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**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.

The newspaper is sending free newspapers to the service men and women involved with the war in Iraq.

**SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH**

Trustees with the Big Spring Independent School District met Monday with the Texas Association of School Boards superintendent search committee team to discuss the first round of interviews for the district's top position.

Don Killough, TASB director of superintendent search services, presented an overview of the interview procedural process before trustees adjourned into a lengthy closed session with the TASB team to review the superintendent pool of applicants.

Trustees will begin the first round of interviews on Thursday at 5 p.m. and then again Friday and Saturday at the same time in the Big Spring High School board room. The interview process will be held in closed session all three days.

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## Jury chosen, murder trial under way

By **ROGER CLINE**  
Staff Writer

The trial for three Big Spring teens charged with murdering 16-year-old Lennon Everett Lane begins today in 118th District Court.

Opening statements were to begin this morning in the trial of Terrell L. Jackman, 19; his brother, Michael Scott

Jackman, 16; and Pedro Castillo, 16.

Monday, District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson and defense attorneys John Young of Sweetwater, Novert Morales of Midland and Robert Miller of Big Spring whittled down a list of about 70 potential jurors to 14 — 12 jurors and two alternates.

Of the 14, 11 are women and three are men.

"I'm glad we were able to pick a jury by the end of business," Wilkerson said. "It was a laborious process given all the parties and the lawyers involved."

Young, representing Terrell Jackman, said he sees the jury selection process as one of the most

important parts of the trial.

"There's a natural tendency or natural inclination for folks to want to do something, and I think too often 'doing something' means 'convicting,'" he said. "Jury selection is the one time that we can talk to the potential jurors and get their true attitudes, opinions,

beliefs, find out how they really feel and really think."

Defense attorney Morales represents Michael Jackman in the case. Morales said he doesn't feel the high percentage of women on the jury will play a major role in the outcome of the

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## Street fighting fierce near Baghdad

By **DAVID ESPO**

AP Special Correspondent  
American forces battled Iraqi defenders in fierce street fighting 50 miles south of Baghdad on Monday, pointing toward a drive on the capital.

U.S. troops and tanks encountered rocket-propelled grenades and small arms fire in a dawn raid against Republican Guard defenders of Hindiyah, a key city astride the Euphrates River. Other units fought to isolate Najaf to the south and prevent attacks on U.S. supply lines.

"There are maneuvers going (on) to try to destroy those divisions that stand in our way" of Baghdad, Maj. Gen. Stanley McChrystal said at the Pentagon. He added that more than 3,000 precision-guided bombs have been dropped on Iraq in the past few days, out of 8,000 in the entire war.

In the northern part of Iraq, commanders said an assault on a compound controlled by an Islamic Iraqi group turned up



An explosion rocks a residential neighborhood of Baghdad during a coalition air raid on the capital Monday. At least 10 missiles hit the heart of Baghdad, at least one of which slammed into a presidential compound, according to an AFP correspondent.

lists of names of suspected militants living in the United states.

And heavy bombing was reported during the day, from areas near the northern oil fields to

downtown Baghdad to Republican Guard defensive positions south of the city.

On the 13th day of Operation Iraqi Freedom, British officials claimed

that 8,000 Iraqis have been taken prisoner so far.

But a defiant Iraqi foreign minister said invading forces face the choice between death or surren-

der. "Every day that passes the United States and Britain are sinking deeper in the mud of defeat," said Najji Sabri.

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Texas Department of Safety troopers investigate a three-vehicle accident on Interstate 20 this morning that resulted in one fatality. The accident prompted emergency personnel to shut down part of the eastbound lane and divert traffic to the service road.

## One dead in I-20 crash

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
Staff Writer

A 27-year-old man lost his life early this morning after the vehicle he was driving veered off the westbound lane of Interstate 20 and collided head on with a pickup truck.

The man, whose identity is being withheld until

notification of family members, was pronounced dead at 7 a.m. by Justice of the Peace Quail Dobbs at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

According to information Dobbs received from Department of Safety troopers, the 27-year-old driver who is thought to

be from Loriane, apparently veered off the westbound lane of Interstate 20 near the ALON USA Refinery and collided with the truck in the eastbound lane.

An 18-wheeler also collided with both vehicles, Dobbs said.

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## Relocation of Howard Cottage may be necessary to make room for performing arts center

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
Staff Writer

Howard College trustees gave the go-ahead to consider construction of a new child care center to clear the way for building a multi-million privately-funded performing arts center during their meeting Monday.

During a morning workshop, trustees learned the location of Howard

Cottage, the building that houses the college's child care center, may pose a problem in placing the new performing arts center in the optimal position on campus.

Trustees reviewed several scenarios including new construction and moving the building, which is an old Air Force barrack, to the southwest

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## Trash-Off participants will get treated to free hot dogs Saturday

By **BILL McCLELLAN**

News Editor  
Free lunch?  
Well, almost. Sponsors of the Texas Trash-Off will be providing a hot dog lunch to those who help clean up Big Spring on Saturday.

Keep Big Spring Beautiful is sponsoring the annual cleanup drive and H-E-B is furnishing the meal.



**SIMMONS**

Anyone can join in the cleanup, but those who participate are encouraged to register at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, 215 W. Third, on Friday. You can pick up trash bags and lunch tickets upon registration.

"Anyone wanting to participate should contact the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and register," said Pat Simmons, Trash-Off coordinator.

Late comers can also register beginning at 8

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# A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

## Obituaries

### B.J. "Bettie-Jane" King

B.J. "Bettie-Jane" King, 80, of Big Spring died at 1:45 p.m. Saturday, March 29, 2003, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 2, 2003, at Trinity Baptist Church with the Rev. Randy Cotton officiating.

Mrs. King was born on Dec. 28, 1922, in Atlanta. She was the daughter of Elizabeth Powell Newborn and William Newborn. She had lived in Big Spring since 1972, coming from New Jersey. She was a member of Trinity Baptist Church. She had been a teller at State National Bank for 25 years.

She is survived by one son and daughter-in-law, Matthew and Elizabeth King of Fort Worth; one granddaughter, Mikayla King of Fort Worth; and two nieces, Kelly Vitezke of Fairfax, Va., and Kate Grant of Roanoke, Va.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Edward King; one son, William King; and one sister, Ethel Mooney.

The family will be at 1001 East 21st Street. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

### Eudelia Guevara

Eudelia Guevara, 77, of Midland, and formerly of Big Spring, died at her home Monday morning, March 31, 2003. Vigil services will be at 7:30 p.m. today, Tuesday, April 1, 2003, at the Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, with the Rev. Richard Regan, pastor, officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born on July 8, 1925, in Dilley. She was the daughter of Jose Garcia and Petra Benevidas Garcia. She married Rutilio Guevara on Aug. 5, 1946, in Pearsall. They came to Howard County in 1952 and moved to Midland in 2002.

