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The show will be held Saturday at the Sweetwater Municipal Auditorium.

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### American Profile

Each spring, in the hill country east of Sacramento, legions of the flower faithful follow the yellow brick road to Amador County. In this instance, the brick is exchanged for that yellow-leaved herald of spring — the daffodil.

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# Murder defendants to accuse each other

By ROGER CLINE  
Staff Writer

Three defendants on trial for the murder of a 16-year-old Big Spring teen will be pointing fingers at each other, attorneys said during opening statements Tuesday in 118th District Court.

Descriptions of the crime scene, graphic autopsy photos and testimony from family members of the victim dominated the first day of testimony in the trial of Terrell Jackman, Michael Jackman and Pedro Castillo.

The three are charged with the slaying of 16-year-old Lennon Everett Lane last August.

The day started with the reading of the indictment against each defendant and opening statements from prosecutor Hardy Wilkerson and defense attorneys John Young of Sweetwater for Terrell Jackman, 19; Novert Morales of Midland for Michael Jackman, 16; and Bob Miller of Big Spring for Castillo, 16.

The indictments charge five separate counts of

**"You're going to have to make some choices between defendants. You're not going to find any motive for Terrell Jackman. Follow the hammer, follow the motive, and you'll find a little thug with a big mouth."**

John Young,  
attorney for Terrell Jackman

murder to cover different weapons that could have been used in the killing. Each defendant is charged with using a club, a pipe, a hammer, hands and feet and "an unknown object" to kill Lane.

Wilkerson told jurors they would hear a "tale of two cases" during the witness' testimony, that of Lane's brutal murder and that of the "spin" defendants allegedly tried to give the facts. The prosecutor said the spin came "primarily out of the



Seated in the foreground, left to right, defendants Pedro Castillo, Terrell Jackman and Michael Jackman are charged with the murder of 16-year-old Lennon Everett Lane. Standing, defense attorney Bob Miller of Big Spring consults with prosecutor Hardy Wilkerson during a break in the trial as Judge Robert Moore III, seated in the background, looks on.

Jackman household." In his opening statement, Young said his client was innocent of the crime and said the evidence will show Castillo to be responsible for the murder. Throughout his

opening statement, Young referred to Castillo as a "little thug." "You're going to have to make some choices between defendants," Young told the jury. "You're not going to find

any motive for Terrell Jackman. Follow the hammer, follow the motive, and you'll find a little thug with a big mouth."

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# U.S. forces march on, cross Tigris



A U.S. soldier from the 173rd Airborne Brigade guards his colleagues working at a seized airstrip in the Kurdistan Democratic Party-controlled town of Harir, north of Arbil.

By DAVID CRARY

Associated Press Writer

Closing to within 40 miles of Baghdad, U.S. forces seized a bridge over the Tigris River and swept past battered Republican Guard units Wednesday. One of the key Guard divisions, defending the city of Kut, "has been destroyed," a U.S. general said.

Farther south, U.S. commanders said Iraqi soldiers were shooting from inside a revered mosque in Najaf. American soldiers withheld return fire.

Soldiers on the front lines and relatives 6,000 miles away in West Virginia rejoiced over the bold, middle-of-the-night rescue of Pfc. Jessica Lynch from captivity at an Iraqi hospital that was housing a military command post. The commanders who freed her also



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retrieved 11 bodies, most of them believed to be American soldiers.

Army's 3rd Infantry Division and the First Marine Expeditionary Force launched a two-pronged attack toward Baghdad, and both reported breakthroughs as units entered the so-called "red zone" within range of the guns and missiles defend-

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# Trustees to begin superintendent search interviews

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent School District trustees will begin the first round of interviews Thursday to fill the superintendent's position.

"I feel like we have a good pool of applicants," Don Killough, the Texas

Association of School Boards' director of superintendent search services told trustees Monday.

During the meeting, Killough reviewed the interview process procedures and helped trustees fine tune some of the details for the first interviews in open session. The TASB team then met

with the board in a lengthy closed session to review the applicant pool.

The first round of interviews will begin at 5 p.m. Thursday at the Big Spring High School board room. Trustees are to meet with superintendent candidates in closed session Thursday, Friday and Saturday and whittle

the list down to three finalists.

A second round of interviews are set for Thursday through Saturday, April 10-12, during which trustees, the candidates and their spouses will meet for dinner and a social time before the interviews begin.

Killough stressed to trustees the importance of keeping the interview process and list of applicant names confidential. Trustees will vote on naming their top candidate on April 17 in open session and then make the final vote naming the

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# DAV auxiliary will present WWII patriotism program

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

A Big Spring veterans auxiliary group will present a program on patriotism on the home front during World War II Thursday night.

"We weren't expecting the war back then," said Margie Myers of the Disabled American Veterans auxiliary. "We weren't prepared. The citizens had to do a lot to help the fighting men."

