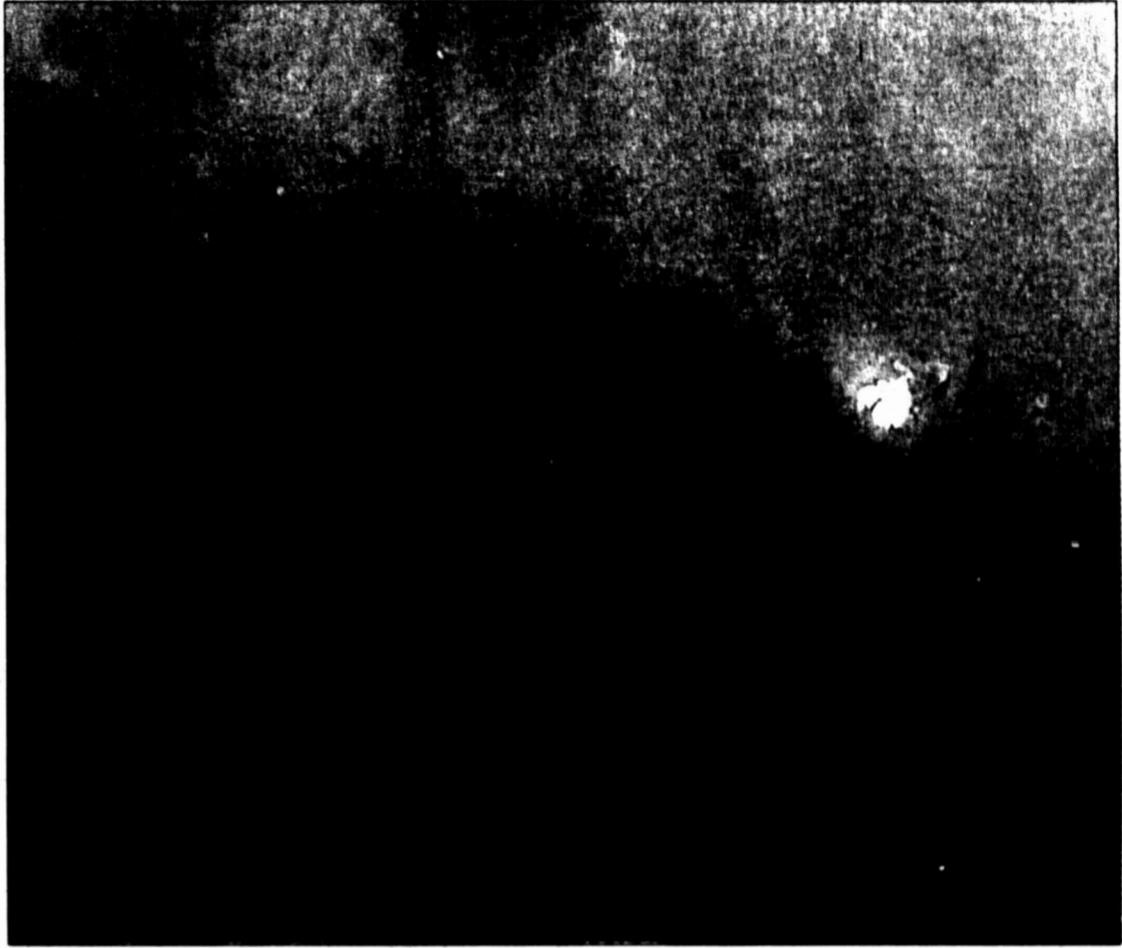
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British soldiers in the region briefly donned gas masks or protective suits, but officers later said the missiles apparently were not armed with chemical or biological weapons.

Air raid sirens wailed repeatedly in Kuwait City as officials warned that some Iraqi missiles might be aimed there.

Inside southern Iraq, a helicopter carrying U.S. special forces crashed hours before the U.S. missile strikes, U.S. officials said. There were no casualties in the incident.

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AFP photo/PATRICK BAZ
An explosion is seen in Baghdad today as the United States launched a war on Iraq with air strikes on the capital, making good on threats of military action to push President Saddam Hussein out of power. President George W. Bush announced Wednesday he had launched war against Iraq.

Area rallies behind president, troops

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

As news that war with Iraq had arrived, numerous Big Spring area residents this morning voiced their support for President George W. Bush and the troops committed to the endeavor.

"I'm a retired veteran and I have been to war," said Richard H. Reyes, a World

War II and Korean War U.S. Air Force veteran. "I have to support the president of the United States. He is still my commander and chief regardless if I am retired or not.

"If we let Saddam have his way, he is going to be another Hitler," Reyes continued. "We might as well avoid that if we can. I know

"I think it's real sad that we had to come to this point, but I think we need to remember that the freedom we have is because we had people willing to go and sacrifice and be there for us."



Brenda Davis

President Bush is under great pressure right now — too much pressure from every side, but that's his job. His job is to

protect the United States."

Several Spring residents echoed Reyes' sentiments.

"With all my heart I wish we didn't have to do this," said Nancy Jones, whose son is stationed at an Army base in Japan. "I understand this man had 12 years to comply with these orders. Someday we have to make people

accountable for their actions and that's what we're doing."

For some, the end of the waiting game is a relief.

"I'm glad that it's started and hope it will be over quickly," said Betty Cain. "I'm glad he (President Bush) has taken action as quickly as he has."

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Security measures in place locally

By ROGER CLINE
Staff Writer

Earlier this week, the federal Department of Homeland Security announced a terror alert upgrade to the "orange" level.

The orange alert is the second highest level on a five-step scale ranging from green, or "low" alert, to red, or "severe" threat condition.

Now that the war against Iraq has started, homeland security is even more of an issue due to the possibility of



SMITH WALKER

retaliation.

What does all that mean to Howard County residents?

"Since Sept. 11 (2001), we've tried to make people aware of some of the potential dangers that

are here," said Big Spring Police Chief Lonnie Smith. "People go, 'We're out here in rural West Texas, what's the deal?' but they can disrupt a lot out here. They can go to the rural areas and cause just as much disruption because, if we have to call other people in, they're going to have to short-circuit their own security measures."

Smith said that, under the orange alert level, Big Spring police are increasing patrols and

paying close attention to security alerts from the FBI and the Department of Homeland Security.

"Also, we just try to alert the officers of patrol items they need to pay particular attention to, which is our power supplies, our water systems, our oil and gas transportation, things like that," he said. "Just make them a little more aware of it so maybe they're paying a little more attention to what's

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"... we did increase our on-duty guards and we did a review of our fence line and did a few fence line repairs where we thought we needed to do that."



Joe Concinne, ALON USA Refinery manager

Rising stars to be featured in country music show here

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Snakes won't be the only ones shakin', rattlin' and rollin' in Big Spring this weekend.

A country music concert showcasing four rising Fort Worth-based stars will be held in the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium in conjunction with the 41st annual Rattle Snake Roundup.

"If we get a good response on the country music show, it could happen again four or five times a year," said Monty Stallcop of Mi Mo Jo

What: Country music concert.

Where: Big Spring Municipal Auditorium.

When: 7 p.m. Friday.

Cost: \$5 for adults, free to children 12 and under.

