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War begins in Irac

HOMELAND SECURITY TERRORIST ALERT LEVEL

THURSDAY March 20, 2003

WEATHER **Tonight:**





FLYING PROUDLY

As Crossroads area residents take an added interest in showing their pride, the Herald will provide readers with a ful--page size American flag to display in a window at their business or residence. The flag will be printed in the Sunday edition of the Herald and Wednesday's Howard County Buyer's Guide. COMING SUNDAY Inerican Protile

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



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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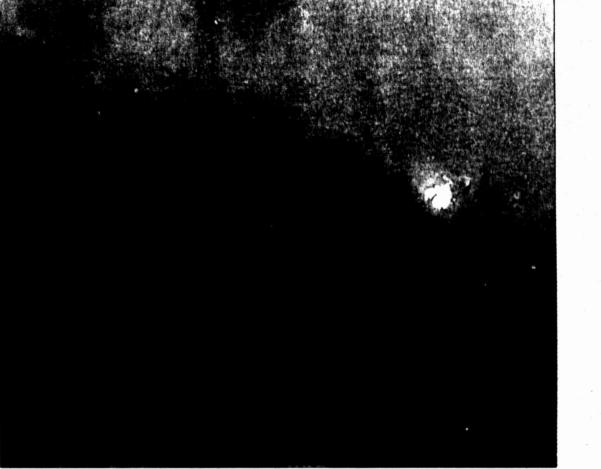
War II and Korean

War U.S. Air Force veteran. "I have to

support the president

of the United States.

He is still my com-



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.



protect the United accountable for their actions and that's Several Spring resiwhat we're doing.'

For some, the end of the waiting game

"With all my heart is a relief.

AMERICAN PROFILE

Easter breads, which are rich in symbolism and history, have strong traditions around the world. We'll feature four. Gardening: One of the nicest things you can do for even the smallest back yard is to put in a water garden.

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dents this morning mander and chief regardless if I am voiced their support for President George W. Bush and the troops committed to the endeavor.

By LYNDEL MOODY

As news that war

with Iraq had

arrived, numerous

Big Spring area resi-

By ROGER CLINE

Earlier this week, the

federal Department of

announced a terror alert

upgrade to the "orange"

The orange alert is the

second highest level on a

five-step scale ranging

from green, or "low"

alert, to red, or "severe"

Now that the war

against Iraq has started,

homeland security is

even more of an issue

threat condition.

Security

Staff Writer

Homeland

level.

Staff Writer

"I'm a retired veteran and I have been to tinued. "We might as war," said Richard can. H. Reyes, a World

retired or not. "If we let Saddam have his way, he is going to be another Hitler," Reyes conwell avoid that if we

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we have is because we had people willing to go and sacrifice and be there for us.'

Area rallies behind president, troops

had to come to this point.

but I think we need to

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

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

because, if we have to

call other people in,

Smith said that, under

the orange alert level,

Big Spring police are

increasing patrols and

security measures."

much

remember that the freedom Brenda Davis

Lonnie Smith. "People FBI and the Department

they're going to have to that," he said. "Just

short-circuit their own make them a little more

go, 'We're out here in of Homeland Security.

disruption

I wish we didn't have Nancy Jones, whose son is stationed at an Army base in Japan. "I understand this man had 12 years to orders. Someday we

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

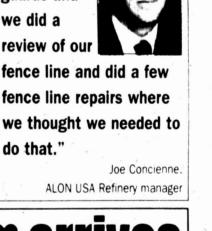
have to make people See SUPPORT, Page 5

Security measures in place locally are here," said Big paying close attention to Spring Police Chief security alerts from the

"... we did increase our on-duty guards and

fence line and did a few fence line repairs where

Joe Concienne.



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

"Also, we just try to

alert the officers of patrol

items they need to pay

particular attention to,

which is our power sup-

plies, our water systems,

our oil and gas trans-

portation, things like

aware of it so maybe

they're paying a little

more attention to what's

See SECURITY, Page 4

Staff Writer A team from the Texas Education Agency arrived Wednesday to investigate allegations of conflict between the Big Independent Spring 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

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 and Phil Sharp Furgueron to micro-manage the district.

On the agenda: · Contract recommendations for teachers.

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investigation

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mean to Howard County residents? "Since Sept. 11 (2001), we've tried to make peo-

What does all that

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ple aware of some of the due to the possibility of potential dangers that

SMITH

retaliation.

LOCAL

BIG SPRING ROUND THE TOWN

Obituaries

Cecil H. Drake



Cecil, H. Drake, 73, of Big Spring, died on Tuesday, March 18, 2003, in Big Spring. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Friday, March 21, 2003, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Wanda Hill, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Coahoma, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born on Dec. 30, 1929, in Big Spring and married Mona Moad on Oct. 12, 1950, in Big Spring.

A lifetime resident, Cecil was the son of H. D. and Emma Drake. He began working for Cosden Refinery on Sept. 20, 1955, retiring on Dec. 31, 1984. He was an avid golfer, enjoyed drinking coffee with friends and sharing his computer time with his cousin, J. D. Robertson.

Cecil joined the United States Army in 1945 and was honorably discharged in 1949. A member of the First United Methodist Church of Coahoma since 1965, he was very active and loved his church family.

Survivors include his wife, Mona Drake of Big Spring; daughter, Lucretia Ashley and husband, Shelton, of Austin; sons, Ricky Drake and wife, Katherine, of Porter, and Roy Drake and wife, Toni, of Midland; daughter, Cecilia Wright and husband, Jim, of San Angelo; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren and his mother-in-law, Goldye Moad of Big Spring.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, John William Drake and a sister, Francis McCracken.