"I thought it would be a good

contrast for now because we are prepared for this war."

The historically-based program will be interesting for all ages, Myers said.

"The older people will remember it and I think they will enjoy the contrast of the war then and the war now," Myers said. "The kids will like it because kids back then did a lot to help the war effort. World War II was a major turning point for our

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# Victim in fatal accident identified as Loraine man

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Twenty-seven-year-old Antonio Medina of Loraine was killed Monday after his Pontiac skid sideways across Interstate 20 near the ALON USA Refinery and collided with a Dodge pick-up truck.



STALLINGS

"The Pontiac was driving westbound and drove on to the left shoulder of the westbound lane," said Texas Department of Public Safety trooper Kneel Stallings, investigating officer at the scene. "The driver (of the Pontiac) overcorrected, causing his vehicle to go into a side-skid. It skidded across the median and the Dodge struck the Pontiac on the passenger side."

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# U.S ground forces penetrate Baghdad 'red zone'

The Associated Press

Advancing on Baghdad from both the southwest and the southeast, U.S. ground forces Wednesday penetrated the Iraqi capital's "red zone" defensive cordon and fought Saddam Hussein's battle-hardened Republican Guard.

In the southwest, lead elements of the Army's 3rd Infantry Division pushed through a gap west of Karbala after a night-long bombardment of the Shiite holy city some 50 miles from Saddam's seat of power. The U.S. forces were up

against the Republican Guard's Medina and Nebuchadnezzar divisions and also attacked towns and positions north of Karbala where 2,000 Fedayeen loyalists and Baath Party members were believed to be hunkered down.

At least 20 Iraqis were killed and an unknown number of fighters were taken prisoner, field reports said. No U.S. casualties were reported. One tank belonging to the Nebuchadnezzar Division was reported destroyed.

"We have moved beyond where the Republican Guard is and beyond



where the popularly known red line is," said Navy Capt. Frank Thorp, a U.S. Central Command spokesman.

Army Lt. Col. Scott Rutter, a battalion commander, said Iraqi troops

concentrated their attacks on his unit, allowing the rest of the brigade to pass through the Karbala gap unscathed. The gap is a chokepoint between a lake to the west and the city of Karbala to the east

that opens onto a plain. Southeast of Baghdad, Marines seized an important bridge over the Tigris River near the city of Kut amid fighting with the Baghdad Division of the Republican Guard, Thorp said.

The bridge allowed thousands of Marines from the 1st Expeditionary Force to begin crossing the river in their push toward Baghdad from the southeast.

"They are making good progress. There are no reports of casualties on the American side," Thorp said.

Farther south, the highway leading out of the town of Nasiriyah was choked with coalition military convoys headed north. Vehicles churned up billowing clouds of dust as they drove through a barren landscape of cracked land dotted with green clumps of grass. Blown bunkers and collapsed buildings flanked the road.

"The noose is starting to tighten around Baghdad," Sgt. Jeff Lanter, crew chief of a Marine CH-46E Sea Knight assault helicopter, said as he peered down at the mass movement.



Members of the 86th Combat Support Hospital transport a patient to a hospital at an undisclosed location.

## Coalition troops rescue POW; discover 11 bodies during raid

By DOUG MELLGREN

Associated Press Writer

Eleven bodies — some of them believed to be Americans — were found with prisoner of war Pfc. Jessica Lynch when she was rescued in a U.S. commando raid on an Iraqi hospital, a military spokesman said today.

Lynch, a 19-year-old Army supply clerk, was captured by the Iraqis more than a week ago after her maintenance unit made a wrong turn and was ambushed in Nasiriyah. Twelve other members of her unit were also feared captured; five of them are officially listed as POWs.

Acting on an intelligence tip about Lynch's whereabouts, U.S. special operations forces slipped behind enemy lines and seized Lynch from the Saddam Hospital under cover of darkness Tuesday, military officials said.

The U.S. forces engaged in a firefight on the way into and out of the building, but there were no coalition casualties, said Brig. Gen. Vincent Brooks, a U.S. Central



Army PFC Jessica Lynch, shown in this image from video released by the Department of Defense Wednesday, is carried by U.S. special forces as she is removed from the Saddam Hospital in Nasiriyah, Iraq, early Tuesday.

Command spokesman. He said ammunition, mortars, maps and a terrain model were found at the hospital, along with "other things that made it very clear it was being used as a military command post."

During the rescue operation, 11 bodies were recovered in and around the hospital. The cause of death was not immediately disclosed.

"We have reason to believe some of them were Americans," said Navy Capt. Frank Thorp, another U.S. Central Command spokesman.

Two of the bodies were in a morgue in the hospital, while the nine others were in a grave area in the community, Brooks said. He said U.S. forces were led to the gravesite by someone who had been taken into custody.

