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HOMELAND SECURITY TERRORIST ALERT LEVEL



WEATHER **Tonight:**



ADDRESSES WANTED

The Big Spring *Herald* is seeking the addresses of all Big Spring and Howard County military personnel currently deployed to the Middle East.

Herald Publisher Hank Bond said the newspaper will be sending free newspapers to the service men and women helping to prepare for a possible conflict with

Troops advance on Baghdad Army infantry unit continues its drive

By ELLEN KNICKMEYER and

CHRIS TOMLINSON

Associated Press Writers NEAR KARBALA, Iraq The Army's 3rd Infantry Division dashed north Monday toward the Shiite holy city of Karbala, only 50 miles south of Baghdad, but was stalled by a sandstorm that blew out of the desert.

While Iraqi paramilitary units harassed coalition troops from the rear. U.S.-led forces tried to maintain their advance on Baghdad. The troops made a rapid advance under heavy allied air protection that wiped out a column of charging Iraqi armor and sent some of Saddam Hussein's outer defenses withdrawing toward the capital.

But the weather - not Iraqi troops - halted the long columns of thousands of vehicles that were stretched across the desert and farms.

To get here, the troops drove north through flat. desert terrain, passing bombed trucks that had anti-aircraft guns mounted on them, empty fosholes and berms dug for tanks that had been aban-

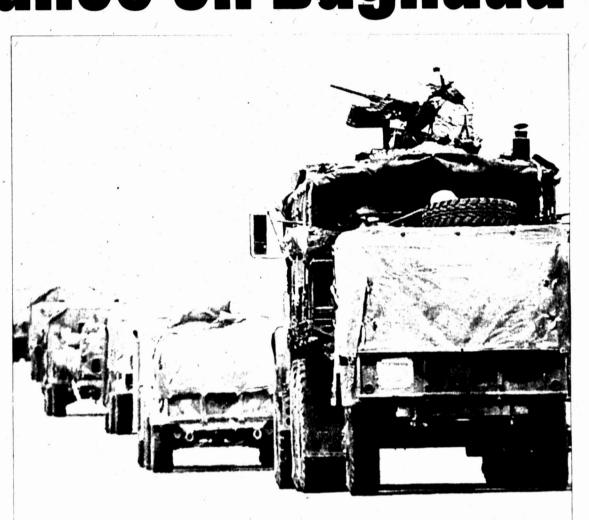


doned by Iraqi forces Cabs of the anti-aircraft trucks were peeled back missile blasts, which scorched the ground around the trucks. Some had bodies still inside. burned beyond recognition.

Meanwhile, a British soldier was killed in combat in southern Iraq, the first British combat death since the war began, the Ministry of Defense said.

The soldier, whose name was not made public, was killed near Az Zubayr in southern Iraq: the ministry said. A spokeswoman declined to provide further details but said the soldier's fam-Ny had been notified.

In the southern Iraqi navy port of Az Zubayr. which the coalition



AFP Photo Bruce Adams

A never-ending convoy of US trucks and armoured Humbie jeeps travel across the border north into Irag on the main road to Baghdad.

claimed Sunday, a U.S. tion was planes bombed a said the Americans Marine patrol reported military burracks bombed the entire corribeing fired on Monday Monday, shattering win dor between Chamchamal from a stand of trees: dows for miles around and Kirkuk, a key oil cen Marines responded with and remume huge plumes ter. tanks and artillery fire. It of smokes Frightened restwas not clear who tired idents iled the area around confirmed Monday that on the patrol or if he tire. Chainchainal in a stream. U.S. forces have been in fight was related to the ot cars, taxas and buses. British death.

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WAR COVERAGE

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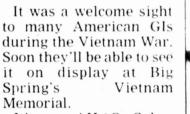
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Memorial committee making progress on Cobra helicopter

By ROGER CLINE Staff Writer



It's an AH-1G Cobra helicopter gunship codenamed "Hammerhead," which the Vietnam Memorial Committee has acquired and is in the process of restoring.

"We've pretty well got it in pretty good shape,' said VMC member Jack Tibbets. "I'm going to guess that we'll be about. ready to paint it in another two weeks, and then put the main rotor and main mast back in it, and then we'll be in pretty good shape.'

Observant Big Springers may have noticed the pedastel for the helicopter has been put in place on the northeast side of the memorial grounds.

"We've got the pedastel up. We've still got to do groundwork some around it, foundation, rock, stuff like that,' Tibbets said. "(VMC Chairman) Gene Wilson's in charge of that. About with that, we'll be ready to set the bird."

Wilson said the helicopter will make a good addition to the memorial.

"Mostly because of what it stood for and what it did in Vietnam," he said. "It served a lot of purposes towards saving peoples' lives. It was there when needed. It basically took out a lot of





the time he gets done A visitor sits in the cockpit of the AH-1 Cobra helicopter members of the Big Spring Memorial Committee are currently refurbishing.

guest speakers.

stuff that could have lined up to be one of our -dedication. killed us." The VMC is planning a

dedication of the heli- man that used to fly copter for Memorial Day, May 26. "From what we under-

stand at this point, we've got one of the original helicopter pilots that flew our particular helicopter

speakers," he said. "I was 20 years old. "We've also got a gentleloved that aircraft a lot and flew it for several Cobra helicopters. He's months from Quang Tri going to be one of our to Chu Lai," Thompson said in a letter to the Neal Thompson of VMC. "Needless to say, Illinois is the former you have acquired a very "Hammerhead" pilot who

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plans to be present at the See COBRA, Page 5

Council to consider dress code By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Big Spring City Council members will consider implementation of a citywide dress code during their meeting Tuesday evening.

The meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at the City Council Chambers, 307 E. Fourth 51

Currently, the city doesn't have unified rules for dress standards, according to Director of Administrative Services Leigh Corson.

"There haven't been any city-wide standards up to this point." Corson said. "It has pretty much been up to each department to set standards as they saw fit. This is just taking it more citywide."

Corson said the changes will not affect uniformed employees much.

"The main part of this is setting a standard for non-uniformed employees, which are pretty much our office employees," she said. "This will just give us a little more consistency between departments and the various worksites.

The proposed resolution would set the standard at "business casual" for non-uniformed employees. According to the proposal, examples of allowable clothing include slacks, long or short sleeved shirts with a collar or banded collar, blazers or sport coats, sweaters or cardigans, knit golf shirts, polo shirts, city logo shirts, skirts and dresses no

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LOCAL

BIG SPRING ROUND THE TOWN

Obituaries

Velma McMinn



Velma McMinn, 95, of Vincent died on Thursday, March 20, 2003, in a Stanton nursing home. Funeral services were set for 2 p.m. Monday, March 24, 2003, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home with the Rev. David Harp, pastor of First Baptist Church of Stanton, officiating. Interment was to be in Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born on Dec. 13, 1907, in Comanche County.

Mrs. McMinn moved from Comanche County to Polar, Texas, and then to Vincent. There she met Nathan E. McMinn and they married on Sept. 11, 1933, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death on Dec. 30, 1951. They lived in the Vincent Community near Coahoma and she remained on the farm and ranch for almost 65 years.

She loved the outdoors, working in the fields and gardening. She also loved making quilts, especially for her grandchildren.