Mrs. Guevara was a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. She was a homemaker and also worked at the Westside Day Care Center for 10 years.

She is survived by her husband, Rutilio Guevara of Midland; one son, Rudy Guevara of Midland; three daughters, Yolanda Cerda and Diana Paredez, both of Midland, and Edna Ficeria of Pittsburgh; three sisters, Edna Borego of Big Spring, Viola Borjas of San Antonio and Lamar Marks of Milwaukee; one brother, Mario Garcia of Wisconsin; eight grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Manny Puga, Mariano Cerda, Jacob Paredez, Oscar Franco, Bob Paredez and Justin Paredez.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

### Franklin Mashburn

Franklin Mashburn, 69, died Friday, March 28, 2003, in a local nursing center. Graveside services were at 2 p.m. Monday at Stith Cemetery in Jones County with the Rev. Jimmy Griffith officiating. Starbuck Funeral Home of Merkel had charge of arrangements.

Mr. Mashburn was born on July 25, 1933, in Stith to Carl V. and Claudia Mae Latham Mashburn.

He graduated from Merkel High School in 1952 and was a U.S. Navy veteran. He was a machinist supervisor for Cosden Refining and American Petrofina for 33 years. He was a member of Merkel First Baptist Church and enjoyed fishing.

He married Ann Booth on Nov. 25, 1954, in Merkel and she preceded him in death on Dec. 20, 1997.

Survivors include a daughter, Lee Ann Henline of Abilene; his mother, Claudia Thompson of Abilene; two brothers, W.J. "Dub" Mashburn of Abilene and Lloyd "Buddy" Mashburn of Lone Oak; and several nieces and nephews.

### Edna Pauline Haynes

Edna Pauline Haynes, 92, of Hobbs, N.M., died Sunday, March 30, 2003, at Lea Regional Medical Center in Hobbs.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 2, 2003, at the Taylor Memorial Baptist Church in Hobbs with the Rev. Dr. Dean Mathis and the Rev. Dale Shook officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Duncan-May Funeral Home in Hobbs.

Mrs. Haynes was born on Oct. 9, 1910, in Brown County, Texas. She married J. Roy Haynes on Dec. 19, 1930, in Rising Star.

She was an active member of Taylor Memorial Baptist Church and a former member of the Jubilee Choir. She was a water color artist and a member of the Llano Estacado Art Association. She completed writing her life story, entitled, "A Walk by Faith," at the age of 90. In 1971 she retired after serving 20 years as a public school teacher.

She was preceded in death by her husband; an infant son, Gerald Ray Haynes; five brothers; one sister; and her parents, Thomas and Dora Steel.

Survivors include one son, James D. Haynes of DeSoto; two daughters, Lanelle Simpson of Hobbs, N.M., and Jeanine Porter of Lovington, N.M.; seven grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Memorial may be made to Gideon Memorial Bibles, P.O. Box 1481, Hobbs, N.M. 88240 or The Baptist Children's Home, P.O. Box 629, Portales, N.M. 88130.

## Lottery

Cash Five numbers drawn Monday: 7-20-23-32-36

Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night: 1-4-7

Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday afternoon: 9-2-2

### Elsie May Billings

Elsie May Billings, 79, of Big Spring died on Sunday, March 30, 2003, in a local hospital. Graveside funeral service will be at 2 p.m. today, Tuesday, April 1, 2003, at Trinity Memorial Park with Dr. Bill Welsh, minister of Belvue Church of Christ in Stanton, and the Rev. Derrick Looney, pastor of First Baptist Church in Ackerly, officiating.

Mrs. Billings was born on May 7, 1923, in London, England, and married Grant Billings on Oct. 1, 1945, in Brooking, Braintree, Essex, England. He preceded her in death on Nov. 18, 1982.

Mrs. Billings came to Big Spring in 1945 from London. Her main purpose in life was being a loving wife, mother and nannie. Her interests included reading, crocheting, bowling and her English hot tea.

She was a member of the Methodist Church. Survivors include one daughter and son-in-law, Pat and Lonnie Taylor of Ackerly; one son, Roy Billings of Big Spring; two granddaughters, Laurie Reed and her husband, Lance, of Canyon and Melissa Romine of Stephenville; two grandsons, Michael Billings of El Paso and Tommy Billings of Texas; one step-grandson, Doyce Taylor of Vealmoor; one step-granddaughter, Shanna Gibson of San Antonio; one great-granddaughter, Jaylen Reed; and four step-great-grandchildren, Chance Taylor, Rowdy Clarey, Kyle Gibson and Sidney Gibson.

The family suggests memorials to a favorite charity. Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com.

### Linda Moorhead

Linda Moorhead, 45, of Big Spring died Tuesday, April 1, 2003, at her residence.

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

## Police blotter

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

• **JONATHAN MICHAEL PAUL**, 22, of 1425 E. Sixth St. was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct — language and on city warrants.

• **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in person at the police station and in the 300 block of South Owens Street and the 300 block of South Johnson Street.

• **LOUD PARTY/NOISE** was reported in the 1300 block of Wood Street.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1500 block of South Lancaster Street.

## Support groups

### THURSDAY

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

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

□ TOPS Club TX 1756 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 5:30 p.m. weigh-in, 6 p.m. meeting, Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, 11th and Birdwell. Call 263-2786 or 263-1340 for more information.

### FRIDAY

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

### SATURDAY

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

### SUNDAY

□ Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 to 6 p.m.

□ Surviving Pregnancy Loss meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Library Committee Room. Call 631-4430 for more information.

### MONDAY

□ The Military Support Group meets on the first Monday of each month at 6 p.m. in Room 219 at the VA Medical Center. If you have a family member serving in the armed forces, you are welcome to join. For more information, call Treva Hall at 263-8574 or Holly Moore at 263-8106.

□ TOPS Club TX 21 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), weigh in at 5:30 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m. at Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 West Third.

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

□ Alcoholics Anonymous meets from noon to 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Open meeting on fourth floor at VA Medical Center from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

□ Encourager's Support Group, all widows and widowers are invited, 6 p.m. today, at the First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Rannels. Enter through the north door for a St. Patrick's Day party and covered dish. Wear something green for the celebration. For more information, call 393-5522.

## Bulletin board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald Features Desk at 263-7331, ext. 238 or email [moseley@ccrcm.net](mailto:moseley@ccrcm.net).

### TODAY

Intermediate Line Dance classes, 9 a.m., Spring City Senior Center, Industrial Park, 267-1628.

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

### WEDNESDAY

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

Senior Circle Stretch & Tone, 9:30 a.m., at the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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

Line dancing, 1 p.m., Spring City Senior Center, Industrial Park. For more information call 267-6966 or 267-1628.

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

Eagles Lodge Ladies, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third St.

### THURSDAY

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.

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

### SATURDAY

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

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

Master of the Mountain, Big Spring State Park, 9 a.m.