## Question: Will Iraqi resistance begin to show signs of collapse?

By MATT KELLEY

Associated Press Writer

The United States has begun a major ground offensive against the Republican Guard units defending Baghdad, entering what is expected to be the fiercest combat of the war in Iraq.

The Pentagon is still hoping Saddam Hussein's regime will collapse before troops are drawn into bloody urban warfare in the capital, Defense Department officials said Wednesday.

The Republican Guard forces targeted in the ground assault are the main military forces standing between American invading troops and Saddam's centers of power in the capital of more than 5 million. "The circle is closing," around Baghdad, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said Tuesday, before the ground battle with the Republican Guard intensified.

Still, military officials repeatedly voice worries that Iraq could use chemical or biological weapons against U.S. forces as they close in on the capital.

U.S. Central Command told a Wednesday press conference that the Baghdad Division of the Guard had been destroyed by Marines fighting near the city of Kut and that Army units were battling the Republican Guard's Medina and Nebuchadnezzar divisions near Karbala to the west.

Days of thunderous airstrikes, artillery barrages and skirmishes with U.S. armed reconnaissance units have weakened the Guard.

"They're being attacked from the air. They're being pressured from the ground. And in good time, they won't be there," Rumsfeld said.

To reinforce degraded units, Iraqis moved parts of two Republican Guard divisions that normally operate north of Baghdad and near Saddam's hometown of Tikrit to the southern outskirts of the capital.

The Republican Guard forces are the best trained and best equipped in Saddam's military. Still, they've been in decline since losing the 1991 Persian Gulf War and rely on tanks and other heavy weapons that were out of date the first time they faced U.S. forces.

A dozen years of sanctions took their toll, reducing the numbers of Soviet-built tanks the Republican Guards could use and the number of spare parts they could stockpile.

A main question is whether the Republican Guard forces have some of the chemical and biological weapons that U.S. leaders say Saddam is keeping — and whether they could or would use them. Though they have found no chemical weapons, coalition troops searching captured Iraqi areas have found thousands of chemical protective suits and masks as well as nerve agent antidotes and chemical decontamination equipment.

The initial fighting is over terrain where American troops have advantages: Open country and small towns, rather than the urban sprawl of Baghdad. Iraqi officials have said they hope to draw the American forces into urban combat, which is chaotic, difficult and bloody both for military forces and for civilians.

The urban environment shifts some of the advantage to the defender, who can use smaller numbers of fighters sheltered in buildings and underground to pick off invading

troops. U.S. military doctrine on urban combat focuses not on the street-by-street fighting Iraq hopes to bring about but on grabbing and holding key areas such as government buildings and military compounds.

From the start of the war in Iraq, the Pentagon has predicted that ordinary Iraqis would revolt once it became clear Saddam's forces would lose.

Now that U.S. ground forces are beginning to cut through his Republican Guard on the outskirts of Baghdad, the question arises: Is this the moment that allied pressure — on the ground, in the air and through psychological warfare — tips the balance and resistance begins collapsing?

## WAR

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ing the capital. U.S. officials say Iraqi resistance will be the most tenacious in this zone and have warned of the possible use of chemical weapons.

In an attack launched at midnight, 3rd Infantry units surged past the strategic city of Karbala, targeting an estimated 2,000 paramilitary fighters. Karbala, which sits on the main approach to Baghdad from the south-

west, was encircled and hit by night-long bombardment from U.S. artillery and warplanes.

To the east, Marines moved to within 37 miles from Baghdad after capturing an important bridge over the Tigris River near Kut. Brig. Gen. Vincent Brooks said the Baghdad Division, defending Kut, was destroyed.

For days prior to the offensive, both the

Baghdad Division and the Republican Guard's Medina Division still defending Karbala had been pounded by airstrikes and artillery barrages. U.S. officials said the bombardment reduced the strength of both divisions by more than 50 percent.

"They're in serious trouble, and they remain in contact now with the most powerful force on Earth," Brooks said of remaining Republican Guard units.

The commander of British forces in Iraq, Air Marshal Brian Burridge, confirmed that the latest assaults by his U.S. allies marked the start of a momentous phase.

"This is certainly a decisive engagement in which we are now just beginning with the Republican Guard," he said.

"The point I would make, though, is that decisive phases often take time. I wouldn't want to give you the impression that within a day or two this is going to be finished."

In Najaf, about 50 miles south of Karbala, the Central Command said U.S. forces were being fired on from the Ali Mosque, one of the most important Shiite Muslim sites.

U.S. commanders say they have been trying to minimize damage to religious sites to avoid angering Muslims in Iraq and abroad.



A Third Infantry Division soldier in a fighting position on the perimeter of the Division Main in central Iraq. The Division is deployed in Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

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TRIAL

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Medina was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center where he was pronounced dead at 7 a.m. by Justice of the Peace Quail Dobbs.