Productions. "AMBUCS (sponsor of the rattlesnake roundup) is a non-profit organization and the members are always looking for a way to raise money because they give a lot to the Dora Roberts Physical Therapy Scholarship fund.

"If this show can make them some money ... if we get a good response from the public here, then we can be back four or five times a year," Stallcop continued.

The concert will be held from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the city auditorium, 310 E. Third, and will feature the talents of Natalee Gayle, Robert McGraw, Melissa Hubenak and Christie Wynne.

The Tennessee Country Music Alliance plans to showcase the four young musicians in the near

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TEA team arrives to begin inquiry

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

A team from the Texas Education Agency arrived Wednesday to investigate allegations of conflict between the Big Spring Independent School District board of trustees.

The team is expected to attend the BSISD board meeting today at 5:15 p.m. in the high school board room, 707 11th Place.

The investigation

stems from a letter of complaint filed by BSISD Trustee Terry Wegman to the TEA governance division about an apparent division in the board and possible attempts by trustees Alan Partee, Mike Dawson, Kent Sharp and Phil Furqueron to micro-manage the district.

On the agenda:

- Contract recommendations for teachers.

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Bush warns of longer war

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush conferred with his national security adviser early today on the initial strikes against Iraq, as officials tried to determine whether the attack aimed at killing Saddam Hussein had succeeded.

Bush called his Cabinet to the White House for a mid-afternoon war update, a day after he told a global audience that war in Iraq "could be long and more difficult than some expected."

Thirty police cars guarded the front entrances to the White House, where security was unusually intense hours after the first salvo in the war to disarm Iraq. There was no word from Bush or his spokesman on whether the mission was a success.

"The president is not going to be a play-by-play commentator on it," White House press secretary Ari Fleischer said. "The president has a long approach to this."

A senior military official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said



military intelligence was picking up signs and "circumstantial evidence" that Saddam and his senior leadership were either incapacitated or out of communication with battlefield commanders but it was too early to say if they were killed or wounded.

"We are seeing no coordinated response to our first attack," the official said. "It's little things here and there. Some individual commanders are hunking down while others are launching small attacks and setting fires."

Military officials "believe it is significant that there is a lack of coordination and signifi-

cant resistance to what we did," the official added.

Separately, U.S. officials said there are some indications that several oil wells in southern Iraq had been set on fire. Officials said the wells numbered less than five.

Outside the White House, some 50 anti-war protesters gathered in the chilly rain. "No blood for oil!" they chanted. Police blocked Pennsylvania Avenue in front of the White House to protesters and pedestrians.

Fleischer said Bush signed an execution order before Wednesday night's strikes and gave military leaders a verbal go-ahead after lengthy meetings. The attack was greeted with criticism and regret across the globe, but Fleischer shrugged off the mostly negative world reaction.

"The president understands and respect the thoughts of those who disagree but the United States and the coalition of willing will not be deterred from the mission to disarm Saddam Hussein," he told reporters.

Fleischer announced that the Cabinet would meet with Bush this afternoon to get an update from the president, who would urge the advisers to press forward with his domestic agenda.

On Wednesday night, Bush said the hostilities began with a narrow focus on "selected targets of military importance" and will grow to a "broad and concerted campaign."

After a brief night of sleep, the president talked to National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice at 6 a.m. EST Thursday to learn of overnight events, said a senior administration official. Bush began work in the Oval Office at 6:50 a.m.

Saddam, meanwhile, appeared on state-run television Thursday, mocking Bush and calling the attack a "shameful crime."



A Tomahawk Land Attack Missile leaves the deck of the guided missile cruiser USS Bunker Hill this morning toward military targets in Iraq. Bunker Hill is currently forward deployed to the Arabian Gulf in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.



President George W. Bush and Iraqi President Saddam Hussein address their nations in speeches broadcast around the world. The United States launched war on Iraq Thursday in a bid to topple Saddam, who defied a U.S. deadline to step down from power. Bush said from the White House: "On my order, coalition forces have begun striking selected targets of military importance to undermine Saddam Hussein's ability to wage war," while Saddam condemned the attack as "a crime against humanity."

U.S. officials were trying to determine whether the speaker was indeed Saddam and whether the broadcast was taped after the U.S. strikes or in advance of them.

It appears to be him, and not a double, officials said after an initial review of the tape. A voice analysis was underway at U.S. intelligence agencies.

There was nothing in the tape that specifically referred to the strike, or other events, that would confirm that it was made after the strike. Even Saddam's reading of the date could have been pre-recorded, officials said.

However, that Saddam read the speech from a steno pad indicated a fairly impromptu production, suggesting it was in fact given after the strike, officials said.

President Bush met with his war council early Thursday, including CIA Director George Tenet, who was expected to brief the president on results on the strike against Iraqi leaders.

On Wednesday afternoon, Tenet had told Bush that U.S. intelligence had a probable fix on the residence where Saddam and other Iraqi leaders would be sleeping in the early morning hours in

Baghdad, U.S. officials said, speaking on the condition of anonymity. Bush then authorized the strike.

Those other Iraqi leaders were believed to include Saddam's two sons, Qusai and Odai. Officials said it was unclear Thursday whether any of the three were near the target, or had been killed. Both sons hold high-level security positions in Saddam's regime.

U.S. officials provided no details of how the intelligence was developed that made them believe they knew where Saddam was.



British soldiers from the 1st Battalion, The Parachute Regiment carry out link exercises at their camp Eagle 2 in the Kuwaiti desert, on Wednesday, practicing how they would clear buildings upon entering Iraq.

Baghdad A city of contrasts as war gets under way

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — The first day of war turned Baghdad into a city of contrasts: Explosions rocked the capital at dawn and hospitals cared for a few wounded, but most of the city was quiet and some children were on the streets riding bicycles or playing soccer.

Iraqi officials said at least one person was killed after U.S. forces pounded Baghdad with cruise missiles and precision-guided bombs Thursday morning at the start of the fight to depose Saddam Hussein.

A subdued Saddam appeared on state-run

television after the air strike on Baghdad, accusing the United States of a "shameful crime" and urging his people to "draw your sword" against the invaders. It could not be immediately determined whether the message had been recorded before the attacks, although U.S. officials said the broadcast appeared to be a fairly impromptu production.

"We will resist the invaders, and God willing, we will force them to reach the limits where they will lose their patience and thus lose the

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Some were matter-of-fact in their support.

"I back President Bush all the way," said Jim Samuels. "It's great."

"So far, so good," said Eunetta MacAnally. "I'm in favor of anything our president does."

Other residents were saddened by the news, but voiced their complete support of the troops.

"I think it's real sad that we had to come to this point, but I think we need to remember that the freedom we have is because we had people willing to go and sacrifice and be there for us," said Brenda Davis of Big Spring. "If we keep that in mind, we've just got to remember to pray for them here while they're over there."

Prayer and seeking the Lord's blessings were foremost on the minds of others.

"God bless our troops," said Susan Lewis, director of Hangar 25 Air Museum. "We're lucky to have them."

"I wish we didn't have to do it, but I think you should stand behind your country and stand behind your president."

said Brenda Hamm of Big Spring. "These little celebrities and Dixie Chicks people need to go over there and do some stuff if they don't like it."

