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U.S. to intensify attacks on Iraq forces

The Associated Press

With sandstorms finally ended and a new front opened in the north, U.S. commanders said Thursday they would swiftly intensify attacks on Iraqi forces. In the south, British troops destroyed 14 Iraqi tanks trying to break out of the besieged city of Basra.

In Kurdish-controlled northern Iraq, 1,000 Rangers and other paratroopers from the Army's 173rd Airborne Brigade airdropped overnight onto an airfield that they were busy securing Thursday. It is the first large deployment of U.S. ground troops in the region; previously, only small groups of U.S. Special Forces were operating along with allied Kurdish fighters.

In central Iraq, where huge Army and Marine



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forces are gradually closing in on Baghdad, U.S. commanders were buoyed by arrival of good weather.

"You'll certainly see us increase our activity in the coming hours, days, given the clearing weather," an official at U.S. Central Command said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

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A CH-53E Super Stallion lifts off the deck of USS Kearsarge to re-supply Marines fighting for control of Southern Iraq. Kearsarge is deployed to the Arabian Gulf in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Covenant to sever ties with Big Spring clinic

Announcement won't change health care for patients or physicians, medical director assures

By BILL McCLELLAN

Covenant Health System announced Wednesday that it will dissolve its relationship with six area clinics, including Covenant Malone and Hogan Clinic in Big Spring.

However, that should

not change the quality or availability of health care locally.

"It is unfortunate that Covenant will not continue the relationship; however, health care will not change for doctors or patients," said Dr. Robert Hayes, clinic medical director. "I'm not sure of

the exact structure that will be in place, but rest assured, we're here to stay."

Dr. Hayes said expected the transition to take six to eight months.

"I expect it to be pretty seamless," he added.

The clinic is owned by local physicians.

Covenant is also severing affiliations with clinics in Post, Andrews, Odessa, and Carlsbad and Hobbs, N.M.

Wednesday's announcement was not unexpected. Last year, Covenant officials announced a \$40 million budget shortfall. A short time later, they

announced that an additional \$30 million might have to be cut this year.

"Our utmost consideration is the continuity of care for our patients," said Jim Wurts, Covenant senior vice president, in a prepared statement. "We

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'Ghost' hits contest stage in San Angelo

HERALD Staff Report

Big Spring High School theater students will take their one-act play, "The Ghost Sonata," to the University Interscholastic League 4-4A District contest today in San Angelo.

The play, written by August Strindberg, is directed by Tracie Lindsey, high school theater teacher.

The cast includes Dan Weissman, Wolfgang Robinson, Brittnay Barrow, Camilla Painter.

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Big Spring Fire Department Lt. Ron Phillips works to free Korina Richter of Coahoma from her vehicle after an accident Wednesday afternoon. Richter was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center with "non-incapacitating" injuries.

Woman injured in one-vehicle wreck Wednesday

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

A Coahoma woman was hospitalized with minor injuries after an accident Wednesday afternoon.

Korina Richter, 34, was driving her Jeep Cherokee east on Interstate 20 on Exit 179, at about 4:30 p.m. Thursday.

"She advised that her cell phone rang," said Sgt. Roger Sweatt of the Big Spring Police. "When she picked it up, she dropped it and she bent

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CITY OF BIG SPRING Auditor presents glowing report to council members

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

"The miracle in Big Spring!"

Those are the words that Gary Davis of West, Davis LLC accounting firm used to describe the city's finances over the past fiscal year.

According to Davis, who presented the audit for the year ending Sept. 30, 2002, at the city council meeting Tuesday night, Big Spring has made significant financial advances despite a declining economy.

Davis gave the city's financial department what he termed a "clean

opinion." "Basically, there are no problems, no areas of non-compliance," he said.

Among Big Spring's accomplishments are bringing the ambulance fund from a negative fund balance two years ago to a surplus of \$350,000 last year. The city has also made major strides in its service station fund and general fund.

"One of the goals was to have a fund balance which would cover a minimum three months operating expenses."

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Moore Development to begin direct mail marketing campaign

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Moore Development for Big Spring Inc. will start a mail campaign in the near future designed to identify businesses potentially interested in doing business in Big Spring.

Moore Development's executive director Kent Sharp announced the plan at the organization's board of directors meeting Wednesday evening.

Sharp said the mailing will be based on an economic study recently completed by state economist Ray Perryman.

"In that report he used the state's 24 planning areas, which we are in the Permian Basin Council of Governments planning region, and he

"If we did 10,000 mailers, small card-type things that explain our program, even a 1/2 percent return would be 50 leads."



Kent Sharp, executive director

did basically a high-level economic analysis - statistical regression, all that kind of stuff," Sharp said. "He identified seven or eight different specific industries or industrial sectors. Tourism, food and beverage, information technologies, those different sectors that entities in the Permian Basin should go after."

Other industries listed in the report include dis-

tribution/ transportation logistics, heavy construction, energy, petroleum refining/ chemical, production support and manufacturing.

Sharp said he plans to conduct a direct marketing campaign to businesses within those key industries.

"We've used that report and now I've identified

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# BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

## Obituaries

### Albert Brady Piper Sr.

Albert Brady Piper Sr., 85, died Saturday, March 22, 2003, at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

A memorial service is set for 11 a.m. Friday, March 28, 2003, at the First United Methodist Church of Big Spring with the Rev. Dr. Dave Ring officiating.

Funeral service is scheduled for 1 p.m. Friday, March 28, 2003, at the Belaire Baptist Church in Bowie, Md., under the direction of Beall Funeral Home with Mr. Piper's son, the Rev. David Timothy Piper, officiating. Burial with full military honors will be in National Veterans Cemetery in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Piper was born on March 27, 1917, in a rural area near Killeen. He was the third child born to James Claud and Myrtle Alma Sims Piper. His siblings were Doyce Claud, James Richard, Albert Brady, Mamie Lee Dodds and Claudieus Merle Petherbridge.

When Mr. Piper was four years old, his father was killed in a farm accident outside Bertram, Texas. Following his father's death, Brady and his two older brothers and younger sister were admitted to the Methodist Home in Waco. Their mother was pregnant at the time of their father's death and the baby girl joined her brothers and sister when she was two years old. Their mother was seriously ill for many years and was unable to care for her five children. Later she married Archie Excel "Preach" True. Brady was able to rejoin his mother and stepfather when he was 12 and the other children rejoined the family after that. They lived in Big Spring.

In his youth he boxed for seven years and was a Golden Gloves champion.

He was a veteran, having served in the U.S. Army cavalry and loved riding horses. He later joined the Air Force and rose to the rank of master sergeant. He served tours of duty in Greece, Japan and New Zealand. He was in the service for more than 20 years. After his discharge, he worked for the Naval Research Lab in Washington, D.C. He was injured there when he slipped on an oil slick and injured his spine. He was 100 percent disabled and he suffered from severe sciatic nerve pain every day.

He loved sports and was very knowledgeable about them. He used to referee many different sports. He also loved to play golf. He loved music and had a strong singing voice. He had a great sense of humor and was a wonderful companion. He was a gentle, loving, compassionate man.

He and his first wife, Alethea, had two sons. He married his second wife, Bobbie, and adopted her five children and then had two more sons and two daughters with her. She died in 1996. In 1998 he married his third wife, Eileen. They were happily married for almost 4 1/2 years until his death.