Mark Steven Wilson of Big Spring, the driver of the pickup truck, received minor injuries, Stallings said.

Both Medina and Wilson were wearing seat belts at the time of the accident and were the only people in their respective vehicles, Stallings said.

The accident occurred around 6 a.m. and the incident caused a second crash, Stallings said.

An 18-wheeler clipped one of the vehicles.

The driver of the 18-wheeler was not hurt in the incident, Stallings said.

BSISD

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superintendent on May 9.

The board is searching for a replacement for BSISD superintendent Murray Murphy, who gave his notice of retirement on Jan. 15. Murphy cited a divided board as his reason for retirement.

The board, which has been under public scrutiny for several controversial issues, is currently involved with a Texas Education Agency inves-

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country." Performances of patriotic songs and a jitterbug team will be interspersed during Myers' presentation.

"I'll have some displays and there will be refreshments after the program," Myers said. "This is free and its good for the whole family."

The program will be held at 7 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge 219 1/2 Main Street.

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Morales said Michael Jackman also had no motive.

"It's that word 'motive,'" he said. "What's the reason? Why would Michael want to kill Lennon Lane? (The prosecution doesn't) really have a good case against Michael. He's being bootstrapped into this case."

Miller admitted that Castillo attacked Lane, but said he did not kill the boy.

"Pedro did not kill Lennon," he said. "Pedro assaulted Lennon. He hit him during a fist fight."

Miller alleged that Terrell Jackman killed Lane.

"Pete and Michael are victims of Terrell," he

said. "Michael's brother, Terrell. So, of course, the idea is, put it all on Pedro."

Following opening statements, the jury heard prosecution witnesses, including Lane's father, Robert Lane; a friend, Sabrina Freeman; police officers Scott Knight, Sgt. Chad Williams, Lt. Terry Chamness and Lt. Bob Fitzgibbons; police ID tech Wayne Jones; Lane's uncle, Bill Lane; pathologist Dr. Sridhar Natarajan, who performed the autopsy; and criminalist and DNA expert Angelina Reeves of the DPS Crime Lab in Lubbock.

Robert Lane reported that his son was friends with Castillo and the Jackmans, and was spending the night of Aug. 4-5 at the home

where Castillo lived the night Lennon was killed. On Aug. 5, Lennon planned to travel to a boys' ranch south of San Angelo, Robert said.

Freeman, a friend of Lane as well as Castillo and the Jackmans, said she received a phone call Aug. 5 from a Hispanic woman who told her Lane was hurt badly or dead in a field on 19th Street. Freeman said she called Lane's parents and gave them the message before going with her grandmother to look for Lane.

Freeman said the female caller identified herself as "Angelica."

Lane's parents called the police, who located the body in a field near the intersection of 19th and State streets.

Natarajan displayed autopsy photographs of

Lane and described the injuries inflicted on the teen, including a crushed skull as well as a transverse fracture of the skull, a broken jaw, severe damage to his face and neck and 11 broken ribs. Lane also had several cuts and bruises and cactus spines imbedded in his body, apparently from being dragged through the field.

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B. J. (Bettie-Jane) King, died Saturday. Funeral Services will be at 2:00 PM Wednesday at Trinity Baptist Church.

Eudelia Gevara, 77, died Monday. Funeral Mass was at 10:00 AM Wednesday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Burial was at Trinity Memorial Park.

Natarajan said he could not say what weapons, if any, were used in the slaying, but said he found no injury patterns consistent with a pipe or hammer.

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tigation into board governance matters.

Thursday's meeting will be the latest in a marathon of sessions for trustees.

On Friday, trustees met in a mediation hearing with Osbelia Rocha, former Big Spring High School assistant principal, along with attorneys

over a complaint Rocha filed with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

Rocha contends the board's failure to approve her as principal of Moss Elementary during the June 20 meeting was an act of discrimination.

According to Big Spring attorney Ben Bancroft,

legal council for the district, no agreement was reached between the two parties.

In cases handled by EEOC attorneys where an agreement cannot be reached, the EEOC will begin an investigation into the matter said Robert Calderon, director of the El Paso office.

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# What's new at the library... with Hollis McCright

Our staff has been working hard on processing all of the new books, audios, videos and DVDs that were ordered. Here are some new mysteries — you can find them on the shelf.

The first one is Jill Jones' "Every Move You Make." A serial killer is stalking women in San Francisco and it looks like Regan McKinney may be next. See how it all comes out.

Mo Hayder is an English writer of psychological thrillers and her new book, "The Treatment," is riveting. A couple is found tied up and beaten in their London home. Their young son is missing and it is up to Jack Caffery to solve the puzzle.