Sixteen-year-old Ivan Pina hopes the war is quickly resolved.

"I hope its over quick and doesn't get into a war that

everybody has to get involved," Pina said.

Others felt actions should have been taken long before now.

"I think they should have done a better job the last time they were over there," said J a y Bristow of Big Spring. "It looks like they've got it figured out pretty good this time, though. I don't know if they killed him (Saddam) last night, but they say they might have."

"I think we're gonna kick butt," said S t e v e Williams, a California resident moving to Arkansas, w h o stopped in Big Spring this morning. "I think we should have done it a long time ago instead of waiting until now. I think President Bush is doing a fantastic job."

Now that America has committed to the action, we must see it through, others said.

"If we're going to go in, it's best to get it started and get it over with and let's do the job," said Alivn Johnke. "I do support it (war) to a degree. I have some questions about it, but I support it."

"It's unfortunate, but it's one of those things that we're going to have to support, and I support it," said Howard College trainer Jim Campbell.

Staff Writer Roger Cline contributed to this story.

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Roll up those sleeves, Health Fair 2003 is coming

Special to the Herald

People are rolling up their sleeves, but it's not time to work. It is time for the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Health Fair, and it is right around the corner.

This year's event is a little earlier than usual, but the place and format should be familiar to all of us. Fifty-plus brightly draped booths will cover floor at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum and provide free health screens and goodies from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 29.

"Perhaps one of the most exciting new things at the 2003 Health Fair is a bone density sample test that will be available in conjunction with the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center in Odessa," said Nancy Jones, local director of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) and Health Fair co-sponsor. "The portable piece of equipment measures bone density in the ankle to check if a full bone density test should be scheduled."

Appointments are encouraged for the screening and can be arranged by calling the RSVP office at 264-2397.

"For the last several years, the local Health Fair has teamed up with a national organization to promote a specific health care issue. This year, the focus is diabetes wellness in conjunction with the American Diabetes Association, and the theme is 'Cure, Care, Commitment,'" said Amber Rich, director of Medical Staff Services at Scenic Mountain Medical Center, and the Health Fair publicity chairperson.

The VA and Scenic Mountain Medical Center are just two of the corporate sponsors for this event along with RSVP, Express Medical Supply, Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home, Mountain View Lodge, Odyssey Healthcare, Paradigm Physical Therapy, and Warren Chiropractic.

These corporate sponsors make the Health Fair possible every year, and a committee of representatives from various health care agencies and the Chamber of Commerce work almost year-round planning the event.

"This is just one way that we can give back to the community," commented Rhea Fryar-Calvert, community education representative for Odyssey Healthcare. "A variety of personnel will be on hand throughout the day to educate the attendees about hospice, and performing blood pressure checks and body mass index calculations as well as providing door prizes."

Rich also said, "The Howard County Extension Office will conduct children's hands-on activities, and Dimples the Clown will be available for balloon animals.

The West Texas VA Health System will have a physician on hand all day to do glaucoma screen-

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The Extension Office will also offer diabetic-friendly food demonstrations and samples several times throughout the day. Howard County Master Gardeners will have demonstrations.

"Physicians will be available to meet the community and mini-lectures are also planned. Dr. Cynthia Rutledge will have an osteoporosis talk, and Dr. Susan Roberts will speak on women's heart disease. Both ladies are new local Family Practitioners and are based at Family Medical Center at 2301 South Gregg Street," Rich added.

Setup for the Health Fair exhibitors is from 1 to 6 p.m. Friday, March 28. All booths must be set up by 9 a.m. on Saturday and coliseum safety rules prohibit driving down the east drive on the day of the fair.



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future, Stallcop said. "These kids have all been invited to go to Nashville next month," Stallcop said. "They are all good singers."

Of the four, only Gayle has a CD available for sale but the other three are expecting upcoming CDs soon, Stallcop said.

Tickets are \$5 and admission for children 12 and younger is free. Tickets are available at Al-Lock and Key, 812 W. Third St.; Super 8 Motel, I-20 and Highway 87; and the Brandin Iron, 3101

South Highway 87.

The Rattlesnake Roundup begins Friday with a snake weigh-in at the Howard County Fair Barns.

Snake handler demonstrations of handling live poisonous snakes, the arts and crafts show in the Dora Roberts Building and outdoor flea market run from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday.

The cost for admission to the roundup is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. There is no charge to attend the arts and crafts fair.

Money raised from the event helps fund AMBUCS-sponsored civic activities and scholarships.

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counselors and nurses.

- Approval of textbook recommendations.
- Approval of Title I school improvement program for fiscal year 2002.
- Consider postponement of GFOA budget award.

- Approval of property, general liability and professional legal.

- Approval of athletic supplies and equipment.
- Approval of resignations, retirements, employments.

- Hear an update for the 2003-2004 budget, including school lunch prices.

- Hear an update on the possibility of hiring a grant writer.

- Hear an update of

preparation for the TEA district effectiveness and compliance visit.

- Hear an audience with Marsha Sturdivant.

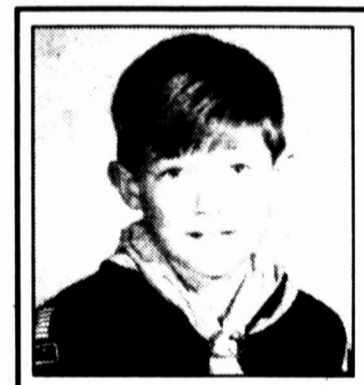
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going on in the town." The added level of alertness by the police may lead to some inconvenience on the part of local citizens, he warned.

"A lot of times we might pull people over if they were in one of these areas, just to check them out and see what the deal is, whereas in the past they might not even have warranted a second thought," he said.

Should the alert level increase to red, the department will continue to increase alertness and patrols, Smith said.

"We'd probably try to put some people on standby and try to figure out a standby call-out deal if needed," he said. "Those are some of the things we look at."

Smith explained the process of by which local law enforcement receives alerts and warnings from the federal government.

"We get teletypes over our law enforcement computer as well as through e-mails," he said. "There's a setup with the FBI on the Internet with e-mails for us to be able to go to. We're registered with them and we're on their e-mail list so that if they have any special information that they need to get out, we get an e-mail."

Howard County Sheriff Dale Walker said deputies are also increasing their awareness level.

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illusions they have entertained," the Iraqi president, in full military uniform, said in an address peppered with citations from the Quran.

As a cool and breezy nightfall approached, fewer and fewer people could be seen on Baghdad's normally bustling streets. Residents said many people were rushing to homes, shelters or the countryside, anticipating night attacks.

Nine people were in serious but stable condition with shrapnel injuries at Baghdad's Al-Yarmouk Hospital, Dr. Jamal Abed Hassan said.

They included six members of one family that was having breakfast when their town 20 miles west of Baghdad was attacked, the doctor said.

"Bush, Bush, listen carefully. We all love Saddam Hussein," one family member, Hamad Abdullah, said as she recovered from injuries in both legs and recited a chant from recent government-organized demonstrations.

Al-Kindi Hospital in the working class Al-Nahda district treated five people for wounds, including Iraqi TV journalist Anmar Waheed and his 36-year-old sister, who were hurt as they tried to reach a shelter, according

to Dr. Osama Saleh al-Dilimi.