Pallbearers will be Jarrell Barbee, Bill Bates, Neil Squires, Don McKinney, David Elmore and Hershel Mathis. Honorary pallbearers will be the Wesley Sunday School Class.

The family suggests memorials to First United Methodist Church of Coahoma, P.O. Box 50, Coahoma 79511 or to a favorite charity.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

Jose G. Olivas

Funeral service for Jose G. Olivas, 51, of Big Spring have been set for 11 a.m. Friday, March 21, 2003, at St. Joseph Catholic Church with Father George Thirumangalam officiating. Burial will follow at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery.

Rosary services will be held today, March 20, 2003, at 7:30 p.m. at Stanton Memorial Funeral Home & Chapel.

Mr. Olivas was born in Big Spring on Aug. 27, 1951. He passed away on March 18, 2003, in a Lubbock hospital.

Joe was a catholic and farmer. He married Janie

Richard Phillip "Phil" Reagan



Funeral service for Richard Phillip "Phil" Reagan, 60, of Lubbock will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, March 21, 2003, at Smith-Rogers Funeral Chapel in Lovington, N.M. with the Rev. Mike McGuire and Dr. Lynn Lemon officiating. Burial will be held at the Lovington Cemetery in Lovington, N.M. Mr. Reagan died on March 18, 2003, at a

Lubbock hospital. Mr. Reagan was born in Austin on April 27, 1942. He married Gwen Killingworth in Big Spring on Dec. 20, 1969.

He was a corpsman in the USN serving in Subic Bay, Philippines, and was attached to the 1st Amphibious Task Force aboard the USS El Dorado during the Cuban Missile Crisis. He was a long time member of the American Medical Technologists and American Radiologists Technicians. He worked at Lakeridge Primary Health Center in Lubbock for Physicians Network Service. He was a lifetime member of the National Riffle Association, Veteran's of Foreign War and the American Legion. He loved his family and was an avid fisherman and hunter. He was an advanced ham operator.

Survivors include his wife, Gwen, of Lubbock; his parents Richard and Betty Reagan of Big Spring; one son, Brian and wife, Laura of Andrews; two daughters, Julie Reagan of Lubbock and Denise and husband, Henry Keith of Albuquerque, N.M.; three brothers, Roger Rodman of Eastland, Darrel Reagan of Big Spring and John Reagan of Waco; one sister, Janis Halstead of Tucson, Ariz.; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his mother and stepdad, Roy and Billie Bob Rodman and his grandparents, the Rev. and Mrs. E.H. Phillips and Mr. and Mrs. B.A. Reagan

Visitation will be today, March 20, 2003, until 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Gleħ T. Kingston

Glen T. Kingston, 65, of Borden County died Tuesday in Lubbock. Services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at Myers and Smith Chapel. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m.-8 p.m. Saturday at Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

Gregory Porter

Gregory Porter, 41, of Big Spring died Wednesday at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

Carlota Mata

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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 email jmoseley@crcom.net.

THURSDAY, March 20

Gideon International, B.S. Camp U42060, 7 p.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, 1001 Birdwell Lane, 267-6479.

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

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

American Legion Post 506, 6 p.m., 263-2084.

Rackley-Swords 370, Vietnam Vets of America, 7 p.m., Sparenberg Building, 309 S. Main.

FRIDAY, March 21

AMBUCS, noon, Brandin Iron Inn, 3101 S. Highway 87.

Greater Big Spring Rotary, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

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

Spring City Senior Center Country & Western Dance, 7:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m., Industrial Park. All area seniors are invited.

SATURDAY, March 22

Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Hangar 25 Air Museum, McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Potton House, 200 Gregg, a restored historical home is open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens.

Eagles Dance, 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third. Members and their guests are welcome.

SUNDAY, March 22

Hangar 25 Air Museum, McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark, 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Weather

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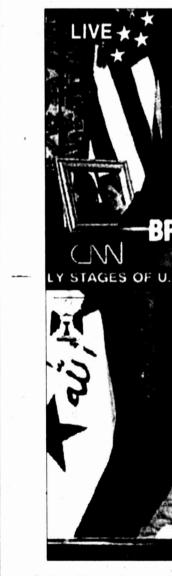
WASHINGTON (President Bush co with his national s adviser early today initial strikes Iraq, as officials t determine wheth attack aimed at Saddam Hussein h ceeded.

Bush called his to the White House mid-afternoon update, a day after a global audiend war in Iraq "could and more difficu some expected."

Thirty police guarded the entrances to the House, where s was unusually hours after the fir in the war to disar There was no won Bush or his spol on whether the was a success.

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Valle in Big Spring on Dec. 30, 1974.

Survivors include his wife, Janie Olivas of Big Spring; two sons, Joe Olivas and Eric Olivas, both of Big Spring; two daughters, Valerie Olivas and Lisa Olivas, both of Big Spring; two brothers, Alberto Olivas Jr. and Ernesto Olivas, both of Stanton; one sister, Mary Martinez of Big Spring.

Serving as pallbearers will be Ernesto Jr., Albert Moreno, Joe Luis Olivas, Albert Olivas Jr., Anthony Pacheco and Ronnie Martinez.

Funeral services are under the direction of Stanton Memorial Funeral Home & Chapel.

Support groups

THURSDAY

□ Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 12 noon to 1 p.m.; Women's meeting; 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Non-Smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 to 9 p.m.

□ Fibromyalgia/Chronic Fatigue Support Group meets at noon at the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center.

FRIDAY

□ AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Noon Open Big Book Study Meeting, 8 to 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

Open Discussion Meeting, 615 Settles noon to 1 p.m. Open Podium/Speakers Meeting 615 Settles 8 to 9 p.m. Open Birthday Night No Smoking meeting last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

SUNDAY

Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 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 for more information.