Another popular author is Iris Johansen (we have quite a few of her books), and one of her latest is "Body of Lies." Eve Duncan is a forensic sculptor, reconstructing the faces of those who have none. She is called to Louisiana by a United States senator to identify the remains of an unknown murder victim. But what is the underlying reason? This is another excellent book, well worth reading. Don't, however, read it on a dark and stormy night all by yourself!

The Mayo Clinic is renowned for its medical staff. The library has received a set of books, authored by the staff of the clinic, on various subjects.

These books can be found in the 600s and each title begins with "Mayo Clinic on" whatever the subject is. Subjects that these books cover are depression, Alzheimer's disease, healthy weight, healthy aging, managing diabetes, prostate health, vision and eye health, chronic pain, arthritis, high blood pressure and digestive health.

Additional non-fiction titles that we have received include "Gods, Heroes and Kings" (820.915 FEE C) by Christopher R. Fee. It is about medieval times in England all the way back to the Druids, Celts and Romans. We also received "Myths and Legends of the British Isles" (398.2094 BAR R) by Richard Barber. This book also tells of Merlin, Beowulf, King Arthur, St. Brendan and Robin Hood. If you enjoy the early history of England, then you must read these books.

Humans have conquered earth. Now if one has enough money, exploration of the Arctic, jungle or desert is possible. A remaining frontier is the ocean floor. "Upheaval from the Abyss: Ocean Floor Mapping" (551.4608 LAW D) by David M. Lawrence is the story of the ocean. Spanning a 130-year period, the quest to discover what lay on the ocean floor is explored. Is it a vast, featureless plain? Or is it perhaps an untapped mound of resources? This is a fresh look at the ocean floor.

New fiction books we have received: "The Blue Yonder Inn" by Helen Campbell, "Cold Day in July" by Stella Cameron and "No Way to Treat a First Lady" by Christopher Buckley. I just skimmed

Buckley's book and if you enjoy satire on the antics of the White House, then you may enjoy his book. Story-line: the philandering President of the United States has died, nicked in the noggin by an antique spittoon. Evidence points to the first lady. Only Boyce "Shameless" Boyer, the best and most unscrupulous criminal attorney in the world, can save her. But they have baggage — she jilted him 25 years earlier in favor of the suitor she is now accused of killing. The ins and out of the CIA, FBI and Secret Service will feed any paranoia one may have on these governmental agencies!

Additional fiction books are "Home Song," by Thomas Kinkade (sort of a "Mitford" book); "The River Less Run," by Tim

McLaurin; Susie Moloney's "A Dry Spell" (about a four-year drought in North Dakota); "Old Dogs and Children," by Robert Inman; "A Knight in Shining Armor," by Jude Deveraux; and Larry Brown's "Father and Son". A few weeks ago I wrote

about a series of books that were based on the battles of the Civil War. Authored by James Reasoner, the Library has received "Shiloh," "Chancellorsville," "Vicksburg," "Gettysburg" and "Chickamauga." The books run in a series with

"Manassas" being the first one. All books are written about a member of the Brannon family from Culpepper County, Va. If you like Civil War historical fiction, you are in for a treat.



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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEWS

Arts and Crafts Show set for this weekend

Mark your calendar this weekend for the annual Spring City Arts and Crafts Show at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. This event literally brings thousands of visitors to our city each time it rolls around.

Those visitors are also likely to shop in our stores while they are here and eat in our restaurants. We hope they'll take the time to visit some of our unique sites such as Comanche Trail Park, the Vietnam Memorial and Heritage Museum. It's those types of things that will bring them back time and time again.

The show will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and from noon until 5 p.m. on Sunday. Plenty of opportunity, even for the busiest of schedules.

If you've ever been to one of the arts and crafts shows at the coliseum you know what to expect. If you haven't, be prepared to take some time. Vendors will be offering all types of items you can use in your home or office, or which make great gifts.

Don't forget, Easter, Mother's Day and graduation are right around the corner.

The list of wares includes wall hangings, blankets, dolls, clothing, jewelry, wood furniture, original oil paintings and much, much more. Look, too, for edible items such as dips, salsa and fudge.

Take time this weekend to attend the arts and crafts show if you can. You'll have the opportunity to shop for some great items and meet interesting people from across the Southwest. It's fun and best of all, it introduces our city to many people who might otherwise not seek us out.

YOUR VIEWS

**TO THE EDITOR:**  
I am writing in response to the carelessness of our city council and mayor.

I could not believe my ears Tuesday night when I was hearing the council agree to pass this ordinance. After all that was said it was painfully obvious that the council and the mayor went into this meeting having already made up their minds which is the saddest thing of all.

I would like to ask our council and our mayor if they are going to make the house payments and pay the property taxes of the citizens of Big Spring.