He had been ill and was admitted to Walter Reed Army Medical Center on March 17 where his condition worsened.

He loved his church and its loving, caring people. Jesus said, "By this shall all men know that you are my disciples, if you have love one to another." Brady will be greatly missed.

### Dorothy Bernice Eckert



Dorothy Bernice Eckert, 71, of Big Spring, died on Monday, March 24, 2003, at her residence. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, March 28, 2003, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Pastor Carroll Kohl, pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church, officiating. Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Friday at Miles Cemetery in Miles with the Rev. David Harp, pastor of First Baptist Church of Stanton, officiating.

She was born on Jan. 17, 1932, in Cameron and married Elmer Eckert on April 8, 1951, in San Angelo. He preceded her in death on April 30, 1988.

Dorothy loved flowers, gardening, farming and spending time with her children and grandchildren. She had lived here since 1974 and had been a caretaker for several elderly persons in the community.

She was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church.

Survivors include three sons and one daughter-in-law, Chester Eckert, Steve Eckert and Fred and Becky Eckert all of Big Spring; a daughter and son-in-law, Dornell and Lanny King of Big Spring; a brother, Mondrow Stork of Rockdale; four sisters, Doris Junek of Graham, Ona Faye Skrhak of Bastrop, Leola Sladek of San Antonio and Florence Downey of Big Spring and her grandchildren, Wade Eckert, Kyle Eckert, Melanie Barrera, Rachel Eckert, Amanda King, Andrea King and Karla Adams.

She was preceded in death by a son, Carl Elmer Eckert on March 19, 2002.

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

## Police blotter

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

- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1100 block of Northwest Seventh Street, the 1000 block of North Main Street, the 1500 block of South Nolan Street, the 400 block of South Birdwell Lane and the 1400 block of East Sixth Street.
- **DISTURBANCE OR FIGHT** was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road, the 1500 block of Wood Street, the 800 block of Pine Street, the 600 block of Tulsa Avenue and the 1200 block of Settles Street.
- **MAJOR ACCIDENT** was reported near the intersection of the Interstate 20 South Service Road and Birdwell Lane.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in person at the police station and in the 500 block of Westover Road and the 2400 block of South Main Street.
- **ANIMAL PROBLEM** was reported in the 1200 block of East 25th Street.

### Joy C. Morgan



Joy C. Morgan, 80, of Stanton, died on Saturday, March 22, 2003, in a Stanton nursing home. Funeral services were held Monday, March 24, 2003, at the Graveside Evergreen Cemetery in Stanton with Ellmore Johnson, retired Church of Christ minister of Lubbock, officiating.

Mr. Morgan was born on Aug. 6, 1922, in Dunn and married Janie Lucille Hildreth on Jan. 24, 1947, in Big Spring. She preceded him in death on July 9, 1996. He had lived in Stanton all his life and worked as a grocery store manager, butcher, and had worked 15 years in the oil field as a pumper.

Mr. Morgan loved music, especially playing his guitar and harmonica in the "Old Sorehead Band." He enjoyed his work and loved to dance. He loved his family and friends.

He was a member of Downtown Church of Christ. During the '70s he was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. Joy served in the Army toward the end of World War II.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, James Clifton Beach and Betty of Imperial, California, and Rodney Morgan and Gay of Valera; a daughter and son-in-law, Rhonda Duke and Larry of Stanton, Texas; one sister, Imogene Turner of Katy; six grandchildren; four great grandchildren and his friend and companion Ruby McKinney.

He was preceded in death by four brothers and four sisters and one grandson, Carl Duke of Stanton.

The family suggests memorials to American Heart Association, 3205 W. Cuthbert Ave., Midland, 79701, or to a charity of choice.

Arrangements under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton.

### Lynn R. Jeffcoat

Lynn R. Jeffcoat, 74, a former resident of Big Spring, died Saturday, March 22, 2003.

A graveside service was held Wednesday at Restland's Garden of the Trinity.

Mr. Jeffcoat was born on May 30, 1928, in Ralls and spent most of his childhood in Big Spring. He was the son of Y.D. and Beulah Jeffcoat.

He was a graduate of the University of North Texas and SMU School of Law. He practiced law in Richardson for a number of years and was a real estate attorney for American Title Company, Dallas Title Company and Stewart Title Company.

He served in three branches of the military — the U.S. Navy during World War II, and the U.S. Air Force and U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict.

He was former judge of the Allen Municipal Court and former chief of the Richardson Police Reserve. Since retirement, he had volunteered in his Neighborhood Crime Watch Program.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Gloria M. Jeffcoat of Richardson; his son, Stephen P. Jeffcoat and wife, Nancy, of Nacogdoches; his daughter, Sue Ann Fowler and husband, David; and two grandsons, Thomas D. Fowler and Zachary S. Fowler, of Allen; sisters-in-law, Peggy Jeffcoat and Helen Mayland; Gloria's brother Norman and wife, Judy; and numerous cousins, nephews and nieces.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Hospice Unit at Sam Rayburn Veterans Center c/o Voluntary Services, 1201 E. Ninth St., Bonham, 75418, or to a charity of your choice.

### Haskel Hubert Haston Jr.

Haskell Hubert Haston Jr., 84, of Big Spring died Wednesday, March 26, at the VA Medical Center in Big Spring.

Funeral services are pending with Martinez Funeral Home of Odessa.

## Lottery

No 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 \$5 million. The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 54 were: 1-11-21-22-28-29.

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$7 million.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 5-11-21-24-32. Number matching five of five: 0.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday afternoon by the Texas Lottery, in order: 9-1-8

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 0-9-0

## Weather

Tonight...Mostly cloudy and windy. Lows in the lower 40s. North winds 20 to 30 mph.

Friday...Partly cloudy and much cooler. Highs in the upper 50s. North winds 10 to 20 mph..Friday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s.

Saturday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 60s.

Sunday...Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 30s. Highs in the upper 60s.

Monday...Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 40s. Highs in the mid 70s.

Tuesday...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 50s. Highs in the upper 70s.

Wednesday...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s. Highs in the lower 70s.

### Warren Sampson Christie

Warren Sampson Christie, 81, of Big Spring died Wednesday, March 26, 2003, at the Comanche Trail Nursing Home.

Graveside funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Friday, March 28, 2003, in the Garden City Cemetery under the direction of Ross Funeral Home.

### Weldon "Shorty" Halford

Weldon "Shorty" Halford, 67, of Snyder died on Tuesday, March 25, 2003, at a Snyder hospital after a sudden illness.

Graveside funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, March 27, at Snyder Cemetery in Snyder with the Rev. Larry White officiating. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home in Snyder.

Mr. Halford was born on Oct. 31, 1935, in Jester, Okla. He married Bennie McFatrige on April 25, 1958, in Snyder. He owned Equipment Leasing Company. He was a member of the Rock Island Masonic Lodge No. 869.

He is survived by his wife Bennie Halford of Snyder; three daughters, Sharon Fritz of Big Spring and her husband, Kerry, Sam Dennis of Lubbock and her husband, Tracy and LaDonna Halford of Big Spring and her husband, Lonnie Pitts; one son, Ronnie Halford of Post and his wife, LaDonna; two sisters, Edna Gail Pitts of Corn, Okla., and her husband, Bill and Ila Rae Eagon of Lone Grove, Okla.; eight grandchildren, Richard Halford of Post and his wife, Devin, Ricky Halford of Washington and his wife, Keri; Larissa Halford of Post, Shiloh and Brittany Fritz of Big Spring, Jason and Madison Dennis of Lubbock, Dakota Teaff of Big Spring and Samantha Pitts of Garden City; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by one brother, J.W. Halford.