Health Fair, Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

## Weather

Tonight...Increasing clouds overnight. Lows in the mid 50s. Southwinds 10 to 20 mph.

Wednesday...Morning low clouds...Then partly cloudy. Breezy...With Highs in the upper 80s. South winds 15 to 25 mph...Wednesday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows near 60.

Thursday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 80s.

Friday and Saturday...Partly cloudy with a slight chance of Thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 50s. Highs in the lower 80s.

Sunday...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 50s. Highs near 80...Monday...Partly cloudy. Lows near 50. Highs in the mid 70s.

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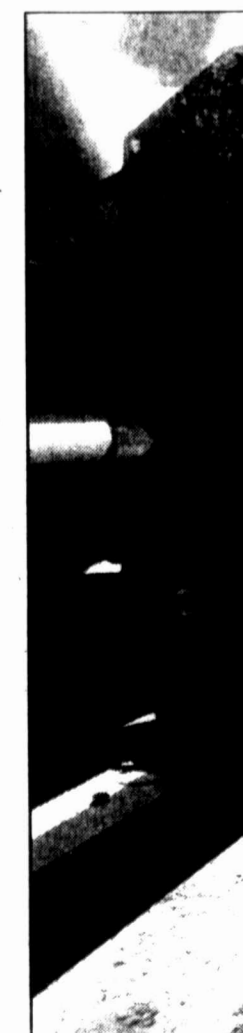
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A U.S. Army combat helicopter at the Iraqi desert. The takeoff.



# Seven civilians killed at checkpoint

By ROBERT H. REID  
Associated Press Writer  
DOHA, Qatar (AP) — U.S. soldiers shot and killed at least seven Iraqi women and children at a checkpoint in southern Iraq in an episode that reflected the military's heightened anxiety over the danger of suicide attacks.

The U.S. military said the soldiers opened fire Monday when the driver of the van failed to stop as ordered.

A Washington Post reporter at the scene said 10 Iraqis in all were killed, including five young children. In the first moments after the shooting, an Army captain accused soldiers of not having fired warning shots quickly enough.

The soldiers were from the Army's 3rd Infantry Division, which lost four soldiers Saturday at another checkpoint when

an Iraqi soldier posing as a taxi driver detonated a car bomb in a suicide attack.

Elsewhere, the Central Command said, an Iraqi prisoner was shot to death after he reached for a Marine's weapon while being questioned.

The fatal shooting at the checkpoint happened along Route 9 near Najaf, about 20 miles north of the site of Saturday's suicide bombing.

The Central Command said initial reports indicated the soldiers followed the rules of engagement to protect themselves.

"In light of recent terrorist attacks by the Iraqi regime, the soldiers exercised considerable restraint to avoid the unnecessary loss of life," the statement said.

Navy Capt. Frank Thorp, a U.S. Central Command spokesman in



Doha, blamed the deaths on the Iraqi regime's guerrilla tactics and its practice of using women and children as shields.

"The most horrendous thing about this is that this is the result of what is apparently the strategy of the regime to challenge us at checkpoints, which has caused us to be on our toes and ensure that these are not suicide bombers," he said. "So the blood of this incident is on the regime of Saddam Hussein."

The shooting is likely to stoke opposition to the U.S.-led invasion among Iraqis in the Shiite Muslim region, where Washington had hoped for a popular uprising against Saddam and his Sunni Muslim regime. Instead, U.S. forces have faced stubborn resistance by Saddam's forces in Najaf and other southern Shiite strongholds.

According to an account by the Central Command, the van approached the Army checkpoint Monday

afternoon. Soldiers motioned for the driver to stop but were ignored. They then fired warning shots but the vehicle kept moving toward the checkpoint. Troops then shot into its engine. As a last resort, the military said, soldiers fired into the passenger compartment.

Two other civilians were wounded, according to the U.S. military, which said it is investigating the incident.

"They tried to warn the vehicle to stop; it did not stop," Marine Gen. Peter Pace said on PBS. "And it was unusual that that vehicle would be full of only women and that the driver was a woman. So we need to find out why it was that they were acting the way they did."

The military statement said 13 women and children were in the van. But The Washington Post, whose reporter is with

the 3rd Infantry, said 15 people were in the vehicle and 10 were killed, including five children who appeared to be under 5. One of the wounded was a man not expected to live, the Post reported on its Web site.

The newspaper described the vehicle as a four-wheel-drive Toyota crammed with the Iraqis' personal belongings.

In its description of the shooting, the Post quoted a 3rd Infantry Division captain as saying the checkpoint crew did not fire warning shots quickly enough.

The Post described the captain watching through binoculars and ordering the soldiers by radio to fire a warning shot first and then shoot a machine-gun round into the vehicle's radiator. When the vehicle kept coming, the captain ordered, "Stop him!"

## Two surrender, saying that were to stage suicide attack mission

By PATRICK MCDOWELL  
Associated Press Writer

Two Iraqi soldiers who said they were sent on a suicide attack mission to the country's largest port have turned themselves in to British troops, the British commander said Tuesday.

"We had two suicide bombers turn themselves in yesterday because they didn't want to be suicide bombers any more," Col. Steve Cox, commander of the Royal Marine Commandos running Umm Qasr, told reporters.

"We are accommodating them."

The pair had no explosives in their possession when they surrendered, Cox said, adding that they were turned over to British military intelligence for interrogation and would be treated as enemy prisoners of war.

He did not give any details about the alleged plans for a suicide attack.

Coalition forces have been on heightened alert for suicide attackers since one posing as a taxi driver detonated a bomb that killed four U.S. Army

soldiers Saturday at a checkpoint farther north.

Iraqi Vice President Taha Yassin Ramadan pledged more suicide attacks would follow and called Saturday's "just the beginning." Iraq has said thousands of Arab volunteers ready for martyrdom have come to Iraq since the start of the war.

Umm Qasr is one of the few fully pacified towns inside Iraq and is vital to supplying the rest of the country with humanitarian aid because it is the only large seaport.

Local Iraqis are increasingly informing British sources of the whereabouts of officials from Saddam Hussein's ruling Baath party, Cox said.

Thirty-five party officials are in custody, and three to four more remain at large, Cox said.

The town of 30,000 people was plagued by pockets of resistance until several days ago, but is now safe enough for troops and ordinary civilians to walk around at night, Cox said.

He added that there has been no recent guerrilla activity.



Iraqis walk past U.S. Marines from the 2nd Battalion 8th Regiment who were taking their positions on the road east of Nasiriyah leading to Baghdad, in an attempt to secure it for use by military convoys. U.S. troops were seen conducting house-to-house searches along the road outside Nasiriyah, the scene of some of the heaviest fighting of the war.

