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A meeting of the Big Spring High School junior class parents concerning the 2003 Junior/Senior Prom will be held at 8:30 p.m. Monday in the high school library.

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American Profile



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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 — but the remainder of the analogy holds.

Health: Annette Hubbard is one senior citizen who doesn't let some seven decades of living slow her down much. And that's key to good health, experts say.

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Trial: Brutal assault, bloody evidence

By **ROGER CLINE**

Staff Writer
Prosecution witnesses on Wednesday presented chilling testimony about a brutal assault and bloody evidence to jurors in the trial of three teen-agers charged with murdering 16-year-old Lennon Everett Lane.

At the end of the day, the prosecution closed its case against Terrell Jackman, 19; Michael Jackman, 16; and Pedro Castillo, 16. Quickly, defense attorneys for each defendant presented

motions urging the judge to issue an instructed verdict of not guilty on each charge.

In response to the motions, District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson dropped two charges against each defendant due to lack of evidence.

Judge Robert Moore III denied defense motions to issue an instructed verdict.

Wilkerson said the motions are routine in criminal cases.

"That is very routine," he said. "I've never been

"He came in and shut the door, locked the door, put the chain on and looked out the peephole. I asked him if he's running from the cops and he said, 'Yeah.'"

Jimmy Johnson, brother-in-law of defendant Pedro Castillo

in a case where that didn't happen."

During the day, Wilkerson presented 15 witnesses.

To start, he recalled crime tech Wayne Jones, who testified as to where several items bearing Lane's blood were discovered. A hammer, which the prosecution alleges was used in the murder, was discovered in the pocket of a pair of pants in Castillo's bedroom in the 1000 block of E. 20th St., while a pair of burned tennis shoes believed to belong to the victim were

discovered in a barbecue grill at the home

Two pairs of shoes bearing blood traces were discovered at the Jackman home in the 1700 block of Jennings. A bloody pair of blue jeans were also discovered at the home.

Tammy Silen, owner of the residence at 1000 E. 20th St., said that Castillo is the son of her ex-husband's girlfriend. Although Castillo had not regularly lived with Silen for about eight months before the murder, she

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U.S. Army soldiers secure an area close to the Shiite Muslim holy city of Karbala following a battle with Iraqi forces on Wednesday. Forces from the 3rd Infantry Division seized the strategic Karbala pass south of Baghdad after overpowering elements of Iraq's Republican Guard.

AFP photo/Romeo Gacard

Troops surge on to Baghdad

By **DAVID CRARY**

Associated Press Writer
U.S. troops surged forward Thursday into the outskirts of Baghdad, and a special forces unit raided one of Saddam Hussein's presidential palaces. One U.S. spokesman said Iraqi forces appeared on the verge of collapse.

Lead units of the multi-pronged U.S. assault force were about four miles from the edge of Baghdad. Army troops closed in from the southwest after crossing the Euphrates River; Marine units advanced from the southeast in a long column along the Tigris River.

"We are getting closer and closer," said Navy Capt. Frank Thorp, a



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Central Command spokesman. "We will be in Baghdad within a matter of hours from when we decide to go."

Special forces infiltrated some Iraqi command posts in the Baghdad area. Another group of

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Turn-around complete on FM 700

By **LYNDEL MOODY**

Staff Writer
Motorists heading to Wal-Mart Wednesday by taking the south frontage road from the Goliad/FM 700 intersection were in for a shock.

"We opened up the new exit ramp and turn-

around structure on FM 700," said Tom Edwards, Texas Department of Transportation project manager for the \$1.66 million construction project to improve traffic flow on Highway 87.

"The south frontage road is now completely a one-way going east

bound," Edwards said. "If you want to access business along the south frontage road you have to use the exit ramp and turn-around then head back east."

"There's no more turning left at FM 700 (and Goliad intersection) and heading up (west) on the

frontage road."

To remind drivers of the change, two large "do not enter" signs are positioned at the beginning of the south frontage road where it meets the Goliad/FM 700 intersection. An exception to the one-way is the section of the south frontage road

west of U.S. 87 leading into the Coronado Hills residential area. It will remain two-way.

The 11-month project created the turn-around structure adjacent to the Gregg Street overpass and a new exit ramp from FM

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'Ghost' will take BSHS stage tonight

By **LYNDEL MOODY**

Staff Writer
The Big Spring High School theater department will present its award-winning University Interscholastic League one-act competition play tonight.

"The Ghost of Sonata," written by August Stringberg and directed by Tracie Lindsey, high school theater teacher, will begin at 7 p.m. at the high school auditorium, 707 E. 11th Place.

No fee will be charged to watch the play but the theater troupe will accept donations.

The cast and crew received several awards for their performance of the play at the UIL District 4-4A contest held in San Angelo on March 27.

Senior Brittney Barrow

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Big Spring High School one-act play actors Dan Weissman, left, Reina Cisneros and Wolfgang Robinson rehearse a scene in "The Ghost of Sonata." The cast will present its award-winning University Interscholastic League one-act performance tonight at 7 in the high school auditorium, 707 E. 11th Place.

HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Arts & Craft Show set at coliseum

By **BILL McCLELLAN**

News Editor
A special candle or potpourri for a warm Easter setting, handmade earrings and a bracelet for mom or a unique book cover for the high school graduate planning on college. Finding great gifts for holidays and special occasions is as close as Dorothy Garrett Coliseum this weekend.

It's time for the 14th annual Spring City Arts and Crafts Show — an event which features artists and crafters from throughout the Southwest.

The vendors fill the coliseum floor, as well as the foyer and concourse with everything from snacks to furniture.

As usual, there will be a mix of new craftsmen as well as a number of old favorites.

"First-time exhibitors will offer items such as

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A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Obituaries

Helen Margarite Eck Milner



Helen Margarite Eck Milner was born on Aug. 6, 1923, in Brookville, Ohio, and died on Tuesday, April 1, 2003, in Big Spring.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Doyal Lowery Milner; her parents, Wes Sylvester Eck and Viola Mae Alexander Eck; brothers Homer Leroy Eck and Albert C. Eck; and sisters Isabell Laura Eck Pumprey, Fern Leatha Eck Berry and Hazel Doris Eck Hensel.

