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Food: These Chicken Wings, which can be served hot or cold, make an ideal appetizer.

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Big, big day in Austin

By **LYNDEL MOODY**

Staff Writer

AUSTIN — The state capital is always a hotbed of activity when the legislature is in session and Thursday was no exception.

Lobbyists camped in the front of the Capitol's entrances touting their various causes, lines of civic-minded citizens waited patiently to enter the building, but the coolest place to be in Austin was hanging out with a Big Spring crowd decked in blue.

About 160 Big Spring area residents descended upon the Capitol clad in blue chambray shirts and khaki pants ready to remind Austin politicians of the city's vital importance in the state economy.

"Big Spring Area Day at the Capitol was a great success and I think everybody enjoyed it," said Pam Welch, coordinator of the event. "We were the largest group here and everybody had a wonderful time. We had people coming out all day long to visit us under the tent on the east lawn."

The day's activities started in the state House's chambers where Rep. Pete Laney, D-Hale

"I would urge folks from Big Spring to look at the Senate budget that does not recommend closing a state institution. The House budget does."

Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo

Center, who represents Howard County, acknowledged the large Big Spring group sitting in the gallery.

Shortly after, the Big Spring contingent filed into the Senate chamber, filling an entire side gallery. Area residents watched as Sens. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo; Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock; and Troy Fraser, R-Horseshoe Bay, all claimed the area.

Big Spring and Howard currently sits in Bivins' district, but the community has been represented in the past by both Duncan and Fraser.

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
State Rep. Pete Laney, D-Hale Center, middle, who represents Howard County, visits with Kent Sharp, left, Moore Development for Big Spring executive director, and Pam Welch, Big Spring Area Day at the State Capitol coordinator. Around 160 Big Spring representatives attended the event to remind legislators of the city's vital importance in the state economy.



U.S. Navy photo by Photographer's Mate 1st Class Arlo K. Abrahamson
Jubilant Iraqis cheer U.S. Army soldiers at a humanitarian aid compound in the city of Najaf. The U.S. military is working with international relief organizations to help provide food and medicine for the Iraqi people.

Forces battle holdout fighters

America's Kurdish allies enter key oil city

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — U.S. forces battled holdout fighters Thursday at a palace and a mosque in Baghdad; one Marine was killed and up to 20 wounded. In the north, America's Kurdish allies achieved a major breakthrough — triumphantly entering the city of Kirkuk near some of Iraq's most productive oil

fields. President Bush, in a remarks televised throughout Iraq, told its citizens, "The long era of fear and cruelty is ending... the future of your country will soon belong to you."

Both skirmishes and widespread looting continued in Baghdad, a day after U.S. officials

declared that Saddam Hussein's regime was no longer in control. U.S. Central Command said Marines engaged in "intense fighting" with pro-Saddam forces at the Imam Mosque, the Az Amihyah Palace and the house of a Baath party leader.

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Local teacher honored for receiving award

By **LYNDEL MOODY**

Staff Writer

Kelly Beauchamp, a Goliad Intermediate fifth-grade teacher, was recognized by the Big Spring Independent School District board Tuesday night for receiving the Excellence in Teaching award from a statewide organization.

The Texas State Reading Association

bestowed the prestigious honor upon Beauchamp on March 7 during its annual conference in Austin. "I was quite excited," said Beauchamp. "What an honor to be recognized by



BEAUCHAMP

my peers." The Big Spring teacher was the only public schools educator in Texas to receive the award this year.

Among the 600 people present during the assembly were BSISD Assistant Superintendent Rey Villarreal and Beauchamp's 90-year-old grandfather, who made the trip from his resi-

Denim and Diamonds promises lots of fun, benefits worthy cause

HERALD Staff Report

Denim and Diamonds, with its western flair, returns Friday to benefit patients at Big Spring State Hospital. The event takes place at Big Spring Country Club.

Continuing with tra-

For information or to make a contribution, call 268-7535 or 268-7271.



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dition, the evening will begin with a hors d'oeuvre reception from 7 until 8:30 p.m.

Following the reception will be dancing to the western swing music of Jody Nix and the Texas

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Community urged to pause and reflect on victims of abuse

By **LYNDEL MOODY**

Staff Writer
Take a moment, just one moment to remember those victimized by crime.

During this week designated as Crime Victim Awareness Week, a local organization is asking the community to take one moment to reflect on those in the community who've been victimized.

"We're asking our local churches to do something during their services this week such as giving a prayer or just a moment of silence," said Denise Hester of Victim Services.

In 2002 alone, the organization helped 21 victims of child sexual abuse; three victims of

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dence in Baytown. "He said he'd seen me receive my bachelor's, my master's and he wasn't going to miss this day," Beauchamp said. "It made it all the more special."

A six-year member of TSRA, Beauchamp also presented two sessions on teaching elementary writing. One of her presentations was entitled "TAKS (Texas Assessment of

Knowledge and Skills) Doesn't Have to be Taxing."

"The sessions are on ways of teaching and reinforcing comprehension skills without having to do worksheets," Beauchamp explained.

A second-year teacher for the Big Spring school district; Beauchamp

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A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

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 the 2nd Thursday of each month at noon at 3500 W. Golf Course Rd Church of Christ Family Center in Midland.

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 laryngotomees and families. For more information, call 267-2800.

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

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

TUESDAY

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.

WEDNESDAY

The Crossroads Group of Cocaine Anonymous meets at 7 p.m. in the office building between Third and Fourth Streets on the west side of Lancaster Street. For more information, call 466-3254.

Weather

Tonight...Clear. Lows in the mid 40s. South winds 5 to 15 mph.

Friday...Partly cloudy. Highs around 80. South winds 5 to 15 mph..Friday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s.

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

Sunday...Partly cloudy. Breezy. Lows in the mid 50s. Highs in the lower 80s.

Monday...Partly cloudy. Breezy. Slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 50s. Highs in the lower 80s.

Tuesday...Partly cloudy. Breezy. Slight chance of thunderstorms.Lows in the upper 50s. Highs in the lower 80s.

Wednesday...Partly cloudy. Slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 50s. Highs in the lower 80s.