## Some Iraqis becoming more friendly, troops are reporting

By NICOLE WINFIELD  
Associated Press Writer

British and U.S. officials reported signs Tuesday that the tide of war in southern Iraq may be turning in their favor: Iraqis are increasingly warming to their pres-

ence, and some troops felt safe enough to wear berets rather than combat helmets in towns firmly under their control.

Those signals, however, were tempered by continued resistance by forces loyal to Saddam Hussein, a major battle looming for Baghdad, and possible fallout from the killing of at least seven Iraqi women and children by U.S. soldiers at a checkpoint.

In the southeastern corner of Iraq, though, British forces pointed to developments that they said signaled a shift in their favor may be under way.

Lights flickered on for the first time in months in the port city of Umm Qasr, and schools and shops were reopening, said Group Capt. Al Lockwood, a spokesman for British forces in the Gulf.

Significantly, more civilians were informing foreign troops about the whereabouts of paramilitary forces and members of Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein's Baath Party, British officials said.

In four towns — Umm Qasr, Zubayr, Rumeila and Safwan — British troops felt so secure that they swapped their combat helmets for less protective berets, and adopted a less aggressive pos-

### War by numbers

The Associated Press

— Casualties: Among U.S. troops, 44 dead, seven captured, 17 missing, according to the Pentagon and family members. Among British troops, 26 dead, none are missing or captured.

— Deployed: A little more than 300,000 troops are in the region, with about 250,000 from the United States and the rest being from other coalition countries.

— Timeline: Tuesday was the 13th day of the war, which began in Iraq on March 20.

— Iraqi troops estimate: 350,000.

— Iraqi deaths: No estimate of military casualties. Iraq says at least 425 civilians have been killed since the war began.

— Bombs dropped in Iraq: 3,000 bombs dropped over the weekend raised to 8,000 the total number used since the war began.

— Iraqi prisoners of war: 8,000, according to the British defense minister.

— Volunteers: An Iraqi official said 5,000 Arab volunteers have arrived to carry out suicide attacks against coalition forces.

— Oil: More than 600 oil wells and three oil refineries are under coalition control. Only two oil well fires remain burning in the Rumeila South oil field.

Sources include U.S. Central Command, the Pentagon and British Ministry of Defense.



A U.S. Army combat pilot locks a radar guided Hellfire missile on his Apache AH-64D attack helicopter at the forward base of the 3rd Infantry Division aviation brigade in the central Iraqi desert. The brigade lost one Apache helicopter Monday following an accident during takeoff.

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1,000 civilians have been killed and wounded. Some defecting Iraqis described harrowing conditions, and not only from American air bombardments. One, who agreed to talk on condition his name not be used, said agents of the ruling Baath party attempted to shoot deserters. "But we decided it was either die from an American bomb or be killed by our own people," he said in the Kurdish town of Kalak in northern Iraq. American and British warplanes continued to bomb at will. Thunderous explosions rocked the Baghdad skyline after

dark, and smoke billowed from the Old Palace presidential compound. Iraqi state-run television was briefly bombed off the air, and nearly all telephone service was knocked out in the capital. Officials in Biyare, in northern Iraq, said the assault on a compound controlled by Ansar al-Islam turned up documents, computer discs and other material belonging to Arab fighters from around the Middle East. The administration has long claimed that the Iraqi-based group and al-Qaida are connected. But there was no immediate indication of evidence that tied Ansar to

Saddam. McChrystal said a week of intensive bombing has caused a "very significant weakening of the forces" arrayed to protect Baghdad, and added that some Republican Guard units are evidently being repositioned to reinforce those most severely degraded. Apart from the 8,000 precision-guided bombs, he said 700 Tomahawk land attack missiles have been fired at Iraqi targets since the war began. Much of the day's fighting occurred south of Baghdad, where American forces are gathering strength for the push toward the capital. U.S. troops staged a raid as the sun rose on Hindiyah, a city of 80,000. Iraqis used small arms fire and rocket-propelled grenades to try to prevent a column of tanks and Bradley fighting vehicles from taking control of a bridge over the Euphrates. "This must have been important to him to send down a Republican Guard brigade," said Col. David Perkins, whose troops were facing Iraqis wearing the distinctive patches of Saddam's elite units. Inside the city, U.S. soldiers found a small cache of weapons. But the haul was bigger at the local Baath party headquarters.

There, the Americans found tons of ammunition and hundreds of weapons, including several boxes of American grenades marked "Property of the Ministry of Defence of Jordan." Maps inside the building showed Iraqi military positions and the expected route of the U.S. attack. The 1st and 2nd brigades of the 101st Airborne Division battled to isolate Najaf, a Shiite holy city. Iraqi forces attacked with mortar and small arms fire, and Army forces prepared for house-to-house combat.

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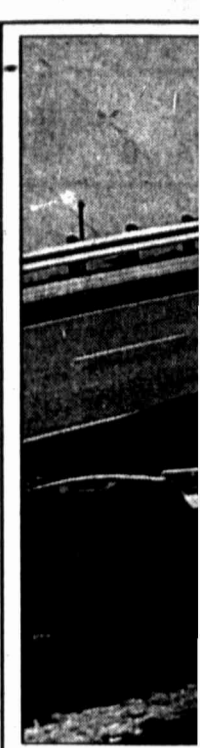
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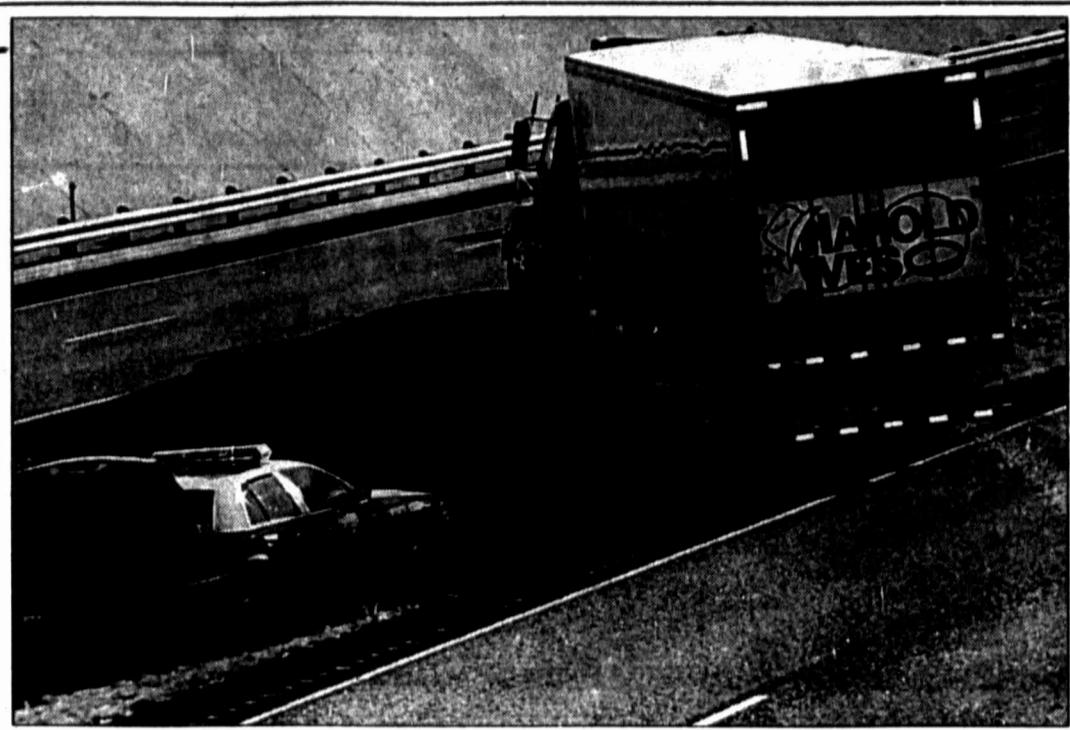
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**An 18-wheeler rests on the median of Interstate 20 this morning after it was involved in a three-vehicle accident that left one 27-year-old man dead. The 18-wheeler collided with two other vehicles after a white car veered out of the westbound lane and struck a red pickup truck heading east.**

HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

**CRASH**

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Several other people involved in the accident received minor injuries and were treated at the scene by Big Spring Fire Department EMS person-

nel. The accident prompted emergency personnel to shut down part of the I-20 eastbound lane and divert traffic to the service road, said Lt. Judy Alton of the Midland DPS office.

Westbound traffic was diverted to one lane by the accident.

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**COLLEGE**

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part of the campus near the green house. "In our master plan approved in the early 1990s, the child care center was supposed to be placed by the green house," said Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks. Sparks said if trustees approve construction of a new child care facility, the college will seek private donations to fund the project.

Trustees approved proceeding with finalizing constructions plans on the privately-funded performing arts center which will have an estimated price tag of \$2.9 million to \$3.1 million. In other business, Sparks informed trustees its still too early to tell where Howard College stands with state financing as state legislators try to untangle the state financial woes. The college is not

expecting the worst case scenario at this time — a 17.5 percent cut in funding. But Sparks said administrators are keeping a watchful eye on Austin while it limits spending. Trustees may have to consider tuition and fee increases at their next board, Sparks added.

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**TRASH-OFF**

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a.m. Saturday at the Chamber. The Heart of the City Park downtown will serve as the hub of activities, where dumpsters will be located and the lunch will be provided. The Trash-Off is a statewide event. Locally, volunteers pick up bottles, cans, plastic bags and other debris in lots, yards, parks and road-

sides — not just in Big Spring, but all over Howard County. Groups or individuals generally indicate an area they would like to clean up, or the Chamber can tell them where they might most be needed. Volunteers are ask to bring their trash collected that morning to the park where large dumpsters will be located. They'll also have an opportunity to have their photograph

taken. "Crews are asked to bag aluminum cans separately to be used as a fundraiser for the Keep Big Spring Beautiful organization," said Simmons. For more information on the Trash-Off, or to register, contact the Chamber at 263-7641. Contact News Editor Bill McClellan at 263-7331 ext. 235 or by e-mail at [newsdesk@crcom.net](mailto:newsdesk@crcom.net)

**TRIAL**

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trial. "I think it was just luck of the draw," he said. "This time we just happened to draw a lot of females. But I don't think it's going to play out in any significant way. We're just excited to present the case."

Miller, representing Castillo, said the jury pool was very knowledgeable and attentive. "If you noticed, toward the end they were listening to me and to the wording and definitions," he said. "I think they were very concerned and they voiced differences of opinion among themselves, which was good. The jury we got, if they're like the panel, I'd say they're going to pay attention and know what's going on."

Wilkerson said that some attorneys put a lot of importance on the jury selection process, while others don't.

"Depending on who you talk to, they can say that the jury selection process is as important as taking the first 12 warm bodies, or they can tell you it's everything," he said. "It's more of an art than it is a science, and in some cases it can be extremely critical to have a jury that will interpret the facts that you bring them. I tend to believe that it's very important, in some cases more important than others. This panel seemed to be a really good panel from top to bottom. I was really pleased with

what we were given the choice of."

During the jury selection process, the judge explained various legal points to the potential jurors.

Although the teens are standing trial together, the jury will have the responsibility to consider guilt and innocence as well as punishment, if necessary, separately for each defendant.

Punishment for first-degree murder, the primary charge in the case, ranges from 5 years to 99 years or life in prison and up to a \$70,000 fine. In the event the jury selects a punishment of no more than 10 years in prison, it may also recommend probation.

The jury will only determine punishment for defendants if it finds them guilty.

The teens are accused of beating Lane to death on

Aug. 5, 2002, in a field near his home.

Lane's body was discovered the same day in the field north of the intersection of 19th and State streets. Autopsy results were required to confirm his identity, and revealed the cause of death to be blunt force trauma.

Last year, Michael Jackman and Castillo were certified in county court to stand trial as adults for their suspected role in Lane's murder.

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La matrícula oficial para estudiantes nuevos en Escuela de Bauer Magnet, los grados K-4 para próximo año de escuela, serán tenidos el miércoles, el dos de abril de 2003, de 8:00 de la mañana a 12:00 mediodía en la oficina del director. La Escuela Bauer Magnet se localiza en 108 NE Calle Nueve, Big Spring, Tejas.

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**Umpires needed for Little League season**  
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Anyone interested in calling Little League baseball games should contact David Roman at 263-4688.

**BSGSA seeking team sponsors for 2003**

The Big Spring Girls Softball Association is seeking team sponsors for the 2003 season, which begins this month. 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. Each day of the clinic is \$10 per player.

For more information, contact Tracy Stewart at 267-2290 or 267-1381, or Perry Wigginton at 557-8488 or 263-0616.

**HC teams to host rodeo April 10-12**

The HC rodeo teams will return to action April 10-12 when they host the Howard College Rodeo at the Rodeo Bowl.

The event begins at 5:30 p.m. on April 10. There is no charge to the public to attend the first day of the event.

**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.

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

# Steers within 1 stroke of 4-4A lead

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Heading into second round of the District 4-4A boys golf championships, the Big Spring Steers knew one simple fact — the Andrews Mustangs were catchable.

Despite high winds, the Steers proved their point Monday afternoon on San Angelo's Quicksand Golf Course. Led by four scores in the 70s, Big Spring trimmed five strokes off the Mustangs' lead and pulled to within a whisper of the district top spot heading into next week's third, and final, round.

The Steers, who are battling to earn one of the district's two bids to the Region 1-4A tournament, outplayed Andrews throughout the day, carding a second-round score of 327. The Mustangs finished at 332.

Only the top two teams from the district advance to the regional tournament, which will be held later this month.

With their solid showing, Big Spring moves into next Monday's finale at the Elm Grove Golf Course in Frenship with a team total of 651 — just one stroke behind Andrews.