Air sirens first blared about 5:30 a.m. in the Iraqi capital, and yellow and white anti-aircraft tracers streaked through the sky. Strong explosions could be heard. Most seemed to be outside the city, but one was followed by a ball of fire toward the southern part of Baghdad.

Allied warplanes also hit targets in western Iraq, bombing at least one mobile Scud missile site. Frequent sonic booms and the aircraft sounds also could be heard in northern Iraq, above the city of Sulaymaniyah in the Kurdish autonomous enclave.

don't have business there." ALON plant manager Joe Conciencie agreed with Walker that the students were probably harmless.

"When they were confronted, they gave their driver's license numbers directly and were in no way evasive," he said. "By the information that I have there was nothing to that other than some college kids stopping on their way back to school to take a picture of the plant. If something else comes up, we'll follow up on it, but I think that's pretty much it."

Conciencie said the ALON plant has remained on heightened security since the country was at orange alert a few weeks ago.

"What we've done, at the other orange level two weeks ago, we did increase our on-duty guards and we did a review of our fence line and did a few fence line repairs where we thought we needed to do that," he said. "We put in some barriers at our remote gates so a car could not easily break through a locked gate."

Random identification checks are also part of the mix.

"We're doing some random ID checks at our loading rack to make sure we've got a card entry system," he said. "We've basically alerted all of our on-duty personnel, again, which we do from time to time, to be very observant for any suspicious people at our fence line or

anywhere inside of the refinery. Just adding to the alertness there."

The precautions don't stop at the plant's fence line, Conciencie added.

"We formulated a pipeline and terminal security plan for our off-site, non-fenced areas across Texas," he said. "Basically we looked at the high-risk areas and made sure they were adequately protected by federal guidelines that have been put out in that area."

In the case of a red alert, Conciencie said ALON officials will evaluate the situation before deciding what course of action to take.

"I don't think just the red in general versus orange would change anything right off," he said. "If there was something in there that made us think we could do something constructive and reasonable to increase security, we would."

Iva Jo Hanslik of Big Spring's VA Medical Center said the hospital is making some adjustments because of the heightened security alert.

"In any level changes like this we certainly follow the Homeland Security guidance and policies," she said. "On the orange alert, the only changes basically are we have barricaded the front of the medical center and we are increasing patrols, increasing visibility of security, security is spending more time out in the medical

center and out in the parking areas. Just being much more observant."

By "barricade," Hanslik means the front entrance is blocked off by orange traffic cones.

"People cannot come and park right in the front door, right now," she said. "You can still get through the medical center, but you just cannot pull right up to the front entrance, is basically it."

The security would tighten considerably at the red level, she added.

"The building will be much more secured," she said. "Any entrance or exit that is operable will have security and a photo ID check. There will be only one entrance into the parking area. All the gates will be locked down."

Even a red alert would not preclude visitors to the building.

"But they will have to show ID and all packages will be searched," Hanslik said. "There will not be anything coming into this building that's not checked. Purses, briefcases, suitcases, anything."

The Big Spring Herald will continue to list the current alert level on the front page of each issue.

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The opening salvo against Saddam was not the expected all-out aerial bombardment, but instead a surgical strike seeking to eliminate the Iraqi leader and his inner circle even before an invasion. Saddam assailed the attack as a "shameful crime," while President Bush said the world's security was at stake.

Iraqi Information Minister Mohammed Saeed al-Sahaf said the U.S. strikes killed one person, injured several and hit a customs office and some empty Iraqi TV buildings.

About 1,000 U.S. troops launched a raid on villages in southeastern Afghanistan, hunting for members of the al-Qaida terrorist network. The U.S. operation appeared to signal to Osama bin Laden and his lieutenants that war with Iraq would not mean any kind of respite for them.

The State Department warned U.S. citizens abroad that they face increased danger of retaliatory terrorist actions. The first missiles hit targets in Baghdad shortly before dawn today, less than two hours after Bush's deadline of 8 p.m. EST Wednesday.

Bush briefly addressed the nation to announce that war had begun. He said the barrage marked the start of a "broad and concerted" operation to "disarm Iraq, to free its people and to defend the world from grave danger."

"I assure you, this will not be a campaign of half measures, and we will accept no outcome but victory," the president said.

U.S. and British troops massed in northern Kuwait were still awaiting orders to cross into Iraq, but welcomed news of the first strikes.

"It's about time," said Lance Cpl. Chad Borgmann, 23, of Sidney, Neb., a member of the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit.

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Some were matter-of-fact in their support.

"I back President Bush all the way," said Jim Samuels. "It's great." "So far, so good," said Eunetta MacAnally. "I'm in favor of anything our president does."

Other residents were saddened by the news, but voiced their complete support of the troops.

"I think it's real sad that we had to come to this point, but I think we need to remember that the freedom we have is because we had people willing to go and sacrifice and be there for us," said Brenda Davis of Big Spring. "If we keep that in mind, we've just got to remember to pray for them here while they're over there."

Prayer and seeking the Lord's blessings were foremost on the minds of others.

"God bless our troops," said Susan Lewis, director of Hangar 25 Air Museum. "We're lucky to have them."

"I wish we didn't have to do it, but I think you should stand behind your country and stand behind your president," said Brenda Hamm of Big Spring. "These little celebrities and Dixie Chicks people need to go over there and do some stuff if they don't like it."

Sixteen-year-old Ivan Pina hopes the war is quickly resolved.

"I hope its over quick and doesn't get into a war that

everybody has to get involved," Pina said.

Others felt actions should have been taken long before now.

"I think they should have done a better job the last time they were over there," said J a y Bristow of Big Spring.

"It looks like they've got it figured out pretty good this time, though. I don't know if they killed him (Saddam) last night, but they say they might have."

"I think we're gonna kick butt," said S t e v e Williams, a California resident moving to Arkansas, w h o stopped in Big Spring this morning. "I think we should have done it a long time ago instead of waiting until now. I think President Bush is doing a fantastic job."

Now that America has committed to the action, we must see it through, others said.

"If we were going to go in, it's best to get it started and get it over with and let's do the job," said Alivn Johnke. "I do support it (war) to a degree. I have some questions about it, but I support it."

"It's unfortunate, but it's one of those things that we're going to have to support, and I support it," said Howard College trainer Jim Campbell.

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Roll up those sleeves, Health Fair 2003 is coming

Special to the Herald

People are rolling up their sleeves, but it's not time to work. It is time for the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Health Fair, and it is right around the corner.

This year's event is a little earlier than usual, but the place and format should be familiar to all of us. Fifty-plus brightly draped booths will cover floor at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum and provide free health screens and goodies from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 29.

"Perhaps one of the most exciting new things at the 2003 Health Fair is a bone density sample test that will be available in conjunction with the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center in Odessa," said Nancy Jones, local director of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) and Health Fair co-sponsor.

"The portable piece of equipment measures bone density in the ankle to check if a full bone density test should be scheduled." Appointments are encouraged for the

screening and can be arranged by calling the RSVP office at 264-2397.