MONDAY

The Military Support Group meets on the first Monday of each month at 6 p.m. in Room 219 at the VA Medical Center. If you have a family member serving in the armed forces, you are welcome 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 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m. at Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 West Third.

□ New Voice Club support group for laryngetomees and families. For more information, call 267-2800.

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.

Carlota Mata, 75, of Big Spring died Wednesday at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from 8 a.m. Wednesday until 8 a.m. today:

 ASSAULT ON A FAMILY MEMBER TWO OR MORE TIMES was reported in the 1800 block of East 15th Street

• ASSAULT BY THREAT was reported in the 400 block of South Gregg Street.

• ASSAULT CLASS C was reported in person at the police station.

• THEFT was reported in the 600 block of North Benton Street. Tools worth \$600 were reported stolen.

• CRIMINAL TRESPASSING was reported in the 400 block of South Gregg.

• DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 1800 block of East 15th Street and in the 1900 block of North Highway 87.

• DISTURBANCE OR FIGHT was reported in the 2300 block of Mishler Street.

• LOUD PARTY/NOISE was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road.

• MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in person at the police station and in the 3200 block of Fordham Avenue.

Take note

□ A BENEFIT WILL BE HELD FOR MIKE

MATHEWS, who is battling Lou Gehrig's disease, on Saturday, March 22, beginning at 9 a.m. at the Eagles Lodge at 703 W. Third St. Barbecue plates will be on sale for \$6 each from 11 a.m. until late. To-go plates are also available. Activities include a cake walk, poker run and auction. New Company band will provide entertainment. The benefit is sponsored by the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the American Legion and the Cossacks Motorcycle Club. For more information. call 263-6862.

□ BIG SPRING AND SURROUNDING counties are in critical need of foster families.

Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected.

For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH, 1209 Wright, has free food for the area needy.

Distribution is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday.

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Lows near 40. North winds 5 to 10 mph becoming southeast late.

Friday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s. Light southeast winds increasing to 5 to 15 mph..Friday night...Cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and Thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 40s.

Saturday...Cloudy with a 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 60s. Sunday...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s.

Highs in the lower 70s. Monday...Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 40s and

highs in the mid 70s. Tuesday...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s and highs in the mid70s.

Wednesday...Partly cloudy. Lows 45 to 50 and highs 65 to 70.

Lottery

One ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket was worth an estimated \$35 million. The ticket was sold in Houston.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 54 were 10-20-30-31-41-42.

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$4 million.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-4-1

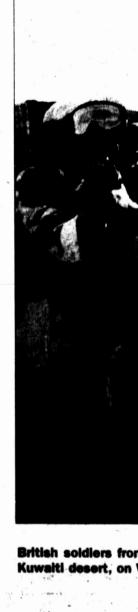
The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery: 2-4-23-24-27



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President George Hussein address around the world. T Thursday in a bid to line to step down House: "On my orde selected targets Saddam Husseine's condemned the atta



OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM Thursday, March 20, 2003

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.

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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 the front guarded 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 cant resistance to what 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-

we did," the official added.

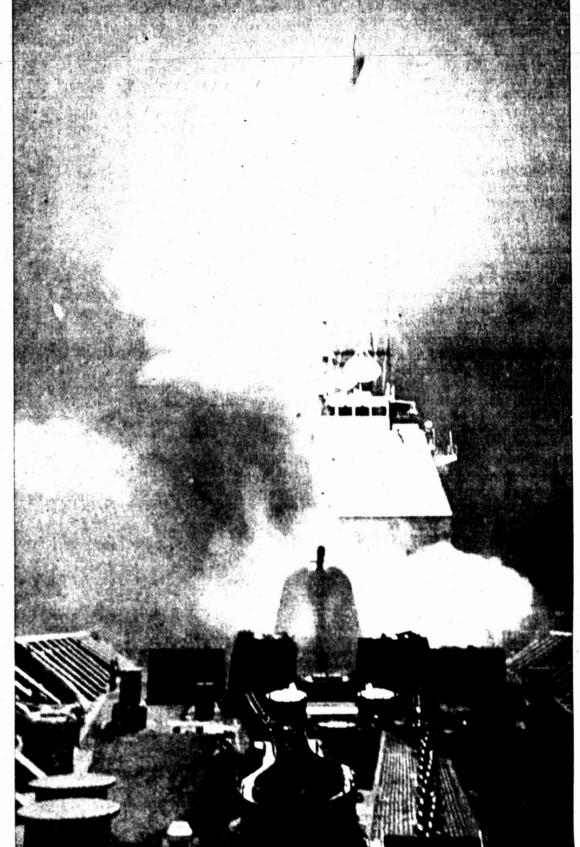
Separately, U.S. officials said there are some indications that several oil wells in southern Iraq had been set on fire. Officials said the wells numbered less than five. Outside the White

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



CNHI Photo from UPI Photo

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



AFP PHOTO/DSK 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 Husseine's ability to wage war," while Saddam condemned the attack as "a crime against humanity."

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.

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

U.S. officials were try ing to determine whether the speaker was indeed Saddam and whether the the U.S. strikes or in given after the strike, offiadvance 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 prerecorded, officials said.

However, that Saddam read the speech from a steno pad indicated a fairly impromptu production. broadcast was taped after suggesting it was in fact cials 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 regime. that U.S. intelligence had a probable fix on the resibe 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

U.S. officials provided no details of how the dence where Saddam and intelligence was develother Iraqi leaders would oped that made them believe they knew where Saddam was.