The Steers should head into the third round with plenty of confidence. Despite enabling Big Spring to trim five strokes off Andrews' lead, the Steers' second-round score was three strokes off their first-round effort.

Nick Read and Jace Williams paced the Steers' rally. Both fired rounds of 77 and moved into the Top 10 medalist group.

Read, who penciled in a score of 80 last week on

#### District 4-4A Boys' Golf Standings Through Round 2

Team	Score
1. Andrews	650
2. Big Spring	651
3. Frenship	652
4. Levelland	661
5. Andrews B	681
6. Big Spring B	692
7. Lake View	727
8. Levelland B	733
9. Frenship B	752
10. Lake View 2	887

#### Big Spring A Through Round 2

Team	Score
Ryan Rodriguez	75-79 = 154
Nick Read	80-77 = 157
Ryan Wegman	84-90 = 174
Clayton Weaver	79-94 = 173
Jason Murphree	90-100 = 190

#### Big Spring B Through Round 2

Team	Score
Jacob Castle	91-80 = 171
Chance Gair	86-96 = 172
Jace Williams	84-90 = 174
Tommy Billalba	86-91 = 177
John Marino	WD-89 = WD

his home course, climbed to fourth in the individual standings. Through the first two rounds, he owns a score of 157 — nine strokes off the pace set by district-leading Landon Waters of Frenship.

Williams rebounded nicely from a tough first round. He trimmed 13 strokes off his opening

round effort and moved into a tie for 10th in the individual standings with a 167.

Despite the second-round heroics from Read and Williams, Ryan Rodriguez continues to headline the BSHS onslaught. He leads the team with a score of 154 through the first 36 holes.

The win hampered Rodriguez's efforts a bit at Quicksand. The BSHS standout shot a 79 and fell to six strokes back in the race for the district's individual crown.

Rodriguez had entered the second round tied with Waters for the loop lead. Clayton Weaver and Jason Murphree finished the day with rounds of 94 and 100, respectively.

Neither Andrews or Big Spring can afford an off

day next week. The Frenship Tigers and Levelland Loboes are close on their heels going into the final round.

Frenship fired a round of 326 Monday and moved to within a stroke of Big Spring in the team standings. Levelland posted the best team score Monday, firing a 325, and trails the Steers by a mere 10 shots.

The Steers "B" team is currently fifth in the 4-4A standings at 692.

Jacob Castle lead the "B" team's efforts Monday with a mark of 80, giving him a two-round total of 171.

Chance Cain and Ryan Wegman played well. Cain shot an 86 at Quicksand while Wegman etched out a 90. The two stand at 172 and 174, respectively.

## Lady Steers sprint to Sandhill Relays title

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Big Spring Lady Steers continued to dominate the West Texas girls' track scene Saturday by walking away with the 2003 Sandhill Relays championship in Monahans.

Big Spring, sparked by wins in all three relay events, rolled up wins in 10 events to score 186 points and cinch its third championship in four outings. The team's only non-win was a second-place finish at Odessa's West Texas Relays.

**Steers, Lady Steers will face Andrews tonight**

The Big Spring Lady Steers will try and move into sole possession of first place in the District 4-4A race this afternoon when they face Andrews.

The two teams are currently tied atop the district standings with 4-0 records.

The Steers will also visit Andrews for a crucial loop matchup.

KBST will broadcast both games live beginning at 4 p.m.

The Lady Steers owned the relays. Ka'Rissa Magers, Airianne Brown, Raegan Ritchey and Carmen Lewis blazed their way to a win on the 4x200-meter relay, while Brenn Swinney, Jeneane Richard, Eve Tobar and Lewis won the 4x400 event.

In the 4x100-meter relay, LaKenya Wrightsil, Brown, Magers and Lewis nailed down the win.

Big Spring, which is scheduled to participate in the annual AMBUCS Relays at Blankenship Field Saturday, held a monopoly in the field, winning four of the six events.

Amisha Vanderbilt highlighted a BSHS monopoly in the shot put competition by winning for the second straight week. Cierra Butler and

Ashley Smith finished third and fourth, respectively.

Big Spring also had a trio of top finishers in the discus and triple jump. Butler won the discus crown, while Vanderbilt and Moshea Hurrington placed 3-4.

Magers, Lewis and Chalesa Johnson finished 1-4-6, respectively, in the triple jump.

Magers also paced a string BSHS presence in the long jump by earning second place. Brown, who later won the 100-meter dash honors, was fourth overall.

Brittany Raney gave the Steers' their other field victory by soaring to the high jump honors. Lewis was sixth.

Eve Tobar collected two golds at the meet. She breezed to wins in the 800-

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2003 Caldecott Winner

## Meet Illustrator Eric Rohmann

The Caldecott Medal is presented each year to the illustrator of the most distinguished picture book for children.

Eric Rohmann, 40, won the 2003 Caldecott Award for "My Friend Rabbit." It is the third time he has written and illustrated a book. He has also done illustrations for other authors.



In "My Friend Rabbit," a boy plays with a rabbit named Rabbit. Rabbit is a wild cat who tries to catch the boy.

**Backstory:** Eric Rohmann, 40, lives in Denver. He has two children, a boy and a girl. He has been a professional illustrator for 15 years. He has worked for several publishers, including HarperCollins and Scholastic. He has also worked as a freelance illustrator.

In "My Friend Rabbit," a boy travels to a magical land where he meets a wild cat who likes to play. The boy and the cat play together in the sea.



### His work

Eric wrote his first children's book, "My Friend Rabbit," in 1994. He got blisters on his hands from publisher to publisher in New York. It was rejected by about 15 publishers before Crown snatched it up. It went on to win the 1995 Caldecott Honor Award.

Some of his other favorites include "The Cat in the Hat" and "The Grapes of Wrath." He also likes to read "The Hobbit" and "The Lord of the Rings."

Eric's favorite color is blue.

Eric's favorite animal is a rabbit.

Eric's favorite food is pizza.

Eric's favorite sport is basketball.

Eric's favorite movie is "The Godfather."

Eric's favorite book is "The Hobbit."

Eric's favorite author is J.R.R. Tolkien.