Visitation will be held from 6-7 tonight at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

## 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](mailto:jmoseley@crcom.net).

### TODAY

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.

Masonic Lodge 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main

### FRIDAY

Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 257-1037 or 267-7281. Bring a lunch.

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.

## Correction

Sunday's Big Spring Herald story listing people indicted last week by the Howard County Grand Jury incorrectly stated that Scott Anthony Emerson had been arrested by the Texas Department of Health. Emerson was mistakenly indicted on a charge of forgery of a governmental record based on information provided by the TDH, but was never arrested on the charge. According to Howard County District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson, Emerson's father, Scott George Emerson, is the intended target of the prosecution.

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## Human needy

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# Forces parachute into northern Iraq

The Associated Press

Army airborne forces parachuted into northern Iraq on Wednesday, seizing an airfield for a new front against Saddam Hussein. U.S. and British warplanes bombed an enemy convoy fleeing the besieged city of Basra in the south.

One week into the war, the possibility of a major battle loomed within 100 miles of Baghdad as a larger convoy — this one made up of elite Republican Guard forces — moved in the direction of American troops aiming for Saddam's seat of power.

Jumping from low-flying jets into the Iraqi night, an estimated 1,000 paratroopers landed near an airstrip in Kurdish-controlled territory less than 30 miles from the Turkish border.

Hundreds of miles to the south, the unchallenged bombing of Iraqi forces leaving Basra raised hopes that ground troops could soon enter the city, feared at risk for a humanitarian crisis.

The military developments unfolded as the first humanitarian delivery of supplies rolled into



southern Iraq, greeted at the border by hungry children.

With American and British forces massing to the south, west and now the north of Baghdad, the Iraqi regime kept much of the news from its own people. Instead, it emphasized a claim that two American cruise missiles had killed 14 civilians in Baghdad and wounded dozens more.

"This war is far from over," President Bush said in a trip to the Florida headquarters of U.S. Central Command, which is overseeing the war. Still, he said victory was only a matter of time, adding, "There will be a day of reckoning for the Iraqi regime, and that day is drawing near."

Bush later flew to the Camp David presidential retreat for a meeting

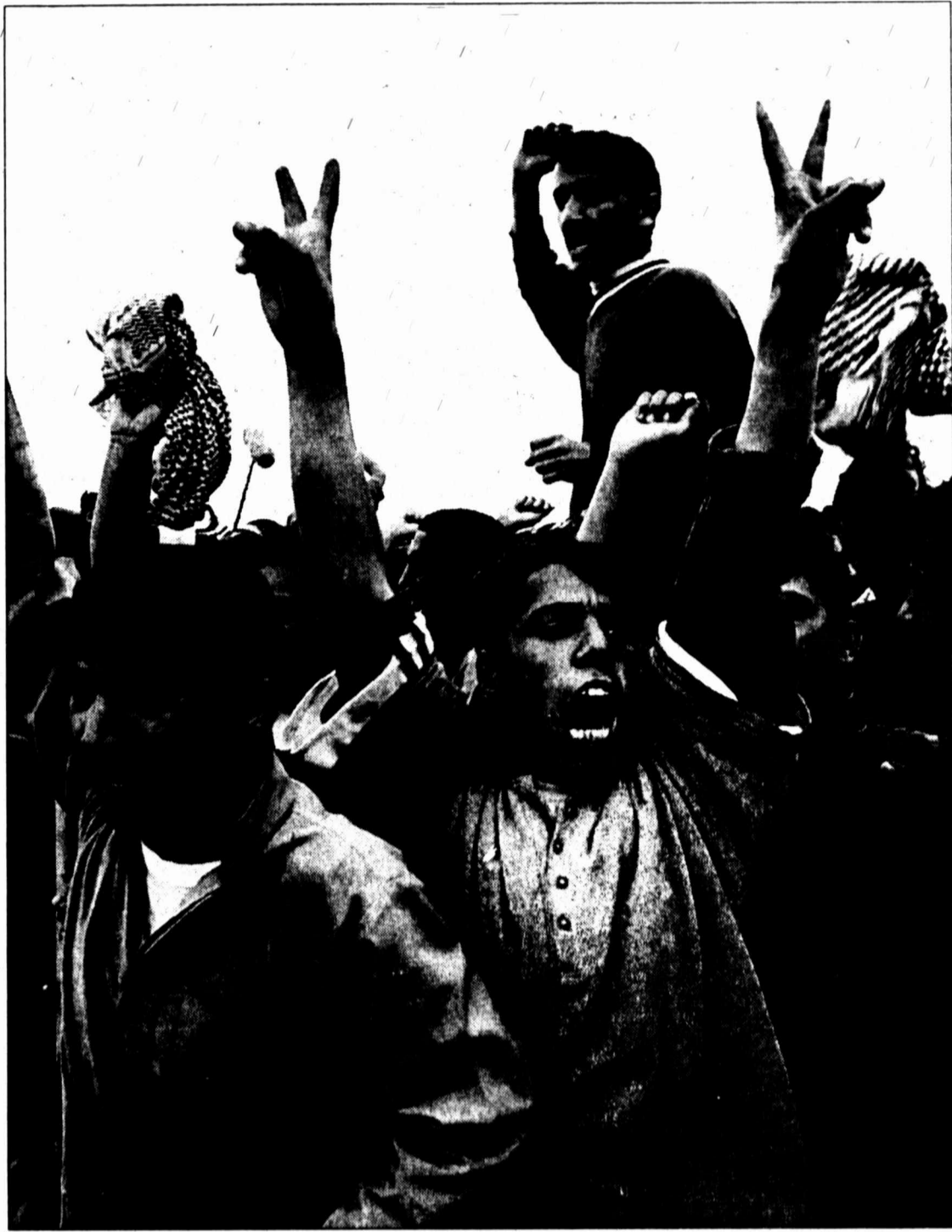
today with British Prime Minister Tony Blair, a partner in the Iraq mission.

For the second day, swirling sandstorms hampered American units. The bombing campaign was disrupted as well, but Baghdad television was knocked off the air for several hours, and explosions were heard as well, near the oil refinery of Kirkuk in the north.

Lt. Col. Thomas Collins, spokesman for the U.S. Army Southern Command Task Force, said that paratroopers were on the ground, many of them elite Rangers.

"I can only tell you they've gone in. They're on the ground," he said.

Other officials said tanks, other vehicles and supplies would be airdropped in behind the paratroopers.



AFP PHOTO/TIM SLOAN

Iraqi men shout and dance, screaming "With our blood, with our souls, we sacrifice ourselves for you, oh Saddam" as television cameras and journalists arrived from Kuwait in Safwan, just inside Iraq, with a convoy of humanitarian aid from the Kuwaiti Red Crescent. Chaotic scenes greeted the first convoys bringing aid to southern Iraq as some chanted their support for Iraqi President Saddam Hussein while others were thankful to receive the aid.