Correction

A story in Wednesday's *Big Spring Herald* reported that the 6-year-old daughter of Big Spring's Beatrice Armstrong received "minor injuries" in an accident April 3. According to the child's mother, the girl's injuries kept her hospitalized at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for two days. Scenic Mountain has a policy not to release any information about patients. Armstrong's daughter was trapped in her vehicle for an extended period, was taken to Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock with serious leg injuries. A nursing supervisor at Covenant said she is in "stable" condition.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 1-8-19-24-27-50. Estimated jackpot: \$16 million. Next Lotto Texas game: Saturday night. Estimated jackpot: \$20 million.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 7-12-16-19-24. Number matching five of five: 0.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-6-1

Police blotter

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

DAVID CHARLES REDMON, 57, of 806 Willia was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.

EARL PERRY HANKE, 44, of 704 Borden was arrested Wednesday on city warrants.

RICHARD LOPEZ JR., 32, of 2911 W. Highway 80 was arrested Wednesday on a charge of manufacturing or delivering a controlled substance and for a parole violation.

RAYMOND EARL OVERTON JR., 23, of 1203 Stanford was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana less than two ounces and possession of a controlled substance, and on city warrants.

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON was reported in the 1200 block of South Benton.

MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 2500 block of South Monticello, the 1700 block of North Highway 350, the 300 block of South Scurry and the 1500 block of East FM 700.

DISTURBANCE OR FIGHT was reported in the 700 block of East 11th Place, the 1300 block of Sycamore Street and the 4000 block of Dixon Street.

DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 1600 block of East Sixth Street and the 400 block of South Lancaster.

LOUD PARTY/NOISE was reported in the 4200 block of Hamilton Street and the 1600 block of East Third Street.

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity during March:

DETECTIVE CASE LOAD:

- 4 Investigators
- 102 previous cases
- 147 new assigned cases
- 116 cleared
- 10 inactivated
- 47 percent clearance

PROPERTY STOLEN/RECOVERED:

- \$48,430 stolen
- \$6,802 recovered

IN-HOUSE TRAINING:

- 26 officers
- 140 class hours

ADULT ARRESTS:

- 119 total
- 35 drunk
- 5 driving while under the influence
- 20 narcotics
- 7 assaults

JUVENILE ARRESTS:

- 31 total
- 30 white
- 1 black
- 7 burglary
- 2 theft
- 1 criminal mischief
- 7 runaways

CRIMES REPORTED:

- 3 sexual assaults
- 2 robberies
- 37 assaults
- 28 burglaries
- 55 thefts
- 1 unauthorized use of a motor vehicle
- 10 family violence

S.T.E.P. PROGRAM:

- 7 officers
- 67 hours overtime
- 52 citations
- 52 written warnings
- 380 miles driven.

PATROL STATISTICS:

- 23,308 miles driven
- 1,995 gallons of gasoline used
- 439 written reports
- 80 accidents worked
- 200 arrests
- 6 driving under the influence arrests
- 341 citations
- 219 written warnings
- 211 field interviews
- 105 alarm responses
- 21 open door investigations
- 779 building checks
- 150 house watches

Take note

BIG SPRING AND SURROUNDING counties are in critical need of foster families.

Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected.

For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, which delivers to the elderly and homebound, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, we need you.

About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered to recipients within the city limits of Big Spring.

If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH, 1209 Wright, has free food for the area needy.

Distribution is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday.

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

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, McMahan-Wrinkle Airpark, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

American Legion Post 506, 3203 W. Hwy 80, will have a fish fry, Saturday, April 12 beginning at noon. \$7.00 per plate. Delivery will be available until 1 p.m. Carry outs available. Everyone is welcome. 263-2084

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.

SUNDAY

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

Reception for world-renowned artist Douglas Walton, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Display's of Splendor, 700 E. FM 700.

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, McMahan-Wrinkle Airpark. The public is invited.

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

TUESDAY

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

THURSDAY

Gideon International, B.S. Camp U42060, 7 p.m., Herman's Restaurant, 1601 Gregg St.

Coffee Club, 10 a.m., Gale's Sweet Shoppe, 1706 E. FM-700.

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AFP PHOTO/RAMZI HAIDAR
U.S. Marines watch an Iraqi hitting a poster of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein with his sandal, as they enter Baghdad. US troops and tanks poured into the Iraqi capital and Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein's regime collapsed after a three-week onslaught by U.S.-led forces.

Bush: 'You will be free'

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush, in remarks for broadcast throughout Iraq, told citizens of the war-torn nation Thursday, "The regime of Saddam Hussein is being removed from power." British ally Tony Blair said coalition forces are "friends and liberators, not your conquerors."

The joint addresses, taped on Tuesday while Bush and Blair wrapped up their war summit in Northern Ireland, was being aired by the U.S. military as part of a news and information program televised to the Iraqi people.

"You will be free — free to build a better life instead of building more palaces for Saddam and his sons," Bush said, according to excerpts released by the White House and Blair's office.

Bush said Iraqis will soon be "free to pursue economic prosperity without the hardship of economic sanctions. Free to travel and free to speak your mind. Free to join in the political affairs of



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Iraq."
"And all the people who make up your country — Kurds, Shia, Turkomans, Sunnis and others — will be free of the terrible persecution that so many have endured," the president said.

Blair, in his message for the new station called "Towards Freedom," told Iraqis that the United States and Britain had not wanted war.

"But in refusing to give up his weapons of mass destruction, Saddam gave us no choice but to act. Now that the war has begun, it will be seen through to the end," he said.

The station will broadcast from a U.S. C-130

Hercules aircraft circling in the skies over Iraq, beaming five hours of programming to the former Iraqi state TV terrestrial channel, Blair's office said.

The broadcast — which was to be aired at 6 p.m. Baghdad time Thursday — was part of an administration campaign to convince Iraqis and the rest of the Arab world that U.S. troops are not a hostile invasion force. There is still widespread opposition to the war throughout much of the world.

The remarks came a day after Baghdad fell into coalition hands and much of Iraq was being overtaken by British and U.S. forces.

Arabs react with anger, disbelief to news of Saddam's collapse

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Arabs responded Thursday to the sudden collapse of Saddam Hussein's government with anger, shock and even disbelief. One newspaper refused to acknowledge that Baghdad had fallen.

Across the Middle East, people struggled to reconcile images of celebrating Iraqis with suspicions about the United States' motives.

"We discovered that all that the (Iraqi) information minister was saying was all lies," said Ali Hassan, a government employee in Cairo, Egypt.