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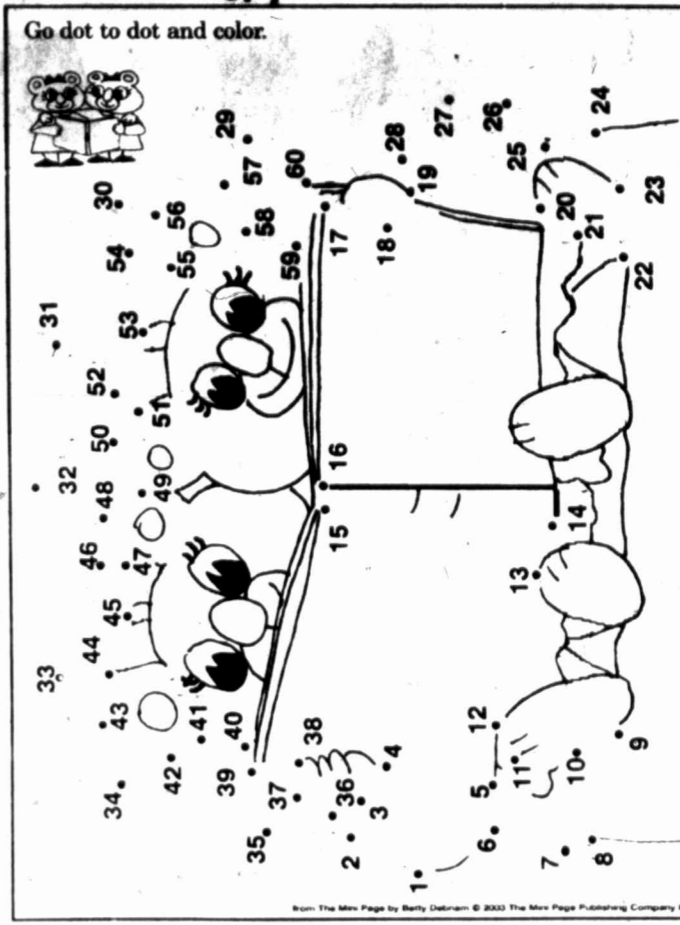
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## Rookie Cookie's Recipe: Strawberry Dip and Dunk

- You'll need:**
- 1/2 cup (4 ounces) cream cheese, softened
  - 1 (10-ounce) package sweetened frozen strawberries, thawed
  - 1 cup vanilla yogurt
  - 3 teaspoons lemon juice
  - your favorite fruit(s), cut into pieces
- What to do:**
1. Cut up slices of your favorite fruit(s) and place on a plate.
  2. Combine strawberries and their juice and the cream cheese in a blender. Blend until smooth.
  3. Add lemon juice and yogurt. Mix well.
  4. Put dip in a medium bowl or small individual bowls to share with friends.
  5. Put toothpicks in fruit pieces. Dip and enjoy! Serves 4 to 5 snack-size portions.

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## Meet Tom Kenny

Tom Kenny, 40, plays a key role in several cartoon shows on the kids TV channel Nickelodeon. Tom is the voice of SpongeBob, the yellow sea sponge who stars on "SpongeBob Squarepants." He is also the voice of Dog on "CatDog."

Tom is a stand-up comedian, actor and writer. His biggest success has come from providing the voices for cartoon characters. His first voice job came in 1991 with Nickelodeon when he was asked to be the voice of Heffer in the cartoon "Rocko's Modern Life."

Tom was born in Syracuse, N.Y. He loved cartoons as a child. His favorite characters were Rocky and Bullwinkle and Yogi Bear. His favorite kinds of music are blues, jazz and rockabilly.

He lives in Los Angeles with his wife and son, McKinley.

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### His work

Avi worked as a librarian for 25 years. During this time, he also wrote. The first things he wrote were plays. When his older kids were born, he started writing for children.

His eldest son, Shaun, would think of a difficult story subject, such as a glass of water or a garbage truck. Then Avi would make up a story about that subject. He put those stories together for his first book, "Things That Sometimes Happen."

It took him many years to become successful as a writer, but for the last 17 years, he has been able to work full time as a writer.

He said, "I do enormous amounts of revisions. I rewrite maybe 50 to 60 times."

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### Some favorites

**Color:** black. "I dress in black."

**Hobbies:** "Thinking. I love to read. I do all the cooking in the family. I love to be outdoors. I love to be with my kids."

**Time to read:** "I read every night, any time. When I travel I read a lot."

**Sports he plays:** squash

**Advice to kids:** "If you're interested in writing, there is only one thing you must do, and that's read, read and read some more. If you want to become a writer, it's more important that you read than that you write. Lose yourself in books."

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Horoscope

**BY JOYCE JILLSON**  
The new moon in Aries is impossible to please with any action that doesn't happen right now. You may as well go forward with a healthy dose of entitlement, since anyone who feels undeserving is going to have trouble holding on to any kind of good luck. Venus in Pisces may cast a rosy glow on the past, but try to keep focused on the present.



Joyce Jillson

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Your desire and passion will eventually make you very wealthy. Scope out new ways to turn your ambition into profit. You find heady romance with someone you never thought of in that way before. Keep your affections secret now.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Family members dwindle away your dollars. Separate your work relationships from your relatives in order to keep financial trouble at bay. Your ability to deal with difficult people amazes a kindred spirit.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You solve a mystery at work, and colleagues commend you on your effort. Instead of spending more time resting at home, sign up for a class that will bring you new sources of energy. A relationship with a Pisces evolves.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Your domestic situation begs for attention. You can change the whole vibe with music. Search the house for the piece of information you lost. Others are grateful when you share your insights with them.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You have an innate ability to win people over with your charm. You use stellar communication skills to work your way toward a promotion. Proposals concerning new kinds of relationships come just when you're most ready.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (April 1). In this year of reaping rewards, the next three weeks are prime for launching new ways of putting your talent to work for you. Be certain of yourself, as confidence makes the difference. Many singles find themselves delightfully committed in June. Complete personal projects in July, and career falls right in line. You'll climb the ladder at work all summer. Your lucky numbers are: 2, 41, 53, 26 and 18.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Open up to all kinds of people today. An uninvited guest leaves you amazed. A loved one asks for more than you have; give what you can. Your spiritual connections with others will be very strong tonight.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Friends vie for your attention. You receive many invitations, but personal calls at work bother your colleagues. Attend to your personal matters on breaks. A lucrative situation pops up tonight, possibly involving an Aquarius.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Sharing an assignment or job forges a light-hearted, social bond. A co-worker turns into a friend. Be ready for dates filled with zesty and flirtatious fun. The evolving partnership will be hugely productive.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). A third party (an ex or secret competitor) provides romantic

entanglement, but have no worries since trouble only brings the two of you closer. Cash flow that is dependent on another person's wealth isn't dependable.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A charitable venture brings with satisfaction and fun. Join a large professional group to create a hot chance for you to gain the skills required to move up the corporate ladder. Watch for a lucky Sagittarian contact.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Snap up extra work; the surplus income gives you a chance to splurge on yourself, paint your house, or escape to a cozy bed and breakfast out of town. You and a simpatico hobbyist team up as a profitable pair.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Complexities give your love affair intriguing twists. Anything involving the outdoors will boost your romantic appeal. Love blossoms on a trip with an environmental group. Job seekers: A last-minute chance lands you a prime post.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "I'm a Libra born in 1961 and met a Cancer man a year ago. He denied being in a relationship at the time. I was told otherwise, and when I confronted him, he said that things were on the rocks with the other person back then. We've decided to remain friends. Is there any future in this relationship?"