(Photo: Agence France Presse/Chris Ison

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

Baghdad A city of contrasts as war gets under way

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 See BAGHDAD, Page 4

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — television after the air The first day of war strike on Baghdad, accusturned Baghdad into a ing 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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SECURITY

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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 emails 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.

"We're real interested security at the refinery, and then our water supply and things like that," Walker said. "We just step up our patrol and work especially with ALON, very, very closely with them. If they call, we send units immediately, not only from us, but the PD responds as well."

Under the orange alert, deputies shift more attention to the area around the refinery, the sheriff said.

"Under red, we would probably literally go out there and, not shut it down, but there would be no access going in or out of there other than employees," he said.

Walker said the the heightened alerts around the refinery have already nabbed some people taking pictures of the plant.

"We did catch some people taking photographs of the plant," he said. "They're actually college students from the Dallas area. Denton was the town they were from. We just immediately respond."

Although the students' photography session was probably not illegal, it will still warrant questions by federal agents, Walker said.

"We turned that information over to the FBI (Tuesday) morning and they're going to go interview those people," he said. "We take it serious and we don't want people hanging around the refinery. If they don't have business there, they

don't have business there."

ALON plant manager Joe Concienne 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.'

Concienne 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 onduty 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.'

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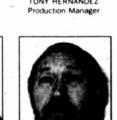
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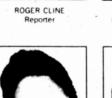
























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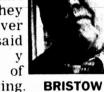
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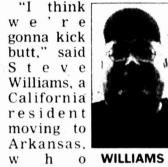
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Now that America has committed to the action. we must see it through. others said.

"If 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 national organization to Health Fair, and it is right around the corner. This year's event is a lit-

focus is diabetes wellness tle earlier than usual, but in conjunction with the the place and format American should be familiar to all of us. Fifty-plus brightly draped booths will cover Amber Rich, director of 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 JONES available in

conjunction with the Texas. Tech Health culation and Sciences Center 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.

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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 County Howard Extension Office will conduct children's hands-on Health System will have a activities, and Dimples physician on hand all day the Clown will be availthe to do glaucoma screen- able for balloon animals.

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munity and mini-lectures are also planned. Dr. Cynthia Rutledge will have an osteoporosis talk, and Dr. Susan Roberts will speak on womens heart disease. Both ladies are new local Family Practitioners and are based at Family Medical Center at 2301 South Street," Gregg Rich added.

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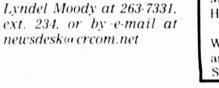
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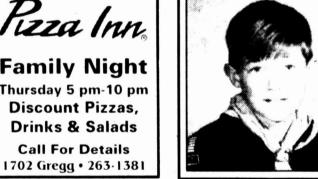
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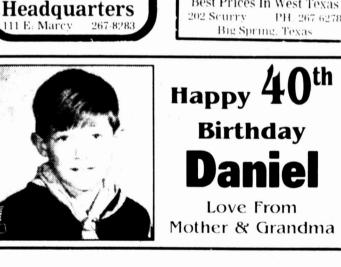
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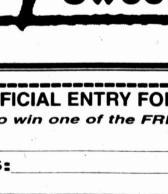
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The added level of alertness by the police may lead to some inconvenience on the part of local citizens, he warned.

"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 emails 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.

"We're real interested security at the refinery, and then our water supply and things like that," Walker said. "We just step up our patrol and work especially with ALON, very, very closely with them. If they call, we send units immediately, not only from us, but the PD responds as well."

Under the orange alert, deputies shift more attention to the area around the refinery, the sheriff said.

"Under red, we would probably literally go out there and, not shut it down, but there would be no access going in or out of there other than employees," he said.

Walker said the the heightened alerts around the refinery have already nabbed some peo-

ple taking pictures of the plant. "We did catch some people taking photographs of the plant," he said. "They're actually college students from the Dallas area. Denton was the town they were from. We just immediately respond.'

Although the students' photography session was probably not illegal, it will still warrant questions by federal agents, Walker said.

"We turned that information over to the FBI (Tuesday) morning and they're going to go interview those people," he said. "We take it serious and we don't want people hanging around the refinery. If they don't have business there, they

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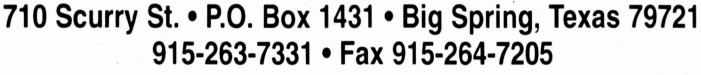
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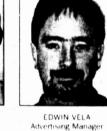


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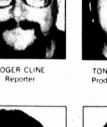


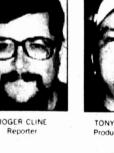


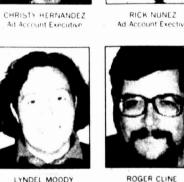




ROGER CLINE













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RSVP office at 264-2397.

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Fair has teamed up with a

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Commitment.'"

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Some were matter-offact in their support.

all the way," said Jim Samuels. "It's great."

"So far, so good," said have done a Eunetta MacAnally. "I'm better in favor of anything our the 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 like they've got it figured this point, but I think we out pretty good this time, 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 w e 'r e Spring. "If we keep that in mind, we've just got to remember to pray for S t e v e them here while they're Williams, a 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 HAMM 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."

Sixteenyear-old Ivan Pina hopes the war is quickly resolved. "I hope its over quick and doesn't

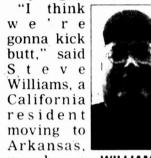
everybody has to get involved," Pina said. Others felt actions should have been taken "I back President Bush long before now.

"I think they should job last time they were over there," said a Bristow of

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Big Spring. BRISTOW looks

"It though. I don't know if they killed him (Saddam) last night, but they say they might have."



h o WILLIAMS

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

"If 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 trainer Jim Campbell.