"Now no one believes Al-Jazeera anymore," he said, referring to the Arabic-language television news channel.

The entire front page of the pan-Arab newspaper Asharq al-Awsat was devoted to a photograph of the pulling down of Saddam's statue in Baghdad. Above it, the headline: "And Saddam's regime fell — Shock in Arab capitals, joy in Baghdad, destruction of statues and the looting of official buildings."

Many Arabs — even those who saw Saddam as an oppressive dictator — had viewed the war as the struggle of an Arab underdog against foreign invaders interested in Iraqi oil. Most Egyptians, for instance, do not believe that Saddam had terrorist connections or weapons of mass destruction.

So the quick fall of Baghdad and Iraqi jubilation came as a

shock. Many people resorted to conspiracy theories to explain the rapid collapse.

"There must have been treason," said Ahmed Salem Batmira, an Omani political analyst.

People across the Arab world clustered around TV sets in shop windows, coffee shops and homes to see the pictures of U.S. troops driving from one side of an Arab capital to the other, almost without resistance.

The Egyptian opposition newspaper Al Wafd refused to believe it. Its front page story said: "Iraqi and Arab fighters desperately try to defend Gomhuria Bridge that the invading armies are trying to

use to reach the eastern bank of the Tigris and central Baghdad."

Nowhere did Al Wafd say that U.S. troops had overwhelmed central Baghdad.

Some painted Iraq's defeat as another Arab humiliation caused by U.S. military technology, and recalled the Middle East war of 1967 when Western-armed Israel thrashed numerically superior Arab armies.

Arabs are very much aware that the Apache helicopters and other weapons used in Iraq are the same ones that Israel is using against the Palestinians, Maher Othman, a senior editor of Al Hayat, said on British Broadcasting Corp. television.

Doubts persisted about the

United States' intentions and Iraq's future. Mohammed al-Shahhal, a teacher in Tripoli, Lebanon, recalled the poverty and political turmoil in Russia following the collapse of the Soviet Union.

"Those who applauded the collapse of Lenin's statue for some Pepsi and hamburgers felt the hunger later on and regretted what they did," al-Shahhal said.

Some said they hoped the fall of Saddam could signal a new move toward democracy in the Middle East.

"I don't like the idea of having the Americans here, but we asked for it," said Tannous Basil, a cardiologist in Lebanon.

Young Texas Kurds celebrate progress in the war with Iraq

DALLAS (AP) — As Kurdish music blared and people danced in celebration, a 3-year-old girl sat on a curb clutching a miniature American flag and a photograph of a body laying on rocks and sand.

A group of Kurdish youngsters gathered around her and explained: the computer-printed picture was of a dead Kurd gassed by Saddam Hussein's regime in Halabja in 1988.

About a third of the about 150 people celebrating Wednesday outside the Kurdish Human Rights Watch office in Dallas were youngsters and teenagers joining their elders to herald Saddam's fall from power in Iraq.

Whether they were born in Dallas or northern Iraq, many of the young Kurds celebrating were well-versed in the suffering of their people.

"Every night we tell the story of our life to our kids," explained Issa Shini, 32, who came to Dallas in 1997. "We have suffered a lot."

Saddam's regime has long oppressed the 4 million Kurds living in northern Iraq, despite occasional alliances of convenience between Kurdish leaders and Saddam's regime. In the late 1980s, more than 150,000 Kurds are believed to have been

killed by the Iraqi leader's orders. The 1988 poison chemical attack in the town of Halabja wiped out an estimated 5,000 residents.

Several people at the Wednesday rally said they fled northern Iraq in the late 1980s and early 1990s and lived in Turkish refugee camps before coming to the United States.

"I remember people leaving their old moms and grandmothers behind because they couldn't take them with them," said 24-year-old Jihan Abbulkhalek, who was 9 when she walked from northern Iraq to Turkey in 1988.

Standing beside her, Hiwa's 37-year-old mother, Ronahi, held up a picture of her husband taken in Kuwait. He's clad in U.S. Army fatigues and sitting next to a soldier hovering over a laptop computer. He has been working as a Kurdish and Arabic translator since January and his contribution to the United States' military effort makes Hiwa and her mother very proud, they said.

Many in the Middle East have lambasted the U.S.-led military operation in Iraq. And while there are Kurdish critics of the war, most Kurds in northern Iraq and around the globe have been steadfast supporters of ousting Saddam.



U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Kyran V. Adams
U.S. Army Lt. Col. Tracy Wright of the 308th Civil Affairs Brigade speaks to a civil engineer in Ramatha, Iraq. Lt. Col. Wright is gathering information that will help aide the Iraqi people improve its water efficiency and distribution.

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Air Force Maj. Gen. Gene Renuart, director of operations at Central Command, said U.S. troops acted on information that regime leaders were trying to organize a meeting in the area. During the operations, he said, Marines were fired on from the mosque compound.

Renuart said those resisting the U.S. troops were captured or killed, but he provided no details. Baghdad is now completely encircled by U.S. forces, he said, but "is still an ugly place,"

with several pockets of resistance.

That engagement aside, the largely one-sided battle for Baghdad appeared nearly over, and U.S. commanders were focusing on plans to oust pro-Saddam forces from their handful of remaining strongholds in the north.

A convoy of Kurdish fighters in about 100 vehicles drove into Kirkuk on Thursday, triggering celebrations by Kurdish residents, looting of government buildings and the toppling of a statue of Saddam in a central square.

Turkey said it would send military observers to Kirkuk to make sure the Kurds do not remain

there. Turkish officials fear that if the Kurds control Kirkuk and Mosul, they may seek complete independence from Iraq and fuel the aspirations of Turkey's own minority Kurds.

Renuart said U.S. forces have covered "about half or 60 percent" of Iraq, mostly in the south.

"There's a long way to go still," he said.

"We're not sure when a military victory will be complete."

After Wednesday's momentous celebrations in Baghdad, and after perhaps the quietest night since the war began, residents of the capital were back out on the streets Thursday.

Motorists flew white flags on their vehicles. Many people embarked on a new wave of looting, setting fires to some Interior Ministry buildings and making off with carpets, furniture, TVs and air conditioners from government-owned apartments, abandoned government offices and the police academy.

Also looted was the German Embassy.