She was a member of Vincent Baptist Church.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Natha and Wayne Mitchell of Stanton; two granddaughters and their husbands, Natalie and Mike Trampe of Sheridan, Wyo., and Valerie and Jim Smith of Stanton; five great-grandchildren, Savanah and Sean Smith of Stanton and Micah, Nathan and Matai Trampe of Sheridan, Wyo.; a sister, Lola Tarbet of Las Cruces, N.M.; and a host of nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a son, Nat McMinn; three sisters, Viola Mitchell, Oleta Burney and Idell Mathews; four brothers, Henry Mitchell, Bill Mitchell, Aubrey Mitchell and Jim Mitchell; and her parents, Samuel Daniel and Bertha Mitchell.

The family suggests memorials to Hospice of Midland, 911 West Texas, Midland 79702 or a favorite charity.

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

Hiram E. Ruggles



Hiram E. Ruggles, 77, of Sand Springs went to sit at the foot of Jesus on Saturday, March 22, 2003, at 12:20 a.m. following a brief illness. Waiting for him there were his parents, Clarence and Mattie Ruggles; three brothers, Clements, Dub and Jay Ruggles; two sisters, Flo White and Thelma Williams; three brothers-in-law, Buddy Patterson; D.C. Williams and Luther Crawford; one

daughter, Susan Peebles; and one son-in-law, Gene Kaddatz. Memorial services were held at 11 a.m. Monday

Hiram B. Croker

Hiram B. Croker, 77, cf Big Spring died on Friday, March 21, 2003, at his residence. Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. Monday, March 24, 2003, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Greg Taylor, pastor of Miracle Revival Center, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born on April 18, 1925, in Comanche and married Corinne Faye Whitaker on Nov. 1, 1958, in Fort Worth. She preceded him in death on Nov. 18, 2000.

Mr. Croker came to Big Spring in 1965 and had worked as an auto mechanic for Whites for six years and then for KMart for four years. He was a Baptist. He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II. He also served in the Navy and then the Air Force during the Korean War. He retired from the Air Force after serving more than 20 years in the military.

Survivors include two step-sons, Bill Samples of Pagosa Springs, Colo., and Douglas Maples of Fort Worth; one sister, Audy Lee Nelson of Jacksboro; one brother, Bill Croker of San Angelo; two grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, seven brothers and three sisters.

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

Greg Porter



Greg Porter, 41, of Big Spring died at 2:20 p.m. Wednesday, March 19, 2003, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center in Big Spring following a sudden illness. Funeral services were at 2 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Michael Willard of Mt. Bethel Baptist Church, officiating. He was born on March 11, 1962, at New

Ulm, Minn. He had been a resident of Big Spring for three years, coming from Colorado City. He lived in Snyder prior to Colorado City. He had been employed Dave's Tubing Testing in Big Spring and previously at White's Auto Store in Snyder.

He is survived by his wife, Shelia Porter of Big Spring; three sons, Micah Allen Porter and Gregory Malachi Porter of Tennessee Colony and Christopher Clark of Big Spring; one daughter, Brandy Clark of Big Spring; his parents, Allen and Lucille Porter of New Ulm, Minn.; and one brother, Brad Porter of Rockford, Minn.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Mindy Kay Ferguson.

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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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.

TODAY

Senior Circle, Sit & Be Fit Chair Aerobics, 4 p.m. Scenic Mountain Medical Center, for people 50 years and older, call 268-4721.

Concerned Citizens, 7 p.m., Fiberflex conference room, Bethel Street, McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark. The public is invited.

"Telling It Like It is - The Truth About Teens and Sex," 7 p.m. at the First Church of the Nazarene, 1400 Lancaster.

Sands High School one-act play, 7:30 p.m. The high school theater troupe will present its one-act play "The Cop and the Anthem" by O. Henry.

Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., La Posada

Police blotter

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

 JEFFREY ALLEN WALLECK, 24, of 4901 Wasson Road was arrested on four capias warrants.

• KENDRA LYNN HARRISON, 32, of 801 S. Furrh was arrested on two capias warrants.

• TOMMY SCOTT MIZE, 40, of 1508 College was arrested on one capias warrant and two Howard County warrants.

• MARGAITO SALINES CRUSES JR., 20, of 1510 W. County Road was arrested on three capias roads and three local warrants.

• DAVID JOHN SANDOVAL, 28, of 2509 Albrook was arrested on two local warrants.

• ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road and the 1600 block of Settles Street.

• AGGRAVATED ROBBERY was reported in the 500 block of West Third Street. \$200 cash, credit or debit cards, a Texas Driver's License and a wallet worth \$30.

 DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 1900 block of South Runnels, the 3600 block of Boulder Drive, the 1200 block of East 11th Place, the 500 block of Westover Road, the 1700 block of East Third Street, the 700 block of West Interstate 20 and the 800 block of Anna Street.

• MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in person at the police station and in the 1100 block of Sycamore Street, the 100 block of Canyon Drive, the 1600 block of Martin Luther King and the 200 block of East 11th Place.

• DEADLY CONDUCT — DISCHARGE OF A FIREARM AT A HABITATION, BUILDING OR VEHICLE was reported in the 1200 block of Northwest Seventh Street.

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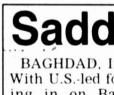
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March 24, 2003, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Timmy Dunn, associate pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating.

He was born on July 11, 1925, in Ackerly to Clarence and Mattie Ruggles. He married Marcia McClendon on April 21, 1950, in Lovington, N.M. They lived in Lamesa from 1950 until 1969 when they moved to Andrews and then moved to Sand Springs in 1994.

Mr. Ruggles owned his own plumbing, heating and air conditioning business in Lamesa. After moving to Andrews, he decided to pursue a college degree, first attending Odessa College and then completing his bachelor's degree at Sul Ross State University. He then taught small engine repair at Andrews Middle School and completed his master's degree from Texas A&M University at Commerce.

Mr. Ruggles was a 5-year lung cancer survivor.

He was a member of Trinity Baptist Church and a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps, having served during World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Marcia Ruggles of Sand Springs; one daughter, Juanette Kaddatz of Weatherford; one daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Sam Buchanan of Big Spring; four sisters, Cleo Jones and husband, the Rev. J.P. Jones, of Willisville, Ark., Theda Crawford of Corsisana, Berneice Patterson of Bowie and Marie Moore of Commerce; 10 grandchildren, Chris and Kent Kaddatz of Weatherford, Karla Stewart and husband, Josh, of Grand Prairie, Tommy Peebles and wife, Amber, of Rocksprings, Keith Peebles of Alpine, David Patterson of Jackson, Miss., Harper Buchanan and wife, Angela, of Pearland, Brady Patterson of Tennessee Colony, Keely Green and husband, Randy, of Fort Worth and Sami Buchanan of Luther; eight great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Honorary pallbearers were Chris Kaddatz, Kent Kaddatz, Tommy Peebles, Keith Peebles, David Patterson, Harper Buchanan, Brady Patterson, Josh Stewart, Randy Green and Salvador Esparza.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Trinity Baptist Church Building Fund, 810 E. 11th Place, Big Spring 79720 or the American Cancer Society, Relay for Life, P.O. Box 254, Coahoma 79511.