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Roll up those sleeves, Health Fair 2003 is coming

arranged by calling the 'Mountain Medical Center

"For the last several rate sponsors for this

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 national organization to promote a specific health Health Fair, and it is right around the corner.

This year's event is a little earlier than usual, but in conjunction with the the place and format American 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 JONES available in

conjunction with the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center Odessa," said Nancy Jones, local director of the Retired Senior Program Volunteer (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

TEA

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 Approval of textbook recommendations.

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

preparation for the TEA

compliance visit. • Hear an audience with *newsdesk(a crcom.net* Marsha Sturdivant.

Scenic Mountain

Medical Center

care issue. This year, the Home, Mountain View fòcus is diabetes wellness Lodge, Odyssey Paradigm Healthcare, Physical Therapy, and Diabetes and the Warren Chiropractic. theme is 'Cure, Care, These corporate sponsors make the Health Fair said Amber Rich, director of possible every year, and a Medical Staff Services at committee of representa-Scenic Mountain Medical tives from various health Center, and the Health care agencies and the Fair publicity chairper-Chamber of Commerce

are just two of the corpo-

event along with RSVP,

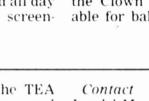
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planning the event. "This is just one way that we can give back to the community," commented Rhea Fryar-Calvert, community education representative for Odyssey Healthcare. "A variety of personnel will the day to educate the public. At our booth, we 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 County Howard Extension Office will conduct children's hands-on Health System will have a activities, and Dimples physician on hand all day the Clown will be availthe to do glaucoma screen- able for balloon animals.



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screening and can be ings. The VA and Scenic 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 womens heart disease. Both ladies are new local Family Practitioners and are based at Family Medical Center at 2301 South Street," Gregg Rich added.

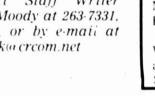
Setup for the Health Fair exhibitors is from 1 to 6 p.m. Friday, March 28. All booths must be set up by 9 a.m. on Saturday and coliseum safety rules prohibit driving down the be on hand throughout east drive on the day of the fair.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288 Glen T. Kingston, 65, died Tuesday. Services will be at 3:00 PM Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel. The family will receive friends from 6:00 to 8:00 PM Saturday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Gregory Porter, 41, Wednesday died Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Carlota Mata, 75, died Wednesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.



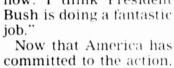
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committed to the action. we must see it through, others said.

it's one of those things that we're going to have to support, and I support it," said Howard College

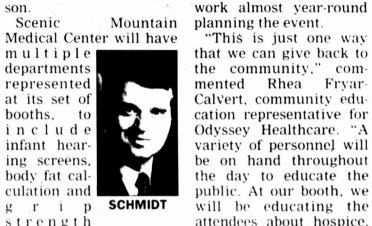
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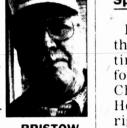
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health fair and will be offering a variety of free health tests," said Tim Schmidt, Medical Center CEO.

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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 A1-Lock and Key, 812 W. Third St.; Super 8 Motel, I-20 and Highway 87; and the Brandin Iron, 3101

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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.

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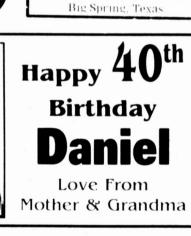
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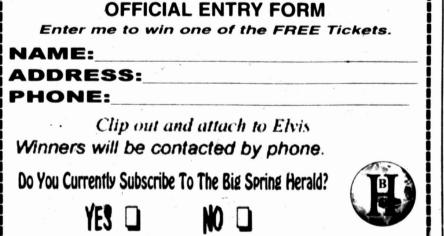


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Winners will be announced April 2nd.



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Big Spring council seats only municipal contests slated

Two file last-minute District 4 trustee candidacies

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

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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.

The deadline to file as a regular candidate passed at 5 p.m. Wednesday. Unless a candidate files as

Two last-minute candi-

dates decided Wednesday

to make a bid for the

District 4 seat on the Big

Tony G. Kennedy and

Linda Perez filed candida-

cy papers to have their

names placed on the May

3 ballot for the single-

"I've always been really

interested in the educa-

tion and the welfare of the

kids of our city," said

Linda Perez. "I've had

two kids who went

through the Big Spring

"I think with my experi-

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decisions that would ben-

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The school district is

vital for the community

and one of the first selling

points for new business-

"Our schools are our the

building blocks of our

economy," Perez said. "I

believe in our school dis-

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our administrators. Lam

in total support of them.

and want to be part of

Perez and her husband,

Joel, have two children.

Jennifer, a senior at

Texas Tech University.

and Britania, a student at

In the past, Perez has

Angelo State University.

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city," Perez continued.

Independent

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Spring

School Board.

member seat.

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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

a write-in candidate by W.A. "Woody" Jumper, Incumbent former Howard County Democratic Party chairman; Manuel Ramirez Jr., computer assistant at the VA Medical Center; and Elias Gamboa Jr., local attorney and businessman.

> be able to pick from one retiree and volunteer employee; of three candidates. Gloria McDonald is run-

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 In District 6, voters will the ballot, but local

"I believe that my

experience in bud-

getary matters will be

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.

Greg ning unopposed for that In Forsan, council incumbents Mary Gressett, Fred Holguin and Clarence Williams are all seeking re-election unopposed.

Early voting in Big Spring city elections will be at city hall April 16-29.

