



**BIG  
SPRING**

# HERALD

COPYRIGHT 2004

At the Crossroads of West Texas

50 CENTS DAILY/\$1.25 WEEKEND

MONDAY

March 8, 2004

## WEATHER

Tonight:



PARTLY CLOUDY

TONIGHT TOMORROW  
41°-43° 62°-63°

## BRIEFLY

### Symphony Chorus

The Big Spring Symphony Chorus will have its first practice today at the First United Methodist Church choral room, 400 Scurry St.

Selections to be rehearsed are Aaron Copland's "The Tender Land," "Stop Your Foot" and "The Promise of Living," and George Gershwin's "Porgy and Bess."

Anyone interested in performing with the chorus is invited to attend the meeting.

Rehearsal will be held from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. every Monday through April 24.

For more information about the chorus, call Keith Graumann, artistic director and conductor, at 263-5943, 267-1626 or 213-0645.

### Help for veterans

The Goodfellow Air Force Base Legal Office will be providing legal assistance to eligible veterans at the Big Spring VA Hospital, 300 Veterans Boulevard, on Tuesday.

In order to receive the service, the veteran must have valid Department of Defense identification card, such as a military identification or retired identification.

A Veterans Administration identification card is not sufficient to receive legal assistance.

The group will provide advice on matters such as wills, living wills, powers of attorney, involuntary allotment issues, domestic relations and other legal issues.

## INDEX

Classified	2-5B
Comics	6B
Good News	6A
Obituaries	2A
Opinion	4A
Sports	1B
Texas	3A

Vol. 100, No. 93

Find us online at:  
www.bigspringherald.com

To reach us, please call 263-7331. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you miss your paper, please call 263-7335 before 7 p.m. on weekdays and 11 a.m. on Sunday.



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins  
Election Clerks Terri Blackshear, left, and Lu Norris helped wrap early voting in the Republican and Democratic primaries up Friday, as the Howard County Clerk's Office prepares for Tuesday primary election day. Polls will be open Tuesday from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

## Where to vote

### Democratic Primary

- Precincts 101-115, North Side Fire Station, 100 N.E. Eighth Street.
- Precincts 202-205, Washington Place School, 1201 S. Birdwell Lane.
- Precincts 207, 409, Coahoma Community Center, 300 N. Avenue, Coahoma.
- Precinct 208, Forsan School.
- Precincts 302-305, Goliad Middle School Library, 2000 Goliad Street.
- Precincts 401-410, Dorothy Garrett Coliseum foyer, Birdwell Lane and Kentucky Way.

### Republican Primary

- Precincts 101-115, 202-205, Washington Place School, 1201 S. Birdwell Lane.
- Precincts 207, 409, Coahoma Community Center, 300 N. Avenue, Coahoma.
- Precinct 208, Forsan School.
- Precincts 302-305, Goliad Middle School Library, 2000 Goliad Street.
- Precincts 401-410, Dorothy Garrett Coliseum foyer, Birdwell Lane and Kentucky Way.

Ballots on Page 5A

# March primaries set Tuesday

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Area voters will be asked to return to the polls Tuesday, as the Democratic and Republican primaries wind up in preparation for the November election.

In contested races on the local Democratic ballot, voters will have the chance to vote in the sheriff's race with incumbent Dale Walker facing off against Willie Rangel Jr.; county commissioner, Precinct 1, which involves incumbent Emma Puga Brown and challenger Yolanda Mendoza; and justice of the

peace, Precinct 1, Place 1, between Donna Gamboa and Phil Bustamante.

In contested races on the local Republican ticket, the battle for the State Senate District 31 seat will continue between recently elected State Sen. Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo, and challengers Kirk Edwards, R-Odessa, and Jesse Quackenbush, R-Amarillo. Former candidates Bob Barnes, R-Odessa; Don Sparks, R-Midland; and Lee Gibson, R-Dumas, will still appear on the ballot, but all have officially dropped out of the race.

Also on the local Republican

ticket will be the county commissioner seat for Precinct 3, which is a contest between incumbent Bill Crooker and challenger Kathy Lusk.

Local candidates running unopposed in the Republican Primary include Kent Sharp, who is vying for the District 85 State Representative seat. Sharp's Democratic opponent in the November election, incumbent James "Pete" Laney of Hale Center, is also running unopposed.

Also running unopposed on the Republican ticket are 118th District Court District Attorney

Hardy Wilkerson; County Attorney C.E. "Mike" Thomas III; Sheriff candidate Ronald Allen; County Tax Assessor/Collector Kathy Sayles; county commissioner, Precinct 1, candidate Don Taylor; justice of the peace, Precinct 1, Place 1, Bennie Green; and constable, Precinct 1, Boyce Hayle.

Candidates unopposed in the Democratic Primary include State Senate District 31 candidate Elaine King Miller; county commissioner, Precinct 3 candidate James "Dick" Dubose; con-

See PRIMARIES, Page 3A

## Filing deadline nears for city, trustee races

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Candidates interested in running for a public school trustee position have a little more a week to file as the March 15 deadline nears.

Last week, a second candidate jumped into the Coahoma Independent School District Board of Trustees election.

"Our kids are our future, and I want to have a say in the decisions that affect our kids," said Danny Martin, who filed last week to run in the at-large race. "I'm a fair and honest person and I will make sound decisions after hearing all sides of everything."

An eight-year resident of Coahoma, Martin and his wife, Kim have two children attending school in the CISD, Ashley, a 13-

year-old seventh grader, and Kim, an 8-year-old second grade student.

"As a parent, I believe it is my job to be as involved as I can in their activities and lives," said Martin, a Texas Department of Transportation engineering technician. "I want to give the children as much opportunities as possible and the school board is a good place to start."

Martin joins first term trustee Trustee Sissy Wells, on the May 15 ballot.

"Serving on the board has been an eye-opening experience for me," Wells said. "I believe my experience these past three years will help me better serve for a second term."

Wells is a multi-skilled operator with Conoco Phillips and has two children, daughter Drew, a Coahoma High School sophomore, and son, Jarrod, a 2002 CHS graduate.

See FILING, Page 3A



MARTIN



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody  
Goliad Intermediate School students Eddilisa Saldivar and Jeremy Layton dance to music provided by country western singer Jody Nix at an event held Wednesday in the school's gym. This was one of several activities held at Big Spring schools during Texas Public Schools Week celebrated last week. Big Spring, Coahoma, Forsan and Stanton schools are closed this week for the spring break holidays.

## Council to consider possible zoning change

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council will meet Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. to discuss several matters, including a public hearing regarding the adoption of a new subdivision which would result in a zone change for an area on the west side of Martin Luther King Boulevard.

According to public notice posted by the city of Big Spring, the owner of a 5-acre tract out of the southwest quarter of Section 32, Block 33, has requested a zone change from single family designation to "light commercial," for the use of a multi-family complex.

The area is approximately one block east of FM 700 on Martin Luther King Boulevard, on the north side of the street.

Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen said he hopes members of the community — and especially land owners with concerns about the zoning change — will attend the hearing and make their voice heard.

"That's what these hearings are for," said McEwen. "We want to encourage anyone who has concerns about the zoning change or the land in that area to come to the hearing."

McEwen declined to comment on what may or may not be built on the 5-acre plat if zoning is approved.

"At this point it would simply be speculation," he said.

Also on the agenda for the meeting:

- Final reading of a resolution authorizing the city manager to execute an agreement with Barker and Associates Consulting for performance management systems development and training.

- Final reading of a resolution authorizing the city manager to execute a contract with Maximus for preparation of an annual cost allocation plan.

- Final reading of an ordinance calling for an election to be held on May 15, 2004.

See COUNCIL, Page 3A

Obituaries

**Rosa Soliz DeLeon**

Rosa Soliz DeLeon, 91, died Friday, March 5, 2004, in an Abilene hospital. Services were Monday, March 8, 2004, at 11 a.m. in the St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Rotan, with father Timothy Schwertner officiating. A rosary was held Sunday, March 7, 2004, at 7 p.m. in the Weathersbee-Ray Funeral Home Chapel.  
Mrs. DeLeon was born Aug. 16, 1912, in Fisher County. She was the daughter of the late Francisco and Cletita (Aleman) Soliz. She married Deacon Saragosa DeLeon on Feb. 4, 1940 and they were married 64 years.  
She worked for the Rotan School cafeteria for 12 years, retiring in 1974. She was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Rotan where she was involved in the Cursillista and Guadalupana organizations. She loved to cook, sew and spend time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Her family believed she had the best bed-and-breakfast around.  
She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers and seven sisters.  
She is survived by her husband, Saragosa; three sons and two daughters-in-law; Henry and Mary DeLeon and Emilio DeLeon, all of Fort Worth, and Tony and Orveta DeLeon of Big Spring; one daughter and son-in-law, Carolyn and Raul Flores of Rotan; 12 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.  
Services were under the direction of Weathersbee-Ray Funeral Home in Rotan.

**Adam Valencia**

Adam Valencia, 43, of Big Spring, died Monday morning, March 8, 2004, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. Services are pending at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home.

**Douglas Smith**

Douglas Smith, 54, of Big Spring, died Saturday, March 6, 2004, at his residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following activity:  
• **APRIL JEANETTE MCGEE, 22**, was taken to the county jail Friday after being arrested by Big Spring police officers on a charge of assault causing bodily injury.  
• **DARRELL RAY FURR, 32**, was taken to the county jail Saturday after being arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers on a charge of public intoxication and on a Kerr County warrant for public intoxication.  
• **ROBERT LEE CRIDER JR., 36**, was taken to the county jail Saturday after being arrested by DPS troopers on charges of public intoxication and abandonment, endanger child, imminent danger, bodily injury.  
• **ROD LEE PUGA, 41**, was taken to the county jail Saturday after being arrested by DPS troopers on a charge of driving while intoxicated.  
• **JAMES DANIEL PARKER, 42**, was arrested Saturday on warrant for motion to revoke probation—driving while intoxicated.  
• **TERRY WILLIAM SAWYERS, 42**, was arrested Saturday on a warrant for motion to revoke probation—driving while intoxicated, third or more.  
• **DONALD PAUL MITHCELL, 65**, was taken to the county jail Saturday after being arrested by Big Spring police officers on a Taylor County warrant for bondsman-off-bond, public intoxication.  
• **VICTOR BALDERAS FLORES, 36**, was taken to the county jail Sunday after being arrested by DPS troopers on a charge of public intoxication.  
• **HECTOR GERADO DUEN MARTINEZ, 32**, was taken to the county jail Sunday after being arrested by

Take note

- ❑ **CHRIST'S COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP** is requesting donations of any household items, furniture, appliances, linens, cookware and dishes to be distributed to the needy in Big Spring. Items will be picked up. Please call 263-5683 and leave a message.
- ❑ **LIFETIME BIG SPRING** resident Mary Lancaster has been diagnosed with cancer, and is in need of several scans that are not covered by her health insurance. Lancaster's family is asking for donations to cover the cost of the scans, which range in the thousands of dollars. Donations can be made at Wood Forest National Bank, located in Wal-Mart, in the name of Mary Lancaster.
- ❑ **A FUND HAS BEEN** established at the First Bank of West Texas, 1810 FM 700, to help with the medical expenses of 30-year-old Misty McCullum Wilson, who was diagnosed with cancer more than two months ago. Wilson, who went to Coahoma High School before moving to Lubbock, requires radiation treatments expected to cost \$10,000 per visit.
- ❑ **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.