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

Hattie Owens

Hattie Owens , 83, of Big Spring, died Sunday, March 23, 2003, in a local hospital.

Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Myrtle McMaster

Myrtle McMaster, 90, of San Angelo died Monday, March 24, 2003, in San Angelo.

Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Ismael Valdez

Ismael Valdez, 59, of Fort Worth, formerly of Big Spring, died at 6 a.m. Saturday, March 22, 2003, at John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth following a lengthy illness.

Vigil services will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. James Plagens offi-

ciating. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

He was born on April 8, 1943, in Big Spring. He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring until moving to Fort Worth in 1983. He married Benina Barrera on Sept. 26, 1986, in Fort Worth. He had been a barber and a barber instructor. He was a member of the Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife, Benina Valdez of Fort Worth; three step-sons: Jose, Albert and Abraham Rodriguez, all of Forney; one step-daughter, Devon Jones of Balch Springs; one adopted son, Augustin Paredez of Big Spring; his mother, Lupe Fierro of Big Spring; one brother, Frank Fierro Jr. of Big Spring; three sisters, Sylvia Ormon of Irving, Sandy Fierro of Kermit and Naomi Valdez of Los Angeles, Calif.; 10 grandchildren; one nephew; three nieces; and several grand-nieces and grand- nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ismael Valdez Sr., and two brothers.

Pallbearers will be Augustin Paredez, Feliciano Gonzales, Roberto De La Garza, Fred Castillo, Dickie De Leon, Willie Mendoza, Tom Ormon Jr. and Shannon Ormon.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Jo Tindol

Jo Tindol, 81, of Big Spring died at 8:10 p.m. Sunday, March 23, 2003, at Comanche Trail Nursing Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Jeanenne Cunningham

Jeanenne Cunningham, 73, of Big Spring died on Saturday, March 22, 2003, at her residence.

Memorial funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 27, 2003, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Monroe Teeters, retired Baptist minister, officiating.

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

Weather

Today — Sunny and breezy. Highs in the lower 80s. Southwest winds15 to 25 mph. Caution advised on area lakes.

Tonight – Increasing clouds. Lows in the mid 50s.

CRIMINAL MISCHEF was reported:

- In the 100 block of Canyon Drive. A brown 1991 Toyota reportedly sustained \$30 damage in the incident

- In the 1300 block of South Runnels. A white 1997 Ford reportedly sustained \$400 damage.

BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported:

- In the 400 block of Circle Drive. Two 12-inch speakers and two 10-inch speakers worth a total of \$450 and a CD player worth \$150 were reported stolen from a white 1993 Ford. The vehicle reportedly sustained \$200 damage.

In the 3600 block of Boulder Drive. Recordings worth \$120, tobacco products worth \$26 and other items worth \$121 were reported stolen from the black 1995 Jeep. \$100 damage was reportedly inflicted on the vehicle.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 400 block of North Gregg Street. \$850 cash was reported stolen from the home.

• POSSESSION OR DELIVERY OF DRUG PARA-PHERNALIA was reported in the 400 block of North San Antonio Street. Drug equipment was reportedly seized in the incident.

Lottery

The winning numbers drawn in the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night: 11-13-24-25-27-37 Next Lotto Texas game: Wednesday night.

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Saturday: 9-17-30-31-34

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday afternoon: 5-1-6



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OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM

Troops meet setbacks on road to Baghdad

By MEG RICHARDS

Associated Press Writer Troops pressed toward Baghdad with new wariness on Monday, as militiamen loyal to Saddam Hussein proved they were not a beaten force. Iraq claimed to have shot down two U.S. helicopters and taken two pilots prisoner, a day after more than 20 Americans were killed or captured.

Saddam, in an appearance that seemed calculated to show he was at the helm, sought to rally his people Monday with a televised speech. Minutes later, Iraqi television showed images of what appeared to be a downed U.S. Apache attack helicopter sitting largely undamaged in a grassy field.

"A small number of peasants shot down two Apaches," Iraq's information minister Mohammed Saeed al-Sahhaf said. "Perhaps we will show pictures of the pilots."

The Pentagon confirmed that one helicopter was missing but offered no information about pilots. U.S. Central Command, which oversees the war in Iraq, declined comment on the footage. A military spokesman said officials them, U.S. officials said. were analyzing the images.

Iraqi leader The appeared relaxed and healthy on Monday strikingly different from Also, two British soldiers the way he looked in the were missing after a conspeech aired Thursday, voy of vehicles they were the day the air assault traveling in was attacked began. In full military dress, Saddam assured Iraqis "victory will be resistance of Iraqi forces cials said Monday



in Umm Qasr, the strategic southern port that the U.S.-British coalition has struggled to hold since Saturday.

The reference seemed designed to allay any suspicion that the address had been video taped earlier, or that Saddam had been wounded or killed last week.

Saddam praised his supporters for a series of tured on TV," said attacks Monday that Anecita Hudson, of inflicted the first significant casualties on the allied forces driving toward Baghdad. In one near incident An Nasiriyah, a crossing point over the Euphrates River, a group of Iraqis waved a white flag in surrender, then opened up with artillery fire. Another group appeared to welcome coalition troops, then attacked

Up to nine Marines died Geneva Conventions. and a dozen U.S. soldiers were missing and presumed captured after the surprise engagements. in southern Iraq, British defense officials said. Additionally, ours soon," and specifical-Marines were killed in some shops were open ly mentioned the defiant accidents, military offi-

In images shown on Iraqi television Sunday, five captured U.S. soldiers four men and a woman appeared frightened but resolute as they answered the questions of interrogators. Arab television also showed what it said were four American dead

in an Iraqi morgue. "It's like a bad dream. seeing your son get cap-Alamogordo, N.M., whose son, Army Spc. Joseph Hudson, was among those captured.

Another prisoner was identified by his family as Pfc. Patrick Miller of Park City, Kan., the father of two young children.

Iraqi officials have offered repeated assurances that the prisoners would be treated humanely, according to the

In Baghdad, black smoke poured from fires set around the city to obscure targets, hiding the sun and giving the city a bleak mid-winter atmosphere.

Despite fierce bombardments early Monday, people were out in the heart two of the Iraqi capital and mostly those selling suitcases.



Reuters photo/lan Waldie

Saddam vows to crush allied forces

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) -With U.S.-led forces closing in on Baghdad, a

composed Saddam Hussein tried to rally his people and his troops with a stirring address Monday in which he vowed that allied forces would be crushed and "victory will be ours soon."

U.S. officials said American intelligence will review the address to determine whether it was Saddam and when it was produced.

The Iraqi president appeared in full military uniform and seemed more robust and relaxed than during his last nationally televised address on Thursday, which followed the first round of cruise missile attacks on his capital. There had been unconfirmed reports that he was killed or injured in those attacks.

"Iraq will strike the necks (of each enemy fighter)," he said. "Strike them, and strike evil so that evil will be defeated." Taunting the allies, he asked: "Have you found what the devil that besets your soul promised you in Iraq?"

Saddam urged loyal Iragis to cut the throats of the invaders and insisted that Iraqi troops would prevail in the fight against'a more technologically advanced enemy. He also made specific reference to U.S. tactics and the fighting around Umm Qasr, in an obvious attempt to show that the address was relatively current.