"For the last several years, the local Health Fair has teamed up with a national organization to promote a specific health care issue. This year, the focus is diabetes wellness in conjunction with the American Diabetes Association, and the theme is 'Cure, Care, Commitment,'" said Amber Rich, director of Medical Staff Services at Scenic Mountain Medical Center, and the Health Fair publicity chairperson.

Scenic Mountain Medical Center will have multiple departments represented at its set of booths, to include infant hearing screens, body fat calculation and grip strength testing.

"We are proud to be a part of the community health fair and will be offering a variety of free health tests," said Tim Schmidt, Medical Center CEO.

The West Texas VA Health System will have a physician on hand all day to do glaucoma screen-

ings. The VA and Scenic Mountain Medical Center are just two of the corporate sponsors for this event along with RSVP, Express Medical Supply, Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home, Mountain View Lodge, Odyssey Healthcare, Paradigm Physical Therapy, and Warren Chiropractic.

These corporate sponsors make the Health Fair possible every year, and a committee of representatives from various health care agencies and the Chamber of Commerce work almost year-round planning the event.

"This is just one way that we can give back to the community," commented Rhea Fryar-Calvert, community education representative for Odyssey Healthcare. "A variety of personnel will be on hand throughout the day to educate the public. At our booth, we will be educating the attendees about hospice, and performing blood pressure checks and body mass index calculations as well as providing door prizes."

Rich also said, "The Howard County Extension Office will conduct children's hands-on activities, and Dimples the Clown will be available for balloon animals.

The Extension Office will also offer diabetic-friendly food demonstrations and samples several times throughout the day. Howard County Master Gardeners will have demonstrations.

"Physicians will be available to meet the community and mini-lectures are also planned. Dr. Cynthia Rutledge will have an osteoporosis talk, and Dr. Susan Roberts will speak on women's heart disease. Both ladies are new local Family Practitioners and are based at Family Medical Center at 2301 South Gregg Street," Rich added.

Setup for the Health Fair exhibitors is from 1 to 6 p.m. Friday, March 28. All booths must be set up by 9 a.m. on Saturday and coliseum safety rules prohibit driving down the east drive on the day of the fair.

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counselors and nurses.

- Approval of textbook recommendations.
- Approval of Title I school improvement program for fiscal year 2002.
- Consider postponement of GFOA budget award.

- Approval of property, general liability and professional legal.
- Approval of athletic supplies and equipment.
- Approval of resignations, retirements, employments.

- Hear an update for the 2003-2004 budget, including school lunch prices.
- Hear an update on the possibility of hiring a grant writer.
- Hear an update of

preparation for the TEA district effectiveness and compliance visit.

- Hear an audience with Marsha Sturdivant.

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future, Stallcop said. "These kids have all been invited to go to Nashville next month," Stallcop said. "They are all good singers."

Of the four, only Gayle has a CD available for sale but the other three are expecting upcoming CDs soon, Stallcop said.

Tickets are \$5 and admission for children 12 and younger is free. Tickets are available at Al-Lock and Key, 812 W. Third St.; Super 8 Motel, I-20 and Highway 87; and the Brandin Iron, 3101

South Highway 87.

The Rattlesnake Roundup begins Friday with a snake weigh-in at the Howard County Fair Barns.

Snake handler demonstrations of handling live poisonous snakes, the arts and crafts show in the Dora Roberts Building and outdoor flea market run from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday

The cost for admission to the roundup is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. There is no charge to attend the arts and crafts fair.

Money raised from the event helps fund AMBUCS-sponsored civic activities and scholarships.

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Big Spring council seats only municipal contests slated

By ROGER CLINE
Staff Writer

Local voters going to the polls in city elections on May 5 will most likely only have a choice of candidates if they live in Big Spring.

A write-in candidate by Monday, Big Spring's District 2 and District 4 races are the only contested municipal contests in the county.

District 2 voters will be able to select from one of four different candidates, including incumbent Oscar Garcia, a Cornell Corrections employee;

Incumbent Greg Biddison, owner of the Ponderosa Restaurant, will face challengers Ronnie Carter, a local businessman, and Frances Billalba-McKiski, a local businesswoman.

District 4 will also be on the ballot, but local retiree and volunteer Gloria McDonald is running unopposed for that seat. Incumbent Tommy Tune has decided not to seek re-election.

In Coahoma and Forsan, all incumbents have filed for unopposed re-election bids. Running in Coahoma are Mayor Bill Read and council members Larry Elmore and Ricky Stone.

Two file last-minute District 4 trustee candidacies

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Two last-minute candidates decided Wednesday to make a bid for the District 4 seat on the Big Spring Independent School Board.

"I think with my experience being involved with the school district, I have a better understanding in making decisions that would benefit the kids of the whole city."



Linda Perez
District 4 candidate

"I believe that my experience in budgetary matters will be of great benefit to me in assisting the school district in these times of budget deficits and uncertainty at the state level."



Tony Kennedy
District 4 candidate

Tony G. Kennedy and Linda Perez filed candidacy papers to have their names placed on the May 3 ballot for the single-member seat.

"I've always been really interested in the education and the welfare of the kids of our city," said Linda Perez. "I've had two kids who went through the Big Spring ISD."

Trustees must provide the necessary support and facilities to the staff and teachers to achieve those goals.

another term on the Stanton Independent School District if no one files a write-in candidacy by Monday for the at-large District 6 race.

Four candidates will seek three at-large seats on the Glasscock County ISD board. Douglas

Schaefer, Carl Hoelscher and Andy Wheeler are all seeking their first term on the board while incumbent Brad Avery is making a bid for re-election.

Currently all Grady and Sands ISD trustee candidates are uncontested. Tommy Staggs and incumbents Steve Parker and Steve Blagrove are running for three-at large seats on the Sands ISD board.

Grady incumbents Jody Yates, who represents District 5, and Roy Cooper, who represents District 6, have both declared for a second term.

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"I think with my experience being involved with the school, I have a better understanding in making decisions that would benefit the kids of the whole city," Perez continued.

Kennedy has been very active in the parent/teacher organization serving on the city council PTA as vice president and on the Bauer Magnet School PTA. A member of Trinity Baptist Church, Kennedy teaches Sunday School and sings in the church choir.

"It was time to pass the torch down and let other people in the community have a chance their show support of our school system," Long said this morning.

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"Our schools are our building blocks of our economy," Perez said. "I believe in our school district and our teachers and our administrators. I am in total support of them and want to be part of their team."

Kennedy also volunteered to coach Little League baseball, softball and basketball.

The District 2 seat has drawn two candidates — Maria V. Padilla and Robert G. "Bob" Smith.

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Perez and her husband, Joel, have two children, Jennifer, a senior at Texas Tech University, and Britania, a student at Angelo State University.

"My decision to seek a seat on the board is not based on any preconceived agendas or personal vendettas against any person or persons in the school system," Kennedy said. "It is my firm belief that the goals we strive to achieve in education must focus on two things; our children and our teachers. It is my desire to do the things necessary to ensure that our children have the best opportunities, just as I had, to attend schools that foster an environment that is safe and conducive to providing a learning experience that will serve as a foundation for higher education if they so choose."

Challenger Dr. David Sutton and incumbents Louis Boeker and Gary Hise enter into a three-way race for two at-large seats on the Forsan Independent School Board.