## Humanitarian aid reaches needy Iraqis on Wednesday

UMM QASR, Iraq (AP) — The first sizable relief convoy rolled into Iraq on Wednesday bringing water, tuna, crackers and other food to Iraqis, some of whom cheered as they swarmed allied troops handing out supplies. "Eat, eat!" shouted an Iraqi boy of about 10, pointing to his mouth as the trucks lumbered past.

The relief effort had been delayed for days by a sandstorm, mined waterways and fierce fighting across southern Iraq. Three days after President Bush promised "massive amounts" of humanitarian aid, seven

battered tractor-trailers entered Umm Qasr, escorted by U.S. soldiers.

They carried hundreds of cases of water stacked on three of the semis, as well as boxes of tuna, crackers, sweets and other food.

"We planned for 30 trucks but we only got seven loaded because of the severe sandstorm," said E.J. Russell of the Humanitarian Operations Center, a joint U.S.-Kuwaiti agency.

Iraqi youths cheered and swarmed British troops as they handed out yellow meal packets and

bottled water. The troops, already in the city, were not part of the aid convoy.

Two tanker trucks filled with fresh water were mobbed by crowds of Iraqi civilians lugging bottles, jars and other containers.

British Capt. Brad Percival said allied forces were eager to win the trust of Iraqi civilians.

"This is the first time the water has been brought to this location," said Percival of the 23rd Pioneer Regiment. "At the moment they're afraid we're just going to drive off and leave them dry."



AFP PHOTO POOL/RUSSELL BOYCE

A USAF F16 Fighting Falcon uses rehear to take off from its base in Kuwait. British and U.S. aircraft are now flying missions over Iraq after being grounded during daylight hours due to poor weather and visibility.

## ATTACKS

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In a news briefing at Central Command, Brig. Gen. Vincent Brooks said several U.S. units battled successfully against Iraqi forces Thursday, destroying vehicles and inflicting casualties. He said some Marines were injured in fighting near the southern city of An Nasiriyah, but gave no details.

Brooks accused the Iraqis of increasingly flagrant violations of international conventions. Iraqi security forces were seizing children in order to force their fathers to join the military, and were executing men who

resisted, he said.

In southern Iraq, British forces destroyed 14 Iraqi tanks that streamed out of the besieged city of Basra overnight, according to a British spokesman, Group Capt. Al Lockwood. It was the third time this week that Iraqi columns have been attacked while trying to get out of Basra.

Lockwood said militiamen of the ruling Baath were threatening families of Iraqi soldiers to force them into driving the military vehicles out of Basra.

"They are obviously coercing them into this action, whereas in fact we

would have wished them to surrender," he said.

"The enemy's options are now limited," Lockwood said of the failed breakouts. "Military cohesion is sadly lacking."

Aid for Basra and other parts of southern Iraq is supposed to come through the port of Umm Qasr, which has been captured by the allies. However, British officers said Iraqi mines have been discovered in the port, delaying the arrival of a ship carrying 200 tons of aid until minesweeping is completed.

Near An Nasiriyah, more than 30 U.S. Marines were injured,

## Support for troops builds

By SUZANNE RISLEY

CNHI News Service

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. — As a U.S. Army private deployed to Korea in the 1950s, Alva Smith remembers how uplifting it was to receive mail or packages from home.

"That made me feel good," he said. "It relieves you of the pressure a little bit — even if it's only four or five minutes."

Almost 50 years later, the retired sergeant — with three Purple Hearts and one Bronze Star — tries to support others, including other veterans and those currently fighting. He volunteers at the Terre Haute Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic a few times a week. Plus, he and his wife, Sheila, help collect items for homeless veterans and for troops about to be deployed overseas.

There are a handful of options available for other Americans looking to show their support for the troopers.

The U.S. Department of Defense is urging people to seek alternatives other than sending letters and care packages to troops. The military mail system is becoming bogged down because so much mail is being sent.

Additionally, all programs in which letters and packages are addressed to "any service member" have been suspended by the government because of security concerns. Mail to specific service members from family and friends is still encouraged and will be delivered, according to the Department of Defense.

The Salvation Army is still accepting items to compile in big care packages. The organization has an agreement with the military to provide this ser-



CNHI News Service Photo by Joseph C. Gorza, The Tribune-Star, Terre Haute, Ind.

In small towns in particular, there seems a swell of support for America's efforts in Iraq, as evidenced by parades and other demonstrations. Here, Bob Hendricks, a resident of St. Mary-of-the-Woods, near Terre Haute, Ind., holds some of the 100 flags he'll hand out at a rally set there for Saturday.

vice, said Duane Brodt, a spokesman in Terre Haute.

"We are still doing it and plan on doing it for months to come," he said.

Other avenues are available on the Internet. Sending a virtual greeting or an encouraging e-mail through programs such as Operation Dear Abby or Any Servicemember are approved.

two seriously, in an accidental exchange of fire between American units, according to reporters for French and British media who were with the Marines. ITV correspondent James Mates said two groups of Marines were dispatched during the night to repel an Iraqi contingent, but ended up firing at each other.

Brooks said U.S. officials were investigating the report.

Baghdad was jolted by more explosions Thursday.

Skies cleared Thursday over Baghdad after one of the worst sandstorms in memory and the city was jolted by a series of explo-

sions.

Iraq's health minister, Omeed Medhat Mubarak, said 36 civilians were killed and 215 injured Wednesday in allied air strikes on Baghdad, including what Iraq said was a U.S. cruise missile strike that hit a market area.

Nationwide, Mubarak said about 350 civilians had been killed and more than 4,000 injured since the war began. "Neither the Bush administration nor their bombs are 'smart,'" said Mubarak, accusing the United States and Britain of deliberately targeting civilians.

Brook said U.S. investi-

gators were trying to determine whether a U.S. missile might have hit the Baghdad market area on Wednesday. However, he suggested the damage might have been caused by an errant Iraqi surface-to-air missile launch, even by a deliberate Iraqi action aimed at disrupting the United States.

In London, British defense officials said the discovery of more chemical protection suits suggest Iraq was prepared to use chemical weapons.

Soldiers of the Royal Irish Regiment found about a hundred protection suits and respirators in an Iraqi command post.

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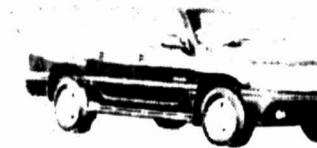
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**By LYNDEL MOO**  
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## State hospital plans salute to physicians

By VALERIE AVERY

Special to the Herald  
Big Spring State Hospital's 22 physicians and their spouses will be recognized Friday during a morning coffee and luncheon in observance of the hospital's annual Doctor's Day celebration. Doctors' Day was first observed March 30, 1933, in Winder, Ga., by the Barrow County Auxiliary to annually honor the area's physicians. The observance occurred on the anniversary of the first use of anesthesia by Dr. Crawford W. Long in Barrow County, Georgia,

in 1842. "Our doctors make outstanding decisions every day and provide the best care for our patients," Big Spring State Hospital CEO Ed Moughon said. "They not only treat their day-to-day wellness, but many of the issues and symptoms attributed to their psychiatric illnesses."

Big Spring State Hospital cares for patients with mental illness in a 79-county area in West Texas and the Panhandle.

The coffee begins at 8 a.m. in the Professional

Building conference room. A luncheon for physicians and their wives will be prepared and served by members of the Quality Oversight Department and the administration staff in the administration building conference room.