"Those who are believers will be victorious. In these decisive days, the enemy tried not using missiles and fighter jets as they did before. This time, they sent their infantry troops. This time, they have come to



Reuters photo/Goran Tomasevic

An Iraqi man cries while holding a little boy in front of a house damaged by a missile during an air strike in Baghdad late Saturday. Fresh air raids shook Baghdad on Sunday as a U.S. armored column pushed more than half-way to the Iraqi capital, part of a ferocious onslaught aimed at ousting President Saddam Hussein.

invade and occupy your land," he said. British Defense Secretary Geoff Hoon

said he was not convinced that the address was current. "The contemporary

events referred to ... did not appear to me to be unambiguously contemporary," he said.

"And had he have wanted to indicate that this was live, or was recent, there were many events that he could have referred to, which he clearly did not. So that is why we are continuing to analyze the situation.

Praising his troops, Saddam said Iraqi fighters were "causing the enemy to suffer and to lose every day."

"As time goes by, they will lose more and they will not be able to escape lightly from their predicament," he said. We will make it as painful as we can.

Saddam said American ond-largest city. and British forces had "become entangled" in Iraq's desert, with "Iraqi residents surrounding by allied forces, to be them and aiming their fire at them."

Addressing the people of Iraq's cities - Basra Baghdad, Mosul and elsewhere - Saddam warned that the enemy will intensify its raids as their troops suffer casualties on the ground.

"Be patient. God's victory is coming.... Be tolerant," he added.

Saddam said the ground battles were going well and Iraqi troops had been able to inflict great losses on the enemy. He praised his commanders, several of them by name, saying their units fought fiercelv against coalition

troops. Among those he named were the commanders of the 51st, 11th and 18th divisions, which are posted in Basra, Iraq's sec- of the appearance.

He told the people of Basra, which has been isolated but not occupied patient because "victory is imminent."

Saddam said the allies were "trying to avoid engaging our forces" - a clear reference to the U.S. strategy of avoiding having to enter provincial cities - adding that "they are using their warplanes to attack our troops without engaging them in fighting."

"Whenever they penetrated our territory, they were faced with fierce resistance from Iraqi people, tribes, party members, Saddam's Fedayeen and security forces," he said.

U.S. intelligence agencies routinely analyze speeches by Saddam to determine from speech patterns and image comparisons the authenticity

husband's leaving

After losing brother, woman now faces

By LISA FALKENBERG Associated Press Writer

FORT HOOD — War is testing Sandra Brown in ways that even many soldiers could not imagine.

Though she won't step foot on Iraqi soil, her brother, 2nd Lt. Therrel S. Childers, died in fighting there Friday and her husband is facing deployment.

Brown, 32, said Sunday she hasn't been preoccupied with asking why the war has impacted her family so profoundly.

"I don't really question it," she said. "I figure there's a reason. I don't know that reason right now, but it will come to light eventually. I guess in the end it just makes you stronger."

Her brother, a 30-yearold Marine from Harrison County, Miss., assigned to Camp Pendleton in California, was one of two Marine's who died during ground combat in southern Iraq _ the first troops killed in combat since the fighting began. The other Marine was Lance Cpl. Jose Gutierrez of Los Angeles.

On top of the grief, Brown must now cope with the impending deployment of her husband, Richard, an Army sergeant based at Fort Hood.

The soldier is struggling to reassure his wife so soon after losing her brother.

"The hardest thing about this death is that I am going to the same place where it happened," Sgt. Brown, 31, who is with the 297th Transportation Company, said in Sunday's editions of The New York Times. "I kept telling my wife not

to worry about her broth er. 'He's trained, he's professional, he knows his job,' I would tell her. But now I can't say that any more.

"She won't believe me." Sandy Brown is consoled by the fact that her husband, who serves in an Army support unit, will not be on the front lines as her brother was. She got a surprise Sunday, when her husband received a monthlong deferral to be with his family.

"I was a little uneasy about Shane, but my husband, I'm not so worried about," she said. "It's more a case of being separated than a fear of danger."

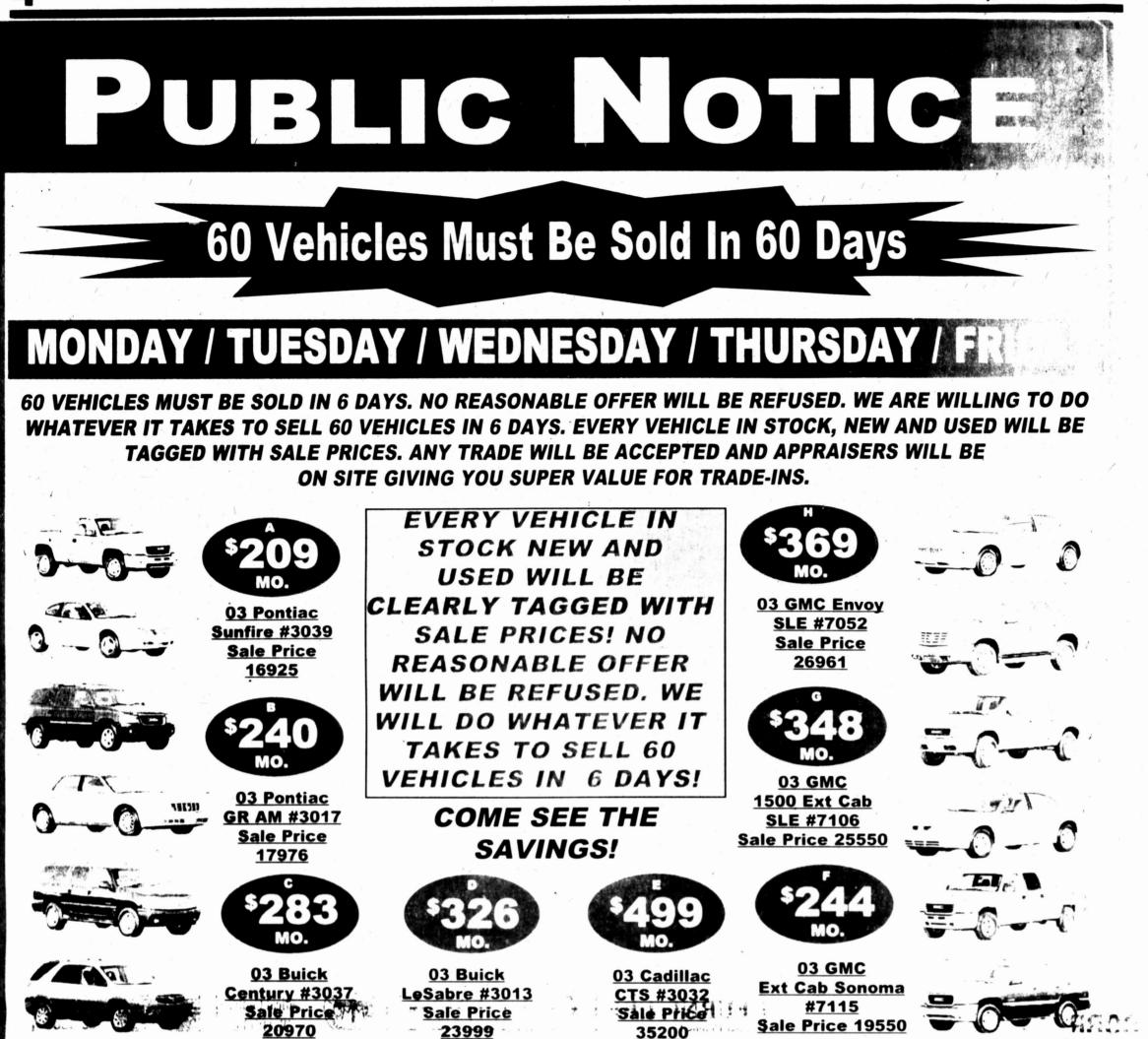
To cope, Brown said she turns to her family, and her second family in the military, where wives and mothers of soldiers help absorb her pain and the familiar fears.