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Schaefer, Carl Hoelscher

and Andy Wheeler are all

seeking their first term

on the board while

incumbent Brad Avery is

Currently all Grady and

Grady incumbents Jody

Yates, who represents

District 5, and Roy

Cooper, who represents

District 6, have both

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"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."

given long and serious thought to," Kennedy said in a prepared statement. "My wife Lori and I are both products of the Big Spring school system and we have made Big Spring our home. Lori and I have two children that are in the Big Spring school system, one in the second grade, Gunner, at Bauer Magnet and a daughter, Mallory, at Big Spring Junior High in the eighth

grade.' Kennedy has been very active ìn 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. Kennedy has also volunteered to coach Little League baseball, softball and basketball. '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."

trustees must provide the necessary support and facilities to the staff and teachers to achieve those goals. "I believe that my expe-

District 4 candidate

Linda Perez

rience 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," he said. Six-year board veteran

and current BSISD President Frank Long, who currently represents District 4, decided not to seek a third term.

"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.

The District 2 seat has drawn two candidates Maria V. Padilla and Robert G. "Bob" Smith. Write-in candidacy reg-

another term on the Stanton Independent School District if no one files a write-in candidacy by Monday for the atlarge District 6 race. Incumbent Dr. Pablo Teveni and challenger Danny Ireton are battling

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District 4 candidate

seat while Connie Weaver and Ramiro Reyes filed Wednesday for the singlemember District 2 seat to seek their first term on the board.

Four candidates will seek three at-large seats Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, on the Glasscock County ext. 234, or by e-mail at

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Tony Kennedy

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.

Kennedy, the vocational trades coordinator at the Federal Correctional Institution-Big Spring, is a life-long resident of Howard County.

"The decision I have reached in announcing my intention to seek a seat on the board of trustees of the Big Spring Independent School District is one that I have

Kennedy added the

GCHS one-act play cast

istration starts today and will continue through Monday. By Wednesday, the last

official day for candidates to file, five area schools board races were left contested.

In Coahoma, three atlarge trustee seats drew a candidate field of six. All three incumbents James White, Larry Cordes and Jody Reid are being challenged by Bobby Lang, Brandon Iden and Danny Martin. Challenger Dr. David Sutton and incumbents Louis Boeker and Gary Hise enter into a threeway race for two at-large seats on the Forsan Independent School Board.

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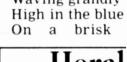
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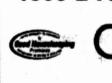
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heads to district contest **HERALD Staff Report** The Garden City High School theater troupe will be heading to McCamey today to present its oneact play "A Christmas

Carol" at the University

Interscholastic League

contest.

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

District 7-1A west zone Megan Niehues, Trey Hillger, Ashley Gonzalez, Krystal Sullivan and Kim Webb.

> The production crew is composed of Taylor Willis, Kaycee Schniers and Terri Branham, and the play is being directed by Stacy Jones.



FEATURES

BIG SPRING HERALD Thursday, March 20, 2003

In the kitchen.... with Beth

n 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. I under-

stand that

not every-

one can

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:

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

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Enchilada Casserole 11/2 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 13 1/2 pan with tortillas 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.

(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 Line the bottom of a 9 x 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 ser vice industries, he can be reached by e-mail at BethBond(a mail.com. writing the Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431. Big Spring 79721 or calling 915-263-7331.

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You're

You're the one that my heart can't forget. For you with your gen-

tle, caring way saw how very much that I needed a little kindness.

You saw the hunger that lived in my heart.

A hunger for a little tenderness. You saw how starved my soul was for words to reassure me that I was still beautiful in all the ways that matter.

You, in your kind, gentle way saw what others could not see.

You're the one that my heart can't forget. For you in your gentle, caring way made my sad heart sing with happiness.

You're the one that made me smile again. You're the one. Lana F. Anguiano

Where The Stars and **Stripes Fly**

Looking at the sunrise What a picture I see! The American flag is Waving grandly to me

breeze.

Old Glory still waves And I'm on my knees, In humble thanksgiving to

The Lord God on high For protecting our freedom

Where the Stars and Stripes fly!

Ever in awe of God's Almighty Power. To keep those who trust Him In our trying hour.

He pours out His Blessings In sight of the foe.

He knows how to keep us

Safe and free here below.

America is free because Jesus is her King In this world God still rules

and His praises we sing. God will ever bless those

Who to Him draw nigh. I thank God for freedom Where the Stars and Stripes fly!

Martha Anderson

Food manager certification test to be offered

tatistics indicate that foodborne illness continues to be a health

issue in the United States. Each 110 year, one in four Americans will become sick, one in 1,000 will become hos-KATIE

pitalized WALKER and 5,000 will die due to a foodborne ill-

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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

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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.

For n ce information about the tood manager certification training course of Texas Cooperative Extension, entitled "Food Safety: It's Our Business," call me at 264-2236.

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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 Wind-warker Farms in Stanton. For more info contact

(915) 570-0172.

Longhorn softball tourney 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 held at YMCA

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

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Boys Division 1. Adrian Castro, Sterling City Prit Martin, Sterling City Jake Sparks, Sterling City

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

Teammates Jerit Martin and Jake Sparks finished respectively.

SCHS boys were, the Lady Eagles were even more dominating. Paced by of 415.

The 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. with scores of 77 and 82, She recorded a final score of 97 over the course -As impressive as the 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.



AUSTIN (AP) - Early the first round in 2001. exits are nothing new for Texas.

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 Our eye is on the prize."

Texas (22-6) is the top seed in the South and open tomorrow in Birmingham. Ala., and experienced another twice. early exit in last week's 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 2 seed in the West 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

Point guard T.J. Ford joined them in 2002 and But the Longhorns guided the Horns to two insist they've learn from 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 Brandon Mouton. "We to see how they handle really want to win a it." Barnes said. "They national championship. 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 against North Carolina all season, a second-place Asheville. Several of the finish in the Big 12 and a Longhorns played in a tough - non-conference first-round loss in the schedule. Texas beat fel-2001 NCAA tournament low No. 1 seed Oklahoma

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Leigh Edens, the SC girls won by 57 strokes, etching out a final team score Forsan Lady

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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-

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 Brorman 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 Brorman 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 talente'd 10 & Under stars making the trip to Levelland on March 25.