"We wanted to show our appreciation and honor the outstanding contributions our physicians make every day in the lives of our patients," said Marilyn Clark, director of quality oversight.

Members of the Big Spring State Hospital

medical team are: Clinical Director Dr. Ba Han, Dr. John Civello, Dr. Gabriel Durand-Hollis, Dr. Elias Lopez, Dr. Amir Memom, Dr. Michael Murray, Dr. Tin Nyunt, Dr. William Phillips, Dr. C.R. Sutton, Dr. Shanthi Thangam, Dr. Michael Auringer, Dr. Dale Bradley, Dr. Manuel Carrasco, Dr. Kenneth Dorman, Dr. James Huston, Dr. Shirley Marks, Dr. Nseong Ntukidem, Dr. Harold Smith, Dr. John Simonds, Dr. E.W. Stokes, Dr. Raed Tamimi and Ming Taylor, APN.

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are confident that none of these communities will be without primary care even after these changes are complete."

Andrews and Odessa facilities are expected to be operated by physicians affiliated with the clinics; Post is moving its affiliation to Physicians Network Services.

In addition to ending ties with the six area clinics, Covenant is planning to convert seven health-care center locations into rural health clinics. Those are Snyder, Brownfield, Plainview, Littlefield, Crosbyton and Artesia and Clovis, N.M. Under the plan, Covenant would lease the converted

clinic to local hospitals, with the exception of the Clovis Clinic. Roosevelt General Hospital in Portales would lease that clinic.

Covenant said its announcement comes after a recently completed evaluation by the Covenant Medical Group and points to continuing cuts in payments from Medicare and Medicaid programs, coupled with a rising number of uninsured patients, as a reason for its actions.

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## Horseback fund-raiser coming through Big Spring

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Some unusual traffic is expected come clogging into town this afternoon.

Bob Gacke of Weimar is undertaking a cross-country journey from Texas to the Canadian border on horseback, along with

two pack mules, to raise \$500,000 for the Shriner's Children's Hospital.

Gacke, who left Fort Lavace several weeks ago, was expected to arrive in Big Spring between 2 to 4 p.m. today, said John Keller, secretary of the Big Spring Shrine Club.

"That ought to cause some excitement in town, to see a man on horseback and two mules heading down Highway 87 by Wal-Mart and then down FM 700," Keller joked.

Gacke is expected to stay in Big Spring for a few days before heading

back on the trail, Keller said.

For more information about his trip, visit Gacke's Web site at [www.wherisbob.com](http://www.wherisbob.com)

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Davis said. "Right now your operating expenses are about \$1 million each month and your fund balance is about \$2.7 million."

City Manager Gary Fuqua expressed delight at the favorable audit.

"The council has instructed us to try to build up our fund balances and use good fiscal practices so we are able to cut corners where we can and make the dollars go as far as they may," Fuqua said. "We've been able to do that and Mr. Davis told us tonight that

we are making progress on our general fund balance as well as on our ambulance service and as well on our service center fund, which has been in the red for years. So we're very pleased. I'm very pleased with the staff; it takes a lot of teamwork to do that."

Fuqua described some of the measures the council has taken to whip the city's finances into shape.

"We've implemented budgetary management programs where we review our budget on a monthly basis," he said. "We don't wait until the

mid-year or the end of the year. We review each account and we justify any overages. Also, as Mr. Davis mentioned tonight, we were able to refinance our bond issues, which saved us over the life of those bonds, I think, almost \$500,000."

Fuqua also credited the city's water line replacement program with reducing water main breaks, thereby saving money.

In other business, the council:

- Approved a new dress code for city employees. The code primarily

affects non-uniformed city employees, defining appropriate dress for city workers as "business casual."

- Approved the appointment of local Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission employee James White to the Howard County 9-1-1 Communications District Board of Directors. White had already been appointed by Coahoma and Forsan.

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down to look for it. When she looked up she was about to hit the guard rail. She couldn't correct and the front left of the vehicle hit the guard rail. It went over and rolled several times."

Sweatt said Richter's vehicle came to rest on its wheels.

Lt. Ron Phillips of the Big Spring Fire Department used extraction equipment to open the jammed door of the vehicle, and Richter was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center with "non-incapacitating" injuries.

Sweatt said that Richter was wearing her seatbelt during the accident.

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Mark Sheedy, Tapley Holguin, Chris Wigington, Victoria Zerneno, Stephanie Franco, Corey Green, Reina Cisneros, Kathryn Weissman, Jessi New, Logan Churchwell and Gaby Sifuentes.

Crew members are Kelci McAdams, Mike Bond, Allan Michael Sheedy and Jessica Hicks. Dani Barrow will serve as an alternate.

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the National Manufacturer's Directory and another source that has...overall, there's more than 396,000 companies that manufacture in the United States," he said. "We're going to do direct marketing — direct mailing and calling — to those companies, those manufacturers, that fit within those industries."

Statistically, the campaign should have impressive results.

"If we did 10,000 mailers, small card-type things that explain our program, even a 1/2 percent return would be 50 leads," Sharp said. "We haven't had five leads this year."

In other business, the board:

- Approved February's financial and investment report.

- Approved a letter of intent to support vocational and health technology training in the Big Spring school district and at Howard College.

- Tabled a request from the city of Big Spring to pay the county and city Ports to Plains committee dues.

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# Sports

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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.

### Lifeguard course to be held at YMCA

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

Persons taking the course must be at least 16 years of age and be able 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.

### Fast-pitch softball clinic set for April 5

A fastpitch softball clinic will be held April 5-6 at the Roy Anderson Complex. The clinic is open for players ages 5-14.

An all-skills clinic will run Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The pitching segment of the camp will be held from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

For more information, contact Tracy Stewart at (915) 267-2290 or 267-1381, or Percy Wigington at (915) 557-8488 or 263-0616.

### Rodeo team set for WTC event tonight

The Howard College rodeo team will make its second appearance of the 2003 spring season tonight when they compete in the Western Texas College Rodeo.

Action will begin at 7 p.m. in the Scurry County Coliseum in Snyder.

### HC Crawfish Boil slated for April 12

The Howard College rodeo team's Crawfish Boil will be held April 12, beginning at 3 p.m., at the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl.

Tickets are \$15 per person. All proceeds go toward producing the annual Howard College Rodeo.

To reserve tickets, contact Stan Feater at 264-5046 or Greg Kernick at 816-9477.



Big Spring's Morgan Metcalf serves the ball while doubles partner Rosie Alcantar shares a laugh with an opponent. The BSJHS tennis team competed against Snyder Tuesday.

## Shroff, Ward shine in setback at Snyder

By TOMMY WELLS  
Sports Editor

If Roshan Shroff had worn a cape Tuesday afternoon not many of the Snyder Junior High School tennis team members would have thought it unusual. "Superman, after all, does have one."

And there wasn't a piece of Kryptonite anywhere near Snyder.

Shroff continued to tear up the junior high school tennis circuit this week by nailing down wins in singles and doubles action against Snyder. His efforts helped the Big Spring Junior High School eighth grade boys pound out a 6-3 advantage on the courts.

Snyder managed to escape with the overall team win, however. The Tigers posted an 8-0 sweep on the girls' side to take an 11-6 win in the final match of the dual bout. The Tigers took the first match — a showdown of the two school's seventh grade programs — by a 19-3 clip.