"You just kind of draw from each other and encourage each other," she said.

She's trying to remain strong for her two children, a 3-year-old son who doesn't yet understand what has happened and an 8-year-old stepdaughter, who Brown said took the death very hard but is "accepting it."

"I can't let my fears take over," Brown said. "I've got to be strong for them and I've got to be strong for my husband."

Her husband facing deployment, Brown said the family has been spending a lot of time together and trying to resolve last minute housekeeping issues. But after the bills, the issues with children, the grief is ever present.



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By ROGER CLINE Staff Writer

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LOCAL/NATION

Moore Board slates forum for Tuesday COUNCIL

By ROGER CLINE Staff Writer

Moore Development for Big Spring Inc. is considering using some of that organization's 4-A economic development tax money for 4-B community improvement projects.

Are you for it or against it? Do you know what it means?

If you would like to hear more about the subject or voice your opinion to those who can make a difference, you're going to get a chance Tuesday night.

"Tuesday evening we'll be having a public forum," said Moore Board President Tim Blackshear. "The Big Spring City Council will be there as well as the board of directors for Moore Development. We hope to have a large crowd that will give us some public input on the possible use of our 4-A tax dollars for 4-B projects." Blackshear said the

Community Roberts Center and begin immediately following the 5:30 p.m. Big Spring City Council meeting.

The idea is to get input from citizens on the idea. "We've had several

smaller meetings and I felt like we needed to get a crowd and get the general public's views on the possibility of doing this for the community," Blackshear said. "Show them some ideas of what we can do, the possibilities of using that money for 4-B projects. I'm kind of halfway neutral on it right now and I'd like to see what the public has to say.'

Moore Development officials will explain the concept.

"We'll explain the difference between 4-A and 4-B and each one of our members and hopefully members of the city council will give their viewpoints on it," he said. "Then we'll open the floor up.

forum will be at the Dora Actually, we'll have com- A/4-B going on for several fill out with their questions so that we can address those in an orderly manner."

Moore While Development was originally set up to provide economic incentives for commercial, industrial or manufacturing companies to locate or remain in Big Spring, state law allows Moore to use some of its tax dollars to enhance the infrastructure and facilities of the city if the issue passes in election. Moore an Development has formed a committee and is considering going to the voters about 4-B projects.

Blackshear said the viability of Moore itself. questioned in a citizen's petition now circulating. will not be a topic at the forum.

"I'm not interested in the petition," he said. "Those people have the right to do that if they want to. We've had this 4-

ment cards for people to months and because of some questions and concerns that some people have had/and asked me on the streets, I felt like the public is not aware of how the process could work and the possibilities, the pros and cons of doing it.'

> Blackshear would like to see the forum stick to the 4-A/4-B issue.

We're going to stick to that topic pretty much," he said. "We're not going back five years, we're not going back 10 years. We're going to stick to that and we want facts and we want opinions. We will listen to peoples' opinions, but this is not a session for people to come in and beat up the city council or the board of directors.'

For more information, call Moore Development for Big Spring at 264-6032. Contact Staff Writer Roger Cline at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at newsdesk@crcom.net

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more than 4 inches above the top of the knee, blouses and shells, pant suits and dress footwear. Unacceptable clothing would include jeans of any type or color, shorts, skirts, casual T-shirts, tank tops, halter tops, offthe-shoulder blouses; dresses or skirts more than 4 inches above the top of the knee, Capri pants, leggings, sun dresses with narrow. straps, provocative or low-cut clothing, tight-fitting attire, sweat suits or wind suits, sandals, thong sandals or athletic footwear.

The standards will be relaxed a bit on "casual" Fridays, according to the resolution. Non-uniformed employees will be allowed to wear jeans and athletic footwear every Friday. If city offices are closed on Friday, those employees will be allowed to observe the casual dress standards the day before the holiday.

Employees required to wear a uniform on the job will continue to receive their uniforms or a uniform allowance from the city.

In other business, the council will:

 Consider appointing James White to the 9-1-1 Board. White has already been appointed by both Coahoma and Forsan, and the Big Spring council's vote is merely a formalitv.

 Hear a presentation of the city's annual audit for the year ending Sept. 30, 2002.

· Hear the first resolution approving an annual

review of the investment policies of the city. • Hear public comment.

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MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288 Ismael Valdez, 59, died Saturday. Vigil services will be at 7:30 PM Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be at 11:00 AM Wednesday. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Jo Tindol, 81, died Sunday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.



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hours. He would reveal no details or numbers of the troops.

U.S. Marine Col. Keith Lawless, speaking to reporters before a news briefing in the city of Salahuddin in Iraq's autonomous Kurdish region, said the American forces had arrived but would not say from where they had come nor where they were.

Asked if they had arrived by air, he said reporters should "not presume" they were flown in.

To the south, British troops were engaged in artillery exchanges with

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COBRA

Iraqi forces on the outskirts of Basra, British military officials said. British troops have remained outside the city, the second largest in Iraq, unable to move through it because of pockets of resistance. A British spokeswoman

at U.S. Central Command said the resistance was coming from irregular units, either the elite Guard, Republican Security Special Organization forces or Saddam's Fedayeen, the **Baath Party paramilitary** organization. Outside the Shiite holy

city of Najaf, south of Karbala, U.S. soldiers skirmished with Iraqi Hussein. forces before dawn Monday. Iraqis shot rockets and anti-aircraft guns at the Americans.