In Saddam City, a densely population Shiite Muslim district in Baghdad, some residents set up roadblocks, confiscated loot being brought back from the city in wheelbarrows and pushcarts, and sent the booty to a nearby mosque.

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Horoscope

BY JOYCE JILLSON
The universe sometimes doesn't represent the quantity of things in a way we find logical. If you ask for rain, and you're not specific, you could get a drop or a deluge. And today, with the astrological challenge of Mercury and Jupiter, those decimal points become even more crucial. Don't just say you want more; communicate in exact terms.



JOYCE JILLSON

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Information you're trying to get across takes a secondary position to getting the acceptance you need now. If you are not sure how you are feeling, the fastest way to access emotions is to talk to others or write letters.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20). If you're bold enough to add your own dramatic flair to the day's events, you'll be the center of the action. Steer clear of the sort of tension that could leave a loved one feeling spurned or under-appreciated.
GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your phone won't stop ringing today. Demands by family members are a tribute to your sense of responsibility. Use your endless supply of charm to get out of anything you don't really want to do.
CANCER (June 22-July

22). A happy home life is your top priority, but you must be willing to change your approach. Mold your ideas of success to accommodate not only your vision but the vision of everyone involved.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Be selective about love and friendship; others feel special to be among your chosen. The workplace is filled with flakes today, so if you can appear responsible, you'll be invaluable to higher-ups.
TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 10). You make bold, exciting moves and get results commensurate with your bravery! Travel that has been put off is finally enjoyed toward the end of spring. Earning potential is increased when you diversify your efforts. Include a Pisces, and social functions will always go smoothly. Virgo is your best travel partner this year. Weddings happen in August. Your lucky numbers are: 12, 40, 47, 32 and 5.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Forget about being exactly what someone is looking for, and concentrate on what you want. Romance blossoms when you release the need to control your environment and your partner. A Cancer or Sagittarius shows interest.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). This is not a time to buck the system. It takes more than a rock to bring the giant down this time. A sport or team activity enhances your self-esteem and brings the chance to

play with powerful people.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Neighborly gestures are a big help this afternoon, even if it's something as simple as accepting a package for someone. You are a more expressive person than you were before and may get a second chance at a relationship.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Mimic actions of the moneymakers. Letting your style come through (even if it's a little off beat) will push you ahead. Asking for a bigger salary? No rush; good timing gets the best possible result.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). If you were ready to e-mail that important connection, think again — a handwritten piece of snail mail will get the results you've been seeking. A Cancer or Libra client wants you to give until it hurts.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). When you lose your way, look for signposts to guide you. Home would like your attention. Environments need excitement, too. Strip a cherished piece of furniture to give it new life. Pay closer attention to a sibling.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). If you think emotional baggage is bad, try debt baggage! Take a good hard look at all of your obligations, and come up with a concrete plan. Being able to give clients what they want makes you feel proud.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm a Leo, but actually, that's my question. I was born July 25, 1961, in the early morning. I don't quite feel like a Leo. Do I have a moon or rising sign that pulls me another direction?"
Good question! The sun moves into and out of Leo at a different time every year, and in the daily column, I must generalize these dates for the sake of simplicity. You are right on the cusp, but you're definitely a Leo. Your Sagittarius moon gives you a restlessness that keeps you searching for the promised land. It's an endearing quality that keeps you young all your life. Mercury in Cancer gives you a little bit of inconsistency with your moods. Sometimes you feel like being around people, sometimes not — but you have a way of coming off however you'd like to be thought of. In other words, you can hide it if you don't like someone, and you can be manipulative if that's what's needed to get through a transaction. You're super charming when it comes to getting the love you want. A Gemini or Sagittarius will hold special

appeal.
CELEBRITY PROFILES: Many war protesters rest their hopes on Colin Powell to stand up against the presidential opinion about when to do battle. Though Powel was born under the sign of military force (Aries is the warrior of the zodiac) and also has Mercury (communication) in this aggressive sign, a cool Capricorn moon and Jupiter influence keep Powell reasonable and slow to anger.

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"...I claim Big Spring too," Lt. Governor David Dewhurst interjected as pleasantries about Big Spring flew between the three senators.

Outside, capitol workers were encouraged to enjoy free Cokes from Western Container and free ice cream from Blue Bell at the Big Spring tent located on the east lawn of the Capitol.

Both Laney and Bivins took time to visit with Big Spring residents about several key issues of concern being discussed by legislators.

"What's transpiring in the budget process is going to have an effect on what happens in our area," Laney said. "There is a move not to fund education fully. There's a move not to fund health and human services which we in the Big Spring area have a vested interest in because of all the health care delivery systems we have. With having the junior college there, you have very much interest in higher education."

How Austin lawmakers grapple with the state budget woes will have a direct impact on the area, agreed Bivins.

"I've heard a lot of talk about funding for state hospitals," Bivins said. "I know that's a big concern for Big Spring. I would urge folks from Big Spring to look at the Senate budget that does not recommend closing a state institution. The House version does."

"Certainly our education funding is very important to Howard College," he continued. "Again, I would point to the Senate bill that in my mind does a better job funding higher education

than the House bill does. We restore considerable funding. We don't get back to exactly where we are but our cutbacks are much less Draconian than those in the House bill. It's my hope we will be able to hold that position and accomplish that."

Local towns and cities will reap the consequences for how legislators take care of the current budget shortfall.

"Everyone here knows we're going to be short on revenue just to provide for existing services," Laney said. "If we don't meet our obligations from the state level, then it has to be absorbed locally."

As Big Spring representatives made an impression on the Capitol grounds, inside 12 Howard County pre-teens earned a first hand look at the governmental process by serving as Senate pages for the day.

"It was fun. It was kind of scary. I got to do a lot of things," said Devin Adamson of Coahoma. "We took messages from one senator to another and we went with other people around the building to deliver messages. It was really neat."

Along with Adamson, M'Lyn Swinney, Samantha Boehringer, Jordan Herrod, Kady Knox, Katherine Tompkins, Jared Wilkerson, Dustin Wright and Tanner Churchwell also served for part of the day.

During the day, the Big Spring group handed out almost 1,000 soft drinks and 1,000 ice cream bars.

"We made quite an impression," Welch said. "It was hard to miss us in our blue shirts."