Helen is survived by a son, James Doyal Milner of Meadows Place; a daughter, Rebecca Elaine Milner Biehler of Lorain, Ohio; four grandchildren, Michael Dean Abel, Karen Melissa Abel Brant, Lori Diann Abel and Deborah Carleton Milner; one step-grandchild, Brain Robert Biehler; two great-grandchildren, Hannah Marie and Natalie Elizabeth Abel; one step great-grandchild, Brianna Biehler; two sisters, Ruth Mae Eck Lee and Opal Elnora Eck Alley; one brother, Delbert D. Eck; numerous nieces and nephews and a host of friends, including her long-time friend, Martha Christy of Big Spring.

As a child, Helen lived with her family on a farm outside Brookville, Ohio. While living there, Helen met Doyal Milner, who was stationed at Wright-Patterson Army Air Corps Base in Dayton. Helen and Doyal were married on July 18, 1943, in Dayton. Helen worked in Dayton while Doyal was stationed in India.

In 1951, Helen, Doyal and James moved to Texas. Then, in 1957, Helen, Doyal, James and Rebecca settled in Big Spring. They were long-time members of Wesley Methodist Church in Big Spring. Helen worked for 15 years in the Big Spring High School cafeteria. Helen also enjoyed working with small children and she kept the nursery at Wesley Methodist for a number of years.

In Helen's later years, she and her friends enjoyed playing games like Skipbo. Helen was also an excellent cook and her desserts were legendary. She won numerous blue ribbons for her desserts at the Howard County Fair. In the last several years, Helen was a member of North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church.

Memorials may be made in Helen's name to North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church, 2702 N. Birdwell Lane, Big Spring 79720.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 5, 2003, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Joel Miller, pastor of North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

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

Linda Moorhead



Linda Moorhead, 45, of Big Spring, died on Tuesday, April 1, 2003, at her residence. No services are planned at this time. The family will receive friends at their home.

She was born on June 27, 1957 in Yakima, Wash., and married Jamey Moorhead 26 years ago in Big Spring. Linda loved her family, children, laughing and partying and collecting antiques and Barbies.

Survivors include her husband, Jamey Moorhead; two daughters and one son-in-law, Jessica Nicole and Bradley Woolverton and Kristina Marie Moorhead; one grandson, William Orion Woolverton, all of Big Spring; one sister, Mary of San Francisco, and one nephew, Christopher Curtis of Lubbock.

She was preceded in death by her mother, father and one sister.

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

Fabian George Shortes

Fabian George Shortes, former Big Spring resident, passed away on March 28, 2003, in a hospital in Simi Valley, Calif., after a lengthy illness. Private services were held in California.

Fabian married Dorothy Byczek in September 1944 in Los Angeles. He had spent two years in the Air Force during World War II.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Shortes of Simi Valley, Calif.; a daughter and son-in-law, Ada and Mitchell Allan; two grandchildren, Joshua Allan and Elena Allan all of Walnut Creek, Calif.; two sisters, Erma Blagrove and Norma Wheeler, both of Big Spring; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Albert and May Shortes; three brothers and two sisters.

James William Brown

Funeral service for James William Brown, 75, of Big Spring is pending with Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Mr. Brown died Wednesday, April 2, at a Lubbock hospital.

Weather

Tonight — Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 50s. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph. Chance of precipitation 10 percent.

Friday — Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 80s. West winds 5 to 15 mph.

Friday night — Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 40s.

Saturday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 80s.

Sunday — Clearing. Lows in the mid 50s. Highs in the mid 80s.

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was named to the all-star cast. Senior Dan Weissman and sophomore Tapley Holguin were honorable mention. Junior Jessica Hicks earned the lighting technician award.

The cast includes Weissman, Wolfgang Robinson, Barrow, Camilla Painter, Mark Sheedy, Holguin, Chris Wigington, Victoria Zermenos, Stephanie Franco, Corey Green, Reina Cisneros, Kathryn Weissman, Jessi New, Logan Churchwell and Gaby Sifuentes.

Crew members are Kelci McAdams, Mike Bond, Allan Michael Sheedy and Hicks. Dani Barrow is an alternate.

Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mail at newsdesk@crcom.net

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 Runnels. For more information, call 393-5522

WEDNESDAY

AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Open 12 and 12 Study meeting, 8 p.m.

Police blotter

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

ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 1400 block of West Second Street.

CRUELTY TO ANIMALS was reported in the 1400 block of West Second Street.

GRAFITTI was reported in the 1000 block of Northwest 10th Street. \$400 damage was reported to the structure.

THEFT was reported in the 2500 block of Fairchild Drive. \$50 damage was reportedly inflicted on the structure and items worth \$600 were reported stolen.

BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1600 block of Avion Street. Reported stolen, but later recovered, were recordings worth \$260, electronic equipment worth \$650, merchandise worth \$453 and other items worth \$30.

DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in person at the police station and in the 1400 block of West Second Street and the 600 block of West Sixth Street.

DISTURBANCE OR FIGHT was reported in the 1500 block of South Johnson.

LOUD PARTY/NOISE was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore Street and the 900 block of South Douglas.

MINOR ACCIDENT was reported twice in the 200 block of West FM 700 and the 1900 block of South Gregg Street.

ANIMAL PROBLEM was reported in the 3700 block of Connolly Street.

Bulletin board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald Features Desk at 263-7331, ext. 238 or email jmoseley@crcom.net.

TODAY

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.

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

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

Evening Lion Club Eyeglass Clinic, Free used eyeglasses for adults. Saturday April 12, 9 a.m. to noon, Bob's Custom Woodwork, 409 E. Third.

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

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

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

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

Delta Kappa Gamma meeting, 6 p.m., Hangar 25 Air Museum

Parents of the Big Spring High School Junior class meeting, 6:30 p.m., school library, to discuss Junior/Senior Prom.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 11-12-21-27-40-44.

Estimated jackpot: \$9 million.

Number matching six of six: 0.

Matching five of six: 46. Prize: \$2,603.

Matching four of six: 3,244. Prize: \$91.

Matching three of six: 65,078. Prize: \$5.

Next Lotto Texas game: Saturday night.

Estimated jackpot: \$13 million.