June 14-15, 2004  
Doubletree Hotel at the entrance to University Citiville  
(formerly Radisson Hotel Orlando)

**Florida TEACH-IN**

Florida needs teachers in math, science, reading, ESE, ESOL, foreign languages and technology education. Positions are available in urban and rural districts. The Teach-In provides a convenient, cost-effective forum for teachers seeking employment opportunities in Florida to meet with school district personnel.

For more information Call: 800-Teach-FL (800-832-2435)  
e-mail: edrecruit@fldoe.org  
visit: www.TeachInFlorida.com

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from noon Saturday until 8 a.m. today:  
• **FRANCISCO JESUS NIETO, 25**, of 1505 Hilltop Road was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.  
• **JANA RENEA MOSS, 24**, of 1302 Johnson was taken to the city jail to be held for the Howard County Sheriff's Office.  
• **ERICK PAUL QUALLS, 38**, of 1708 Young was arrested Sunday on charges of public intoxication and possession of drug paraphernalia.  
• **LINDA ANN BRITO, 17**, of 538 Westover was arrested today on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.  
• **THEFT** was reported at the Dora Roberts Community Center, in the 3100 block of Parkway, at Wal-Mart, in the 2300 block of Wasson, in the 1200 block of 11th Place, in the 1800 block Gregg, in the 300 block of Owens, in the 700 block of Interstate 20, in the 1100 block of Lamesa, the 1700 block of FM 700 and in the 900 block of Willa.  
• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 2900 block of Highway 80.  
• **DISORDERLY CONDUCT** was reported in the 3300 block of Highway 80.  
• **ASSAULT CLASS C, FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 900 block of South Goliad, the 4200 block of Parkway and at Barcelona Apartments.  
• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 4200 block of Parkway, in the 1600 block of FM 700 and in the 500 block of Donely.  
• **POSSESSION/DELIVERY DRUG PARAPHERNALIA** was reported in the 100 block of South Benton and at Barcelona Apartments.  
• **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 200 block of Goliad and at No. 1 Courtney Place.  
• **ABANDON, ENDANGERMENT OF CHILD, NEGLIGENCE** was reported in the 1000 block of Nolan.  
• **UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE** was reported in the 1500 block of Fourth Street.  
• **CRIMINAL TRESPASS OF A HABITATION/SHELTER CENTER** was reported in the 1400 block of Highway 87.  
DPS troopers on a charge of public intoxication.  
• **RAUL GARICA SIMENTAL, 39**, was taken to the county jail Sunday after being arrested by DPS troopers on charges of driving while intoxicated, open container and possession of a controlled substance, less than one gram.  
• **ANTHONY ANCHONDO, 17**, was taken to the county jail Sunday after being arrested by Big Spring police officers on a charge of possession of marijuana, less than two ounces, in a drug free zone.  
• **JANA RENEA MOSS, 24**, was arrested Sunday on a warrant for bailsmen-off-bond, burglary of a building.  
• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported on Fried Road.  
• **RECKLESS DRIVER** was reported westbound on Interstate 20 near the 178 mile marker and eastbound near the 167 mile marker, on East Midway Road and in the 3200 block of Linter.  
• **SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE** was reported in the 8600 block of Gail Highway.  
• **SUSPICIOUS PERSON** was reported on South Highway 87, 16th and Gregg streets and on North service road.  
• **WANTED PERSON** was reported in the 5600 block of Walter Road and in the 1600 block of Lark.  
• **LOOSE EMU** was reported on Highway 350.  
• **DRAG RACING** was reported on FM 700 and Highway 350.  
• **INTOXICATED DRIVER** was reported westbound on I-20 near the 166 mile marker.  
• **RUNAWAY** was reported in the 2600 block of Chanute.

Support groups

- TUESDAY**  
❑ Area Agency on Aging of the Permian Basin will hold a self-help support group for care givers in Howard County on Tuesday.  
The meeting will be held at Canterbury Retirement Homes Inc., 1700 Lancaster, from 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. For more information, call Raynetta Williams, caregiver coordinator, at (432) 563-1061 or (800) 491-4636 or locally call Debbie Read at Home Hospice at (432) 264-7599.  
This group is open to the public and funded by the Texas Department on Aging.
- 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.  
❑ The Fibromyalgia Autoimmune Disease Support Group will meet only on the second Thursday of the month at noon at the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center. The group will no long meet weekly.

Bulletin board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald news room at 263-7331 or email editor@bigspringherald.com

- MONDAY**
  - Big Spring Commandery No. 31 meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Temple at 221 1/2 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m.
  - Big Spring Assembly No. 221 Social Order of Beauceant meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Masonic Temple at 221 1/2 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m.
  - Big Spring Band Boosters meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Big Spring High School band hall.
  - Archeology Society for Howard and Borden counties meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library Community Room in the basement. Call 270-2615 for more information.
  - Coahoma Lions Club meets at 6 p.m. in the Coahoma Community Center at 306 North Ave.
  - Senior Circle meets at 4 p.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend.
  - Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. in the La Posada Restaurant.
  - Hangar 25 Air Museum is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., on Saturday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and on Sunday from 1:30-4 p.m.
- TUESDAY**
  - Intermediate Line dance classes begin at 9 a.m. in the Senior Citizens Center. 267-1628.
  - Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
  - A Stitchin' Time Club meets at 3:30 p.m. at Primitive Baptist Church, 201 E. 24th St. Everyone is invited to learn and share sewing skills, and portable sewing machines are welcome. Call Kay Sikes at 394-4835 for more information.
- WEDNESDAY**
  - Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge at 703 W. Third.
  - Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. in the Senior Citizen Center at the Industrial Park.
  - Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
  - Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
  - Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College cactus room.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night:  
Winning numbers drawn: 14-18-27-37-44. Bonus Ball: 37.  
• **Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball:** None.  
• **Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing:** \$7 million.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night:  
Winning numbers drawn: 2-20-25-30-31.  
Number matching five of five: 1.  
Prize per winner: \$46,075.  
Winning ticket sold in: Beaumont.  
Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night: 7-0-0

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday afternoon: 9-1-1

Weather

Today — Partly cloudy. Highs around 70. Light winds becoming south at 5 to 10 mph in the afternoon.  
Tonight — Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 40s. Light south winds becoming north at 5 to 10 mph overnight.  
Tuesday — Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 60s. North winds 10 to 20 mph.  
Tuesday night — Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 40s. Light winds.  
Wednesday — Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 60s. South winds 10 to 20 mph.  
Wednesday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s.  
Thursday and Thursday night — Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 50s. Lows in the mid 40s.  
Friday through Saturday — Mostly cloudy. A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 60s. Lows in the mid 40s.  
Saturday night — Mostly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 40s.  
Sunday — Partly cloudy. Highs around 60.

**FULLMOON, INC.**  
ROOFING  
Commercial, Residential, Industrial

Insured • Bonded  
\$500,000 General Liability

Ask about Class 4 Rubber  
Hull Resistant Shingles  
You On Your Insurance

**Voted Top 100 Roofing Contractors In America 2002**

FREE ESTIMATES • (432) 267-5478  
Big Spring, Texas  
**HENRY BACKES**

**BIG SPRING HERALD**  
www.bigspringherald.com  
Reflecting A Proud Community

432-263-7331 (Main switchboard) 432-263-7335 (Circulation calls only)  
(Fax) 432-264-7205

Susanne Reed  
John A. Moseley  
Angie Worley  
Tony Hernandez  
Dianne Marquez

Publisher/Advertising Manager.....Ext. 250  
Managing Editor.....Ext. 230  
Circulation Manager.....Ext. 240  
Production Manager.....Ext. 256  
Business Office Manager.....Ext. 255

The Herald is a member of The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, West Texas Press Association, Texas Daily Newspaper Association, The Associated Press, Texas Press Association, Inland Press Association, National Newspaper Association, Newspaper Association of America, Small Newspaper Federation, Southern Newspaper Publishers Association and American Newspaper Association.

Published afternoons Monday through Friday and Sunday mornings, except Christmas Day. All materials copyrighted. Postmaster: Send address changes to Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, Texas 79721. Periodicals postage paid at Big Spring, Texas. USPS 1431-48 USPS 0055-940 ISSN 0746-6811

BY THE MONTH HOME DELIVERY: Evenings and Sunday, \$8.65 monthly; \$93.42 yearly (includes 10% discount for yearly).  
MAIL SUBSCRIPTIONS: \$12.50 monthly Howard & Martin Counties. \$13.25 elsewhere.

H  
W  
O

DA  
home  
saddl  
ance  
mon  
make  
aime  
and  
obtai  
Ave  
have  
4 pe  
2003,  
Depai  
said,  
unde  
18 pe  
was  
insur  
signe  
"We  
peopl  
have  
decre  
we're  
lot  
insur  
going  
Lamb  
const  
in ins  
Oth  
have  
cover  
plan  
prote  
Farm  
large  
is sti  
cies  
The  
that  
2001  
mold  
Far  
mean  
its ag

PR  
Conti  
stable  
date  
Trevi  
ble,  
Winn  
Also  
ballot  
The fi  
to end  
Secur

FIL  
Conti  
Fello  
Luce,  
this ye  
Anyo  
ing fo  
shoul  
4221 f  
tion.  
office  
public  
closed  
holid  
Reca  
Incun  
Flores  
will se  
office  
distric  
sents  
repres  
Filin  
presid  
Birdw

CO  
Conti  
• Fi  
ordin  
Chapt  
Big Sp  
ing a  
regula  
• Fi  
ordin  
vision

### Homeowners still waiting for breaks on insurance rates

DALLAS (AP) — Texas homeowners are still saddled with high insurance premiums nine months after state lawmakers passed reforms aimed at reducing rates and making it easier to obtain coverage.

Average premiums have decreased by about 4 percent from early 2003, the Texas Department of Insurance said. That figure is well under the 12 percent to 18 percent reduction that was predicted when the insurance reforms were signed into law in June.

Other homeowners have been forced to buy coverage through a state plan that offers minimal protection because State Farm Insurance, the largest insurer in Texas, is still not selling policies to new customers.

Farmers Insurance, meanwhile, has limited its agents to 10 new poli-

cies a month. Both companies also are continuing a legal battle against an Insurance Department effort to roll back their rates, which were deemed excessive last year.

Insurance Department spokesman Jim Hurley said the ongoing battle is disappointing. "The longer they drag this out, the longer it will take for their customers to receive the savings they should have been getting," Hurley told The Dallas Morning News for a Sunday story.

But both insurers said their rates are necessary to cover losses and other expenses. "The reductions being sought by the Insurance Department are excessive," Farmers spokeswoman Michelle Levy said. "Our rates have not changed since 2002, when we announced a 6.8 percent reduction."

Backers of the new law insist the reforms need more time to turn things around.

An Insurance Department study estimated that a typical premium now costs \$1,390. That is about 4 percent lower than in early 2003 but well above the typical \$1,000 in annual premiums in 2000.

### TEXAS NEWS BRIEFS

#### Freed man still trying to clear name

HOUSTON (AP) — A man freed from prison last year after new DNA tests showed he did not commit the rape he was convicted of in 1998 is still trying to get his record cleared, his attorneys said.