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
Marissa McCartney, a Howard College Diplomat, hands out ice cream to Leslie Faulker, an aide for a state representative in Austin during the Big Spring Day at the Capitol on Thursday. The Big Spring tent set up on the Capitol grounds drew several hundred workers who took advantage of the free ice cream and Cokes handed out by Big Spring area representatives.

GALA

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Cowboys. Proceeds from recent galas have helped to build a walking track, youth recreation area, two courtyards and other items which cannot be obtained through state funds.

The Volunteer Services Council also supplies indigent patients with special needs, provides birthday and Christmas presents, hosts special activities, and provides personal grooming items.

Tickets to Friday's festivities are \$25 per person. However, organizers stress that a number of "memberships" are available. These include Benefactors, \$500 and up per couple; Patrons, \$200 to \$499 a couple; Sponsors, \$100-199; and Friends, \$50-\$99 per couple.

Community Relations Director Billie Russworm would also like to emphasize that here's another benefit from the Denim and Diamonds.

"The community is a big part of the Gala," Russworm said. "To the community it's a fundraiser, which is lots of fun and eagerly anticipated. It reminds the entire community that there is an organization that helps Big Spring State Hospital and its patients."

TEACHER

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received her master's degree with a specialization in reading from the University of Houston Clear Lake.

One of Beauchamp's former college professors, Peggy Hill, nominated her for the honor.

Earlier in the year, Beauchamp was honored by becoming the first recipient of the Bobbi

Samuels Award for Excellence in Teaching. Samuels, also one of Beauchamp's former professors at Clear Lake, was one of the founders of the Greater Houston Writing Project.

The project is part of a national organization to focus on teaching children to write.

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VICTIMS

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child physical abuse; 95 victims of domestic violence; 12 adult victims of sexual assault; and 10 victims of assault.

"I don't think people realize the ripple effect that goes with the victimization," Hester said. "Husbands, wives, children, friends hurt along with the victim."

Established in 1984, Victim Services of Big Spring's mission is to provide crisis intervention and continuing support to victims of all crimes and to their families.

Staffed by 13 volunteers and four full-time employees, the non-profit organization serves a five-county area, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

According to national statistics, one murder occurs every 33 minutes; one violent crime every 5.5 seconds; one robbery every 50 seconds; one assault every 6.5 seconds; one sexual assault every 2 minutes; 62 women are victims by an intimate partner every hour; and a child is abused or neglected in America every 36 seconds.

Of all those moments taken up during the day by a violent act, Victim Services is asking the community to reserve just one to remember.

"We want to bring awareness to the community," Hester said. "Quite often it takes an entire community to support the needs of victims."

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IN BRIEF

Coahoma to dedicate field April 12

The Coahoma High School Bulldogettes will officially dedicate their new field this Saturday following their game with Midland Lee.

Former CHS players are invited to attend the game. All former Bulldogettes will be recognized at the ceremony.

For more information, contact Coach Robby Dickenson at 394-4535.

Ragball tournament set for April 25-26

A Ragball Tournament will be held April 25-26 to help raise funds for Relay for Life. Teams of five women and five men are needed for the event.

Players or teams interested in participating should contact Angel at the BSISD Bus Barn at 264-4108.

HC teams to open rodeo this afternoon

The HC rodeo teams will return to action today in the Howard College Rodeo at the Rodeo Bowl, located on FM 700.

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 Rodeo Bowl.

To reserve tickets, contact Stan Feaster at 264-5046.

BSHS physicals will be given in May

Physicals for BSHS student athletes will be held in the first part of May.

Male and female doctors will be available. For more information, contact Big Spring High School Athletic Trainer Andy Rankin at 264-3662.

BSCG to hold 4-man tourney on April 13

The Big Spring Chicano Golf Association will hold a four-person 6-6-6 Tournament on April 13. Entrants must register by 9:45 a.m. to participate. A shot gun start will be held at 10 a.m.

For more information, contact Billy Pineda at 264-7116 or the Comanche Trail Golf Course at 264-2366.

Alaskan hoops standout heads to Big Spring

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

Teddy Street shot the lights on more than a handful of teams this past season en route to guiding the Bethel Regional High School Warriors to a berth in the Alaska Class 3A state tournament.

This summer, he'll get the chance to try and shoot down the stars in the Lone Star State.

Street was one of a handful of

high school basketball standouts invited to participate in the 2003 All Americas Basketball Classic, which is scheduled for July 25 in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Street will join prep stars from throughout the Crossroads area, and the southwestern U.S.

Street, a 6-foot-3 guard, was a workhorse for the Warriors this past year. He averaged more than 20 points a game and earned all-state honors in his home state. With Street in the lineup,

Bethel won 22 games and notched its first win over rival Barrow in more than six years.

"We're glad Teddy has decided to play," said All Americas vice-president John Armstrong. "He's a great athlete who will be a great weapon for his team."

Bethel competes in the Region I-3A division — a district in rural western Alaska larger in size than the state of California.

For Street, the opportunity to play in the all-star game gives

him the opportunity to check out Howard College, one of the nation's elite basketball programs.

"I think he can play at that level," said Bethel head coach Norm Boerger. "Teddy is an extremely gifted athlete."

The All Americas basketball game — now in its second year — will showcase the talents of Street and 20 of the nation's top small-school boys and girls bas-

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Herald Photo/Tommy Wells

Big Spring's Moshea Hurrington will lead the Big Spring Lady Steers into the District 4-4A Track Meet this afternoon in San Angelo. The Lady Steers have won four of their five meets they've competed in this season.

Olvera, Binion lead Coahoma to regional berth

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

Joseph Olvera and the Coahoma Bulldogs did the improbable Tuesday afternoon at the District 3-2A Golf Tournament. They trimmed 34 strokes off their first-round score and climbed two spots to second in the final team standings.

With their strong finish, Coahoma nailed down one of the district's two berths in the upcoming Region I-2A Tournament. Colorado City won the district title and will join Coahoma in advancing into the post-season.

The Bulldogs, who struggled to fourth last week on the Gaines County Golf Course in Seminole, owned the final round of the loop meet, which was played at Comanche Trail Golf Course. Coahoma fired a final round of round-best of 334 over the final 18 holes and pulled to within five of Colorado City.

Olvera paced the Bulldogs' efforts. He carded a 79 on the final day of the meet and walked away with the district's top individual honors with a tournament-low 157.