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Wednesday: 10-13-14-16-19

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night: 2-1-7

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The Associated

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By TARA ROBE

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U.S. howitzer fires at Iraqi forces in Karbala, Iraq, on Wednesday.

Photo by Kyodo

Iraqis urged 'Fight them with your hands'

The Associated Press

With U.S. ground forces closing in fast, Saddam Hussein exhorted the Iraqi people to "fight them with your hands," according to a statement read Thursday on Iraqi satellite television.

The statement — addressed to the people of the region southeast of Baghdad — was read by Information Minister Saeed al-Sahhaf.

"Fight them with your hands, God will disgrace them. God is great," the statement said.

At a news conference later Thursday, Sahhaf disputed the coalition claims of battle successes. "All this is to cover their disappointment and inability," he said. Sahhaf said Republican Guard forces battled coalition troops in the area south of Kut and "taught them lessons, a catastrophe," inflicting heavy casualties and forcing a coalition retreat. "We buried a lot of them today," he said.

He also claimed Iraqi forces killed scores of coalition troops on Wednesday at Basra.

"We're now trying to exhaust them, making them more tired until our leadership decides the time and method to clean our territory of their desecration," Sahhaf said.

American forces push within four miles of Baghdad

The Associated Press

In a startlingly quick move on the Iraqi capital, American forces were within four miles of the Baghdad city gates Thursday.

Thousands of U.S. military vehicles of the 7th Infantry were crossing the Euphrates River from the south and west of Baghdad on Thursday after fighting through a failed Iraqi attempt to hold the bridge at Musayyib, 35 miles due south of the capital. The bridge had been wired with explosives, which were disarmed by U.S. engineers.

Scores of blown up Iraqi vehicles and dozens of bodies lined the roads where the Iraqis had built fighting positions. The dead were in uniform — though it was unclear whether they were Republican Guard or regular army units.

Dozens of Iraqi soldiers have surrendered. The Army was slowly shuttling the prisoners to the rear as it pressed ahead toward the capital.

Southeast of the city, advancing Marines found black combat boots discarded along the road by Iraqi fighters who have taken off their military footwear and changed into robes, hoping to avoid capture as com-

batants.

In Kut, an Iraqi military town on the Tigris River southeast of Baghdad, Marines from the 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines were battling Iraqi fighters building to building.

The Marines were jumping on rooftops and going through all the rooms in some buildings. Tanks roamed the city and the Marines were taking small arms fire and mortars. Three Marines were wounded, two lightly, one more seriously.

On the outskirts of Kut, Marines opened fire on a military training academy, blowing a hole into a mosaic portrait of Saddam.

Residents said women and children had been sent out of the city in the past days and that pro-Saddam militias had taken young men away to force them to fight the advancing coalition forces.

"They want to give us machine guns and make us fight. We are civilians, how can we fight?" Kut resident Kasem Fasil said. "Some people, they didn't want to fight and they killed them."

Fasil and Ali Hussein, another Kut resident, said if the Americans go to Baghdad, they are afraid Saddam's forces will unleash chemical weapons on

Shiite Muslim towns like theirs. Saddam rules over a Sunni Muslim regime.

The Marines say they found a cache of untouched chemical weapons protection suits at one Iraqi bunker in the area.

As they advanced, Marines were stopping every vehicle they met along the main road. Drivers and passengers got out of taxis and cars and stood by the road with their hands in the air.

At a Baath Party building flying Iraqi flags, a small group of men sat clustered in a grassy area around a woman dressed in a black chador and waving a white flag of surrender.

Many groups of Iraqis sat down by the roadside, waving and smiling at the Marines to show they were not combatants.

American infantry troops were moving out of the desert into farm fields with tall grass and palm trees. Small farms with rice paddies dot the banks of the Euphrates and irrigation canals.

Iraqi soldiers had used the tall grass as cover to fire on U.S. forces, which were forced to weave through and around irrigation canals. U.S. war planes continued to roar overhead providing cover.

Wounded in battle, a soldier's frank story

By TARA ROBERSON

CNHI News Service

STILLWATER, Okla. — Army Cpl. Charles "Chuck" Eatmon said nothing could have prepared him for being injured in combat.

"You train for this stuff all the time, but you never think it will be one of us," he said Tuesday during a telephone interview from Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany.

"I knew I was shot pretty bad when I looked down through my night-vision goggles and saw the blood pouring through my wedding band," he said.

Eatmon, of Stillwater, was shot during a firefight southeast of Karbala last week. He said he and his men were clearing a village when he was shot.

"We were there supporting others who were trying to secure a bridge and had been taking fire all night," Eatmon said. "We started clearing the village and searching houses and we had already encountered enemy troops several times. I had already been in three or four gunfights that day."

Eatmon said he and his men were about 40 feet behind their Bradley fighting vehicle, parked between two houses, when they had backed up against a wall to avoid enemy fire.

"We could see the fire hitting above us and bouncing and sparking off the Bradley — I don't think the enemy soldiers could actually see us," he said. "We were in a kneeling position against the wall when I took a round in the neck and it came out my shoulder."

"...when you have a barefoot 3-year-old asking for (meals) from the guys, that becomes the No. 1 motivator for a soldier."

Army Cpl. Charles Eatmon

He said he was able to keep firing and when he collapsed, two of his men dragged him back to their Bradley.

"They threw me in the back and hauled butt back across the bridge," he said.

Eatmon said he and his men from the Third Brigade/Third Infantry Initial Task Force Armored Regiment from Fort Benning, Ga., were at the head of the line of coalition troops headed into Iraq. Their northern position meant it took more than four days to get him out of the country.

He said the first medics who treated him applied pressure dressings and put him on a personnel carrier headed for a MASH unit six hours away.

"We train for this stuff all the time, but when we trained out there in the desert last year we always said 'man, I hope I don't get shot out here because we are far away from everything,' and it was far," he said. "All I can say is that God was with me."

Eatmon said surgeons in the field decided he would not need immediate surgery.

"I know if they thought it was really life-threatening, they would have opened me up right there," he said.

Eatmon said his right lung had collapsed and doctors at the MASH units stabilized him at various locations to make sure he was able to travel.

"Our medics are really good," he said.

Eatmon said he knew last year he and his men would be making a trip to Iraq.