David Dow, director of the Texas Innocence Network, is trying to clear Josiah Sutton's name through a court order to vacate the conviction, as well as a governor's pardon based on innocence, the Houston Chronicle reported Sunday.

State District Judge Joan Huffman is scheduled in mid-April to hear arguments on vacating the conviction of Sutton, 22.

After serving 4 1/2 years, Sutton was freed on bond days after an initial retest excluded him as a contributor to the DNA evidence in his case. A second test also excluded Sutton, who had been sentenced to 25 years in prison.

Sutton is among hundreds being retested after a state audit found a lack of training of lab employees, insufficient documentation and possible contamination of DNA samples at the Houston Police Department.

squaring off in Republican-drawn districts that received federal court approval in January and could give the GOP a commanding advantage in the state's 32-member congressional delegation.

Republican legislators pushed through the new districts last year, despite two out-of-state boycotts by Democrats.

Also before the voters are a race for Texas Railroad Commission and contests for the Texas Supreme Court, Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, State Board of Education and Texas Legislature.

"As Texans and Americans, we should remember that democracy is dependent on a single act — the act of voting. There are plenty of reasons to go to the polls on March 9th," Texas Secretary of State Geoff Connor said.

Ten candidates for the Democratic presidential nomination appear on the ballot, but John Kerry is the only major candidate still in the race. John Edwards dropped out after Kerry's victories last week on Super Tuesday, diminishing the significance of this week's primaries in Texas, Florida, Louisiana and Mississippi in selecting the eventual nominee.

#### Fish oil to fortify fatty lunch fare

DALLAS (AP) — At some South Texas schools, a new plan for serving nutritious meals to children is a little fishy.

Old favorites like pork tamales, breakfast tacos with bacon and nacho cheese are injected with oil taken from a small, herringlike fish. The oil contains omega-3 fatty acids, which research has linked to positive health effects, including decreased risk of heart attacks.

But critics are skeptical of the benefits from adding a healthy fat to unhealthy foods. They say the quantity of omega-3 added to foods is too small to have any health benefit.

Earlier this month, Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs issued a new school nutrition policy with restrictions on fried and other fatty foods, setting rules for types of foods that can be served in schools.

Advocates of fish oil say it's a way to make lunchtime healthier without getting rid of children's favorite foods.

#### Roundtables illustrate interest in Civil War

DALLAS (AP) — Eyes shifted from side to side, and anticipation began to build.

The objective rested only a few feet away. Suddenly, with a slight nod from their leader, they surged ahead. The foe never stood a chance.

Mounds of golden fried fish and green beans were wiped out. The victorious charge on the buffet line brought the monthly meeting of the Dallas Civil War Roundtable to order.

Roundtables give historians the chance to promote their work and dedicated Civil War buffs a chance to gobble up endless information — frequently the nuts and bolts of key battles or the leadership qualities of Union and Confederate generals.

"They started originally to study the war, to have a speaker come in. Since the early 1970s, a number of them have become very interested in historic preservation," said Ed Bearrs, former chief historian of the National Park Service and frequent speaker to Civil War groups.

The number of roundtables began to grow rapidly before the Civil War Centennial celebration of the 1960s, said Bearrs (pronounced Bars), an octogenarian who dazzles audiences by rattling off dozens of obscure battle details on demand.

A typical meeting includes topics like "Lee and the Appomattox Campaign" or "Booth Shot Better Than he Thought he Did."

### PRIMARIES

Continued from Page 1A

stable, Precinct 1 candidate T.E. "Junior" Trevino Jr.; and constable, Precinct 2, Mark Winn.

Also on the Democratic ballot are two resolutions. The first concerns efforts to end or privatize Social Security and Medicare

programs. The second concerns a constitutional amendment protecting taxpayers by prohibiting state mandates that require local property tax increases.

Polling places for the primary elections will be very similar to those used in the recent special and runoff State Senate District 31 elections, with a few slight changes for voters in precincts 101-115

and 202-205.

The Democratic Primary polling places are as follows:

- Precincts 101-115, North Side Fire Station, 100 N.E. Eighth Street.
- Precincts 202-205, Washington Place School, 1201 S. Birdwell Lane.
- Precincts 207, 409, Coahoma Community Center, 300 N. Avenue, Coahoma.
- Precinct 208, Forsan School.

Precincts 302-305, Goliad Middle School Library, 2000 Goliad Street.

Precincts 401-410, Dorothy Garrett Coliseum foyer, Birdwell Lane and Kentucky Way.

The polling places for the Republican Primary are as follows:

- Precincts 101-115, 202-205, Washington Place School, 1201 S. Birdwell

Lane.

• Precincts 207, 409, Coahoma Community Center, 300 N. Avenue, Coahoma.

• Precinct 208, Forsan School.

• Precincts 302-305, Goliad Middle School Library, 2000 Goliad Street.

• Precincts 401-410, Dorothy Garrett Coliseum foyer, Birdwell Lane and Kentucky Way.

Polling places are open Tuesday from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

For more information on polling places or other questions about the races, contact the Howard County Clerk's office at 264-2213.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

### FILING

Continued from Page 1A

Fellow Trustee Brandon Luce, whose term expires this year, as yet to file.

Anyone interested in filing for the CISD board should call 393-5252 or 394-4221 for more information. CISD's business office is among several public education entities closed next week for the holidays.

Recap of area filing: Howard College. Incumbents Michael Flores and Adrian Randle will seek another term in office for their receptive districts. Flores represents Place 1 and Randle represents Place 2.

Filing continues in the president's office at 1001 Birdwell Lane. Office

hours are 8 a.m. until noon.

Big Spring Independent School District. Each of the three single-member district races have produced a candidate. Mike Dawson, board president, filed for District 5 seat; Phil Furqueron, board vice president, is running for District 7 and local financial planner Steve Jeter filed for District 7.

Candidates may file this week from 8 a.m. to noon at the business office in the administration office, 708 11th Place. Enter through the back central door.

Forsan Independent School District. All three incumbents on the FISD Board of Trustees hope to return for another term. Allen McDowell, board president, and trustees

Tom Bill Kuykendall and Beckie Wash will seek reelection to the three at-large position up for election.

The Forsan ISD superintendent's office will be closed this week for spring break. Filing will wrap up for the race on Monday, March 15, at the superintendent's office, 411 West Sixth St. in Forsan.

Stanton Independent School District. District 1 representative Johnny Gonzales was the first person to throw his hat into the race for the SISD Board of Trustees race. He has since been joined by Pablo Tevni, who filed for District 5. Trustee Terry Shanks, who represents District 5, has not filed.

Candidates filing continues at the SISD admin-

istration building, 200 North College, from 9 a.m. to noon., Monday through Friday.

Grady Independent School District. Incumbent Brian Cox and challenger James Mitchell have filed for the Grady Independent School District 2 race. District 7, currently represented by Roy Madison, has garnered one candidate, Wayne Pinkerton. District 1, represented by Victor Hewttly Jr., is also up for election.

Filing will continue at the superintendent's office at 3500 FM 1829. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. GISD will close March 15-19 for spring break. Those who plan to file on Monday, March 15, can contact the office to make special

arrangements.

Sands Consolidated Independent School District. Michelle Zant has filed in the SCISD election. Two of the at-large positions currently being served by SCISD trustees Stan Blagrave and David Zant expire this year.

Candidates may file at the business office, 101 First St., Ackerly. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The office will be closed March 15-19 for spring break. Contact the office to make special arrangements, if you plan to file on March 15.

Garden City Independent School District. No candidates have filed for the GCISD at-large seats. Terms held by trustees Mike Hilliger and Tibby Niehues expire this year.

Filing is held at superintendent's office, 308 West Chambers. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Wednesday, and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Thursday and Friday.

The office will be closed March 15-19 for spring break. For those who plan to file on Monday should contact the office to make special arrangements.

Contact staff writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

### COUNCIL

Continued from Page 1A

First reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 15 of the city of Big Spring Code by adopting a new subdivision regulations ordinance.

First reading of an ordinance adopting subdivision fees.

First reading of an ordinance amending fees for Moss Lake.

Emergency reading of an ordinance authorizing the submission of a Solid Waste Regional Planning Commission Grant and authorizing the city manager to act as the city's authorized representative.

First reading of a resolution amending Chapter

IV, Section 1 of the city personnel policies and procedures regarding probation.

The meeting will get underway Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council

Chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth Street.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

**DUNLAPS**  
Your Fashion Headquarters  
111 E. Marcy 267-8283

**SCENIC MOUNTAIN MEDICAL CENTER**  
Our Community. Our Hospital.  
1601 W. 11th Pl. Big Spring, TX

ald.com

**I've Been Framed**  
Big Spring Blvd • 432-264-7188  
Custom Picture Framing And Prints  
**30% OFF EVERYDAY**

**Allan's Furniture**  
Best Prices in West Texas  
202 Scurry • 267-6278

**Daffodil Day Festival - Celebration 2003**  
Saturday, March 1, 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Round Rock Senior Center,  
205 E. Main St. (across from library), Round Rock

- Food Booths
- Baked Goods
- Crafts
- Entertainment
- Auction (1:00 p.m.)
- Door Prizes

**FREE For the Kids**  
Coloring Books  
Candy  
Balloons  
Face Painting

**Art Crafts & MONEY**  
An all-day seminar for artists & crafters  
Monday, March 29th  
806-372-5151  
www.smallbusinessdevelopmentcenter.com  
Small Business Development Center

**DOWNTOWNER BARBER SHOP**  
302 Scurry St.  
263-8401  
Welcomes Aboard  
**Nancy Feaster**  
Formerly of Walmart  
She invites all of her friends & family to come in and see her for all their hair care needs!  
• Appointments & Walk-Ins Welcome •

## EDITORIAL

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

-FIRST AMENDMENT

Opinions expressed on this page are those of the Editorial Board of the Big Spring Herald unless otherwise indicated.

**Susanne Reed**  
Publisher

**John A. Moseley**  
Managing Editor

**Bill McClellan**  
News Editor

## OUR VIEWS

Remember  
to go vote  
on Tuesday

**O**n Tuesday, Texas voters will go to the polls to select their choices in the Democratic and Republican parties' primaries.

We want to encourage all registered voters who did not take advantage of the early voting period to exercise their right to go to the polls Tuesday. A great deal is at stake in local, statewide and national races.

Locally, there are Democratic candidates seeking the sheriff's office, while the Republican primary features contested commissioners' seats.

And once again the Texas Senate District 31 race is again a hot one in the Republican Primary where newly-elected and sworn Sen. Kel Seliger of Amarillo, faces a challenge from Odessa businessman Kirk Edwards.

And Tuesday will obviously be our first chance to let our choice concerning the 2004 presidential race be officially heard.

Remember, as citizens, it is not only our right, but our responsibility to exercise our franchise. Our voices always need to be heard.

## ADDRESSES

Austin, 78768  
Phone: (512) 463-0604

• **GEORGE W. BUSH**

President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

• **JOHN CORNYN**

U.S. Senator  
Washington, DC 20510-4305  
Phone: 202-224-2934

• **RANDY NEUGEBAUER**

U.S. Representative (19th Cong. District)  
1026 Longworth House  
Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515  
Phone: (202)225-4005

• **RICK PERRY**

Governor  
State Capitol, Room 2S.1  
P.O. Box 12428  
Austin, 78711  
Phone: (512) 463-2000

• **KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON**

U.S. Senator  
703 Hart Office Building  
Washington, 20510  
Phone: 202-224-5922

• **PETE LANEY**

Representative  
Texas 85th District  
P.O. Box 2910

**HOWARD COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS**

OFFICE — 264-2200.