Colorado City freshman Kenneth Scott, who had entered the final round just one stroke behind Olvera, couldn't keep pace over the final 18 holes. He finished six strokes off the pace at 163. Forsan's Brand Burlison joined Olvera and Scott in earning a spot at the regional meet. The Buffaloes' top golfer finished third overall and qualified for the regional meet as an individual.

Forsan, as a team, finished fourth overall. Their final round of 358

District 3-2A Golf Tournament

Final Standings

BOYS	
Team	Score
1. Colorado City #1	349-348 — 697
2. Coahoma #1	368-334 — 702
3. Crane #1	350-357 — 707
4. Forsan #1	362-358 — 720
5. Stanton #1	408-392 — 800
6. Coahoma #2	409-408 — 817

Medalists

Team	Score
1. Joseph Olvera, Coahoma	78-79 — 157
2. Kenneth Scott, Colorado City	79-84 — 163
3. Brandon Burlison, Forsan	85-80 — 165
4. Anthony Munoz, Colorado City	85-85 — 170
5. Stephen Binion, Coahoma	89-81 — 170
6. Matt Qualls, Crane	86-86 — 172

GIRLS

Team Standings

Team	Score
1. Stanton #1	466-460 — 926
2. Crane	491-468 — 959
3. Forsan	498-486 — 984
4. Stanton #2	523-501 — 1,024
5. Coahoma	512-522 — 1,034

Medalists

Team	Score
1. Shasta Kreis, Colorado City	96-97 — 193
2. Jessica Conner, Crane	101-103 — 211
3. Shelby Harp, Stanton	107-106 — 213
4. Kristi Bridges, Stanton	117-108 — 225
5. Shilo Sanders, Forsan	117-111 — 228
6. Jessica King, Crane	123-115 — 238

closed out their appearance in the district meet with a score of 720 — 13 strokes behind third-place Crane.

Olvera wasn't the only Coahoma standout enjoying a sparkling effort on the Comanche Trail greens. Stephen Binion used a second-round mark of 81 to climb to fifth in the individual standings. His two-round total was 170.

Darrick Shifflett also played well in the round. He carded an 87 and finished the tournament at 185. Jake Smith and Kelby Kemper also played for the Bulldogs.

The Stanton Buffaloes finished fifth in the team standings. Ezekiel Bryant led the Buffs with a final mark of 182. Daniel Harris was the team's second-best performer at 199.

The Stanton girls didn't have any trouble proving they were the best girls' team in the district. Led by strong outings by Shelby Hart and Kristi Bridges, the SHS girls claimed the District 3-2A

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Kent leads Astros past Reds

HOUSTON (AP) — Jeff Kent's tiebreaking sacrifice fly in the seventh inning sent the Houston Astros to a 4-3 victory over the Cincinnati Reds on Wednesday night.

The Astros loaded the bases in the seventh against Josias Manzanillo (0-2) on singles by Craig Biggio, Jose Vizcaino and Jeff Bagwell. Gabe White struck out Lance Berkman before John Riedling came on to pitch to Kent.

The 2000 NL MVP hit a deep fly to center field, scoring Biggio easily with the go-ahead run. Kent, who signed an \$18.2 million, two-year contract with Houston in the off-season, is batting .321

with just two RBIs in 28 at-bats.

Billy Wagner worked the ninth for his second save. He walked the first two batters before retiring Jason LaRue, Felipe Lopez and Barry Larkin to end it.

Brad Lidge (1-0), who replaced starter Wade Miller in the seventh, went two scoreless innings for his second major league victory.

The Reds were trailing 3-0 in the fifth when Miller's bases-loaded throwing error to an uncovered third base allowed three runs to score.

After striking out the first two batters, Miller hit LaRue with a pitch,

walked pitcher Jimmy Anderson and hit Larkin with a pitch to load the bases.

Aaron Boone then hit a slow roller toward third and Miller fielded the ball and threw without noticing that third baseman Morgan Ensberg also was trying to field the ball.

Miller struck out Adam Dunn for the third time to end the inning. Miller, 4-0 lifetime against the Reds, pitched six innings. He allowed five hits, three runs — none earned — and one walk, striking out six.

Richard Hidalgo hit safely in his seventh straight game to start Houston's three-run fourth inning.

Oakland pounds out 13-5 win over Texas

ARLINGTON (AP) — Miguel Tejada and Scott Hatteberg each homered and had three hits in the Oakland Athletics' 13-5 win over the Texas Rangers on Wednesday night.

Terrence Long and

Mark Ellis hit home runs in the third inning to put Mark Mulder and the Athletics ahead to stay. It was Oakland's ninth straight victory over Texas.

Rangers slugger Rafael Palmeiro hit his 493rd

homer, tying Lou Gehrig for 19th on the career list.

Tejada's two-run homer in the fifth made it 8-1 and chased Ismael Valdes (1-1). Last year's AL MVP was also the last batter faced by rookie reliever Reynaldo Garcia.

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Texans schedule meeting with McGahee for Thursday

HOUSTON (AP) — The last time Terrell Suggs came to town was to accept the Lombardi Award as the nation's outstanding lineman. He returned Wednesday along with Miami wide receiver Andre Johnson to visit with the Houston Texans.

This time, it was all business. "When I came for the Lombardi, I didn't think I was going to win, so I was just coming here to see Houston and have fun," Suggs said. "Now it's a strict business trip. I'm feel like I'm interviewing for a job."

Suggs, who performed poorly in an NFL-audition workout last month, and Johnson, a possible No. 3 pick by the Texans in the first round, continued the Texans' red-carpet treatment for some of the top names in the April 26-27 college draft. "I'd love to be here on a

great team and great quarterback," Johnson said. "It's something about talking to the coaches and being around here that there is something special going to happen to this team." Johnson caught 33 passes for Miami last season for 592 yards and six

touchdowns. Suggs set an NCAA record with 22 sacks last season as a defensive end at Arizona State. He's projected as an outside linebacker in the Texans' 3-4 defense. The Texans will entertain Miami running back Willis McGahee and

Kansas State cornerback Terence Newman on Thursday. McGahee was a likely first round pick for the Texans before he tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee in the national champion loss to Ohio State in January.



Nick Sosa and Jacob Petrowski finished second in doubles play last weekend in the Sweetwater Junior High Tournament.