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Specializing in Family Medicine, Women's Health & Osteopathic, Manipulative Therapy

Ruth Bernal, M.D.
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In the past, Perez has served several times on the Big Spring High School site-based committee, on the American Heart Association board, several Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce committees and on the Dora Roberts Foundation board. She has been a member of the Kiwanis Club and the Hispanic Women for Progress.

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GCHS one-act play cast heads to district contest

HERALD Staff Report

The Garden City High School theater troupe will be heading to McCamey today to present its one-act play "A Christmas Carol" at the University Interscholastic League

District 7-1A west zone contest.

Megan Niehues, Trey Hillger, Ashley Gonzalez, Krystal Sullivan and Kim Webb.

Cast members include Brecklyn Hughes, Leslie Jansa, Blake Chudej, Carolyn Sullivan, Chelsea Schwartz, Lisa Hoelscher, Timothy Schniers, Amanda Henson, Vanessa Medrano, Alicia Frysak,

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In the kitchen.... with Beth

In this week's visit I want to discuss how to make a meal for under \$10... and my family has found this to be delicious.



BETH BOND

I understand that not everyone can afford to eat out and most of the time I can't. But when I do, I

want to share my experience with you. So this week's recipe is for those of us on a tight budget who want good food at home, and most importantly, at a reasonable price.

I must however give my friend Sarah Fannin credit for this recipe because it is hers I just enjoy making it.

Now on to the recipe of the week:

Enchilada Casserole
1 1/2 lb. Ground beef

1 pkg. taco seasoning
1/2 block Velveeta Cheese or Easy Melt
2 cans diced tomatoes and chilies
1 pkg. White table corn tortillas

First, you will need to preheat your oven to 300 F degrees.

Next, you will need to brown your ground beef. Add the taco seasoning while you are cooking the ground beef, but do not follow the directions on the package.

While the hamburger is browning, cut the soft cheese into medium slices and put them in a medium-sized pot over low to medium heat.

Add the 2 cans of tomatoes and chilies to the cheese and allow the cheese to melt so that you have a soupy mixture.

Once your hamburger is done, drain off the excess grease. Add your hamburger to your cheese mixture.

Line the bottom of a 9 x

13 1/2 pan with tortillas (approximately 6) pour half of the mixture on top of them. Add another layer of tortillas and pour the remaining mixture over them. Cover your dish with aluminum foil and bake for 30 minutes.

Take it out and allow it to stand about seven minutes so the cheese will set up. Enjoy!

Next week we will visit again with another great recipe from the culinary world and I will let you

know where to dine and hope to have an A+ restaurant experience.

Beth Bond is a certified chef with a culinary degree and a hotel-motel degree from Sullivan University in Louisville, Ky. She also has several years' experience in the hospitality and food service industries. She can be reached by e-mail at BethBond@mail.com, writing the Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring 79721 or calling 915-263-7331.

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You saw the hunger that lived in my heart.

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Where The Stars and Stripes Fly

Looking at the sunrise
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Food manager certification test to be offered

Statistics indicate that foodborne illness continues to be a health

issue in the United States. Each year, one in four

Americans will become sick, one in 1,000 will become hospitalized

and 5,000 will die due to a foodborne illness.

During the past legislative session, a statute

was amended that allowed the Texas Department of Health (TDH) to require each food establishment to have one certified food manager.

Recently, the Texas Board of Health adopted rules to implement this statute. Many of you have already received a letter from the Texas Department of Health regarding this. Under these new rules, each food establishment permitted by TDH must have one certified food manager. New food manager certificates will be valid for five years.

Texas Cooperative Extension, Howard County, is offering a food manager certification test only. The test will be offered for at 10 a.m. on Friday April 11, at the Big Spring Mall.

Almost 50 cents of every dollar Americans spend on food is spent on meals prepared away from home. Therefore, careful attention to food safety will help keep customers safe and satisfied.

Foodborne illnesses are estimated to cost thousands of dollars in lost wages, insurance and medical bills. With these statistics, knowledge of how to prevent foodborne illness is essential.

The benefits of improved food safety include:

- Increased customer satisfaction.
- Improved relationships with health officials.
- Prevention of bad publicity and law suits due to foodborne illness.

Foodborne illnesses can be prevented by following simple food safety practices.

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IN BRIEF

Umpires needed for Little League season
Little League umpires are needed for this season.

Anyone interested in calling Little League baseball games should contact David Roman at 263-4688.

Free baseball clinic for area coaches set

The Mickey Owen Baseball School will be offering a free coaches clinic for area Little League coaches tomorrow at 6 p.m. at the National League field in Big Spring. There will be a player's clinic from 9:35 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. on Saturday.

For more information contact Bobby Doe at 517-0351.

Clay shooting event slated for Stanton

The Fourth Annual Albertson's Clay Shoot will be held Friday and Saturday at Windwaker Farms in Stanton.

For more info contact (915) 570-0172.

Longhorn softball toumey scheduled

The 2nd Annual Longhorn Softball Tournament will be held Friday and Saturday at Cotton Mize Field. Entry fee is \$110 per team.

For more information contact Oscar Cervantes at 268-9597 or Pano Rodriguez at 267-8307.

Lifeguard course to be held at YMCA

A Lifeguard Certification Course will be held April 1-6 at the YMCA. The cost for the course is \$175 per person.

Persons taking the course must be at least 16 years of age and be to swim 500 yards. The class is limited to 10.

For more information call 267-8234.

BSYSA seeking team sponsors for 2003

The Big Spring Girls Softball Association is seeking team sponsors for the 2003 season, which begins in April. For more information call Kris Larson at (915) 264-3641, Ext. 196.

Ackerly JH Meet slated for today

The Ackerly Junior High School Track Meet will be held this afternoon at the track complex at Sands High School. Teams from throughout the area will be on hand to com-

Sterling City dominates Forsan Invitational

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

The Sterling City Eagles really can fly ... err, make that really know how to make other things fly.

Like, as in a golf ball. The Sterling City boys and girls golfers walked away with the team championships at the Forsan Invitational Golf Tournament. They did it in impressive fashion, too.

The Sterling City boys claimed the team crown

by posting a 47-stroke winning margin. The Eagles hammered out a final mark of 322. Forsan finished second in the overall team standings with a final tally of 369.

The Coahoma Bulldogs, paced by the attack of Joseph Olvera, finished third overall. The Bulldogs chalked up a score of 400 — three strokes better than the Sterling City "B" team. The Forsan Buffaloes "B" team was fifth at 412.

Sterling City swept the

Forsan Invitational Golf Tournament

Final Results

Girls Division

1. Sterling City 415
2. Forsan 472
3. Coahoma 534

Boys Division

1. Sterling City 322
2. Forsan 369
3. Coahoma 400
4. Sterling City B 403
5. Forsan B 412

Individual Medalists

Girls Division

1. Leigh Edens, Sterling City 97
2. Erica Rodriguez, Sterling City 103
3. Cayla Millican, Sterling City 105

Boys Division

1. Adrian Castro, Sterling City 77
2. Jerit Martin, Sterling City 77
3. Jake Sparks, Sterling City 82

top three individual spots. The Eagles' Adrian Castro won top honors with a mark of 77.