**BEN LOCKHART**, COUNTY  
JUDGE — Home: 263-4155;  
Office: 264-2202.

**EMMA BROWN** — Home:  
267-2649.

**JERRY KILGORE** — 263-  
0724; Work (Jerry's  
Barbers): 267-5471.

**BILL CROOKER** — Home: 263-  
2566.

**GARY SIMER** — Home: 263-  
0269; Work (Ponderosa  
Nursery): 263-4441.

**BIG SPRING  
CITY COUNCIL**

**RUSS MCEWEN**, MAYOR —  
Home: 263-0907; Work  
(Russ McEwen Insurance):  
267-1413.

**GREG BIDDISON** — Home:  
267-6009; Work (Ponderosa  
Restaurant): 267-7121.

**W.A. "WOODY" JUMPER** —  
Home: 263-0782; Work  
(BSSH): 267-8216.

**STEPHANIE HORTON** —  
Home: 264-0306; Work (VA  
Medical Center): 263-7361.

## HOW TO CONTACT US

The Herald is always interested in our readers' opinions.

In order that we might better serve your needs, we offer several ways in which you may contact us:

- In person at 710 Scurry St.
- By telephone at 263-7331
- By fax at 264-7205
- By e-mail Managing Editor John A. Moseley at editor@bigspringherald.com or News Editor Bill McClellan at newsdesk@crcm.net.
- By mail at P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79721

## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

When we want to live our life fully, Lord, may we ask for your help.

Amen

## Tactics matter in this race

**T**he new media spin is that President Bush may be making a mistake by supporting a constitutional amendment prohibiting same-sex marriage — not because the American public supports same-sex marriage (it doesn't) but because voters are reluctant to mess with the Constitution.



**DEBRA  
SAUNDERS**

Don't bet the farm on it. As George Washington University law professor Jonathan Turley warned, "The San Francisco controversy has given this amendment a powerful momentum on Capitol Hill."

Bush has not endorsed a particular amendment, although the Bushies have praised the Federal Marriage Amendment sponsored by Rep. Marilyn Musgrave, R-Colo., that would prohibit states from legalizing same-sex marriage. Critics are right to point out that such a federal amendment would limit states' rights.

Bush, however, is correct in saying that a federal marriage amendment would protect states' rights by releasing states from the U.S. Constitution's Full Faith and Credit clause's requirement that states recognize marriages conducted in other states.

In 1996, President Clinton signed the Defense of Marriage Act, which also freed states from any requirement to recognize out-of-state same-sex marriages. Bush now argues that if activist courts can override state law, they can override the federal Defense of Marriage Act. Hence, he argues, the need for an amendment.

Rolls indicate that the public is split on a constitutional amendment. But Karlyn Bowman, editor of "Opinion Pulse" for the American Enterprise Institute, noted that no poll has established that voters are aware that states may be able to export their same-sex marriage laws to other

states. (Indeed, Democratic Sens. and Oval Office contenders John Kerry and John Edwards both say they oppose the amendment because they want to leave marriage up to the states — when they must know that states could be forced to accept other states' nuptials.)

Imagine the likely reaction when same-sex couples married in San Francisco or Massachusetts (where the top court has ordered same-sex unions starting in May) return to, say, Peoria, Ill., and demand that their employers provide health benefits for their new spouses. Support for a constitutional amendment is likely to grow if people in Tennessee or Texas believe the mayor of San Francisco or four Massachusetts judges can dictate marriage laws in their states.

The first openly gay member of Congress, Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., told the San Jose Mercury News that he opposed San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom's nuptials because "If people believe that marriage in one state is going to have to be recognized in every state, we lose votes."

Hastings College of the Law professor Vikram Amar believes there is "no clear indication" that state courts across the country will force their states to recognize out-of-state same-sex unions. He opposes an amendment while Americans are "feeling their way" through the issue.

I'm against the amendment, too, but there is a strong indication that the courts will rule against states' rights. Two San Francisco judges, fully aware of state law, decided they didn't have to uphold laws that limit marriage to a man and a woman — in deference to Mayor Newsom's belief that those laws violate the state's equal protection clause. Judges James Warren and Ronald Quidachay could have stopped illegal same-sex weddings until hearings are held on the matter next month, but they didn't feel they had to.

## Kerry-Edwards ticket unlikely

**J**ohn Kerry will not choose John Edwards as his running mate, and I will tell you why:

Kerry looks at his own career: Nineteen years in the U.S. Senate, preceded by being a lieutenant governor, preceded by being a prosecutor, preceded by being an antiwar activist, preceded by being in combat in Vietnam.

Then he looks at John Edwards' career: five years in the Senate, preceded by being a personal injury lawyer.

It is not just that Kerry believes Edwards has not punched his ticket, it is not just that Kerry believes Edwards has not paid his dues, it is that Kerry believes John Edwards is not ready to be president of the United States.

Many considerations go into choosing a vice president — most of which are wasted, since the American people rarely look at the No. 2 spot on the ticket when casting their votes — but nobody as serious as John Kerry is going to pick a man who cannot do the job of president should fate call upon him to do so.

Others will say Edwards has earned a spot on the ticket, that he ran a terrific campaign and Kerry would be a fool to pass him up. But what did Edwards really accomplish during his campaign?

The most important primary he won was the media primary. He was the beneficiary of a media swoon different in intensity but not in kind from the John McCain media swoon of 2000.

The media went on and on about Edwards' speaking skills, his good looks, his energy, and his ability to connect with audiences. The voters, however, seemed somewhat less impressed:



**ROGER  
SIMON**

Edwards won only one primary, his native state of South Carolina.

The Edwards swoon reached the height of its silliness in Wisconsin, where Kerry beat Edwards by 6 percentage points. Six percentage points is a very solid victory, especially in a multi-candidate field. Six percentage points is only 4 percentage points away from a landslide.

But the press treated Wisconsin as an Edwards victory, not a Kerry victory, writing about how close the outcome was and how Edwards had beaten expectations (meaning the foolish expectations of the media based on foolish polls.)

I guarantee you that if Kerry beats George W. Bush by 6 points in November, the same reporters who wrote that 6 points was a razor-thin margin in Wisconsin will write that Kerry decisively beat the incumbent president, signifying a sea change in American politics.

Edwards kept saying he could carry the South in the fall, but he presented no evidence. And, in fact, preserving the illusion of his Southern support is what caused him to drop out Tuesday.

Next week, four Southern states — Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Florida — will hold primaries. If Edwards had entered those primaries and lost, his Southern support would have been exposed as mythical, making it very hard for him to run again.

He was not a bad candidate. He got farther than many thought he would get. And having good speaking skills is no small thing. But the vote-drawing ability of your speaking skills is diminished in a vice presidential candidate because very few people are listening to you.

Some say Edwards will not get the vice presidential nod because a vice presidential candidate should be the attack dog of the ticket, and Edwards was not good

Let me explain what angers me the most about Newsom's nuptials and state courts' failure to immediately uphold the law: I voted against Proposition 22, which prohibited same-sex marriage in California and was passed by 61 percent of voters in 2000. Still, I believed it was only a matter of time before voters accepted same-sex marriage. A voter mandate would be the best way to win the issue because it would produce less resentment in the years that followed.

As Turley observed, American courts were ruling for gay rights as they saw societal acceptance grow. "The irony is that the gay-rights movement was at the very edge of success," said Turley. "And it now stands to lose much advantage." If a marriage amendment passes, it could set back gay rights for decades.

San Francisco's Winter of Love sends two messages to America. The good message is that many same-sex couples want to spend the rest of their lives together. The bad message is that if pro-gay politicians have power, they will use it to break the law, and the establishment — the courts and the attorney general — will aid and abet them.

Until now, Bush had resisted pressure to endorse a marriage amendment, even as Vermont and Massachusetts legalized same-sex unions. Only when San Francisco broke the law, and the courts let the city do it, did Bush endorse a constitutional amendment. Said Turley: "This controversy in San Francisco could not have been better planned by the opponents of gay rights."

E-mail Debra J. Saunders at [dsaunders@sfchronicle.com](mailto:dsaunders@sfchronicle.com). To find out more about Debra J. Saunders, and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at [www.creators.com](http://www.creators.com).

© 2004 CREATORS SYNDICATE, INC.

on the attack. I disagree, however. He was not mean on the attack, but he was good. His message about George W. Bush creating two Americas, one fixed in favor of the rich and powerful and one for the rest of us, was a powerful one.

But Kerry doesn't need an attack dog. Kerry is going to be his own attack dog. He has to make the case for change; he has to make the case that George Bush has been a failure. If Kerry doesn't, Kerry will lose. Unless voters are given a convincing reason to oust an incumbent president, they will retain an incumbent president.

So whom will Kerry select as his running mate? The list of possibilities is pretty long, but I think Dick Gephardt has a strong shot. And Hillary Clinton has an outside chance.

But don't Republicans hate Hillary Clinton? Yes, but they hated her husband even more, and he got elected and re-elected.

Why would Hillary want the job? Wouldn't it be better for her to run on her own some day as senator from New York? Maybe. But look at the record: Only two people in history, Warren Harding and John Kennedy, have gone directly from the U.S. Senate to the White House. (John Kerry is hoping to be the third.)

But vice presidents have gotten to the presidency 14 times: five times through election, four times through assassination, four times through natural death and once through resignation.

So, if you want to be president someday, the vice presidency turns out to be a very good job to have while waiting around.

Roger Simon can be e-mailed at [WriteRoger@aol.com](mailto:WriteRoger@aol.com). To find out more about Roger Simon and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate web page at [www.creators.com](http://www.creators.com).

© 2004 CREATORS SYNDICATE,

# Tuesday's election ballots

## Democratic Primary

### President

Dick Gephardt  
Randy Crow  
Lyndon H. LaRouche Jr.  
Dennis J. Kucinich  
Al Sharpton  
Howard Dean  
John Edwards  
Joe Liberman  
John F. Kerry  
Wesley K. Clark

### County Commissioner,

**Precinct No. 3**  
James (Dick) Dubose

### Justice of the Peace,

**Precinct 1, Place 1**  
Donna K. Gamboa  
Phil Bustamante

### U.S. Rep., District 19

Charles W. Stenholm

### Constable, Precinct 1

T.E. (Junior) Trevino Jr.