BSJHS eighth grade netters take second at Sweetwater

Bryan Juan battled his way to second place in boys' singles Saturday afternoon and helped carry the Big Spring Junior High School Steers to second place in the eighth grade team standings at the Sweetwater Junior High Tournament. Nick Sosa and Jacob Petrowski

added to the BSJHS effort by advancing to the semifinals in boys' doubles. Reinilde Robinson starred in the eighth grade girls' singles. She reached the semifinals. Big Spring seventh grader Crystal Ward highlighted her division by taking second in singles play.

Kemper, White combine for 3-hit win

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

Toby Jackson went 4-for-4 from the plate and drove in four runs Tuesday night and helped spark an offensive barrage by the Coahoma Bulldogs in a 10-0 rout of Crane in District 3-2A baseball action.

Not that Coahoma needed most of it, though. Kelby Kemper and Tad

White held Crane in check through much of the contest. The two combined to hurl a 3-hitter at the Golden Cranes.

The Bulldogs, now 3-0 in district and 9-7 overall, received three solid innings from Kemper, a junior right-hander. He allowed just one hit while fanning three. White, a freshman, relieved Kemper in the fourth and yielded only two hits

through the remainder of the game, which was called in the fifth due to the 10-run rule.

Jackson and Tindol spearheaded the CHS offense. The two combined to score five of the Bulldogs runs.

In all, six Coahoma players scored 10 runs in the contest, including Kemper, Billy-Bob Walker, Adrian Abrego and Seth Stovall.

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title with a final score of 926 — 33 strokes better than runner-up Crane.

Harp finished the tournament third individual behind Colorado City's Shasta Kreis and Jessica Conlee of Crane. Her two-round total was 213.

Bridges finished fourth

overall at 225 — one spot ahead of Forsan's Shilo Sanders, who earned a spot in the regional tournament as an individual with a mark of 228.

The Forsan Lady Buffaloes, as a team, just missed a trip to the regional round. The FHS squad finished third.

The Coahoma Bulldogettes were fifth in the final standings. They registered a score 1,034.

Natalie Rodgers paced the CHS girls with a two-round score of 251. Cristy LaRue penciled in a score of 266. Lauren Green, Jaci Martinez and Torri Page also played in the event.

STREET

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ketball players. The athletes will be divided into a North-South format.

Among the other boys players invited include Grady High School star T. Springer, Stanton's Tullie Louder, Coahoma standout Chase Davis and Forsan all-stater Brent

Huff. Springer, Davis and Huff led their teams deep into the state playoff.

With Springer in the lineup, Grady — one of the smallest schools in the state — climbed to No. 3 in the Class 1A basketball polls.

Coahoma head coach Kim Nichols will serve as

the head coach of one of the boys' teams.

A complete list of players invited will appear in Sunday's edition of the *Big Spring Herald*.

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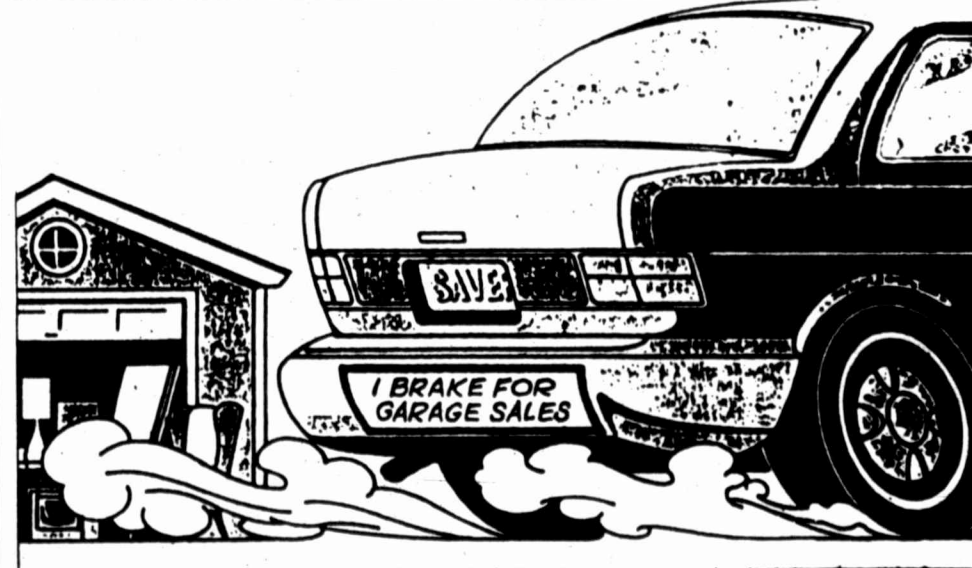
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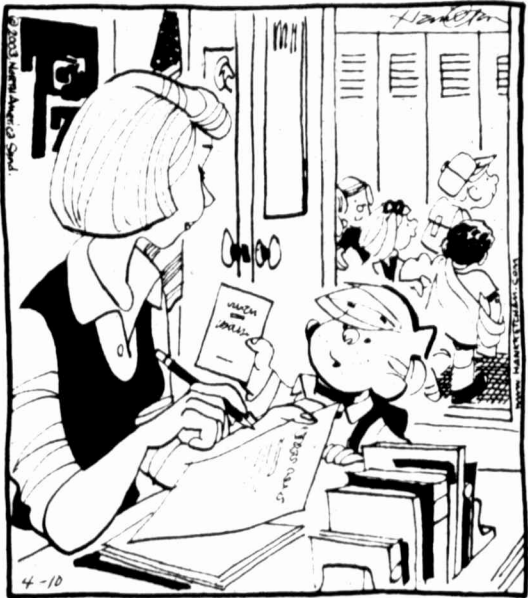
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7 PM	Whose Line? Whose Line?	Married by America	Antiques Road	Movie: Forever	Survivor: The Amazon	Whose Line? Whose Line?	Friends (CC) Scrubs (CC)	Movie: Ready to Rumble	Las Vias del Amor	Star Trek: Next	Movie: Traffic	Movie: Crossroads	Medical Detectives	Movie: High Crimes (CC)	Bibi Saint-John Faye Hardin	Biography: Antoinette	Critical Rescue	Basketball: Philadelphia	Movie: Right on Track
8 PM	Extreme Makeover	Pulse (CC)	Battle for Titanic (CC)		CSI: Crime Scene	Extreme Makeover	Will & Grace Good	(CC)	Entre el Amor	Movie: Star Trek V: The Final Frontier	Movie: Traffic	Extra: Tomb	True Stories: Morgue	Movie: High Crimes (CC)	Light of the Southwest	Movie: Columbo: Murder, A Self	DNA: Promise	NBA Basketball: Boston	Sister, Sister Lizzie
9 PM	Primetime Thursday	70s Show Dharma-Greg	Frontline Whose Line?	Whose Line? Whose Line?	Without a Trace (CC)	Primetime Thursday	ER (CC)	15 Movie: Dumb & Dumber (CC)	Aqui y Ahora	Final Frontier		Penit & Teller Penn & Teller	Medical Detectives	Real Sex 23 (CC)	Hour of Healing	Third Watch (CC)	Critical Rescue	Sacramento Kings at Los	Even Stevens Boy World
10 PM	News Nightline	70s Show Raymond	Newshour With	700 Club (CC)	News Masters	News (CC) Nightline	News Tonight (CC)	Dumb & Dumber (CC)	Primer Impacto	Real TV (CC)	Movie: The Blind Date	Boxing: Ricky	Medical Detectives	Real Sex 23 (CC)	Hour of Healing	Third Watch (CC)	Critical Rescue	Sacramento Kings at Los	Even Stevens Boy World
11 PM	Jimmy Kimmel	Sudden-Susan	WWII Battleforce	Caroline Rhea	Late Show Jimmy	Ent. Tonight Jimmy	Late Night Jimmy	Movie: Ready to Rumble	Univision Derbez	Blind Date	Spot	Vince Phillips	True Stories: Morgue	Legndry Night	N. McBride Jesse Lee	Biography: Antoinette	Valley of the T-	Angels Lakers	Boy World Smart Guy
12 AM	Paid Program Cowboy	Blind Date Beyond	WWII Battleforce	Paid Program	Late Late Show (CC)	Live (CC) Oprah	Fraser (CC)	(CC)	Mentira	V.I.P. (CC)	45 Movie: Stakeout	Medical Detect	Medical Detect	America Teenage	Update With John Hages	Movie: Columbo: Promise	DNA: Promise	Movie: My	Sister, Sister Even Stevens