"The Army gives little hints," he said. "We did a six-month stint in Kuwait last year and when we came home they didn't unload our vehicles like they usually do, so I knew we were coming back."

He said he also knew they would be spending a lot of time outside their Bradleys when they got to Iraq.

"We are a mechanized infantry unit," he said. "But when we had a month of training starting Jan. 7 that got us besides on other things besides our Bradleys, I knew we were not going to be spending a lot of time in them."

Eatmon said when Operation Iraqi Freedom began, his initial orders were to go as far north as possible, as fast as possible.

"We started counting civilians in An Nasiriyah," Eatmon said. "I have to tell you, our motivation was getting pretty low, I mean the mail's slow, the food sucks and a lot of guys are asking themselves 'why did I join the Army?'"

"But then we see what the Iraqi regime is doing to it's people — I mean the people are starving to death," he said.



A soldier from the 422nd Civil Affairs Battalion and his new friend are pictured in a small village near Najaf, Iraq. The unit is in the town providing humanitarian assistance.

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commandos raided the Tharthar presidential palace, in a resort area about 55 miles from Baghdad.

Brig. Gen. Vincent Brooks, in a briefing at Central Command, said the raiders landed by helicopter in the palace compound after repressing anti-aircraft fire. The commandos found no leaders in residence, but came away with documents that will be reviewed by intelligence officers, Brooks said.

Thorp said a second presidential palace, near Saddam International Airport on the outskirts of Baghdad, also was briefly entered by U.S. soldiers Thursday.

"We don't think that the fighting is over yet," Brooks said. "There are still options that are open to the regime, including weapons of mass destruction. We take that very seriously."

Another U.S. spokesman, Navy Lt. Mark Kitchens, said U.S. forces are seeing "strong

and credible signs that the Iraqi forces are being overwhelmed and will soon collapse." However, Iraqi authorities vowed to make a stand, raising the possibility that some units had been pulled into Baghdad for urban warfare rather than risk a head-on clash outside the city.

While some Marine units advanced toward the capital, others from the 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines battled building to building with Iraqi fighters in Kut, a military town on the Tigris. Three Marines were wounded.

To the west, thousands of Army vehicles were crossing the Euphrates and moving toward Baghdad after an unsuccessful attempt by Iraqi forces to defend a bridge at Musayyib. Scores of blown-up Iraqi vehicles and dozens of bodies lined the roads as the U.S. troops passed by.

U.S. defense officials said two Republican Guard divisions were badly weakened by the approaching Americans on Wednesday. U.S. forces incurred minimal losses in those battles, but

a Republican Guard commander vowed that resistance would stiffen.

"God willing, we will teach the enemy lessons on the battlefield that it will not forget," said an officer identified by the Arab television network Al-Jazeera as commander of the Republican Guard's Baghdad Division. The officer, whose name was not given, said 17 of his men were killed in the recent combat, but denied U.S. claims that the division had been destroyed.

Iraq did prove it retains surface-to-air firepower, shooting down a Black Hawk helicopter

Wednesday near the city of Karbala, 50 miles south of Baghdad. A Navy F/A-18C Hornet also was downed; military officials in Washington said the plane was hit by an Iraqi surface-to-air missile, but U.S. Central Command in Qatar said Thursday the cause wasn't known.

A search was under way the pilot of the Hornet, which went down while on a bombing mission launched from the carrier USS Kitty Hawk. The six soldiers aboard the Black Hawk were killed.

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In the kitchen.... with Beth

In this week's visit I want to tell you about a restaurant in Sweetwater that I visited.

Lillian Jane's Steak House is located on Hailey Street. It is a nice, comfortable atmosphere. All of the waitresses are very hospitable and give excel-



BETH BOND

lent service, but in the end, we all know that the food is what really matters.

Lillian Jane's marinated chicken fingers have to be the best. They are served with rice and a choice of vegetable, salad and the most outstanding rolls I believe I have ever eaten.

This restaurant is another A-plus dining experience. So go out and see the fine people at Lillian Jane's and try it for yourself.

Now on to the recipe of the week.

Honey Mustard Chicken Pasta

Ingredients:
4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
8 oz macaroni
12 oz honey mustard dressing
1 stick butter or margarine
1/2 cup parmesan cheese
Salt
Pepper
Garlic powder
Onion powder

Directions:
Cut the chicken breasts into bite-size pieces. Next, let's melt the stick

of butter in a large skillet. Add chicken, a dash of salt, pepper, garlic powder and onion powder to the melted butter. Cook until the chicken is tender (approximately 20 minutes). After the first 10 minutes of cooking your chicken, fill a medium-size pot half full of water. Bring the water to a rolling boil, and then add your macaroni. Allow the macaroni to cook for five minutes while boiling, turn off and cover for the remaining five minutes.

Drain the excess water from your pasta. Now that the chicken and pasta are done, put them together in a large bowl and add the honey mustard dressing. Personal note: Only add as much dressing as you like. Each person will vary so it's hard to put an exact amount. I just put enough to lightly coat the chicken and the pasta. Finish it off by stirring in the cheese. Enjoy!

Next week we will again with another recipe from the culinary world and I will let you

know where to dine and hope to have an A-plus migrant experience.

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Horoscope

BY JOYCE JILLSON
ARIES (March 21-April 19). Plan a retreat to prevent burnout. Travel to major cities doesn't count, as it only winds you up more than it thinks a nature! Make sure that someone who does all the right things is doing them for all the right reasons!



JOYCE JILLSON

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Find ways of economizing your social life — like throw a party and see 50 friends at once. You've got the perfect partner mapped out in detail on paper, so it's quite remarkable when a total stranger fits the bill.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Spiritual interests give you perspective on areas of your life where you are simply spinning your wheels. Follow your intuition to have something checked out. Distance (physical or emotional) makes the heart grow fonder.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). If you don't have a job that gives you the right amount of autonomy, responsibility and creative freedom, this is the time to find it. Aries inspires you. You'll be pleasantly remind-

ed why you love your someone special.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Time spent with loved ones is reassuring. Be sure you have the proper license or legal support for what you want to do. A news item sparks a winning idea — copyright it now. Perpetuate a sizzling affair with love letters.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 3). You call the shots this year. In the next three months, you are able to reach those who have misunderstood you in the past. All spring, your social calendar is filled. A sweetheart will finally be ready to commit in May. Your bank account will start to reflect your success at the start of summer. Affairs are dynamic and could lead to marriage. Your lucky numbers are: 1, 9, 24, 34 and 49.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You have terrific fun at work. But at home, boredom may be a sign that you are angry with a partner and haven't worked it out of your system yet. Don't wait to set things right. Have the hard conversations tonight.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). What's exciting is the idea of having children, grandchildren or creative brainchildren. Letting loved ones have as much freedom as they want might be the best strategy for getting your way.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov.