### Railroad Commissioner

Bob Scarborough

### Constable, Precinct 2

Mark Winn

### Justice, Supreme Court, Place 9

David Van Os

### County Chairman

Wayne Burns

### Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 6

J.R. Molina

### Resolutions:

### State Senator, District 31

Elaine King Miller

**For or against any efforts to end or privatize Social Security and medicare programs.**

### State Rep. District 85

James E. "Pete" Laney

**For**  
**Against**

### Sheriff

Willie Rangel Jr.  
Dale L. Walker

**For or against a constitutional amendment protecting taxpayers by prohibiting state mandates that require local property tax increases.**

### County Commissioner, Precinct No. 1

Emma Puga Brown  
Yolanda Mendoza

**For**  
**Against**

## Republican Primary

### Presidential

George W. Bush

Don Sparks  
Lee Gibson

### U.S. Rep. District 19

Randy Neugebauer

### State Rep. District 85

Kent Sharp

### Railroad Commissioner

Douglas G. Deffenbaugh  
Victor G. Carrillo  
Robert Butler  
K. Dale Henry

### District Attorney,

**118th Judicial District**  
Hardy L. Wilkerson

### Justice, Supreme Court, Place 3

Harriet O'Neill

### County Attorney

C.E. (Mike) Thomas III

### Justice, Supreme Court, Place 5

Steven Wayne Smith  
Paul Green

### County Sheriff

Ronald Allen

### Justice, Supreme Court, Place 9

Scott Brister

### County Tax Assessor-Collector

Kathy A. Sayles

### Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 2

Lawrence "Larry" Meyers

### County Commissioner, Precinct 1

Don Taylor

### Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 5

Patricia Noble  
Cheryl Johnson

### County Commissioner, Precinct 3

Kathy Lusk  
W.B. "Bill" Crooker

### Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 6

Michael E. Keasler  
Steven M. Porter

### Justice of the Peace,

**Precinct 1, Place 1**  
Bennie J. Green

### State Senator District 31

Bob Barnes  
Kirk Edwards  
Jesse Quackenbush  
Kel Seliger

### Constable, Precinct 1

Boyce Hayle

### County Chairman

Margarita Durand-Hollis

Seliger wins State Senate special election with 56% of vote and wins 18 of 26 counties.

# It is an honor to serve Big Spring & Howard Co.

## “It's Time To Set Aside Our Regional Differences And Pull Together.”



The Panhandle and the Permian Basin have a common bond. It's time to redirect the "United We Stand and Divided We Fall" message used against me in the special election runoff to now bring all 26 counties of our State Senate district together.

As your newly elected State Senator, I want to encourage your support in helping me represent all of our district in the Texas Senate; after all, we have a lot in common.

We need to work together to defend and restore conservative values, to protect our local water, to bring in new jobs, and we must get some real school funding reforms which replace Robin Hood taxation with a fairer system and more complete system of funding our schools and paying our teachers.

This is the third time in the past three months I've asked to earn your vote. As our new State Senator-Elect, I am honored to ask BOTH those who have supported me in the past to support me again, and to ask those who would consider supporting me for the first time to let me earn your vote in this year's Republican Primary. **Together, we'll get it done.** *Kel Seliger*

### Big Spring Backers Help Kel Win State Senate Runoff

Hon. Russ & Laura McEweh • Hon. Bill & Joyce Crooker • Hon. Hardy & Stefanie Wilkerson • Ralph & Billye McLaughlin • John Carrie • Mary Francis Malone • Bob & Susan Lewis • Homer & Stina Wilkerson • Tommy & Donna Tune • Jerry & Dr. Louise Worthy • Vess & Lynette Barnes • Greg Brooks • Mike & Sharon Conner • Rich & Barbara Anderson • Charles & Joan Beil • Dan & Kathy Lusk • Larry Bob & Linda Conway • Eddie & Vickie Cole • Reg & Jo Anne Hyer • Tony & Deanne Lester • Pete Thiry • Dr. Bruce & Sheryl Cox • Glenn & Casie Fillingim • Scott & Mary Kay McLaughlin • Bobby & Hon. Gloria McDonald

### Permian Basin Republican Don Sparks Endorses Kel

"Today I am announcing my endorsement of Kel Seliger in the March 9<sup>th</sup> Primary. While my name will appear on the primary ballot, I urge everyone to make their vote count by choosing Kel Seliger. I hope this will help unify the district and I believe this to be in the best interest of our communities and businesses.

When I entered the race for District 31 State Senate, one of my goals was to help unite the Panhandle and the Permian Basin. Throughout the race I tried to maintain my goal of a unified district by encouraging voters to look at the candidate's qualifications, not where he resided in the district.

I now believe it is in the best interest of the communities in the south part of the district to reach out to our newly elected senator and begin to work with him concerning the issues which may be unique to the southern portion of the district, along with the issues which are important to the entire district..." 2/26/04

### Texas State GOP Party Chair Congratulates Kel

"Texans have continued to place their trust in the proven, conservative leadership that the Republican Party offers... Kel Seliger (is an) exceptional leader and ... will no doubt do a tremendous job representing (his district) and... the conservative values that a majority of Texans hold dear." 2/18/04

### Young Conservatives of Texas Endorse Kel

"We are pleased to endorse former Amarillo Mayor Kel Seliger for State Senate in District 31. A longtime leader in civic and charitable causes, Seliger supports reducing taxes, imposing the death penalty on violent criminals, & keeping the concealed handgun law. He opposes a state income tax and homosexual marriage. YCT has been a pro-life organization for over two decades and we are confident that Kel Seliger will fight to protect unborn children." 2004 Special Election & GOP Primary Endorsement

### Kel Wins The Old Fashioned Way

Despite being outspent by a 3:1 margin in the recent special election and runoff, Kel, Nancy and the volunteers personally knocked on doors and made over 50,000 calls to voters districtwide.



Re-elect **Kel Seliger**  **SENATOR**  
Republican  
Campaign Hotline:  
(806) 373-5500 www.seliger4senate.com

Political ad paid for by State Senator Kel Seliger Campaign; Ken Kelley, Treasurer.



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody  
Washington Elementary School first graders celebrated the contributions of Dr. Seuss Friday by dressing up in pajamas and learning more about the children's author. Pictured are from left are, front, Myckala Edwards, Herbert Jackson, Ashley Smith, and back, Mackenzie Powell, Charles Dykes, Antonio Rodriguez and Alexia Spaeth.



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody  
Bauer Magnet Elementary School cafeteria worker Yolanda Escanuela presents first-grader Tiffany Enriquez with a plate of "green eggs and ham" for breakfast Friday.



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody  
Twelve-year-old Ariel Rockwell, a Goliad Intermediate School sixth grade student, visits with her mother, Martha, at a breakfast to honor the sixth grade Goliad Mavericks. Each year, Goliad fifth and sixth grade teachers nominate a boy and a girl from their classroom to represent the school as a Goliad Maverick. The students are chosen based on their overall outstanding character.



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody  
Kentwood Elementary Principal Wayland Pierce visits with Big Spring Independent School District employee Ben Isles at the school cook-out Friday. More than 400 students, parents and community members attended the cook-out.

**CASH NOW**  
FOR STRUCTURED SETTLEMENTS,  
ANNUITIES and INSURANCE PAYOUTS  
**(800) 794-7310**  
J.C. Wentworth means CASH NOW  
for Structured Settlements!

**OUR RESIDENTS TELL US THEY LIKE:**

- Space and design of homes
- Location of apartment complex
- Rental Rates

**YOU WILL LIKE THEM, TOO!**

**Coronado Hills Apartments**  
801 W. Marcy • 267-6500  
www.coronadohillsapts.com

View These Apartment Homes  
On Our Website Or Call For  
A Mailed Brochure "Remember...you deserve the best!!"

Urgent news for people who have used  
**WELDING RODS**

Scientists report that elevated manganese exposure from welding rod fumes has been associated with Parkinsonism (like Parkinson's disease) and manganism. Symptoms include shakiness, distorted facial expression, loss of equilibrium, decreased hand agility, difficulty walking, joint pain, loss of short term memory, slurred/slow speech, stiffness in muscles and tremors. If you have experienced any of these problems, call us today toll free at 1-800-THE-EAGLE for a free consultation to evaluate your potential claim. We practice law only in Arizona, but associate with lawyers throughout the U.S.

**GOLDBERG & OSBORNE**  
1-800-THE-EAGLE  
(1-800-843-3245)  
www.1800theeagle.com

Office in Phoenix & Tucson  
Open 7 days a week



**"I've Got Good News!" - Kurt Kiser**  
**Hearing Computer**  
**Unnoticed in Ears**

Free Demonstrations-2 Days Only-March 11 & 12

Imagine a hearing aid that automatically adapts to your surroundings and reflects your specific lifestyle. Imagine a hearing aid that is so pleasant to wear that

it gives a new meaning to the phrase "customer satisfaction." Well, imagine no more - With this breakthrough technology from **STARKEY**, the world's largest hearing aid manufac-

turer, comes the first hearing aid ever developed to address your most important needs. Not only does it fit your individual hearing loss, it fits the

way you live. If you hear, but are having trouble understanding conversation, you owe it to yourself to take advantage of the free

demonstrations offered this week. Call Livingston Hearing Center today for a no-obligation appointment.



**"Bring in the talk--  
screen down the noise"**



Patrick McCarty



Gregg Lindly

Come meet Patrick McCarty and Gregg Lindly. Patrick and Gregg specialize in helping people with nerve type hearing loss. During this two-day event, they will be demonstrating the newest in

hearing aid technology. Call to schedule a no-obligation hearing check-up and free demonstration of this new technology: 432-276-7052.



1 The Hearing Computer is fully automatic.



2 Just slip it in.



3 It is hidden inside and hearing is easy.



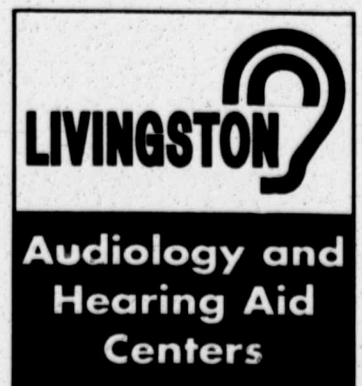
4 Save \$400 and more on digital systems.



**Low Price Guarantee**

If you find a lower advertised price on an identical hearing aid at any local retail competitor, we will beat their price by 10% when you buy from us. Just bring us the competitor's current ad, or we'll call to verify the item's price that you have found. Competitor's remanufactured, discontinued, and used hearing aids are excluded from this offer.

432-267-7052  
1-800-687-5593  
211 Johnson St.  
in Big Spring



Best Available Copy

S

Fi

CO

2A

AUST had alr pionsh weren't get awa Plain same 1 straiigh Katy nine Shallow that wo 2A statu Aubrey Casey Shallow the sta 2003. K. Valer points i for Aul in its fi Shallo in the looked first se quickly run int put Aul Spruiel secutiiv Pounc defense Pounc play to tied it pass un bled the split tw She dre session for Sha the end Pounc with 11 ter but 3-pointe manage in the t retake went to With Shallow Erin C Burnett pair of turnarc defende 1:43 left The P saw th hold on and enc Dallas Saturda For Li ended a misses. to Plain three st In Cl down it 49-29 w Lady R state th In Cla downed the title Archer Fayette in the 1 the stat ons aga

Wall awa Sore

By TOM

Sports f

STAN' and Cr down th at the Saturda Wall w up 167 division with 14 third-pl Forsar boys' st The C nated th winning all thre totaled than sec The S finished points.

# Sports

## BIG SPRING HERALD

Page 1B  
Monday, March 8, 2004

## Fillies collect 2A title

AUSTIN (AP) — Shallowater had already lost two state championship games. The Fillies weren't about to let a third one get away.

Plainview couldn't say the same for its try at a fourth straight Class 4A crown.

Katy Pounds had 12 points and nine rebounds and ignited Shallowater's second-half rally that won the Fillies' first Class 2A state title Saturday 44-37 over Aubrey.

Casey Burnett scored 13 for Shallowater (36-4), which lost in the state title game in 1997 and 2003. Kameron Cates scored 12.