After all, they are telling us what we can and cannot do with the very property we pay for with our hard-earned dollars. Would it be right if I came to your house "councilman" and told you that the color of your house was atrocious and needed to be repainted? Would that sit well with you "councilman?"

I do not think it would. Now we have them telling us where we can park our vehicles on our own property or face a \$200 dollar a day fine? What other non-moving violations can you think

of that can cost you that much?

On top of all of that, if the residents in question cannot afford to get a certain part of their property paved or concreted, what makes the council think they can afford \$200? This is ridiculous.

How come they don't put more of a priority on things like the water, our streets and why the economy in this town is horrible? Instead we decide to harass the citizens.

During the meeting, the last woman that spoke in favor of the ordinance said exactly what should have changed the council members' minds.

She said, and I quote, "This is a free country."

How is telling me that I cannot do something on my own property being free? What happened to the days where everyone just minded their own business and not their neighbors'?

**KENNETH WHITEHEAD**  
BIG SPRING

**TO THE EDITOR:**  
I am saddened that you have canceled Molly Ivins.

I am not surprised.  
**MARCELLOUS WEAVER**  
BIG SPRING

Others opinions should be considered

I was disturbed by John Moseley's recent column stating that he was "sure a great many of our readers, perhaps even the majority of them, will be pleased to learn that Molly Ivins' column will no longer appear in the HERALD."



JEAN WARREN

While I do not question the right of the HERALD publishers to select the columnists for their publication, I am concerned with the implication that people should never read opinions they don't agree with.

I do not agree with everything Molly Ivins writes, but I like to read her columns because they make me think. I believe one should not avoid consideration of

unpleasant issues or facts simply because they are unpleasant.

One such item is that off-shore tax shelters continue to benefit corporations. I'm not happy to know this, but should I be ignorant of the fact?

I was disillusioned to learn that the Agency for International Development invited four firms to bid on a \$900 million engineering contract to rebuild Iraq. The contract was not up for open bidding; the chosen four were hefty contributors to the Republican Party.

I understand the arrangement has come under attack. And well it should!

One of the blessings of a democracy is a free press. As I read and study, I am saddened by the lack of diplomacy on the part of some in this administration in dealing with the international community.

Certainly Saddam Hussein is a most unsa-

vory character. Certainly the world would (will) be better off without him. But how much better if Operation Iraqi Freedom could have been waged under the auspices of the United Nations?

There is also the matter of money. The last Gulf War was an international effort, and the United States had to fund only 10 percent of the cost. The picture is entirely different today.

I do not consider it unpatriotic for Molly Ivins to question the wisdom of this war. I have many doubts myself.

However, with the conflict under way, I join with all Americans in praying for a swift resolution to the struggle and for the safe return of American servicemen and women. I appreciate Mr. Moseley's plea for prayers for our nation, our leaders, our military and even for the enemy.

Sometimes I think back over the wars that have been fought in my life-

time. I remember soldiers who did not come home and people whose lives were forever changed by the conflict. My heart aches for the innocent victims of every war.

I remember my brother-in-law, Loran Warren, who earned the Bronze Star in World War II. He rarely spoke of his wartime experiences, but one time he talked about the awful cold and the terrible hardship of the Battle of the Bulge.

Another time, during his illness, we were watching the news of Desert Storm on TV. His eyes filled with tears, and he said, "Neither side wants to be there."

I think of my own brother, Don, and how difficult it is for him to attend any funeral. As he once tried to explain to me, the ceremony reminds him, all too vividly, of bodies stacked in the snow in Korea.

Sherman had it right. "War is hell."

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How not to cure a hangover

Sam Huddleston of Brownsville doesn't like high places. He can lick an airmail stamp and get dizzy. His wife Dorothy is afraid of water. She can't take an enema without getting seasick.



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Once when Sam and Dorothy were in Monterrey, Mexico they met a couple from Indiana. They were staying in the same hotel and one evening went to the hotel bar together for a drink. The man from Indiana thought the drinks were so cheap that he bought several of them. He was drinking tequila.

Sam told the man he ought to slow down, that tequila had a way of making you turn wrong-side out. The man ignored Sam's warnings and kept putting them away.

During the course of the evening's conversation the two couples decided to go up to a mountain called Chipinque the following day. They agreed to meet in the lobby of the hotel the next morning. Sam and Dorothy were at the appointed place bright and early and they waited for the other couple to show up.

After awhile Sam went to their door and knocked. When the Indiana woman opened it, Sam asked if they had forgotten about their trip to Chipinque.

The lady replied "No, but my husband is so sick with a hangover we're not going to be able to make the trip with you." Sam went back to the lobby and told Dorothy the guy was so sick he couldn't even stand to have a shadow on his stomach.

Sam started bargaining with the owner of the goat heads and after considerable debate back and forth Sam bought one of the ugly things for thirty five cents.