Shroff subdued Snyder No. 1 Wesley Price in singles with hardly a bound at all. He dispatched Snyder's top singles player by an 8-3 margin. He came back later in the meet to team with Bryan Juan and claim an 8-5 victory over Price and Andrew Dupree.

Juan was equally as impressive in his singles' win. He routed Snyder's Gabriel Aguilar by an 8-0 margin.

Robert Andrae and Jacob Petrowski also gave Big Spring singles wins. Davila won his bout by an 8-5 margin. Petrowski upended Malcolm Deavers by a decisive 8-2 clip.

The Steers' Trevor Davila came up short despite a solid effort in his singles match with Snyder No. 1 Danny Courtney. Davila lost an 8-6, 4-2 sudden death bout.

Davila managed to get into the win column in doubles play. He teamed with Andrae and claimed a 9-7, 2-1 win

### Big Spring-Snyder Dual

**Final Results**  
**7th Grade**  
**Boys Singles**  
Dylan Burch, Snyder, d. Harry Han, Big Spring, 8-4; Ryan Gonzales, Snyder, d. Harry Han, Big Spring, 8-3; Daniel Burk, Snyder, d. Eric Welch, Big Spring, 8-1; Josh Ball, Snyder, d. Braden Schaffner, Big Spring, 9-1; J.W. Wesson, Snyder, d. Brent Vator, Big Spring, 8-0; Anthony White, Snyder, d. Jacob Gonzales, Big Spring, 8-0.  
**Boys Doubles**  
Burch-Gonzales, Snyder, d. Han/Landin, Big Spring, 8-1; Wesson/Burk, Snyder, d. Welch/Schaffner, 8-1; White/Rivera, Snyder, d. Vator/Gonzales, Big Spring, 8-1.

**8th Grade**  
**Boys Singles**  
Roshan Shroff, Big Spring, d. Wesley Price, Snyder, 8-3; Bryan Juan, Big Spring, d. Gabriel Aguilar, Snyder, 8-0; Robert Andrae, Big Spring, d. Andrew Dupree, Snyder, 8-5; Danny Courtney, Snyder, d. Trevor Davila, Big Spring, 8-5, 9-2; Zane Tandy, Snyder, d. Nick Sosa, Big Spring, 8-0; Jacob Petrowski, Big Spring, d. Malcolm Deavers, Snyder, 8-2.

**Boys Doubles**  
Shroff/Juan, Big Spring, d. Price/Dupree, Snyder, 8-5; Davila/Andrae, Snyder, d. Courtney/Snyder, 9-7, 2-1; Tandy/Courtney, Snyder, d. Sosa/Petrowski, Big Spring, 8-6.

**Girls Singles**  
Tasha Ball, Snyder, d. Reinhold Robinson, Big Spring, 8-5; Krista Gossett, Snyder, d. Morgan Metcalf, Big Spring, 8-2; Aile Brewer, Snyder, d. Rosie Alcantar, Big Spring, 9-8, 7-4; Whitley Fulford, Snyder, d. Keista Heiman, Big Spring, 8-6; Cassie Minton, Snyder, d. Ashley Ista, Big Spring, 8-3.

**Girls Doubles**  
Ball/Dorsett, Snyder, d. Robinson/Metcalf, Big Spring, 8-5; Brewer/Fulford, Snyder, d. Alcantar/Heiman, Big Spring, 8-5; Guera/Smith, Snyder, d. Robinson/Ista, Big Spring, 8-1.

over Aguilar and Courtney.

Rosie Alcantar highlighted the eighth grade girls' outing. She suffered a 9-8 (7-4), 5-0 loss to Snyder Allie Brewer in girls' singles action. Keista Heiman also suffered a tough loss, falling 8-6.

Crystal Ward topped the highlight reel for the BSJHS seventh graders' efforts. She claimed an easy 8-1 victory over Snyder's Ashley Casas.

Tristan Jenkins also emerged from the seventh grade bracket with a win. She edged Stacey Elam by an 8-5 score.

The Lady Steers only other win came in doubles play as Ward and her sister Allison blew past Snyder's No. 1 team, 8-4.

Snyder swept the seventh grade boys action, winning all nine matches.

## Smith inks 2-year deal with Arizona

PHOENIX (AP) — The NFL's career rushing leader believes he still has some yards left in those 33-year-old legs. The Arizona Cardinals sure hope so.

Released by Dallas last month, Emmitt Smith agreed to terms with the Cardinals on Wednesday, moving from one of the league's most storied franchises to one of its most downtrodden.

"Emmitt will start," coach Dave McGinnis said, adding that he will also help break in Marcel Shipp, who led the Cardinals in rushing last season in his second year.

Smith will wear the same No. 22 he wore with the Cowboys.

The Cardinals said Smith got a two-year contract, believed to be worth about \$4 million a year.

A starting job was one of the things Smith had sought and one of the things the Cowboys couldn't guarantee when they released him Feb. 27 after 13 seasons and 17,162 yards.

But Smith's other desire — winning again after three Super Bowl victories in Dallas — may not be so easy. Arizona finished 5-11 last season and has been one of the NFL's consistently losing franchises — it has one playoff victory since 1947.

Smith contributed to the Cardinals' woes over the years. He scored 25 career touchdowns against them, his highest total versus an opponent.

Overall, Smith ranks No. 1 in NFL history with 153 rushing TDs.

Smith, who will turn 34 on May 15, failed to reach 1,000 yards this season for the first time since his rookie year in 1990, gaining 975 yards.

Smith rushed for over 100 yards in only two games, including the one with Seattle on Oct. 27 in which he broke Walter Payton's career rushing record of 16,726.

The Cardinals plan to formally introduce Smith today.

Rod Graves, the Cardinals' vice president, said he did not know if any other team was interested in Smith.

Graves and Bill Bidwill, the team's owner, said they believed that Smith's presence alone would enhance the image of the Cardinals, both locally and nationally.

If nothing else, Smith should help boost attendance — the Cardinals have rarely sold out since moving from St. Louis after the 1987 season. And when they have, it often was against Dallas, which still retains a solid fan base that existed before the Cardinals arrived.

Contract terms were not immediately disclosed, but Graves suggested that it was a unique contract, perhaps involving marketing. Smith already does several national television commercials.

"We recognize Emmitt Smith as a total package," Graves said.

## Softball, T-ball sign-ups continue

Staff report

Registration for the Coahoma United Girls Softball League will continue today at First Bank of West Texas from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The fee for registering is \$30 per

player.

Late registration will be held Friday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the office in Coahoma and on Saturday at the field.

For more information contact Laura Martin at 267-8660.

## Forsan Relays starts tomorrow

Staff report

The race will really be on tomorrow in Forsan.

The annual Forsan Relays are scheduled to get under way Friday

afternoon at the Forsan High School track. The meet is slated to begin at 2:30 p.m.

Teams from Forsan, Stanton and Sands will participate in the meet.

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# In the kitchen....with Beth Bond

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BETH BOND

they have a light fare of sandwiches, but according to our wonderful waitress Lori they will have grilled items available soon.

Along with some co-workers, I went there on Monday for lunch. I definitely recommend the chicken salad sandwich. This restaurant is an up and coming great one.

Now on to the recipe of the week. While many folks have a recipe of their own for this favorite, here is the recipe I like to use.