Valery Redfearn scored 13 points and grabbed 14 rebounds for Aubrey (35-3), which played in its first state tournament.

Shallowater raced to a 9-0 lead in the first quarter as Aubrey looked nervous and missed its first seven shots. But the lead quickly disappeared under a 23-5 run into the second quarter that put Aubrey up 23-14 after Kenzie Spruiell and Redfearn hit consecutive 3-pointers.

Pounds and the Shallowater defense took over in the third.

Pounds converted a 3-point play to make it 27-25. Then she tied it when she intercepted a pass under her own basket, dribbled the length of the court and split two defenders for a layup. She drew a foul on the next possession and hit two free throws for Shallowater's first lead since the end of the first quarter.

Pounds drew her fourth foul with 11 seconds left in the quarter but Aubrey, which hit three 3-pointers in the second quarter, managed just three total points in the third period and couldn't retake the lead when Pounds went to the bench.

With Pounds sitting, Shallowater took a 34-29 lead on Erin Corkery's 3-pointer, and Burnett scored four straight on a pair of free throws and strong turnaround jumper over two defenders. Her free throw with 1:43 left made it 39-32.

The Plainview Lady Bulldogs saw their three-year stranglehold on the state 4A title come to an end with a 57-35 loss to the Dallas Lincoln Lady Tigers Saturday.

For Lincoln, the championship ended a three-year string of near misses. The Lady Tigers had lost to Plainview in each of the last three state title games.

In Class 3A, Canyon nailed down its 11th state crown with a 49-29 win over the Winnsboro Lady Raiders. Canyon has won state three times since 2000.

In Class 5A, Spring Westfield downed Duncanville, 66-49, in the title bout. In Class 1A action, Archer City defeated Fayetteville by a 59-47 margin in the Texas Cup bout that pits the state's two Class A champions against each other.

## Wall, Crane walk away with Old Sorehead titles

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

STANTON — The Wall Hawks and Crane Lady Birds nailed down their respective team titles at the Old Sorehead titles Saturday.

Wall won five events and rolled up 167 points to win the boys' division. Crane finished second with 140 points, 11 more than third-place finisher Stanton.

Forsan finished seventh in the boys' standings.

The Crane Lady Birds dominated the girls' side of the event, winning eight events, including all three relay events. Crane totaled 202 points — 36 more than second-place finisher Wall.

The Stanton Lady Buffaloes finished fifth overall with 49 points.



Grady senior Trent May lifts the Division II Semi-State trophy in celebration following the Wildcats 62-46 win over Rising Star Saturday at the Texan Dome in Levelland. Grady, 34-1, will face Neches Thursday morning in the Class A Division II state finals in Austin.

HERALD PHOTO/Tommy Wells

# TO THE BIG SHOW

## Fast start enables Grady to sink Rising Star, gain berth in Division II state finals

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

LEVELLAND — The Grady Wildcats went into Saturday's Class A Division II Semi-State Finals at the Texan Dome with one mission: Punch a ticket to Austin as quickly as they could.

Eight minutes was all it took for the Wildcats to etch their names into the school history books. Grady reeled off a 22-8 run in the first quarter and never looked back en route to claiming a 62-46 victory over the Rising Star Wildcats.

"We wanted to come out and start fast on them," said senior guard Trent May. "We were really focused coming in. We wanted to come out and let them know we meant business from the start."

It was anything but a typical day at the office for the Wildcats. With the win, Grady improved to 34-1 for the year and, more importantly, became the first team in the school's history to reach the state tournament in any sport.

Grady began giving Rising Star the "business" quickly. The Wildcats took complete control of the contest by opening with a 16-4 spree.

After the two teams had traded baskets, Nick Winford gave Grady a lead, at 5-2, it would never relinquish by draining a three-point play from the left wing with 6:16 to play.

Following an offensive put-back by Rising Star's Joel Massey that cut the GHS lead to 5-4, the Wildcats all but clinched the Region I title by

UIL Boys' State Basketball Tournament	
Frank Erwin Center, Austin March 11-13	
Conference A	
Grady (34-1)	
Division II Finals 8:30 a.m. March 11	
Neches (30-4)	
	Texas Cup 9 a.m. March 13
Normangee (35-2)	
Division I Finals 10 a.m. March 11	
Morton (28-6)	

going on an 11-0 run.

May opened the GHS spree by pushing in a short 8-footer from the right side. Brent Madison, Andrew Villa and Winford finished of the spree from there by burying back-to-back-to-back three-point shots.

The Wildcats' three-point hat trick staked Grady to a 16-4 cushion with 3:48 left in the opening period.

Overall, Grady knocked down six of its first eight baskets in the first quarter — including four by Madison.

The news only got worse for Rising Star from there. Madison, who poured in nine of his game-high 23 points in the initial period, and senior Jason Pribyla both hit short jumpers in the opening moments of the second Winford followed minutes later with his third tray of the half and escalated Rising Star's deficit to 19, at 29-10, with just over four minutes left in the first half.

Pribyla, the hero in Grady's

61-58 win over Aspermont on Friday, notched his second consecutive double-double in the game. He finished with 16 points and 11 rebounds.

Offensively, Grady was like a well-oiled machine in the first 16 minutes, shooting over 50 percent from the field and from beyond the three-point line.

Rising Star, which finished its season at 26-9, went into the half trailing by 17, at 35-18.

Rising Star managed to find its game in the first eight minutes of the second half. Led by junior guard Michael Young, Rising Star staged a torrid rally in the third and pulled to within 48-32 at the end of the period.

Rising Star continued to wield the hot hand in the fourth, opening the final frame with a 6-0 run that cut the Wildcats' lead to 49-38 with 6:23 to play.

Grady answered back with a run of its own over the ensuing two minutes. Madison and Pribyla combined for seven straight points and gave the Wildcats a 56-38 lead at the 3:56 mark.

Winford finished the contest as the Grady's third-leading scorer with 15 points.

Young led all Rising Star scorers with 21.

The Wildcats will begin their quest for the Division II state title Thursday at the University of Texas' Frank Erwin Center in Austin, at 8:30 a.m. against Neches. The winner of the Division II title game will face the winner of the Normangee-Morton Division I title game in the Texas Cup bout on Saturday.

## Heines, Steers soar past Pecos for 10-2 victory

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Big Spring Steers scored five times in the bottom of the sixth inning Saturday afternoon and cruised to a 10-2 victory over the Pecos Eagles in the consolation finals of the Monahans Invitational.

The Steers, after suffering a setback to Monahans in the tournament opener, reeled off back-to-back wins to collect the consolation honors.

Chad Heines went the distance to collect the win for Big Spring.

The Steers, who collected 13 hits in the contest, rocked Pecos early, scoring three times in the second. They added another run in the third and carried a 4-0 lead before Pecos managed to

find its swing.

The Eagles, who managed just two hits off Heines, managed to scratch to within 4-2 in the fourth by grinding out a pair of runs.

Big Spring regained momentum an inning later by pushing home a run and stretching its lead to 5-2.

Heines also helped power the BSBS offense. He clubbed one of the

Steers' two home runs in the game. Michael Shockley added a double.

Monahans won the overall team crown by claiming a 3-2 win over Presidio. Fort Stockton finished third after surviving a 15-12 slugfest with the Kermit Yellowjackets. The two teams combined for 26 hits and committed nine errors.

## IN BRIEF

### Hawks to face Wayland Baptist

The Howard College Hawks, off to a 15-6 start (8-4 in WJCAC action) will face Wayland Baptist University on March 13 at Jack Barber Field.

The doubleheader will begin at 1 p.m.

### Umpires needed for upcoming season

The Big Spring Girls' Softball Association is currently seeking individuals interested in umpiring games.

Parties interested in umpiring should contact Francisco Ramirez at (432) 466-3670.

### Longhorns to host 'Warm up Tourney'

The Longhorns softball team will be hosting the "First of the Year Warm-Up Tournament" on March 20-21 at Stanton Park.

Deadline for teams to enter is March 17. Entry fee is \$120 per team.

For more information contact Sally Grant at 393-5237 or Mike Hilario at 267-6619.

### Lady Steers to travel to play in Arlington

The Big Spring Lady Steers will return to action Thursday when they travel to Arlington to compete in the Arlington Invitational.

Big Spring, 16-1 overall, has won both of its previous two tournament outings this season. The team won the Brewer Invitational in Fort Worth and the West Texas Classic last week in Midland.

### BSGSA sign-ups set to continue Saturday

Registration for the 2004 Big Spring Girls Softball Association will continue Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Big Spring Mall.

Women and girls of all ages are encouraged to sign up for the league. The fee is \$30 per player. Last fall, the league fielded a senior league squad.

Sign-ups will be held for the next three Saturdays with late registration set for March 27 at the softball complex.

### BS Steers to host face Central today

The Big Spring Steers will return to action today when they travel to San Angelo to face Central.

Big Spring, 3-3 overall, will begin play at 1 p.m.

### BS golfers head to San Angelo, Levelland

The Big Spring golf team will return to play this weekend. The Steers will play in San Angelo, while the girls travel to Levelland.

### CGA to hold 4-person event on March 28

The Chicano Gold Association will hold its 4-Person Select Drive event on March 28 at Comanche Trail Golf Course.

The public is invited to participate.

## ON THE AIR

Sports Broadcast Schedule  
March 8  
Event, Time Station  
Mavericks vs. Phoenix, 7 p.m. 1490

# CLASSIFIED

710 Scurry

263-7331

www.bigspringherald.com

**Business Opportunity**

THIS NEWSPAPER is not responsible for the specific content of the National Classified ads. Before investing money in a business/employment opportunity with which you are unfamiliar, please call the National Better Business Bureau at 703-276-0100 or visit www.bbb.org

**Cemetery Lots**

TWO LOTS in Garden of Macpelah \$1200.00 each. Will pay transfer fee. Call R. L. Smith (972)524-2389.

**Help Wanted**

**We're growing again!**  
Join our team of Professionals Together we find a way!  
**RN'S, LVN'S & CNA'S**

We are looking for select individuals who are dependable w/home care experience preferred, reliable transportation and a desire to make a difference.

EOE  
Phone 432-522-1793  
FAX 432-699-2353  
or apply online at  
www.intrepidusa.com



**\$ BIG MONEY**

Men & Women Needed To fill Positions Immediately.  
\* No Experience Necessary  
\* Training Program  
\* Neat Appearance A Must  
For Personal Interview. Call Between 9:00-6:00 Mon.-Tues. Only. (432)264-7171

**BRAZOS SALON.** Opening for 2 Nail Techs, 2 months FREE. Call Barbara (432)268-1019 Mon.-Fri. 9:00-4:00.

**Help Wanted**

**\$ EARN EXTRA MONEY \$**  
Independent Contractors (must be at least 18) needed to deliver the Western Plains Area Wide Phone Book in Big Spring, Colorado City & surrounding areas.  
**1-888-606-8900**

**BRAZOS SALON.** All - All-Styling Station for rent looking for a whole new crew. 2 Months FREE Rent. Call Barbara (432)268-1019 Mon.-Fri. 9-4.

**BROWNE BROTHERS** in Colorado City is now accepting applications for full time welding positions. 5 yrs. exp. prefer. Apply in person Mon-Fri. 7:30-4:30. Salary DOE. Call (325)728-3817

**PHILLIPS FINA-** Looking for cashier & manager position. Apply @ store. Located @ 1506 East FM 700. Manager position salary starting @ \$600. weekly. Please No Calls.