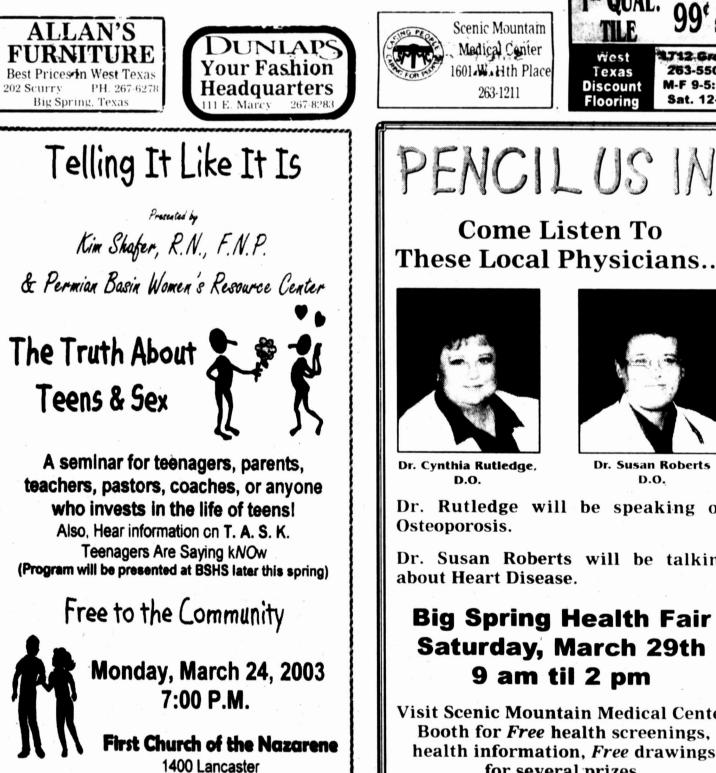
Small groups using pickup trucks or on foot tried to approach U.S. positions but were driven back by tank and artillery fire.

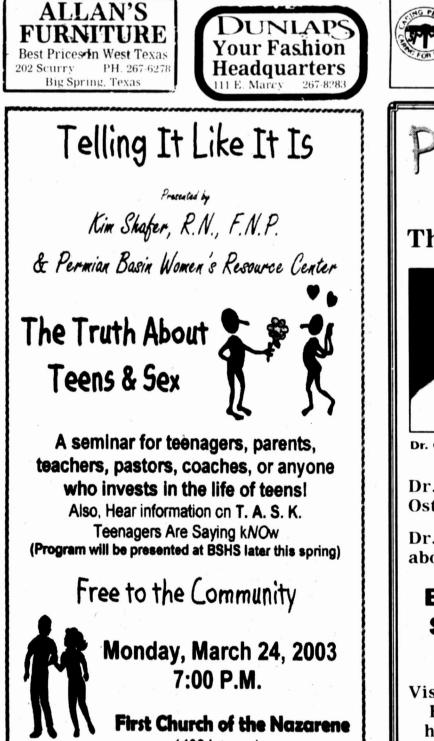
In the North, warplanes continued to fly overhead after the first wave of bombings that struck the Bani Magem barracks, close to the line that separates the Kurdish-held area from territory under the control of Saddam

At least six bombs struck Iraqi positions Monday with such force that the ground shook three miles away in the city of Chamchamal.

The few residents who had not yet fled started to pack up and leave. Vehicles of all sizes poured onto the main road out of the town.

"People are evacuating, but not because of the bombing. They are afraid Saddam will respond with chemical weapons," said Ahmad Qafoor, a schoolteacher.





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fine combat veteran aircraft. I just retired as a (chief warrant officer 4) after 32 1/2 years (4.3 years active duty, the rest in the Illinois National Guard) and I looked for (the helicopter) every time I landed anywhere there were Cobras on the ramp. I feared that it might have gon into the crusher by now and am thrilled to know it has a good permenant home."

The VMC is asking the public for donations to help defray the cost of the

tion of the helicopter. The committee is also planning it's third annual a Chili Supper and Dance featuring the band New Company March 29 at the La Vedera Club in Big Spring. The supper will be from 4 to 8 p.m., and the dance will last until midnight.

> Tickets are \$5 per person and are available from any VMC member.

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Dr. Cynthia Rutledge,

Dr. Susan Roberts D.O.

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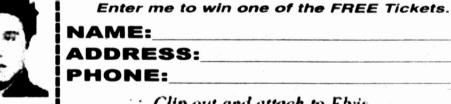
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MONDAY, MARCH 24, 2003 The Capricorn moon helps us understand how we fit

into the societal structures around

Competition is a tremendous motivator

that many will be able to turn into great momentum toward per-

sonal goals. But other planets conspire to nudge us in a different direction tonight; it seems treats and fun can also be effective motivators!

ARIES (March 21-April 19). A chance interaction with a co-worker leaves you feeling flustered and distracted, but in a good way. The ball is in your court in his or her mind. Take the initiative, and turn sparks by the espresso machine into flames of passion.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Take your sweetie to the tennis court, gym or even the pool hall to feel the good vibes return between the two of you. You investigate the origin of firmly held beliefs about a Leo native and uncover a common thread.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Chalk up bad luck to temporary negative vibes. It doesn't have anything to do with your fortune in the big picture. You rebel against past feelings of helplessness and discover something new about yourself.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Within you is a volatile. articulate person who may or may not meet the outside world. With the right prodding and confidence, some one persistent, like a Libra. will help the crab come out of its shell.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Refusal to face a rejection squarely undermines your sense of stability. Put how you feel on the table right in front of the person who has done you wrong. Doing so may not result in the tide -turning in your favor but 20). You negotiate sensitive, will bring relief.

your talents really shine

Horoscope Accomplish this by forgiv- 11, 1969. I feel that since my ing and forgetting. Singles find true love, possibly a Gemini or Aquárius. Big career success in June involves travel and an award. Your lucky numbers are: 32, 54, 19, 27 and 11.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Saying it loud and clear is the key to your sweetie's heart. You find yourself toying with notions of explosive behavior as people at work pass you by left and right, Review your own behavior before you really get in a huff.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You see the truth behind. symbols and rituals. If you are in the position of a healer or instructor, today is perfect to let others in on the stuff that has always been so clear to you. Libras in love: Shared goals are

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Things you said hurt more than they intended to. You may have a difficult time smoothing things over with injured parties. Supersweet words and gestures melt icy relationships. Stop giving attention to your limitations.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). To save face, you tell stories that even you have trouble believing. Admitting when you're wrong will be a lot less painful and less time consuming than going point by point over what you meant to sav

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). What was previously overlooked becomes important. An unspoken assumption that a partner has held about you comes to light. Find the kernel of truth, and then, set the record straight. Hard feelings melt away

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Even though you are a terrific listener, heeding the advice of others will only hinder you in your quest for self-discovery. Solo experience in the evening is most eniovable

the Joyce Jillson page, or PISCES (Feb. 19-March you may send her a postcard in the mail. To find out terrain at home with style more about Joyce Jillson TODAY'S BIRTHDAY and grace. Others cannot and read her past columns. (March 24). It's a year when articulate what you have visit the Creators Syndicate the ability to say today. Web page at www.creators.com.

FEATURES

birthday falls on the 11th, it

is associated with much

negativity. Is this the case?"

also born on Sept. 11, and I

write this to you, him and

every Virgo born on that

day: Just because your spe-

cial day brought tragedy

one year doesn't mean that

you personally are in any

way cursed. I believe we are

all influenced by the astro-

logical climate, but I also

believe that we have the

power to create our lives

and that our destiny is what

we make it. For you in par-

ticular, dear Virgo, next

month is a pivotal time.

You're usually very un-self-

conscious, but in a few

weeks, you'll look in the

mirror and see something

new – a quality in yourself

that you'll want to play up

to help advance toward

financial goals. You're such

an asset to your boss and

company that their praise

and need of you makes it

hard to see yourself in

another position, but when

you're really honest, you

must admit that the money

just isn't right. Get your

portfolio/resume/business

presentation in order. You'll

be making significant

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Emmylou Harris is a seven-

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ning singer/songwriter who

hasn't seen the last of those

shiny statuettes. Her ever-

young Aries appeal is a

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what's fresh, they them-

selves stay current. A song

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by could be featured in a

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become important.