**Meatloaf**  
Here is the list of ingredients  
1 1/2 lb. ground beef  
1 green pepper, chopped finely  
1 small yellow onion, small diced  
1/4 cup ketchup  
1/8 cup Worcestershire sauce  
1/8 cup A-1 sauce  
2 cups bread crumbs  
2 eggs  
Dash of salt and pepper  
Ketchup

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

Next, chop the green pepper and onion into small pieces.

In a large bowl, place the ground beef, onions, pepper, ketchup, Worcestershire sauce and A-1 sauce. Mix together with your hands. Now add your eggs, salt, pepper and bread crumbs. Make sure that you mix them together very well; the mixture should be a firm ball.

Place the mixture in a 9 x 13 1/2 inch pan; press it flat and even into the pan. Once it is flat, pour a thin layer of ketchup over the entire thing and

cover with aluminum foil.

Bake the meatloaf for an hour or until it reaches an internal temperature of 160 F degrees. Cut into equal slices and serve.

Excellent with mashed potatoes and a green vegetable. The meal can begin with a crisp garden salad.

Next week we will visit again with another great recipe from the culinary world and I will let you know where to dine and hope to have an A+ restaurant experience.

Beth Bond is a certified

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KATIE WALKER

the case with the anthrax mailings, it is perhaps more likely that local health care workers will report a pattern of unusual illness or there will be a wave of sick people seeking emergency medical attention. You will probably learn of the danger through an emergency radio or TV broadcast, or some other signal used in your community. You might get a telephone call or emergency response workers may come to your door.

In the event of a biological attack, public health officials may not immediately be able to provide information on what you should do. It will take time to determine exactly what the illness is, how it should be treated, and who is in danger. However, you should watch TV, listen to the radio, or check the Internet for official news including the following:

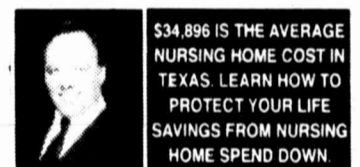
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What are the signs and symptoms of the disease?  
Are medications or vaccines being distributed?  
Where?  
Who should get them?  
Where should you seek emergency medical care if you become sick?

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If you become aware of an unusual and suspicious release of an

unknown substance nearby, it doesn't hurt to protect yourself. Quickly get away. Cover your mouth and nose with layers of fabric that can filter the air but still allow breathing. Examples include two to three layers of cotton such as a t-shirt, handkerchief or towel. Otherwise, several layers of tissue or paper towels may help. Wash with soap and water and contact authorities.

### Symptoms and Hygiene

At the time of a declared biological emergency, if a family member becomes sick, it is important to be suspicious. Do not automatically assume, however, that you should go to a hospital emergency room or that any illness is the result of the biological attack. Symptoms of many common illnesses may overlap. Use common sense, practice good hygiene and cleanliness to avoid spreading germs, and seek medical advice.



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## Horoscope

BY JOYCE JILLSON  
THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2003

**A R I E S**  
(March 21-April 19). Small talk interests you not at all. But mastering it is a must if you're to make the impression you'd like to make on a new circle of friends. Sexy vibes are in the air.



Joyce Jillson

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Work on salesmanship — this could be the key to drumming up interest in other areas of your life, since you are always having to sell yourself in every endeavor.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). The astro-power is present for pumping up your planning skills and reminding yourself of all those ideas you have tucked away for the right time.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). This is a "go for it" kind of day. Get on the phone — your channel to making money. Being relaxed and certain about your pitch makes a huge difference in your numbers

at the end of the day.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). The only way to avoid the drama is to turn off the phone and give your attention to work. If you keep pulling your energy back, by tomorrow night, you'll have the attitude shift.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). When the effort you put out just isn't commensurate with the results, you could decide that being consistent is overrated. Important meetings may be featured.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You are impulsive and undecided. Don't talk much about relationships until you feel more certain about your feelings. Getting it off your chest is not a good thing.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The vibe between you and an interesting new acquaintance would be hard for most people to read but not you, sensitive Scorpio!

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Multiple romantic opportunities might be your lucky problem choosing may not be as fun as you thought it would be. Continue to uphold high standards at work.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You feel like

promising the world to the one you love, but play it cool, making no commitments. Feeling driven to give all of the time may be a signal that your self-esteem is low.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). When pals need help, you are able not only to score friendship points but to learn something valuable. Sensual ways to relax are featured tonight. Get those tired muscles some relief.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). The name of your loved one is whispered in the wind all you can do is think of this person. There's fabulous energy for giving yourself to others and appreciating what you get back.

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Anastakis Petroleum Corp. P.O. Box 2947 Midland TX 79702 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the San Andres Formation, Block 3 of the DE Lease, Well Number 202. The proposed injection well is located 1.1 miles SE of Big Spring in the Howard County, Texas. The proposed injection well is located on the surface depth interval from 2000 to 2300 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code as amended and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Interested parties who wish to file a protest or otherwise object to the proposed injection well should file their protest with the Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12986 Austin, Texas 78711. Telephone: 512-463-1700. 2634 March 27, 2003

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THURSDAY

	KMID (2) Midland	KPEJ (3) Odessa	KERA (5) Dallas	F:AM (6) ABC Family	KOSA (7) Odessa	WFAA (8) Dallas	KWES (9) Midland	WTBS (11) Atlanta	UNI (13) Spanish	NASH (15) Nashville	TMC (16) Premium	SHOW (20) Premium	TLC (21) Learning Ch.	HBO (22) Premium	KMLM (24) Odessa	A&E (25) New York	DISC (26) Discovery	TNT (28) Atlanta	DISN (41) Premium
6 PM	News Wheel	King of the Hill	Cyberchase Zoboatoo	7th Heaven (CC)	College Basketball	News (CC) Wheel	News Seinfeld (CC)	Friends (CC) Seinfeld (CC)	Gata Salvaje	Blind Date	Movie: Star Trek: Next	Kids (CC)	Medical Detect	(CC)	Update With John Hagee	American Justice	New Detectives	NBA Basketball	Sister, Sister Lizzie
7 PM	Profiles From the Front	Married by America	Antiques Road	Movie: What's Grape	NCAA Tourn. Regional	Profiles From the Front	Friends (CC) Scrubs (CC)	Movie: Stepmom	Las Vias del Amor	Star Trek: Next	Company Man	Movie: Texas Rangers	Monster Machines	Real Sports (CC)	Biblical Israel Faye Hardin	Biography: Dave Thomas	Critical Rescue	Timberwolves	Movie: Tru Confessions
8 PM	Figure Skating	Pulse (CC)	Becoming American	Grape	College	Figure Skating	Will & Grace Good	(CC) (DVS)	Entre el Amor	Movie: Octopussy	Movie: Devil in	(CC)	Mysteries of Noah's Flood	Movie: Thirteen	Light of the Southwest	Movie: Columbo: A	Amazing Earth	NBA	Proud Family
9 PM	Championships	70s Show Dharma-Greg	Chinese New Year	Whose Line? Whose Line?	Basketball: NCAA Tourn.	Championships	ER (CC)	45 Movie:	Aqui y Ahora	(CC)	45 Movie:	Penn & Teller Penn & Teller	Ancient Apoc-	Dreamcatcher	Bird in the Hand (CC)	Movie: Columbo: A	Diamonds in the Rough	Basketball: Houston	Sister, Sister Lizzie
10 PM	News Nightline	70s Show Raymond	Newshour With	700 Club (CC)	Regional Semi.	News (CC) Nightline	News Tonight	City of Angels	Primer Impacto	(CC)	The Silence of	Movie: The Lawnmower Man	Monster Machines	Strippers: The	Hour of Healing	Third Watch (CC)	Critical Rescue	Rockets at San	Even Stevens Boy World
11 PM	Jimmy Kimmel	Sudden-Susan	Space Station	Caroline Rhea	News Late Show	Ent. Tonight Jimmy	Late Night	(CC)	En las Mejores	Blind Date	NCAA High	45 Movie:	Mysteries of Noah's Flood	Legendary Night	N. McBride Jesse Lee	Biography: Dave Thomas	Amazing Earth	Inside the NBA	Boy World Smart Guy
12 AM	Cowboy Paid Program	Blind Date Beyond	Rough Science	Paid Program	Street Smarts	Live (CC) Oprah	Frasier (CC)	12:15 Movie: Gossip (CC)	Mentira	Blind Date	Real TV (CC)	Movie: Gas Pump Girls	Ancient Apoc-	Monster's Ball	Update With John Hagee	Movie: Columbo: A	Diamonds in the Rough	Listen-Barkley	Sister, Sister Even Stevens