We've got a good chance (of advanc ing 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.

Brorman, 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.

Brorman 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 See BSYBA on Page 9

loss to Texas Tech in the 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.

> And by picking Texas. the NCAA selection committee also bypassed Pittsburgh (26-4), which won the Big East and See TEXAS on Page 9

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

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.

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



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Gonzalez's back and right

The two-time AL MVP

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"I feel good. I feel very

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"I'm focused in my mind

for a big year, big num-

bers, to help this team

win and play every day.

Last year was a frustrat-

after this season, which

could help motivate him.

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hoped it would get a top

seed. Instead, the fourth-

ranked Panthers are No. 2

The Big 12 tournament

loss to Texas Tech, a team

the Longhorns beat twice

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But Barnes makes no

excuses for Texas' lofty

status for the NCAA tour-

"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

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"And there are other

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But the homecoming didn't have a happy endimportantly. ing.

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 spasms. He was limited to - months, finishing with 70 games last season eight homers and 35 RBIs, because of a thumb both career lows.

Healthy Gonzalez looking

for big numbers this year

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

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

He broke into the Gonzalez is a free agent majors with Texas in 1989 and became an everyday player in '91. He was the AL MVP in 1996 and '98 two years ago, he hit .325 and has been the team's with 35 homers and 140 player of the year five

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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.

SPORTS

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 oneyear 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 plans to use Gonzalez as a DH a couple of more games before putting him back in the outfield.

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"Last year was our first

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were had to learn a lot."

he said. "The players

have picked up and have

the ability to play. We've

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The prize awaiting Big

Spring at the end of the

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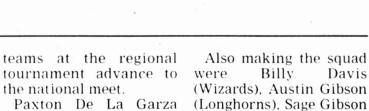
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(Wizards), Austin Gibson (Longhorns), Sage Gibson (Longhorns), Chris Turner (Mavericks), Cameron Carroll (Timberwolves) and Michael Luna (Mavericks).

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 allstars will play Kermit at 1 p.m. and then battle Denver City at 3 p.m.

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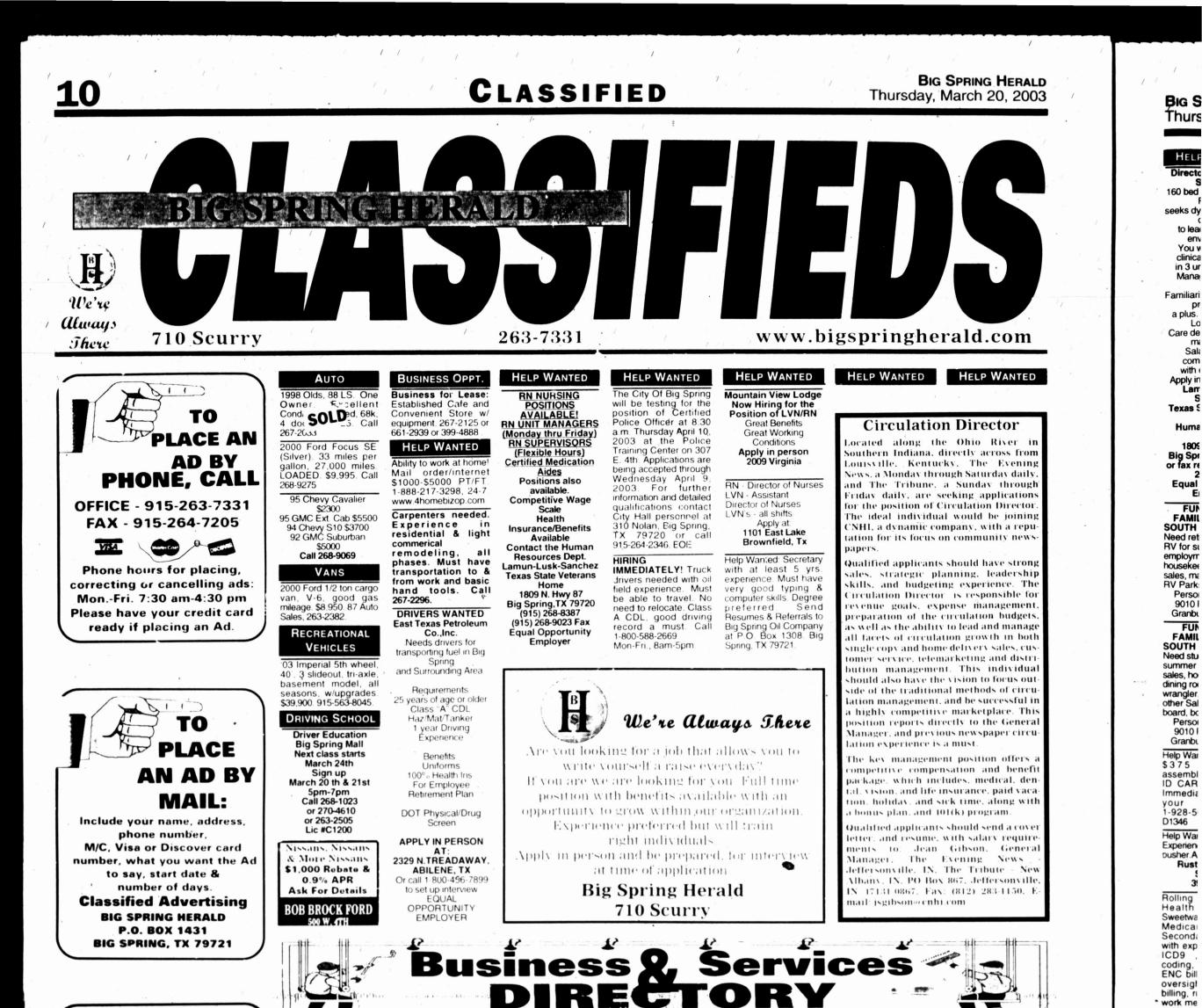
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BY JOYCE JILLSON Happy first day of spring! The spring equinox is a

magical day that has been celebrated by ancient civilizations and modern ones as a time of renewal. possibility and birth. This is the day when

the sun leaps into the first sign Joyce Jillson of the zodiac, Aries the Ram (which happens on March 20 this year). Frisky activity and fun are featured. ARIES (March 21-April prisoner.