A dear friend of mine was

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Annie's Mailbox . . . Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I read the let-

ter from the father in "Springfield, Mass." He instructed his child to hide in order to teach his wife a lesson about leaving him alone in the unfenced backyard. (She was shoveling snow in front.) He said he has tried for years to get his wife to better supervise their children. Evidently she is too selfish and stubborn to recognize a good lesson when she sees one. If I had her name and address I'd report her to child protective services for neglect.

- Father in Oregon Dear Oregon: We were flooded with mail on this subject, and most of it could be categorized by gender the women thought the father was sadistic, the men thought the mother was totally irresponsible. Here's what came into our office:

From Tucson, Ariz.: A 5vear-old is old enough to attend school without Mama, use a school bus without Mama, dress himself, and so on. He should be trusted in his own back-



ANNIE'S MAILBOX

yard. This father must be very controlling.

California: Southern When I was in high school, I warned my sister not to leave her bike unlocked in the front yard, but she ignored me. One day, I hid the bike. When she noticed it was missing, she burst into tears. I showed her where it was, but the message never sank in. A year later, the bike really was stolen.

Prince George, B.C.: As

the father of two young boys, I applaud this man's actions. If more parents put that kind of care and devotion into protecting and raising their children, we would see fewer abductions and runaway teens. West Virginia: Why hasn't

this cautious guy built a 6foot stockade fence with gate latches to keep the kid inside and intruders out? Next time it snows, she should let him do the shoveling.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox@attbi.com, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, P.O. Box 118190, Chicago, IL 60611. To find out more about Annie's Mailbox, and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

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Sister upset by brothers charge for services Editor's Note: Hundreds of charge for these things. My

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ue to publish her columns. These letters originally appeared in 1996.

Dear Ann Landers: My brother, "Joe," is an Ann Landers attorney. Recently, I

had an employment problem and needed a lawyer. Joe listened to my story for one hour and then referred me to another attorney in his firm. That attorney handled it with two phone conversations to my employer's attorney, and nothing more ever came of it.

Joe sent me a bill for \$500 for his services. The attor-ney who actually took care of the case billed me \$342. And now the plot thick-Joe even charged me for the ens. You say your husband asked him what I should do.

husband, who makes his living as a computer consultant, spent three hours at Joe's home one night installing computer software and instructing his family on how to use it. It never occurred to him to charge for this. I sent Joe a letter telling

him how I felt. I also sent a bill for my husband's services in computer installation and training. I haven't heard from Joe, and now I wonder if I did the right thing. What do you think? I need an unbiased, outside

opinion. – New Jersey Sue Dear Sue: Joe should have told you before the one-hour phone conversation that he was going to send you a bill for his advice. I agree it was tacky and not very "brotherly." I'm sure a great many people will not agree with me, but I would pay the bill anyway.

initial phone call when I did not intend to charge brother Joe vour installing the computer. (He sounds like a sweet guy.) You had no business getting into the act. That was I found it hard to believe between the two of them. that a family member would Sending Joe the bill was

completely out of line. Even though the relationship is now in tatters, you should apologize for that hasty, illconceived move and hope the apology will mend the rift.

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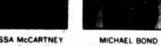
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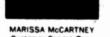










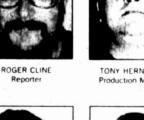


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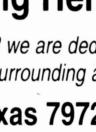


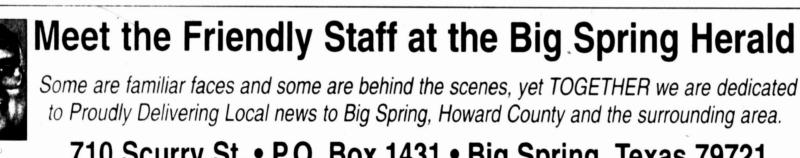


















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IN BRIEF

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

A total of 27 teams from throughout West Texas will converge on Comanche Trail Golf Course on Wednesday to participate in the 2003 Coahoma Invitational Golf Tournament.

Among the teams slated to compete are Forsan, Coahoma, Stanton, Colorado City, Midland Christian, Blackwell, Iraan, Ira, Robert Lee, Westbrook, Loop, Tahoka, Rankin, Garden City, Crane, Water Valley and McCamey.

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BSYSA seeking team sponsors for 2003

The Big Spring Girls Softball Association is seeking team sponsors for the 2003 season,

Lady Steers roll to Mustang Relays crown By TOMMY WELLS

all eyes would be on her

after her impressive

showing at the West

Texas Relays. She didn't

Neither did the Big

Spring Lady Steers. who

nailed down their third

straight Top 3 perfor-

mance by running away

with the Mustang Relay

crown. Anchored by two

gold medals from both

Tobar and Ka'Rissa

Magers, the Lady Steers

rolled up 164 points and

championship.

disappoint anyone.

Sports Editor

ANDREWS

Eve Tobar went into the 73. Mustang Relays knowing

Tobar, a two-sport standout, became the second Big Spring athlete this year to win double golds by running away with top honors in both the 800- and 1,600-meter runs. A regional qualifier in cross country, Tobar sprinted her way to the 800 crown, covering the two-lap course in 2 minutes, 26.56 seconds. El Paso Americas' Vanessa the event, finishing 1.21 seconds later.

cruised to the girls' team medal total in the mile- leap. Just how dominant was run. She held off a strong Big Spring? Consider this: The Lady Steers won

Americas by 21 points. the race in a mark of Andrews was third with 5:27.18. Pereyra was sec-

ond at 5:28.02. Ka'Rissa Magers turned the double gold performance for the second time this season. The BSHS junior, who won

two golds in the Lady Steers' team win in Lubbock earlier this year, won the long jump and and the 200-meter dash honors.

Magers won the long jump by almost a foot. She sailed 16 feet, 2 inch-Dela Rosa was second in es. Americas' Belinda Hogue finished second at 15-4 1/4 — almost eight Tobar added to her '-inches short of Magers'

Magers closed out her threat from Americas; day by turning in a win-

eight of the 16 events at Laura Pereyra down the ning time of 26.43 seconds bilt highlighted a 1-45 fin the meet and beat El Paso stretch. Tobar finished in the 200. Jummy Akinyoder was second at 26.89. Former district rival October Wells of Snyder was third.

Carmen Lewis turned the double gold trick as well – although in a different fashion. She dominated the triple jump competition and then anchored a BSHS 4x100meter relay squad that took first. In the triple jump. Lewis, who also finished second in the high jump, recorded a jump of 35-8 in the triple. Monahan's Jenna Faan was her closest competition — finishing more than a foot back.

The Lady Steers' 400meter relay team easily win the 4x100-meter crown for the third time in as many outings. Big. Spring posted a time of 49.93 seconds. Americas was second at 51.13.

dominate the shot put fourth in the 300 hurdles competition in West Texas. Amisha Vander- sion.