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NO MATTER WHAT THE CONSEQUENCES!  
IS THAT WHY YOU ATE THE CHOCOLATE CAKE MOM BAKED FOR HER GARDEN CLUB'S BAKE SALE?

**BLONDIE**

WHY ISN'T DINNER READY?  
BECAUSE A VERY HANDSOME MAN ASKED ME OUT TO DINNER.  
WHAT HANDSOME MAN?  
YOU.  
AREN'T YOU GLAD YOU ASKED ME?

**BC**

WHO ARE WE PLAYING IN THE DART TOURNAMENT?  
A COUPLE OF WEATHERMEN FROM THE LOCAL MEDIA.  
ALL RIGHT! - THOSE GUYS HAVENT HIT A THING ALL YEAR!  
WILEY'S BAR

**WIZARD OF ID**

I'M FROM THE SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO CHICKENS  
WE'RE AGAINST KEEPING THEM PENNED UP WITH LITTLE FOOD AND NO EXERCISE  
HEY, WHAT'S GOOD ENOUGH FOR THE PEASANTS IS GOOD ENOUGH FOR THE CHICKENS

**GEECH**

I'M GOING TO GET SOMETHING TO EAT. DO YOU WANT ME TO BRING YOU ANYTHING?  
ARE YOU BUYING?  
I'M BUYING MINE.  
WHO'S BUYING MINE?  
YOU ARE, IF YOU WANT ANYTHING.  
FORGET IT, I'VE NEVER WANTED ANYTHING THAT BAD.

**HI AND LOIS**

I GOT A DEAL ON SOME NEW WHEELS!  
PRETTY IMPRESSIVE  
SOMEDAY I'LL HAVE ENOUGH TO BUY A CAR TO GO WITH THEM!  
AND TIRES, TOO!

**MR. HOUSEWIFE**

WHAT LETTER DOES 'YELLOW' START WITH?  
Y.  
YO-YO?  
Y.  
YAK?  
Y.  
OK, WE NEED TO STOP NOW.  
I NEED TO START DINNER.  
WHY?  
BECAUSE MOM WILL BE HOME SOON.  
WHY?

**SNUFFY SMITH**

I CAN'T HEAR YOU, JUG-HAID!!  
I GOT CUT OFF, JAMEY!!  
UNK SNUFFY NEEDED A WORM CAN!!

**BEEBLE BAILEY**

GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE!  
SOMEONE TOLD HIM TO WARM UP THE AUDIENCE BEFORE A SPEECH

**People In The News**

**By The Associated Press**

COLUMBIA, S.C. - South Carolina House members say the Dixie Chicks should apologize for lead singer Natalie Maines' criticism of President Bush by performing a free concert for troops.

Republican state Rep. Catherine Ceips introduced a resolution Wednesday calling for the country music trio to perform for South Carolina troops and their families.

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

Radio stations nationwide are boycotting the Dixie Chicks even though Maines, a native of Lubbock, Texas, has publicly apologized.

Cindi Berger, the Dixie Chicks' publicist, had no comment on the resolution, which passed the House on a 50-35 vote and left some lawmakers angry and others confused.

"I think it's an olive branch to the Dixie Chicks," Ceips said.

"But only after they apologize first for exercising their free speech, is that correct?" asked House Minority Leader James Smith, a Democrat.

The Dixie Chicks have been in Europe promoting their recent release "Home," which won a Grammy last month for best country album.

LONDON (AP) - Former Beatle Paul McCartney will play his first concert in Russia - an open-air gig May 21 in Moscow's Red Square.

"I've long wanted to play in Russia, but for a number of years when the communists were in power, they didn't want me to," McCartney said during an

online chat with fans.

McCartney said the concert would include "some of my Beatles' stuff - rather a lot of Beatles' stuff, actually - some Wings' stuff and some more recent stuff."

"I've never even visited Russia as a tourist, so it's exciting for me now to be getting to perform there with a band and finally be singing 'Back in the U.S.S.R.' and all these other songs for people who, I've got a feeling, might just be ready for it."

The Moscow show is the only Russian stop on McCartney's global "Back in the World" tour. The European leg of the tour starts March 25 in Paris.

**Newsday Crossword**

**SEPARATE WAYS** by Fred Piscop  
Edited by Stanley Newman

**ACROSS**

- 1 Vampire's tooth
- 5 Rainbow shapes
- 9 What is seen
- 14 Musk, e.g.
- 15 Insignificant
- 16 Prize for Carter
- 17 Actress Downey
- 18 Marsh material
- 19 Ming things
- 20 Ingredient in some breads
- 23 Win over
- 24 Far-reaching views
- 28 Home: Abbr.
- 30 Go astray
- 31 Suffix with pay
- 32 A Dog of Flanders novelist
- 36 Mrs. Chaplin
- 38 Loretta of M\*A\*S\*H
- 39 Grammatical faux pas
- 42 Working away
- 43 Examine carefully
- 44 Gave stars to
- 45 \_\_\_ long way (last)
- 46 "Yada, yada, yada..."
- 47 Sault \_\_\_ Marie
- 49 Los Angeles suburb
- 51 Ab \_\_\_ (from the beginning)
- 56 Repetitive talking
- 60 Zesty dip
- 63 Vicinity
- 64 Bee's grandnephew

**DOWN**

- 12 "I'm impressed!"
- 13 Ernie of the PGA
- 21 Gold unit
- 22 Perrier rival
- 25 Namely
- 26 Still in the game
- 27 Stuffed to the gills
- 29 SST part
- 30 Peevish states
- 32 Inedible orange
- 33 Author Sinclair
- 34 Of a hipbone
- 35 Morse E
- 37 On vacation
- 38 RR terminal
- 40 Rejoinder to "Ain't!"
- 41 Papas of film
- 46 Cause to see red
- 48 Angry outburst
- 50 Peer Gynt playwright
- 52 Word form meaning 9 Across
- 53 Fields persona
- 54 Angelou's "And Still \_\_\_"
- 55 Golden Boy playwright
- 57 Film critic Pauline
- 58 Cogito, \_\_\_ sum
- 59 Within reach
- 60 Hit the slopes
- 61 The whole shebang
- 62 Tell it like it isn't

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