Teammates Jerit Martin and Jake Sparks finished with scores of 77 and 82, respectively.

As impressive as the SCHS boys were, the Lady Eagles were even more dominating. Paced by Leigh Edens, the SC girls won by 57 strokes, etching out a final team score of 415.

The Forsan Lady Buffaloes finished second in the final standings with a score of 472. The Coahoma Bulldogettes were third at 534.

Edens was the top female player at the meet. She recorded a final score of 97 over the course — six strokes better than teammate Erica Rodriguez.

Sterling City's Cayla Millican finished third overall with a final mark of 105.

The Forsan boys' and girls' teams will return to play March 26 when they join the Big Spring and Coahoma golfers in a meet at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.



Herald Photo/Tommy Wells

Donte Roberts and the Big Spring Youth Basketball Association's 10 & Under All-Star team will begin pre-regional tournament action Saturday with games against Kermit and Denver City. The team will compete in the Little Dribblers' Regional Tournament on March 25 in Levelland.

BSYBA 10 & Unders begin work Saturday

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

Donte Roberts and Blake Broman may well be the best 1-2 combination since Batman and Robin. Both were masters of applying the POW, ZAP! and BONKS needed to lead their respective teams to a share of the Big Spring Youth Basketball Association 10 & Under title.

Imagine how good they could be if they played on the same team.

Big Spring fans won't have to wonder much longer. Roberts and Broman will team up to lead the Big Spring 10 & Under All-Stars into the Little Dribblers' Regional Tournament later this month. The two join a host of other talented 10 & Under stars making the trip to Levelland on March 25.

"We've got a good chance (of advancing to the national tournament)," said Big Spring coach George Lopez. "We've got some good kids on this team who know how to play and win. Plus, we've got Tommy Gibson and Bill Davis helping coach."

"We're excited about our chances," Lopez added.

Broman, a slick-handed point guard, will lead the squad offensively. He averaged 13.5 points a game this season for the Bullets, who finished at 7-0-1. Roberts headlined a deep Lakers squad that utilized a 10-man rotation. The Lakers, under coach Wesley Watson, finished at 7-0-1.

Broman and Roberts aren't the only stars on the squad. Lopez said any one of his 12 players were capable of taking control of a game. That depth, he

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Longhorns want to hold on to No. 1

AUSTIN (AP) — Early exits are nothing new for Texas.

But the Longhorns insist they've learn from their mistakes, and are determined to take advantage of their first No. 1 seed in the NCAA tournament.

"We want to be a great team, not a good team," said junior guard Brandon Mouton. "We really want to win a national championship. Our eye is on the prize."

Texas (22-6) is the top seed in the South and open tomorrow in Birmingham, Ala., against North Carolina Asheville. Several of the Longhorns played in a first-round loss in the 2001 NCAA tournament and experienced another early exit in last week's loss to Texas Tech in the Big 12 tournament quarterfinals.

"We need to move forward," Mouton said. "We have bigger games in front of us."

Coach Rick Barnes has led Texas into the tournament in each of his five years in Austin, but the Longhorns were never seeded higher than fifth.

This year's key players were freshmen when Texas lost to Temple in

the first round in 2001. Point guard T.J. Ford joined them in 2002 and guided the Horns to two tournament wins, a surprising run to the round of 16.

Now, without a senior starter among them, Texas fields a seasoned bunch of veterans in search of a title.

"I'm quite eager myself to see how they handle it," Barnes said. "They understand how quickly it can be over with, they do know that."

Texas earned the top seed on the strength of being ranked in the top 10 all season, a second-place finish in the Big 12 and a tough non-conference schedule. Texas beat fellow No. 1 seed Oklahoma twice.

Even so, Barnes has found himself defending his team's lofty tournament status. Kansas, the Big 12 regular-season champion, beat Texas in their only matchup this season and went deeper into the conference tournament. Kansas is the No. 2 seed in the West.

And by picking Texas, the NCAA selection committee also bypassed Pittsburgh (26-4), which won the Big East and

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Coahoma softball, T-ball registration dates slated

HERALD staff report

Coahoma United Girls Softball officials have announced the dates softball and T-ball registration. Players wishing to participate in either league will be able to sign-up at the First Bank of West Texas next week.

Registration for the CUGS leagues will begin Monday from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The sign-up

period will continue at the same times on Tuesday, Thursday. The fee for registering is \$30 per player.

Late registration will be held Friday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the First Bank of West Texas office in Coahoma and on Saturday, March 29, at the softball field.

For more information contact Laura Martin at 267-8660.

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Healthy Gonzalez looking for big numbers this year

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — Juan Gonzalez is finally playing again for the Texas Rangers, and he's aiming to make up for the career-low numbers he had last season.

Most importantly, Gonzalez's back and right thumb felt fine.

The two-time AL MVP was held back last week after experiencing back spasms. He was limited to 70 games last season because of a thumb injury.

"I feel good. I feel very comfortable," Gonzalez said. "My thumb is great, everything is OK."

"I'm focused in my mind for a big year, big numbers, to help this team win and play every day. Last year was a frustrating year."

Gonzalez is a free agent after this season, which could help motivate him.

While with Cleveland two years ago, he hit .325 with 35 homers and 140

RBIs to improve his value. He parlayed that into a \$24 million, two-year contract to return to the Rangers.

But the homecoming didn't have a happy ending.

Gonzalez tore muscle fibers in his right thumb the first week of the season and never got over it. He sat out the final two months, finishing with eight homers and 35 RBIs, both career lows.

"When you have a year like last year, you come back for the real deal," said Gonzalez, 33. "I've been working so hard, getting my body in the best shape possible."

Rangers fans know what a healthy, happy Gonzalez can do.

He broke into the majors with Texas in 1989 and became an everyday player in '91. He was the AL MVP in 1996 and '98 and has been the team's player of the year five

times.

Gonzalez is the club leader in homers (348), RBIs (1,110), extra-base hits (671) and total bases (2,886). He's among the top 10 in virtually every offensive category — doubles, at-bats, run, hits and batting average.

Despite his stature, he was traded to Detroit in a nine-player deal in November 1999 because he was going to be a free agent after the following season. He fizzled with the Tigers, though, and wound up taking a one-year deal with Cleveland.

John Hart was the general manager who signed Gonzalez in Cleveland. After seeing his career renaissance there, he brought him to Texas to continue it.

Manager Buck Showalter said he wants to use Gonzalez as a DH a couple of more games before putting him back in the outfield.

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hoped it would get a top seed. Instead, the fourth-ranked Panthers are No. 2 in the Midwest.

The Big 12 tournament loss to Texas Tech, a team the Longhorns beat twice during the regular season, raised even more questions.

But Barnes makes no excuses for Texas' lofty status for the NCAA tournament.

"If I were a person who wanted to make a case for Texas, I would have a pretty good case for that, that we are worthy of a No. 1 seed," Barnes said. "And there are other teams that could say that."

"Every school could say we've got a shot at it. But the way it was laid out, we've got to take it and see what we can do with it."

Texas must avoid the temptation to look ahead to the round of 16. Texas must win twice to get there and if they do, they'll play in San Antonio, a home-state advantage within easy driving distance of home.