21). Dedicate yourself to your studies. Anything done halfway isn't worth doing at all today. Your personal life becomes lucky when you let go or drastically change an unhealthy relationship to make room for new, improved love.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). No need to stop yourself from getting to know new people. Instead, maximize time by meeting for coffee instead of long lunch, working out together or finding other ways to include friends in already-planned activities.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Giving your time to those in need is the best way to expand your circle and make more room in your schedule, as unlikely as that seems. The joy and altered perspective helps you cut out anything that was a waste of your time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). If your self-image is strong, so are you — no matter what challenges to your ego may arise. Don't leave nagging doubts until the last minute. It's nothing if you nip it in the bud. A Sagittarius helps.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Less is more. Learn how to cut to the quick with effective conversations and high-quality socializing. Some friends are resentful of the change in you at first, but later, they'll be copying your effective new ways.

Extension Office offers a delicious diabetic recipe

Apple Cinnamon Muffins

Ingredients:
1-1/4 cup oat bran cereal, uncooked
1 cup whole wheat flour
2 tsp ground cinnamon
1 tsp baking powder
3/4 tsp baking soda
1/2 tsp salt
3/4 cup unsweetened applesauce
1 cup apple, peeled, cored, diced
1/2 cup honey
1/2 cup vegetable oil
1 egg
1 tsp pure vanilla extract



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Directions:
1. Preheat oven to 375.
2. Coat 12 medium-size cups with vegetable oil or line with paper baking

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allowed him to room with Anthony Villar. Silen testified the night of August 5, he arrived home at about 9 p.m. Villar said he went to the next room until the next morning. When she was on Aug. 5, Castillo was in a recliner home, covered blanket. Silen thought nothing amiss and went to bed. Emmanuel testified that his family were out in the early morning on Aug. 5 because he said he saw the crossing a vehicle toward the scene about 10:30 a.m. Although he did not identify the defendant, he said he saw the defendant's car quickly and ran through out of the house. Leslie Minguela's grandmother remembers seeing three figures walking, but she said she saw the time as about 3:30 a.m. Eba Graves, Syble Parker, testified that they saw the telephone Michael Jackson Graves said he was depressed, but said she heard and Lane talk background.

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allowed him to share a room with her son, Anthony Villalpando, when he desired.

Silen testified that on the night of Aug. 4, she arrived home from work at about 9 p.m. and neither Castillo, nor Villalpando were home. She went to sleep, she said, and did not wake up until the next morning.

When she woke up on Aug. 5, Castillo was sleeping in a recliner at the home, covered with a blanket. Silen said she thought nothing was amiss and went to work.

Emmanuel Minguela testified that he and his family were out walking in the early morning of Aug. 5 because it was too hot to sleep. Minguela said he saw three figures crossing a vacant lot toward the Silen residence about 2:30 a.m. Although he could not identify the defendants as those three, he said the men he saw were moving quickly and panting as though out of breath.

Leslie Rogers, Minguela's girlfriend at the time, said she also remembers seeing the three figures during the walk, but remembered the time as about 3 a.m.

Eba Graves, 16, and Syble Parker, 14, both testified that they spoke on the telephone with Michael Jackman Aug. 4. Graves said he seemed depressed, but Parker said she heard Castillo and Lane talking in the background.

Graves said she was good friends with Lane and Michael Jackman at the time of the murder and spoke with both boys that evening. Michael Jackman seemed depressed, she said.

Graves acknowledged that she told police that Michael had told her, "The dark side was coming over him and he didn't know if he could control it."

Jimmy Johnson, Castillo's brother-in-law, testified that he and Castillo had been drinking Aug. 4 and went to get more beer before returning to Johnson's home in the 1300 block of Ridge Road and watched movies as they drank.

Johnson said he later drove Castillo to Silen's home and let him keep the remainder of the beer.

On Aug. 5, Castillo's mother Patsy Castillo brought him to Johnson's home and Johnson reported that the teen was acting strangely. "He came in and shut the door, locked the door, put the chain on and looked out the peephole," Johnson said. "I asked him if he's running from the cops and he said, 'Yeah.'"

Castillo then haltingly told Johnson the story, the witness said.

"Pedro said he hit Lennon about four times," Johnson said. "He said Lennon hit the ground and didn't get back up."

According to Johnson, Castillo said he and Michael headed toward the Jackman home. When Terrell and Lane didn't follow, they returned to meet Terrell. The older

Jackman told Castillo, that Lane wanted to fight him again.

Johnson said that Castillo told him he refused, and then Terrell attacked Lane with a hammer, hitting him on the back of the head.

"After that, I guess they all jumped on him," Johnson said.

Johnson testified that Castillo said the boys saw what they believed was a police car after the attack and fled the scene. The returned later and Castillo poked Lane with a pipe to determine whether he was still alive. According to Johnson, Castillo said Lane was still breathing at that time.

Rebecca Villarreal, Michael Jackman's girlfriend at the time of the incident, said he called her the evening of Aug. 4.

"We just talked like we usually do," she said, adding that she heard Lane and Castillo talking and laughing in the background.

Villarreal said Michael called her several times the next day, asking about Lane's condition.

"I know he was real scared. He said somebody was hurt but didn't refer to who," she said. "Later on he told me it was Lennon that they were talking about."

Michael Jackman convinced Villarreal to phone Lane's parents to let them know where he was. Villarreal did so, but used the name "Angelica."

Patsy Castillo said that the morning of Aug. 5, she went to work. Sometime that morning, Pedro and Michael

Jackman showed up at her place of employment and were hanging around outside. Later that day, Terrell showed up.