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People In The News

By The Associated Press

LONDON Former Beatle Paul McCartney canceled the second show of his first British tour in ten years, saying he had lost his voice because of a bad cold. McCartney opened the British segment of his "Back in the World" tour with a Saturday concert in Sheffield, northern England. He called off a second show in Sheffield Sunday, said his spokesman Geoff Baker. "I've caught a cold which made my voice start to go after last night's show," Baker quoted McCartney, 60, as saying. "I woke up this morning with virtually no voice. I've been doing all that I can to try and get my voice back and I tried singing a couple of numbers at a sound check this afternoon, but

nothing has worked and so I am afraid I have to cancel this show in order to save the other gigs on the tour." Organizers told fans planning to attend to keep their tickets and an apologetic McCartney promised the show would be rescheduled. McCartney last toured Britain in 1993. He plans concerts in Manchester, Birmingham and London and will play the Beatles' hometown, Liverpool, in June. PITTSBURGH (AP) — Model-turned-activist Bianca Jagger joined several hundred people in downtown Pittsburgh for a march and candlelight vigil against capital punishment. "The death penalty is a barbaric act of state-sanctioned murder," the long-time Amnesty International activist said from her hotel room. "What is most disturbing is the fallibility of humans. We cannot risk executing those who are innocent." In the mid-1990s, Jagger

lobbied then-Gov. Jim Edgar of Illinois to commute Guinevere Garcia's death sentence. Jagger also witnessed the 2000 execution of Texas inmate Gary Graham, whose conviction was based largely on a single witness. The death penalty was just one of many issues discussed at Amnesty International's annual meeting this week. In January, Amnesty USA executive director William Schulz used the Warhol museum as the site to begin a national campaign against capital punishment for people who committed their crimes as juveniles.

Answer to previous puzzle

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RUE	ENDON	BODES
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Newsday Crossword

JUST FOR YOU by Fred Piscop Edited by Stanley Newman

- ACROSS
- 1 Ave. crossers
- 4 Pied Piper follower
- 7 Guy's partner
- 10 Good buddy
- 13 Little boxer
- 14 Election issue
- 16 Hoppy quaff
- 17 Boston Marathon mo.
- 18 Myanmar's capital, formerly
- 19 Kidnapped monogram
- 20 Fighting words
- 23 Scout's mission
- 24 Like a junior miss
- 25 From the top
- 26 No-goodnik
- 29 "Got it!"
- 30 Euro forerunner
- 31 American Samoa's capital
- 35 Coin motto
- 39 It Happened
- 40 Bottom-line figure
- 42 Funny money
- 45 Language suffix
- 46 Lat. and Lith., once
- 47 Rodeo ropes
- 51 Ring great Archie
- 52 How chisellers behave
- 56 Post-O.R. place
- 57 Henry and Bryan, for two
- 58 Keydets' sch.
- 60 Cartoon frame
- 61 Brunch drinks
- 62 Always, poetically
- 63 Gay Nineties, e.g.
- 64 Ques. follower
- 65 Full of guile
- 66 Genetic letters
- DOWN
- 1 Health resort
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- 5 Set on (limit)
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- 7 Have a date
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- 9 Onetime Hollywood Squares regular
- 10 Arctic coats
- 11 State without proof
- 12 Flat dweller
- 15 Dinh Diem
- 21 Wrecker's job
- 22 Civil War side
- 23 Dawn
- 26 Give a hoot
- 27 Not "fer"
- 28 Maynard G.'s pal
- 31 Bit of Cerf humor
- 32 Small dogs
- 33 Big Apple tennis stadium
- 34 reaction
- 36 Spock's forte
- 37 Still a mystery
- 38 Robin Hood's gang
- 41 Lao-
- 42 Water channel
- 43 Cavalry member
- 44 Actress Address
- 46 Castaway's call
- 48 Bakery asset
- 49 Shroud city
- 50 Sends junk e-mail to
- 51 Untidy
- 53 -Aztec languages
- 54 Red-ink amount
- 55 Vaccine type
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