**DO YOU ENJOY WORKING WITH PEOPLE?**

If, so, Citizens Federal Credit Union may have a job for you! We have a career opportunity for a full-time Teller. We're looking for an enthusiastic, highly motivated individual to be part of our team. Excellent communication skills are a must, a financial background a plus. Starting salary based on experience. We offer a broad range of benefits. Send your resume to Citizen FCU Personnel Dept. P.O. Box 425, Big Spring, TX 79721. You may also pick up an application in our lobby at 701 E. FM 700, Big Spring, Texas, 79720, Citizens is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

**DRIVERS BE HOME DAILY.** Coastal Transport is a leader in transport of LPG Asphalt & Petroleum Products. Coastal serves high profile accounts & needs dedicated professionals to join our growing team in Big Spring. Qualify 25 with class-A & One year driving experience. Call Jay at 888-527-7221

**Help Wanted**

**FULL TIME** legal secretary needed. Must have strong computer and typing skills. Two years legal experience required. Must have references. Send resume to P.O. Box 2199, Big Spring, Texas 79721.

**GIRLING HEALTH Care, Inc.** Home Care Attendants needed in Big Spring and surrounding areas to help with housekeeping and personal care. For more information call (800)665-4471 or (915)643-5604. Spanish Speaker a plus!

**GOOD OFFICE** help, good computer skills & phone personality. Be at work on Time. Preferred Non-Smoker. Send resume: c/o Big Spring Herald, PO Box 1431/221, Big Spring, TX 79721.

**HOWARD COUNTY** Appraisal District is accepting applications for secretary/clerk. Salary is contingent upon qualifications and experience. Good benefit package. Resumes accepted March 1st until March 12th. Send resume or fill out application at the Texas Workforce Network located at 310 Owens, Big Spring, Texas.

**WANTED; RETIREES** with own RV for summer employment at Fun Valley Family Resort, South Fork, Colorado for office, housekeeping, cooks, maintenance and RV parks. Write Personnel Director, 9010 Ravenswood, Granbury, TX 76049.

**Help Wanted**

**HUMAN RESOURCES**  
Needs 15 People  
Call Immediately  
(432)264-7319

Division of worldwide distribution company doing business in over 60 countries, has openings in the Big Spring area. Acceptance based on personal interview. No previous experience. Interviewing Mon.-Tues. Only. 9:00-6:00. \$475/Week Average. Call 9:00-6:00.

**IMMEDIATE OPENING** for clerk/cashier/cook. Apply at 3315 E. FM 700, Neighbors Convenience Store.

**KINDER HEARTS HOME HEALTH, PPC** is seeking the following position:

**LVN**  
Private duty nursing in home health environment. Competitive pay. Must be able to work evenings and some weekends if needed. Will train. For more information call toll free 1-866-778-5778.

**LEAD MAINTENANCE** person needed with AC Cert. & Plumbing experience. Apply in person at 538 Westover.

**LVN/RN'S NEEDED** for pediatric cases in Big Spring. Competitive pay & benefits. Call Complete Home Health Care, (432)570-8899 or apply in person @ 2402 W. Wall, Midland, TX.

**NEED HUMAN** resource person in safety and insurance. Fax resume to (432)354-2669

**Help Wanted**

**NEED STUDENTS** for summer jobs at Fun Valley Resort in South Fork, Colorado. Jobs available are office, housekeeping, dining room, horse wrangler, kitchen and other. Salary, room, board & bonus. Write Personnel Director, 9010 Ravenswood, Granbury, TX 76049.

**ROLLING PLAINS** Physicians Office in Sweetwater has a position for a full-time X-Ray Supervisor/ Technician, certification in mammography required. Works M-F, no call. Benefit package includes PTO, Holiday Pay, 401k, Health Insurance. Interested parties may fax resume to (325)235-5925 or apply at TWC.

**Instructional**

**DRIVER EDUCATION** Sign up to get your license at the mall. Class starts March 22nd. Register 18th & 19th. Call (432)270-4610. Lic# C1200. Credit Cards Excepted.

**Miscellaneous**

**500 ALL** Time Best Computer Games on one CD Rom. Don't Delay!! Call 307-276-3707.

**FOR SALE:** Nice Queen size Hide-a-bed Sofa, tables, lamps and TV table. Call for more info (432)264-7671.

**MORGAN HOTTUB** seats 5 people. Pearl white. Great Condition. \$1200.00 OBO. Call (432)267-2171 or 816-6029.

**Miscellaneous**

**TWIN BEDS,** mattresses & boxsprings, (1) Sealey & (1) Serta. \$75 each. Call 432-6904.

**National Ads**

**!!FREE MOBILE PHONE!!** Unlimited nights and weekends. No roaming charges. Must sign up from website: www.excelir.com/debtfreeatlast Rebate Details: 1-866-217-9389

**\$\$ EARN BIG DOLLARS \$\$** !! Starting Next Week!! No Experience Necessary. Mailing our brochures from home. FT/PT. Easy! FREE Info. 100% SATISFACTION GUARANTEED! Call Now! 1-800-679-6968 24 hrs.

**\$\$\$ FREE MONEY \$\$\$** for 2004! Private-Government Grants for personal bills, school, new business, etc. Never Repay. Live Operators. \$47 billion dollars unclaimed 2003. 1-800-420-8344 ext. 41

**\$\$\$ UP TO \$529 WEEKLY!** Mailing letters from home. Easy! Any Hours! Full/part-time. No experience necessary. U.S. Digest 1-888-389-1790 24 hours

**\$0 DOWN HOMES!** NO CREDIT OK! GOVT & BANK REPOS. \$0 TO LOW DOWN. FOR LISTINGS. 1-800-501-1777 EXT. 7372

**\$500! POLICE IMPOUNDS!** Cars/ Trucks/ SUVs from \$500! Hondas/ Chevys/ Jeeps. For Listings 800-319-3323 x2156

**Help Wanted**

**The BEST Just got BETTER**

**CFL** announces Industry leading pay increases!

Company Drivers earn up to 45¢ per mile  
Company Teams earn up to 53¢ per mile  
Owner Operators earn up to 98¢ per mile

800-CFI-DRIVE www.cfdrive.com

**Help Wanted**

**New Program!**

O/O Leasing Program with purchase option

Now Hiring:  
Company • O/O • Singles & Teams  
800-CFI-DRIVE www.cfdrive.com

## BUSINESSES & SERVICES

\$1.89 Per Day; 6-Month Contract \$1.58 Per Day  
Call 263-7331 to place your ad today!!

Visa, MasterCard, Discover

<p><b>APPLIANCE REPAIR</b></p> <p><b>A-2-Z Service</b> Air Condition &amp; Heating Service Washers &amp; Dryers Ranges, Refrigerators &amp; Dishwashers Call <b>432-393-5217</b> for appointment 25 Years Exp.</p>	<p><b>CHILD CARE</b></p> <p><b>PROFFITT DAYCARE INC.</b> 22 yrs. raising children in Big Spring Call <b>(432) 267-3797</b> or come visit @ <b>1600 Wasson Rd.</b> 18 Mos. to 13 yrs 6:30 am - 6:00 pm</p>	<p><b>FENCES</b></p> <p>CHAINLINK METAL • CEDAR DOG KENNELS ORNAMENTAL IRON</p> <p><b>B &amp; M Fence Co.</b> COMMERCIAL • RESIDENTIAL GET OUR PRICE &amp; COMPARE FREE ESTIMATES ROBERT MARQUEZ 263-1613 • 1-900-525-1389 1006 Lamesa Hwy. • Big Spring</p>	<p><b>FENCES</b></p> <p><b>MARQUEZ FENCE CO.</b></p> <p>All types of fences &amp; repairs. Concrete work, carpentry. All work guaranteed. Free Estimates <b>Benny Marquez-Owner</b> 267-5714</p>	<p><b>HEATING</b></p> <p><b>A. J. Finch Company</b></p> <p>Heating and Air Conditioning 45 Yrs. Exp. <b>WE DO ELECTRIC</b> 432-267-9654</p>	<p><b>HOME IMPROVEMENT</b></p> <p><b>Primo's New York Masonry</b> -Slabs, Patios, Driveways, Walkways, Brick Block, Stucco, Stonework and Tile. Also Repairs References 18 Yrs. Experience Call <b>Anthony Primiano</b> (432) 264-6079 Call: (432) 816-6857</p>
<p><b>HOME IMPROVEMENT</b></p> <p><b>Gibbs Remodeling</b> New home Construction • Room Additions Carpentry • Dry Wall Hanging &amp; Finishing &amp; Exterior Wallpaper Hanging • Ceramic Tile Installation &amp; Repair All Remodel Needs Of Any Room In Your Home. <b>Call 263-8285</b></p>	<p><b>HOME IMPROVEMENT</b></p> <p><b>R S HOME REPAIR</b> Remodel, Carpenter, Painting, Plumbing, Minor Electrical <b>FREE ESTIMATES</b> Garage door repair, Appliances installed <b>432-816-3030</b></p>	<p><b>HOME IMPROVEMENT</b></p> <p><b>Need A Carpenter?</b> Call Pete Remodels - Home - Repairs, Additions - Trim, Commercial or Residential <b>Munoz Const.</b> Office: 432-570-4815 Cell: 894-1354</p>	<p><b>HOME IMPROVEMENT</b></p> <p><b>DOORS/ GARAGE DOORS/OPENERS</b> Home Repair • Carpentry Sheet Work Repaired/Replaced Kitchen &amp; Bath <b>BOB'S CUSTOM WOODWORK</b> 409 E. 3RD 267-5811</p>	<p><b>HOME IMPROVEMENT</b></p> <p><b>Brickwork, Cinderblock Concrete Work</b> <b>Brickwork, Blockwork Fences, Concrete, Patios, Driveways</b> Mailboxes • Free Estimates • Luis Rios Jr. 432-263-5570 Cell: 466-3103</p>	<p><b>HOME IMPROVEMENT</b></p> <p><b>Real Estate</b></p>
<p><b>LAWN SERVICE</b></p> <p><b>LAWN CARE</b> MOWING &amp; EDGING <b>267-7558</b></p>	<p><b>LAWN SERVICE</b></p> <p><b>MOWING, TILLING, HAULING TREE TRIMMING CLEAN STORAGE SHEDS AND ODD JOBS</b> CALL <b>432-267-5460</b> LEAVE MESSAGE</p>	<p><b>LAWN SERVICE</b></p> <p><b>GRASSMASTERS</b> Lawn Care Service Tree Trimming <b>432-264-0729</b> <b>432-213-2500</b> Locally Owned &amp; Insured Willie Stilwell</p>	<p><b>RENTALS</b></p> <p><b>VENTURA COMPANY</b> 432-267-2655 Houses Duplexes 1, 2, 3 Bedrooms For rent/sale <b>410 Dallas</b> <b>905 E. 15th</b> <b>710 E. 18th</b></p>	<p><b>ROOFING</b></p> <p><b>FULLMOON ROOFING, INC.</b> Voted Top 100 Roofing Contractors In America <b>FREE ESTIMATES</b> No Money Down <b>COMPETITIVE PRICES</b> <b>432-267-5478</b></p>	<p><b>ROOFING</b></p> <p><b>PALACIOS ROOFING &amp; HOME IMPROVEMENT</b> Roofs, Room Additions, Ceramic Tile, Fences, Painting Insured &amp; Bonded Home Phone# <b>432-263-5430</b> Cell# <b>432-213-0363</b></p>