"Pedro called me outside but didn't tell me anything," she said, adding that Michael was crying at that time. "Terrell said he needed to get out of town."

Castillo testified that she drove the boys to the Jackman family business, where Terrell got some money from someone.

She then took them to a residence on West Sixth Street.

Athea Darrow, 18, said Terrell Jackman stayed with her in San Angelo for three days after Jackman was released from jail for lack of evidence and before he was re-arrested.

Darrow said she had discussions about the events of Aug. 4-5 with him. "Terrell said they were hitting and kicking on Lennon Lane," she testified. "He said he didn't think the police would be able to link it to him."

Justice of the Peace Bennie Green said he signed a statement submitted by Castillo and his attorney Bob Miller. Green read the statement into evidence Wednesday.

In the statement, Castillo admitted to fighting Lane and hitting him in the face several times. The statement blames

Terrell Jackman for the murder, however.

"Terrell hit him more than 30 times with the hammer," Green read from the statement.

Randall Adams, a 45-year-old inmate, said he shared a jail cell with Terrell Jackman shortly after the murder and that Terrell bragged about the murder.

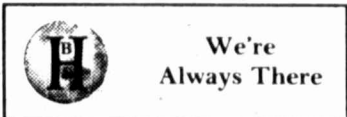
"He said the young man died from the first blow, but they kept hitting him anyway," Adams said.

Det. Jim Rider of the Big Spring Police Department took the witness stand, but after an objection to testimony that he designed the prosecution's theory of how events transpired in the murder, Wilkerson released him and rested the state's case.

"I really wanted him to more or less go over some of the facts that had already been introduced into evidence and some of the physical evidence and

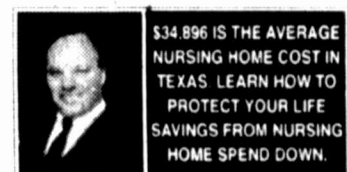
how that tied together, but it's probably more appropriate that I do that in closing arguments myself," Wilkerson said. "I have a good feeling about the evidence that we were able to get in today, and a good feeling that we were able to conclude our case in two days of very intense and long testimony."

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leather goods, tole painting, seasonal decorations, jewelry, purses, book bags, book covers, receiving blankets, clothing, cinnamon roasted nuts, floral art, potpourri, scented rocks, canned vegetables, salsas, children's furniture, original poetry and bath lotions and salts," said Mel Prather, organizer of the

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Also new are vendors with fabric crafts, wall hangings, rag dolls, embellished shirts, hand puppets, T-shirts, lotion bars, handmade purses, bed spreads, crystal jewelry, baby quilts and metal art. Pepper cookers, chip and dip mixes, porch swings, flutes and furniture will be on sale as well.

Returning exhibitors will offer such items as wood wreaths, floral deco-

rations, painted wood, baked items, fur covered animals, clothing, hair accessories, Southwest jewelry, dolls, doll clothes, punched metal art, kitchen ceramics and quilts.

There will also be ornate crosses, stained glass, toys, puzzles, belt buckles pie mixes and peanut brittle.

Hours for the festival are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

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700 to Gregg Street. The new ramp is set back some 600 to 700 feet from the original.

"This will tremendously improve traffic flow at Highway 87 and FM 700 at the bridge," Edwards said. "The ultimate goal of this project is to improve traffic control at

the intersection."

Other changes include allowing traffic from Goliad to stop at the bottom of the intersection between the street and FM 700. This will also means traffic from Goliad and FM 700 will be prevented from entering the north frontage road unless by the new FM 700 exit.

The light signal controlling traffic entering the north frontage road by

Goliad is expected to be removed sometime today, Edwards said. The north frontage road will also turn into one-way, heading west.

Edward cautioned construction will still continue along the area, including a seal coating project.

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A year ago as a more, Magers w triple jump, the lo and the 200-mete crowns. She also r on two of the Lady gold-medal winnin teams.

A year older an experienced, Ma favored to challe three individual again. This seas has won titles in a events, includin week at the Sa Relays in Mo where she won th jump.

A two-time lon winner this year, won the 200-met two weeks a Andrews. She was last week.

The Lady Steers from a one-woma however. In fact, than eight Big standouts have events this year.

Cierra Butler, qualifier last yea shot put, is retu try and extend h as the top shot an thrower at the B Invitational. Sh both events last y

Butler hasn't de thing over the las to prove she isn't of turning in a gold performance first four meets, finished third in put twice and wor cus at the I Invitational and second at the 59th

AA extends invite across the 'Big Pond'

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

All Americas Bowl officials announced last week a bit of Norway could be coming to Big Spring this summer.

All Americas Bowl vice president John Armstrong announced the international six-man all-star game had extended an invitation to two Norwegian athletes to participate in this summer's all-star contest. Norway began playing six-man football last year.

"We'd like to have them come and see Big Spring and how football is approached here," said Armstrong. "I'm sure it would be a great experience for them and the other players coming."

The All Americas Bowl, the oldest international six-man all-star game, is

scheduled for the last week of July.

Should the Norwegians accept the invitation, they would become the second and third European athletes to participate in the contest. Romanian-born defensive end Antonio Seremet was the first European to play in the game, which was established in 1996.

Seremet, who is scheduled to play collegiately this fall at Ranger College, recorded five sacks en route to leading the Nationals to a 43-32 victory over Texas in 2001.

Texas has won six of the seven games played.

The Nationals team is comprised of players from New Mexico, Arizona, Kansas, Colorado, Montana, Nebraska, Canada, Australia and Norway.

Hernandez, Mariners rally for 11-8 win over Indians

The Big Spring Mariners recovered from a shaky start Monday night and rolled to an 11-3 victory over the Indians in their 2003 Little League season opener.

The Mariners didn't have as much to be cheerful about in the early innings. The Indians jumped out to a 6-1 lead after the first inning.

The Mariners, led by pitcher Frank Hernandez, battled back, however. Led by solid defensive play from Chad Bowles, Edward Agüero, Wesley Chandler and Patrick Robles.

Offensively, the Mariners were led by Agüero, who roughed up the Indians for two doubles. Robles and David Gonzales also had key hits.

The Indians were led by Coy Wilkerson's two hits. Robert Aguilar and

Christian Carbajal also collected hits.