When they got back to the hotel Dorothy retreated to their room while Sam went down to the hotel bar.

I asked the bartender if he could take that goat head and dress it up like it was a gourmet dish and put it on a room service tray," says Sam.

"I wanted it to look real appetizing from the outside." The bartender told Sam he could sure do it.

So Sam took a short siesta and returned to the bar to see how the finished product looked. "The bartender was real proud of it," says Sam. "He had put it on a silver platter with a cover on it.

blankets to bacon when Sam got an evil idea.

"They had some goat heads hanging up," says Sam. "They were horrible looking things with blood dripping off of them. They had eyes that were open and tongues that were hanging out."

When the lady came to the door, Sam inquired about her husband and said he had brought something for them to eat, that her husband needed some food in his stomach.

The Indiana man was lying over there on his bed, suffering. His wife looked over at him and told him to get up, that Sam had brought them a warm meal.

The man struggled out of bed, went over and took the tray from the bartender and mumbled his thanks to Sam.

He took the cover off that tray, saw that sickening goat with its twisted tongue and he started to the bathroom. But he didn't make it. He fell between the twin beds and lost everything he had eaten for a week.

Sam and Dorothy haven't seen that couple since.

A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

*During this conflict, Lord, help us keep our faith and trust in you and your word.*

Amen

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By TOMMY WEL

Sports Editor  
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### Andrews rallies past Lady Steers, 3-1

By TOMMY WELLS  
Sports Editor

ANDREWS — Round one of the showdown between District 4-4A's heavyweights went the wrong way. The Andrews Lady Mustangs scored twice in the sixth inning and managed to eke out a slim 3-1 win over the Big Spring Lady Steers in a classic pitcher's duel Tuesday evening at the AHS softball field.

Big Spring standout Alex Watkins and Andrews' ace Amy Burnett allowed just five hits apiece in the contest. Unfortunately for the Lady Steers, two of the Lady Mustangs hits came back-to-back in the sixth and led to a two-run uprising that broke open a 1-1 tie. With the loss, Big Spring fell into second-place in the district's standings at the midway point of the loop schedule. The

Lady Steers, 16-6 overall, are 4-1 in 4-4A action. Andrews, the defending district champion, wasn't able to touch Watkins much in the early innings. The BSHS starter held the Lady Mustangs spell-bound over the first three innings. Andrews, now 14-4 overall and 5-0 in district, scored once in the fourth and took a 1-0 advantage into the top of the sixth.

Leina Braxton pulled the Big Spring girls into a 1-1 tie from there. She led off the BSHS half of the sixth with a single to left. Minutes later, she slid under the tag of Andrews catcher Christina Covarrubio to even the score. Andrews, sparked by a triple from Honda Rodriguez, scored twice in its ensuing at-bat to claim the win. The BSHS girls will face Lake View Friday in San Angelo.



HERALD photo/Tommy Wells  
BSHS coach Dan Arista's team suffered its first loss in district play.



HERALD photo/Tommy Wells  
Coahoma's Clint Walker sprints toward the finish line after taking the baton from teammate Antonio Gonzales in recent CHS track and field action. The Bulldog JV placed third Saturday at the Cotton Patch Relays in Wall.

### Coahoma JV takes 3rd in Wall

By TOMMY WELLS  
Sports Editor

Garrett Cornett and Kasey Huckabee both turned in strong efforts Saturday afternoon at the Cotton Patch Relays in Wall. The Coahoma twosome combined to score 14 points in two events. Cornett highlighted the Bulldogs' efforts in the varsity division in the triple jump. He was third overall with a jump of 39 feet. Huckabee was fourth at 38-10. Huckabee, a junior, also placed fourth in the 100-meter dash. The Coahoma junior varsity squad raced to a third-place finish, scoring 71 points in 11 events. Andrew Brown and Bradley Tatum led the CHS charge. Brown won the discus competition with a throw of

113-11 and took second in the shot put at 39-10. Tatum cleared 11 feet and easily won the pole vault title. He came back later to finish second in the 110-meter hurdles.

Joe Holguin was third in the 300-meter hurdles. He teamed with Tatum, Antonio Gonzales and Mitchell Gutierrez to take fourth in the 400-meter relay.

COTTON PATCH RELAYS

SHOT PUT — 2. Andrew Brown, 39-10	TRIPLE JUMP — 4. Chris Bustamante, 36-7
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### Bulldogettes rip C-City, remain unbeaten in 3-2A play

Staff report

Ashley Lang highlighted a four-run fifth inning Tuesday night with a three-run homer and lifted the Coahoma Bulldogettes to a 10-0 rout of Colorado City in District 3-2A play.

With the win, the Bulldogettes improved to 11-7-3 for the year and to 2-0 in district action. Mandy Walker picked up the win with a strong performance. She allowed just three hits while striking out seven.