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ish in the event by earn ing the gold medal in the event. Vanderbilt, who has placed in the Top 5 in the event in every meet this season, recorded a winning throw of 17512 Cierra Butler and Ashley Smith took fourth and fifth, respectively

Butler got into the medal act, too. She fin ished third in the discus competition with a mark of 112.8. Teammate Moshea Hurrington was fourth at 105-1.

The Lady Steers also collected points from Elida Rodriguez, LaKenya Wrightsil. Raegan Ritchey and Ashley Hodge. Rodriguez scored two points by placing fifth in the 300 hurdle Ritchey, who had earlier took fourth in the long jump, placed fifth in the 100-meter hurdles and sixth in the 300 meter Big Spring continued to hurdles. Hodge was and sixth in the Leb ver

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by a 4-2 clip in the first Western Junior College Conference game of Saturday's twin- Athletic bill. They came back later standings behind nation to take a 4-3 win in Game ally-ranked Midland College. The Lady Hawks stand at 11-5 in WJCAC action.

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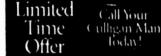


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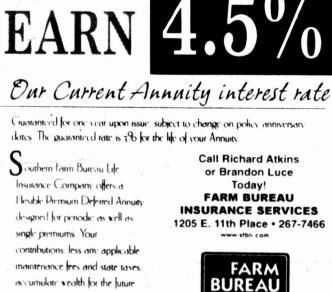


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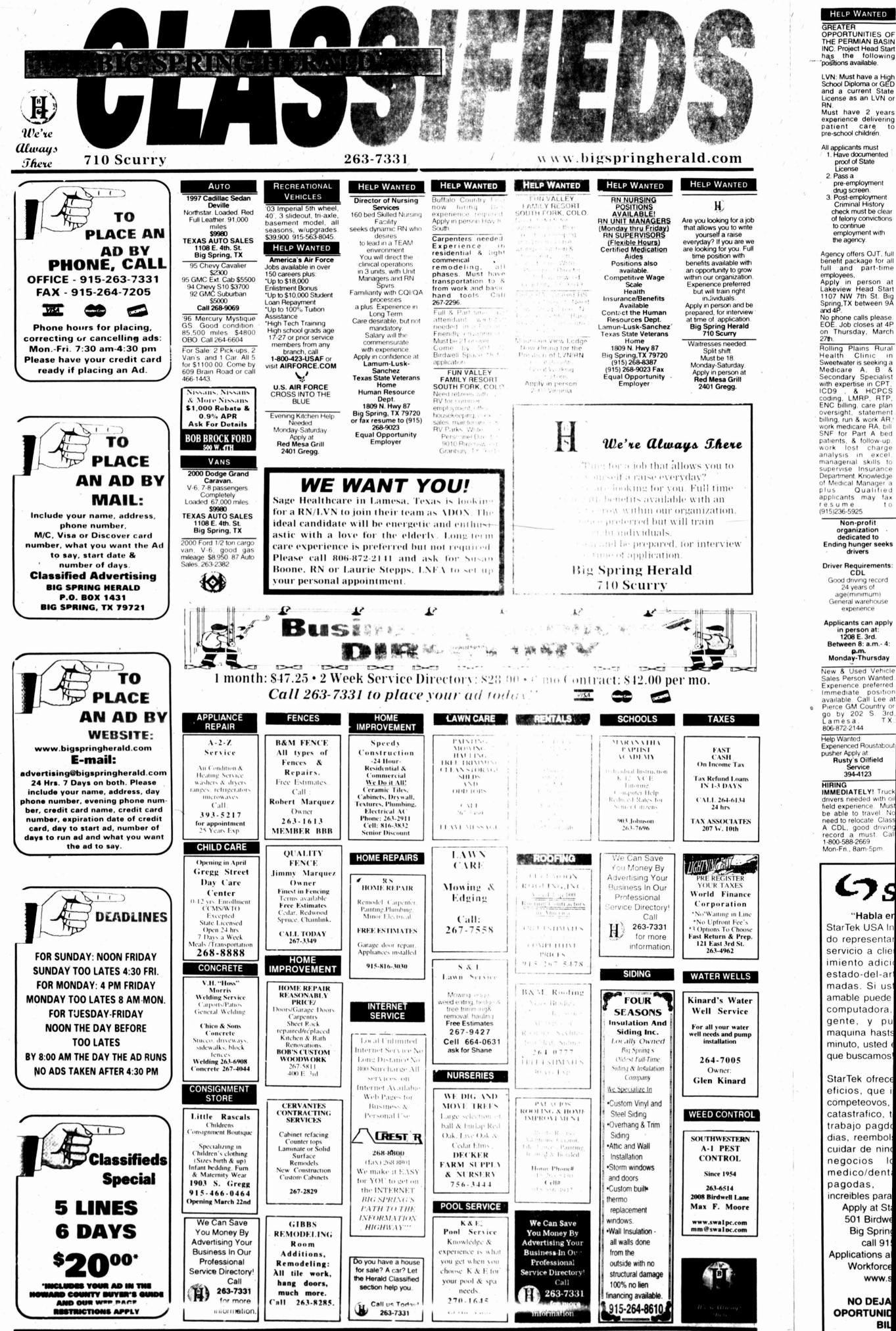




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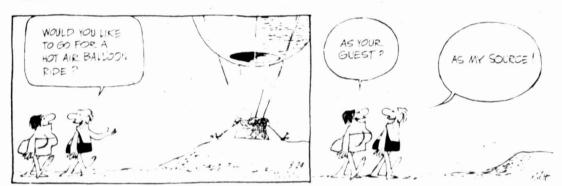
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People In The News

The Associated Press

Michael Moore, the Oscar-nominated filmmaker and political activist, accused President Bush of exploiting the public's fears after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks to launch what Moore called an unnecessary war against Iraq.

"This is all a cover and what's so outrageous about all of this is that this man. George W. Bush, would use the deaths of Sept. 11 ... as a cover for his rightwing agenda," Moore said Thursday night as he accepted the Eleanor Roosevelt Freedom of Speech Award from the Southern California chapter of Americans for Democratic Action, a liberal activist group. The rotund, scruffybearded activist from Flint, Mich., is up for best

documentary at Sunday's Academy Awards for "Bowling for Columbine," which explores America's gun culture.

He told the crowd of nearly 400 Thursday night that it was "high immorality" for the Bush administration to try to link Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein to the Sept. 11 attacks without providing evidence.

"Because they died, let me go bomb another country that had nothing to do with Sept. 11," Moore said sarcastically.

"This is an absolute disgrace. It dishonors those who died.

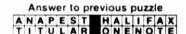
NEW YORK (AP) Elizabeth Taylor is giving up show business for good saying raising money to fight AHDS is more important to her than acting.

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"At the end of the broadcast, all the past winners are going to walk across the stage: So that will be my swan song on the stage," she told "Access Hollywood" this week. "I've retired from acting; it doesn't really interest me much anymore.

It seems kind of superficial because now my life is AIDS, not acting."

Taylor, who won bestactress Oscars for 1966's "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" and 1960's "Butterfield 8," said she's glad the red carpet arrival has been scrapped this year in deference to the war in Iraq.



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Taylor said when she goes to the Academy Awards Sunday, in honor of the ceremony's 75th anniversary, it will be her last entertainment appear-

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