Your Leo moon gives you a tendency to go for the passion in relationships and conveniently forget about the less glamorous reality of things. My sense is that you knew a year ago that this man was in a relationship. I also think that your relationship was already going south when you confronted your man with the "other person" theory. And now that you're just friends, it really doesn't matter anymore, except that when you get in a certain mood, you like to call him and try to get him to admit the truth because when the two of you are in a fight, it feels like intimacy. What you need is real intimacy that comes from leaving the drama behind and giving your love to someone who is available to return the affection. Stop badgering this man about what's done, and move on to finding the big love you deserve with someone else. A Capricorn or Pisces will appreciate you wholly.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** There's much media talk about Lara Flynn Boyle's slender figure, but she brags about eating whatever she wants and remaining waifish. In her defense, Aries women tend to have a very fast metabolism because they burn so many calories keeping the liveliest of activity schedules. Boyle could fuel her media buzz this year by dating a much younger, esteemed artist with a bad-boy reputation.

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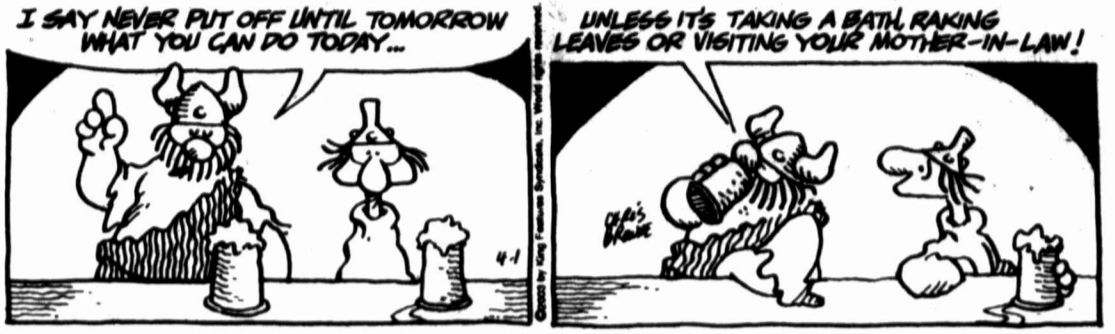
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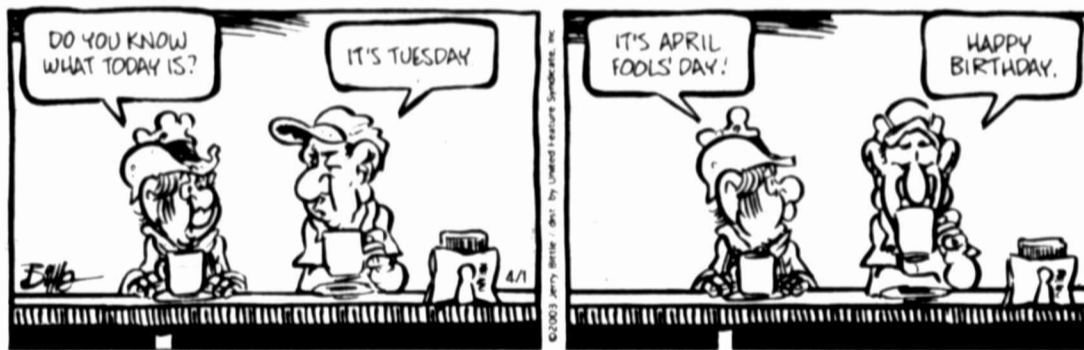
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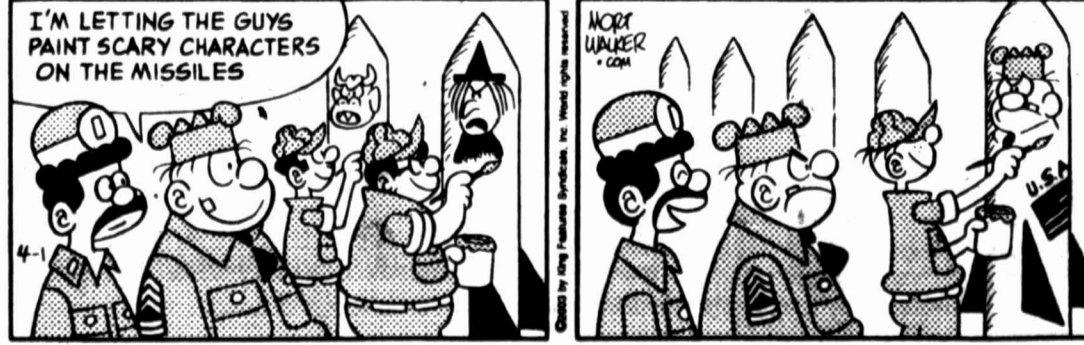
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People In The News

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Tobey Maguire is doing yoga and lifting weights and maybe looking over his shoulder a bit as he prepares to reprise his role as Peter Parker in the "Spider-Man" sequel. The Hollywood heart-throb is expected to put his Spidey costume back on beginning April 12 to shoot "The Amazing Spider-Man."

But if he isn't ready when filming begins, Jake Gyllenhaal of "The Good Girl," is under consideration to replace him, the trade publications Variety and The Hollywood Reporter reported Tuesday.

The 27-year-old actor is still healing from back soreness linked to physically demanding roles in the first "Spider-Man"

movie and the racehorse film "Seabiscuit," said his spokeswoman, Kelly Bush.

"He's training. He's getting ready to do the movie," she said, adding he plans to return to work in April, less than two months after wrapping up "Seabiscuit."

Maguire, who earned a reported \$4 million for the first "Spider-Man" and \$12.5 million for "Seabiscuit," is to receive \$17 million for the "The Amazing Spider-Man," according to Variety.

"Spider-Man" was the highest-grossing film in the United States last year, bringing in \$403.7 million.

Suspect," "Masterpiece Theatre" executive producer Rebecca Eaton said this week. "Now, we can answer with a resounding yes."

"Prime Suspect" ran on the Public Broadcasting Service from 1992 to 1997. Filming is set to begin in London next month, with the miniseries expected to air in 2004. In "Prime Suspect 6," Tension's determination to get justice for victims at all costs conflicts with the politics of her new high-ranking position as overseer of all murder investigations.

NEW YORK (AP) — Helen Mirren will reprise her Emmy Award-winning role as tough British police inspector Jane Tension in "Prime Suspect 6" for PBS.

"Countless fans have asked if Helen Mirren will do another 'Prime

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Newsday Crossword

DRESSING UP by Sarah Keller  
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- 5 Soothing substances
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- 14 Leave-taking
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- 17 Religious ceremony
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- 58 Helicopter relatives
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- 63 Eyelid woe
- 64 Run-down
- 65 Charitable donations
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- 6 "We please!"
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