Coahoma blew the game open early. After scoring once in the first, Miranda Park and Megan Young each had hits to spark a four-run fourth. Coahoma will return to play Friday in Midland against Midland High.

### Gardner's 2 HRs sends Andrews to wild 12-2 victory over Steers

By TOMMY WELLS  
Sports Editor

ANDREWS — Matt Gardner blasted two home runs and a triple Tuesday afternoon and helped carry the Andrews Mustangs to a 12-2 come-from-behind win over the Big Spring Steers in District 4-4A play. Gardner drove in five runs in the contest and spearheaded a 15-hit Mustang attack. The Steers didn't help their

own case, either. En route to dropping to 0-3 in loop play, they committed four errors in the field. Big Spring did have reason to smile early. The Steers scored once in the top of the first inning and took their first lead of the year in 4-4A action. The lead didn't last long, however. Andrews hammered out three runs in its first trip to the plate and took a lead it would never relinquish. Gardner helped power

the Mustangs' first inning assault with a two-run homer. The AHS slugger has hit nine homers this year. The Steers, who had key hits from Andrew Vizcaino and Nathan Clements, battled their way back to within 6-2 in the fourth before the wheels came off the BSHS wagon. Andrews, now 13-7 overall and a perfect 3-0 in district, broke out the lumber again in the bottom of the fourth. The Mustangs scored three times in the inning and built their advantage to 9-2.

### Teenage League sign-ups begin

Staff report

Registration for the 2003 Teenage League baseball season will get under way this weekend at the American and National League baseball fields. Sign-ups will start on Friday, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. They will continue the following day from noon to 9 p.m. Athletes, ages 13 to 16, missing the first round of registration will also be able to register on April 11-12 at the baseball

parks. The cost for playing is \$65 per player. Tryouts will be held Sunday, April 13th, at 2:30 p.m. at the Teenage League Complex. Anyone interested in coaching should contact Randy Phillips 263-5314 or 264-6600; or contact Kelly Hankins at 263-4372.

Andrews closed out the game with two runs in the fifth and another in the sixth. The Steers, 3-11 overall, will close out their recent 2 game road swing Friday in San Angelo against Lake View. The game will begin at 4:30 p.m.

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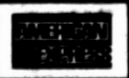
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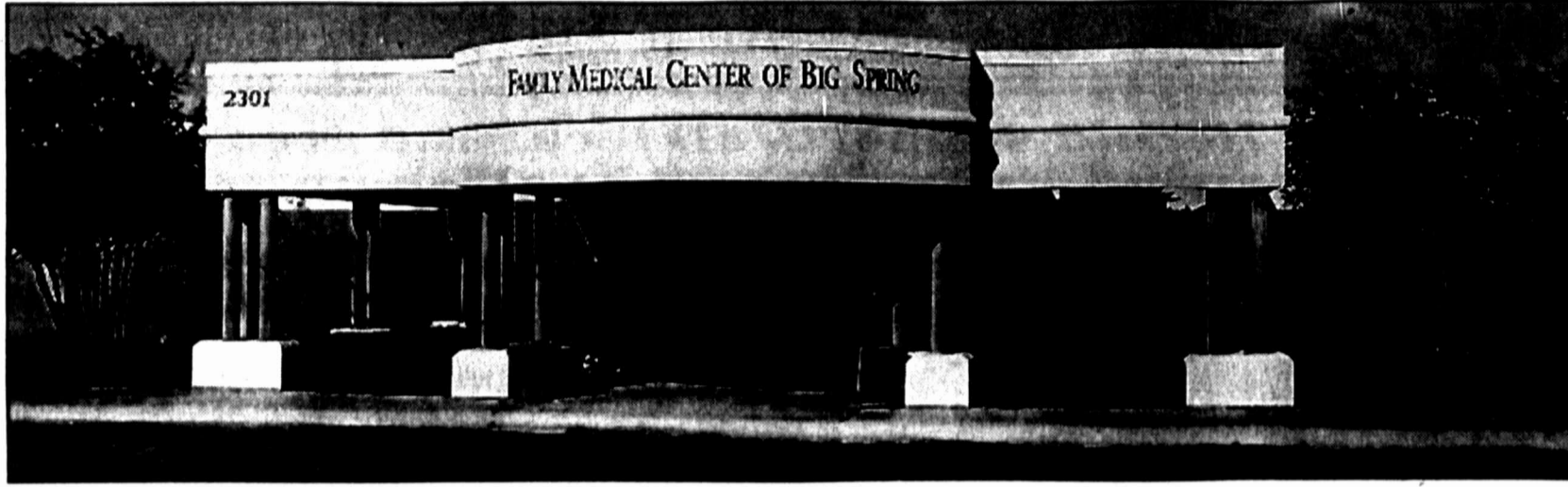
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