Ford said there's no chance of looking ahead

NCAA BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Table with 4 columns: EAST REGIONAL, MIDWEST REGIONAL, SOUTH REGIONAL, WEST REGIONAL. Lists first round and Friday March 21 games with times and locations.

— the No. 1 seed put everything into focus. "That's a goal we set at the beginning of the year, to make it to the Final Four," Ford said. "We'll take it one game at a time."

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felt, could work in Big Spring's advantage at the regional tournament.

"Last year was our first year in Little Dribblers so were had to learn a lot," he said. "The players have picked up and have the ability to play. We've got a good group of young men here."

The prize awaiting Big Spring at the end of the tournament could be a trip to the National Little Dribblers Tournament, which is set for April 21 in Waco. Only the top two

teams at the regional tournament advance to the national meet.

Paxton De La Garza brings a ton of offensive ability to the BS roster. De La Garza averaged more than 13 points a game this season and led the Raptors to third in the final league standings. Adding even more firepower to the lineup are Jacob Acosta and Marc Segundo. Acosta was one of the driving forces behind the Longhorns. Segundo was the Bullets' second-leading scorer.

Also making the squad were Billy Davis (Wizards), Austin Gibson (Longhorns), Sage Gibson (Longhorns), Chris Turner (Mavericks), Cameron Carroll (Timberwolves) and Michael Luna (Mavericks).

Big Spring will begin preparing for the regional tournament Saturday afternoon by competing in a pre-regional practice tournament in Denver City. The 10 & Under all-stars will play Kermit at 1 p.m. and then battle Denver City at 3 p.m.

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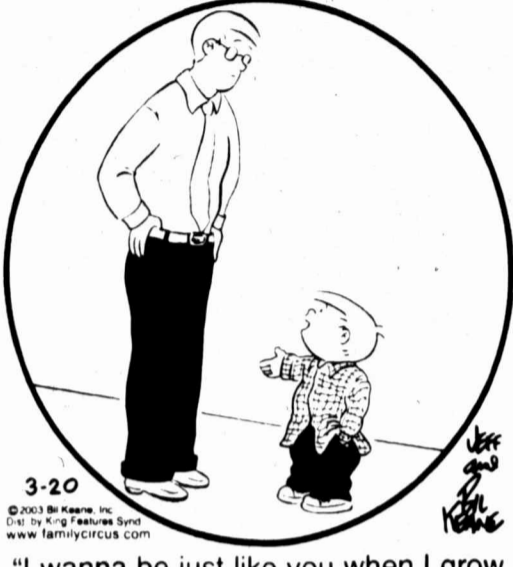
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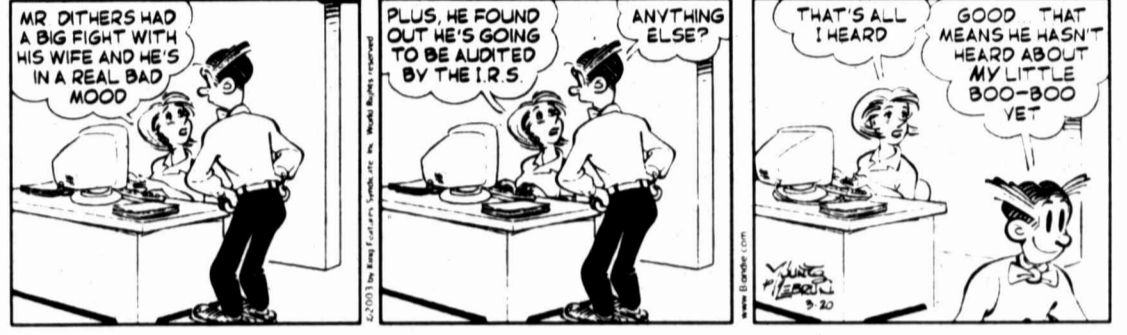


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People In The News

By The Associated Press

SYDNEY, Australia - Oscar-winning "Gladiator" star Russell Crowe will celebrate his 39th birthday by tying the knot. Crowe's publicist Wendy Day said Sunday that the Australian actor would wed Danielle Spencer in the family chapel on his property, in New South Wales state.

NEW YORK (AP) - Martin Scorsese, who received a Best Director Oscar nomination this year for his critically acclaimed "Gangs of New York," says Hollywood has grown increasingly aggressive in campaigning

for Academy Awards. "If one of the actors from your film is not talking on that screen in the middle of the night, there will be five other actors from five different films talking." Scorsese told Time magazine. "Gangs of New York," starring Best Actor nominee Daniel Day-Lewis and Leonardo DiCaprio, was nominated for 10 awards, including Best Picture. Scorsese, who has never won an Academy Award for Best Director despite being nominated three times, says he feels obligated to be interviewed about the film.

Maines reportedly told a London audience last week, in reference to Bush's push for military action against Iraq, "Just so you know, we're ashamed the president of the United States is from Texas."

The protesters Saturday night in Bossier City were largely country music fans, some of them recent fans of the Dixie Chicks.

"Until they made that statement, I was glad to listen to them," said Rusty Sullivan.

Radio stations nationwide are boycotting the Dixie Chicks, even though Maines publicly apologized for her statement in London.

Maines is a Lubbock, Texas, native.

Answer to previous puzzle grid with words like DOTS, ALAS, SHEAR, IRAN, CALM, HEDGE, ARMORED, DIVISION, NIECE, EATEN, EGO, ENRAGE, MITS, TIRED, NOODLE, SPFF, MINEO, LEAD, PEACE, CONFERENCE, ALSO, SINGE, TEN, RETORT, SOAPS, TOYS, DITMER, SAS, OPERA, NEALE, OUTFONES, LEAGUE, SNARE, SAKE, MUDD, OTTER, ELSE, SEES.

Newsday Crossword

OBVIOUSLY by Merle Baker Edited by Stanley Newman

- ACROSS 1 "The final frontier" 64 "Are you in ___?" 65 Three to one, for one 66 Shooter ammo 67 Property-line marker 68 Torment 69 Former atlas abbr. 70 Type of chicken 71 Slow passage 72 Sign of disapproval 73 Bulling cheer 74 Post-op area 75 Kitchen appliance 76 Energized 77 Tap trouble 78 Lodging house 79 Attack 80 Falling-egg sound 81 Catcher's need 82 Just Shoot Me star 83 Delhi wear 84 "___ to Be You" 85 Letter attachment 86 Actor McKellen 87 Hosiery hue 88 Without frivolity 89 Milk sugar 90 Nabokov novel 91 Word before spill or well 92 FBI quarry 93 Keats work 94 Mild oath 95 Track shape 96 Reformer Riis 97 Waiting, in a way 98 Furnace feeders 99 Riverside, perhaps 100 Soup server 101 Less than 102 Some artwork 103 Small bites 104 Guitarist Hendrix 105 Military group 106 Free of suspicion 107 Neck of the woods Native Americans 108 Summons 109 Poi source 110 Disappearing sea 111 Big guy's nickname 112 Diplomacy 113 Light purple 114 Decline 115 18th-century furniture style 116 Loan shark 117 Run 118 Some bus routes 119 Staff members 120 Piano-key wood 121 Time founder 122 Roman road 123 English school 124 After-dinner candy 125 Vacillate