Rangers 10, D'backs 7

The Coahoma Rangers scored five times in the second inning and then held on to take a 10-7 win over the Big Spring Diamondbacks in Minor League action Tuesday.

The Diamondbacks picked up Aaron Guzman and Tommy Wells Jr. Both collected RBI singles. Wells scored three times in the contest.

Defensively, the Diamondbacks were led by Spencer Wells, Caleb Gonzales, Adam Guzman and Bobby Wells.

Reds 7, Diamondbacks 5

The Coahoma Reds opened their 2003 season on a high note Monday night by taking a 7-5 Minor League victory over the Ackerly Diamondbacks.



Big Spring's Amisha Vanderbilt launches the shot put during practice Wednesday afternoon. Vanderbilt and the Lady Steers will try and nail down their 13th Big Spring Invitational crown in 15 years Friday at Blankenship Field.

Lady Steers hope to extend 'home' rule

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

There are few things in life that remain constant. Everything changes ... unless you're talking about the Big Spring Lady Steers' domination on the track and field circuit. That, it seems, happens as regular as taxes, the sun rising and colorful words in an Eminem hit.

Big Spring, which has won three of the four meets it has participated in this season, will get another chance to shine Friday afternoon in a place they have been virtually unbeatable over the past 15 years — their own Blankenship Field. They will join seven other schools from West Texas and New Mexico in the annual running of the Big Spring Invitational Track Meet, which is sponsored by AMBUCS.

Joining Big Spring at the meet are programs from Andrews, San Angelo Lake View, Frenship, Hobbs, N.M., Lubbock Estacado, and Abilene Wylie. The 2003 Big Spring Invitational will get under way at 2:30 p.m. with the field events.

"We're pretty excited about competing in this meet," said Lady Steers' head coach Jay Kennedy. "We should get a pretty good test because we've got a lot of good teams coming in."

Good doesn't even come close to

Big Spring AMBUCS Invitational Track Meet

- Schedule of Events
FIELD EVENTS
1 p.m.
- 3,200 meter finals (all divisions)
 - Pole vault (JV and varsity boys)
 - Triple Jump (JV and varsity girls)
 - Long Jump (JV and varsity boys)
 - High Jump (JV and varsity girls)
 - Discus Throw (JV and varsity boys)
 - Shot Put (JV and varsity girls)
- 2:30 p.m.**
- Pole vault (JV and varsity girls)
 - Triple Jump (JV and varsity boys)
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 - Shot Put (JV and varsity boys)

RUNNING EVENTS
All events are finals. Events will be ran in the following order: JV girls, varsity girls, JV boys, varsity boys.

- 4:30 p.m.**
- 4x100-meter relay
 - 800-meter run
 - 100-meter hurdles
 - 110-meter hurdles
 - 100-meter dash
 - 4x200-meter relay
 - 400-meter dash
 - 300-meter hurdles
 - 200-meter dash
 - 1,600-meter run
 - 4x400-meter relay

describing the Lady Steers — especially at home. In the past 14 years, the Big Spring girls have won their own meet an astounding 12 times.

Big Spring didn't just win last year, they left the rest of the field feeling like the Iraqi Republican Guard —

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IN BRIEF

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 Wightington 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 Feaster at 264-5046.

BSGSA in need of softball umpires

The Big Spring Girls Softball Association is looking for an umpire-in-chief and umpires for the upcoming season. Umpires will be paid \$15 per game. BSGSA will pay for an ASA Umpire School to be held on April 6.

Anyone interested should contact Trev Larson at 264-6941.

BSHS physicals will be given in May

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shell-shocked. The Lady Steers, anchored by a hat trick by Ka'Rissa Magers and a sweep in all three relay events, rolled up 243 points — nearly 100 more than its closest competitor.

A year ago as a sophomore, Magers won the triple jump, the long jump and the 200-meter dash crowns. She also ran legs on two of the Lady Steers' gold-medal winning relay teams.

A year older and more experienced, Magers is favored to challenge for three individual medals again. This season, she has won titles in all three events, including last week at the Sandhills Relays in Monahans where she won the triple jump.

A two-time long jump winner this year, Magers won the 200-meter dash two weeks ago in Andrews. She was second last week.

The Lady Steers are far from a one-woman team, however. In fact, no less than eight Big Spring standouts have won events this year.

Cierra Butler, a state qualifier last year in the shot put, is returning to try and extend her reign as the top shot and discus thrower at the Big Spring Invitational. She won both events last year.

Butler hasn't done anything over the last month to prove she isn't capable of turning in a double gold performance. In her first four meets, she has finished third in the shot put twice and won the discus at the Lubbock Invitational and finished second at the 59th annual

West Texas Relays in Texas.

One of Butler's biggest opponents could very well be her own teammate, sophomore Amisha Vanderbilt, who placed second to Butler last year in the shot event.

Over the first four weeks of the Lady Steers, Vanderbilt has become a bigger chart-topper than LL Cool J. She's won the shot put crown in all four meets, including a season-best of 40 feet, 3 inches at the West Texas Relays, which was dominated by Class 5A schools.

She also has been a top contender in the discus at every meet.

The Lady Steers will have two other athletes attempting to turn a two-peat at the Big Spring Invitational. Sprinters Airianne Brown and Jeneane Richards won the 100- and 400-meter dashes last April.

Brown won last year's

rae with a time of 12.45 seconds. Two weeks ago, she won the Andrews' 100-meter crown with a time of 12.42. She also won the event in Lubbock and Monahans.

Richard won the 400 last year with a time of 63.77. She, like Butler, could be pushed in the event by Raegan Ritchey, a former BSHS softball standout turned trackster.

Ritchey was third in the 400 last week.

Two other standouts that should draw plenty attention are Eve Tobar and Brittany Raney.

Tobar has won both the 1,600- and 3,200-meter runs in each of the past two weeks. She re-established the Big Spring High School record in both events several times this season.

Raney emerged as a contender for the high jump honors last week by winning the event in Monahans.

Opposing teams will find the Lady Steers' relay teams still have plenty of gas left in the tank. Big Spring won the 4x100-, the 4x200- and the 4x400-meter races last week in Monahans. Anchored by a strong effort from sprinters Carmen Lewis, Esha Ward and LaKenya Wrightsil, the BSHS girls won the 4x100- and 4x200-meter races at the West Texas Relays.