19). Even if a small step toward your personal goal means you are further along than you were yesterday. Like a stone splashing into still water, spread love in ripples. Quiet lives of desperation are crying out for your lively spirit.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll feel as though the road less traveled is the one for you, but today, it's important to follow the book line by line. A Capricorn mentor will help you stick with the plot. Some Taurus people are in denial about their personal lives

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Having what you deserve becomes an obsession if you're not careful. This isn't the most powerful mind-set to be coming from. however. The bigger person will focus on giving instead of getting.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Put computers to work for you. It no longer makes sense to take on tedious tasks that can be easily handled by a machine (or a monkey). A co-worker might act annoyed with you, but it is due to his or her general bad feelings.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You never tire of leading the way, and today, you've got a downright Moses quality. Expect to deliver a speech - hopefully, it won't fall on deaf ears. The past rears its ugly head when you spot a dead

ringer for your ex.

markedly. Your lucky num-

bers are: 23, 4, 38, 32 and 11. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The order of the day includes taking on budgeting issues. Cutting down on the excess could save enough for next week's plans. A new creative project feels a lot like swimming upstream. Are you salmon enough to pull it off?

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). If it moves you, it's the way to go. Courage is what you've got in spades. Whatever is coming will be a breath of fresh air. Don't listen to the folks who like to play it safe. What works for them will only hold you

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Even though the future looks mixed, the clouds will part, and it will turn out to be a sunny day - at least as far as your cash flow goes. People who promised you money come through with more than you'd hoped for.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There is strength in numbers, and you're seen as a charmer while surrounded by people. In fact, your sexiest quality is your ability to thoroughly work the room so get into some good rooms!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You are the element that will produce real growth for your company. Now, all you have to do is convince everyone else. So. the rapid ascent to the top is short on "rapid." You've still got the "ascent" part on target

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The ordinary becomes extraordinary. It's lucky to slow down long enough to talk to the neighbors, the mailman and the other peripheral people in your life. Glowing gems of wisdom are garnered from these brief conversations.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Take the time to care properly for your body, even though your resilience seems to have no bounds. Even Superman flies better with the fuel of three squares meals. Love tip: Light candles to set the mood

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 20). There is a wealth of inspiration available to you this year, and with each passing month, you feel more energized. Go out and see the world in the next seven weeks - this. doesn't have to be long-distance travel. There's more in your hometown than you ever realized. Love and home are the focus in July when both will be improved

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Annie's Mailbox: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: My sister-inlaw told me frankly that her husband, who is my son's only uncle, can't stand being in the same room with the child. I'll admit "Johnny" was a terror when he was 2 years old, but he's 13 now, a good student and a polite young man. Unfortunately, my brother-in-law is not very subtle. Everyone can tell that "Uncle Mike" doesn't like Johnny.

At a recent family gathering, Uncle Mike refused to shake hands with Johnny when we were leaving. I was so hurt and shocked by this that I now avoid family gatherings where my brother-in-law is present. I certainly am not comfortable inviting Uncle Mike to our home, knowing how he feels about one of our kids. How should this be handled without hurting my son or others in the family?

— Seething in the South Dear Seething: Too bad Uncle Mike isn't mature enough to behave appropriately toward Johnny, whether or not he's fond of the boy.

Sometimes a person will rub someone the wrong way, and there is no logical reason for it. It's possible Uncle Mike will learn to like Johnny as the boy gets older. Meanwhile, you or your husband should have a candid talk with your brother-in-law. Tell him his attitude toward Johnny is both childish and obvious, and he needs to get it under



Annie's Mailbox

control or he will not be welcome in your home.

Dear Annie: You recently printed a letter from someone who complained that it was redundant to say "ATM machine." He said, "Please tell your readers that ATM is an acronym for Automated Teller Machine." Just for the record, ATM is not an acronym. An acronym is a pronounceable word. formed by combining initial letters (UNESCO) or syllables and letters (radar, sonar) of a series of words or a compound term. Susan in Madison, Wis.

Dear Susan: Thanks for the education. Several readers pointed that out. In fact, we were surprised by the flurry of mail on that letter. Here's more:

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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.

"It's definitely April 7 on his property at Nana Glen," Day said. "It's not a Hollywood, star-studded affair ... it's a family and friends affair for about 80 guests."

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"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.

BOSSIER CITY, La. (AP) -The Dixie Chicks may have a little more trouble getting a friendly audience in this part of Dixie.

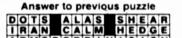
Maines reportedly told a London audience last week, in reference to Bush's push for military action against Iraq, "Just so you know, we're ashamed the president of the United States is from Texas."

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.



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The News

*** 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

Using a 33,000-pound tractor to obliterate compact disks and other items, a few hundred protesters, referring to themselves as backers of President Bush and Barksdale Air Force Base. lashed back at lead singer Natalie Maines.

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