Wrightsil, Brown, Magers and Lewis comprise the Lady Steers' 4x100-meter team. Brenn Swinney, Richard, Tobar and Lewis raced to the 4x400-meter crown a week ago.

Magers, Brown, Ritchey and Lewis form the BSHS 4x200-meter unit.

The Big Spring boys, led by Daniel Mendoza, will try to improve on a fourth place finish in 2002. Lake View won the boys' crown last year.



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The Big Spring Lady Steers sailed to the Big Spring-AMBUCS championship last year, winning by nearly 100 points.

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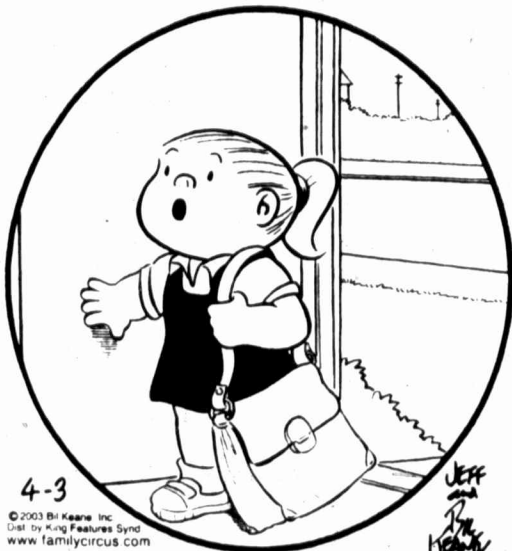
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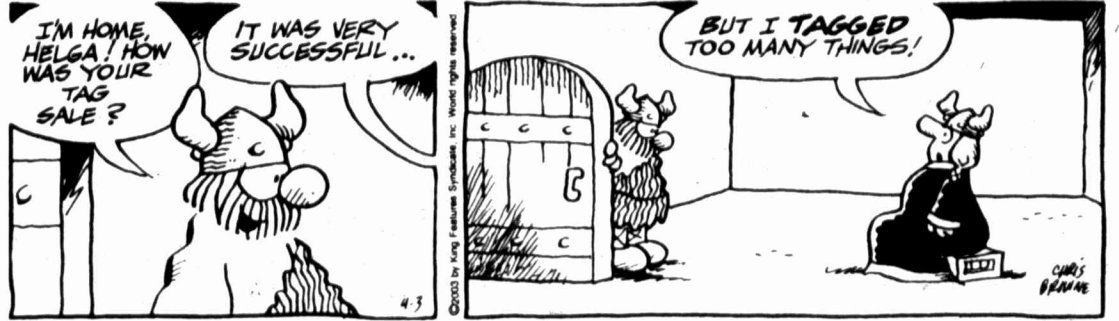
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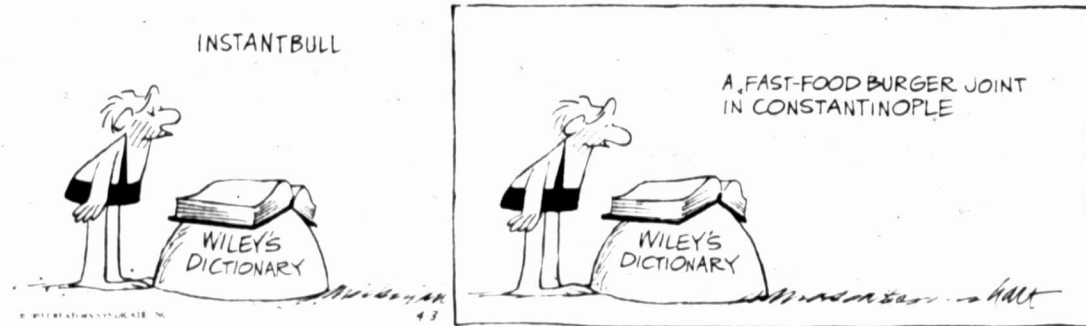
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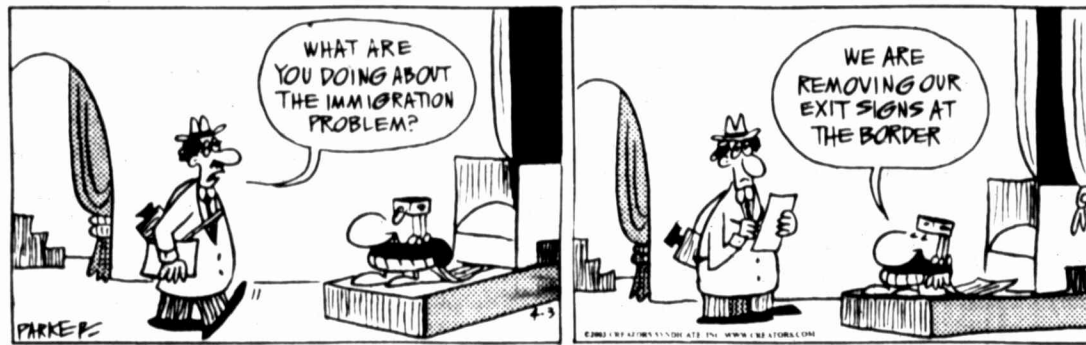
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People In The News

By The Associated Press

RADNOR, Pa. - Paul Newman says he doesn't consider himself an icon. "Brando, Lee J. Cobb, Olivier are. I'm not," Newman said in an interview with TV Guide in its April 5 issue.

gar left in the old dog yet."

HANKINSON, N.D. (AP) - Bill Cosby told a group of about 200 children that education is the key to success. Children from the Sisseton-Wahpeton Indian Reservation gathered in the convention center of the Dakota Magic Casino on Sunday.

Jackson fan. "I don't really care what he does to his face. He could just erase it as far as I'm concerned," Cher told TV Guide for its April 5 issue. "But I don't like him anymore. And it's because of his children. I cannot imagine putting my children through what he put his children through," Cher says.

Newsday Crossword

NO END IN SIGHT by Bob Frank Edited by Stanley Newman

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Includes a list of 60 clues and a grid with numbers 1-60.