**Big S Mond**

**N**

\$2,000 V brochure  
FREE pc  
Immediat  
1-800-57  
free inform

**\$2,500.00**  
Now Hiri  
11 Year  
You! Eas  
Free Po  
vided. W  
Informati  
1-800-24;

**\$2,500.00**  
Now Hiri  
10 Year  
You! Eas  
Free Po  
vided. W  
Informati  
1-800-24;

**\$25,000**  
Grants  
TEED for  
business,  
lars left u  
Repay.  
1-800-421

**\$250-\$500**  
work at h  
governm  
mortgage  
nec. 1-86

**\$525.00**  
mailing  
home.  
working  
company.  
No sellin  
1-(708)53

**\*\*\*\*ANNC**  
**HIRING**  
POSTAL  
\$54,481.0  
CALL! In  
Informati  
100 Cai  
**1-800-89**  
**days.**

**\*\*\*\*HIRIN**  
**POSTAL**  
\$54,481.0  
for INTE  
Informati  
Benefits,  
Areas. 1-  
7 days.  
**\*\*\*GOVT**  
**Jobs\*\*\*H**  
\$1,047.71  
Call Now  
traition in  
eas. **1-80**  
**days.**

**\*\*\*\*HIRIN**  
**JOBS!**  
WEEKLY.  
INTERVIE  
TION IN  
ON BON  
ERS.  
1-800-892  
days.  
**\*\*FEDER.**  
To \$43.0  
Experienc  
Hiring.  
**1-800-847**

**\*SUN\*SA**  
Beach - 8  
Can't Ge  
rooms v  
nies  
\*The-Gulf  
Inn Beach  
land, Fl. l  
landinnre:  
tersburg  
Coast.

**196+ AC**  
Box Cany  
Quail &  
Mexico. l  
Rough, r  
\$241  
1-830-888

**A M&M**  
Great L  
\$\$/wk.  
1-800-642  
2403

**AFFORD.**  
**CARE!** \$  
No Limita  
conditios  
FAMILY!!!  
8857 CEC

**ARE YOU**  
week? Al  
with prim  
now! Und  
required.  
888-466-4

**AUTHEN**  
week inc  
7/24 r  
1-800-570

**Real E**



**BIG SPRING HERALD**  
Monday, March 8, 2004

# CLASSIFIED

**National Ads**  
**\$2,000 WEEKLY!** Mailing 400 brochures! **GUARANTEED!** FREE postage, supplies! Start Immediately! Free call 24/7. 1-800-577-7735 Call now for free information.

**\$2,500.00+ WEEKLY Income!** Now Hiring Envelope Stuffers. 11 Year Nationwide Co. Needs You! Easy Work From Home. Free Postage, Supplies Provided. Written Guarantee! Free Information, Call Now! 1-800-242-0363 Ext. 2500

**\$2,500.00+ WEEKLY Income!** Now Hiring Envelope Stuffers. 10 Year Nationwide Co. Needs You! Easy Work From Home. Free Postage, Supplies Provided. Written Guarantee! Free Information, Call Now! 1-800-242-0363 Ext. 1404

**\$25,000 - \$500,000 - FREE Grants for 2004!** GUARANTEED for personal bills, school, business, etc. \$47 billion dollars left unclaimed 2003. Never Repay. Live Operators. 1-800-420-8331 ext. 44

**\$250-\$500 A week!** Will train to work at home. Helping the US government file HUD/FHA mortgage refunds. No exp. nec. 1-866-537-2907

**\$525.00 WEEKLY** potential mailing sales letters from home. Genuine opportunity, working with our nutritional company. Supplies provided. No selling. Not MLM. Call 1-(708)536-7040 (24 hours).

**HIRING 2004!** FEDERAL POSTAL JOBS! Up to \$54,481.07+ year. FREE CALL! Interview & Registration Information Sign on Bonus 1st 100 Callers. Select Areas. 1-800-892-5549 ext. 94, 7 days.

**HIRING 2004!** U.S. POSTAL JOBS - Up to \$54,481.07+ year. FREE Call! for INTERVIEW & Registration Information, Paid training + Benefits, Sign on bonus. Select Areas. 1-800-892-5144 ext. 93, 7 days.

**GOVT POSTAL JOBS** HIRING 2004! Up to \$1,047.71 Weekly. FREE CALL! Call Now for Interview & Registration Information. Select Areas. 1-800-892-5144 ext. 95, 7 days.

**HIRING 2004!** POSTAL JOBS! UP TO \$1,047.71 WEEKLY. FREE CALL! FOR INTERVIEW AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION. SIGN ON BONUS 1ST 100 CALLERS. SELECT AREAS. 1-800-892-5549 EXT. 92, 7 days.

**FEDERAL POSTAL JOBS** To \$43,000/yr. Free Call. No Experience Necessary. Now Hiring. Full Benefits. 1-800-842-1622 EXT. 225

**SAND SURF** Sandy Beach & Fabulous Sunsets! Can't Get Any Better!! Deluxe rooms w/kitchenettes/ balconies overlooking "The Gulf-of-Mexico". Island Inn Beach Resort, Treasure Island, FL. 800-241-9980 www.islandinnresort.com Near St. Petersburg on Florida's Gulf Coast.

**196+ ACRES** Mountain and Box Canyon. Mule Deer, Blue Quail & Javelina. Views of Mexico. Fenced on one side. Rough, rugged \$1227 down, \$241 monthly. STEVE 1-830-885-4578.

**M&M/SNACK ROUTE!** Great Locations. Earn Big \$\$/wk. \$0 Down/Financing. 1-800-642-6083 (24 hrs.) Ext. 2403

**AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE!** \$59.87/mo. per Family. No Limitations! All Pre-Existing conditions OK. CALL UNITED FAMILY!!! 1-800-261-5109 Ext. 8857 CEO6620

**ARE YOU** making \$1,000 per week? All cash vending routes with prime locations available now! Under \$9,000 investment required. Call Toll Free (24/7) 888-466-4200

**AUTHENTIC \$2000-\$7000** per week income potential for you. 7/24 recorded message. 1-800-570-2125.

**National Ads**  
**AS SEEN ON TV, \$25,000 FREE Cash Grants!** GUARANTEED! 2004! For Personal bills, school, business, etc. \$47 billion dollars unclaimed 2003. Live Operators. 1-800-420-8331 ext. 42

**BIKER LEATHER-CHAPS** or Leather Jackets \$59, Vests \$10, Rain Suits \$30, Leather Do-Rags \$5, All Body Jewelry \$4.95, Fast Shipping-Accurate Sizing 870-438-6500 www.bransonwholesale.com

**CASH GRANTS - 2004!** Private, Government grants! **GUARANTEED!** for personal bills, school, business, etc. \$47 billion dollars, left unclaimed 2003. Never Repay. Live operators. 1-800-420-8344 ext. 43.

**COUPONS CLIPPERS NEEDED!** Earn extra \$\$\$ in your spare time. No experience necessary. FREE \$200 Grocery Certificate. Easy! Call S.C.E. 1-617-499-8621 (24 hours).

**DATA ENTRY** Could Earn \$15/Hour and up! Medical Billing, Training Provided, PC Required! CALL 7 Days. 1-800-797-7511 ext. 227

**DATA ENTRY** Great Pay. Flexible Hours. Computer Required. Free Training. MBN 1-800-382-4282 Ext. 8

**DIABETES? MEDICARE** pays for Diabetes Testing Supplies for qualified beneficiaries. Liberty delivers them to your door. No shipping charges. Satisfaction guaranteed. Deductibles apply. Call 800-817-6124.

**EARN \$375-575 WKLY.** Processing/Assembling Medical ID cards from home. No experience necessary. 1-928-788-3160 or 1-928-788-3167 (24hrs/7) www.medical-id-cards.com

**EARN \$375-575 WKLY.** Processing/Assembling Medical ID cards from home. No experience necessary. 1-928-788-3160 or 1-928-788-3167 (24hrs/7) www.medical-id-cards.com

**EARN UP TO \$550 Weekly.** Working through the government part-time. No experience. A lot of opportunities. 1-888-493-3688 Code E40

**EBAY OPPORTUNITY!** \$11-\$33/hr. Possible. Training Provided. No Experience Required. For More Information Call 1-866-621-2384 Ext. 1998

**FIRE YOUR Landlord!!!** \$\$\$ DOWN HOMES! No Rent! Tax Reps & Bankruptcies! No Credit OK! \$0 to low down! For Listings, 1-800-501-1777 Ext. 8351

**FIRST TIME HOME BUYERS!** \$0 DOWN, NO CREDIT OK! \$0 TO LOW DOWN! 1-800-501-1777 EXT. 9826

**FOOD CRITICS!** No Experience Needed! Open Schedule! Up to \$80 per assignment! Email Address Required. Dept C450

**GOVT HOMES! \$0 OR LOW DOWN!** TAX REPO'S & BANKRUPTCIES! OK CREDIT FOR LISTINGS! CAL 1-800-501-1777 EXT. 9813

**FREE 4-room DIRECTV** system w/installation. 125+ Channels from \$29.99/mo including Locals. Access 225+ channels. Digital picture/ sound. Limited Time offer. Restrictions apply. 1-800-414-9534.

Get Rid of **PSORIASIS** Forever!! For Details-Send \$5 G. Miller-124 Meadow Creek Drive-Crossville, TN 38572

**GOVERNMENT JOBS!** WILD-LIFE/ POSTAL \$13.51 to \$58.00 per hour. Full Benefits. Paid Training. Call for Application and Exam Information. No Experience Necessary. Toll Free 1-888-269-6090 ext. 100

**GROUND FLOOR OPPORTUNITY.** Taobo seeks Authorized Representatives! The sky is the limit with your Home/ Online Business. (888)705-4530 or www.taobotoday.biz

**National Ads**  
**HEALTHCARE FOR ENTIRE FAMILY.** \$89.95 monthly. No age restrictions, includes dental, Vision, pre-existing conditions accepted, unlimited usage, 500,000+ doctors, 800-732-4969, limited time offer

**HIGHLY PROFITABLE, FUN BIZ** - Recondition batteries without taking apart. 350+ owners worldwide. 1-800-357-4003 www.batterydoctors.com

**HOME SELLERS:** Generate immediate cash sale for your house. Easy miracle sales method. No agent needed. Quick results. Call: Atlantic Capital Mortgage 1-800-566-5064

**HOMEOWNERS! LIMITED offer** - 2.95% Loan Rate. I believe you will find this is the lowest rate available anywhere. Limited offer. Nationwide Lender. Any credit. 1-888-581-3328.

**HOMES FROM \$10,000!** Reps & Bankruptcies. Available Now! 1-5 Bedrooms. For listings Call 800-319-3323 x1185

**INJURED? LAWSUIT DRAGGING?** Need Cash Now? We can help! Low rates, fast processing and no credit check! www.law-financial.com or 800-568-8321.

**MEDICARE DIABETICS- Free Meter!!!** No Cost Diabetes Supplies! Join Diabetes Care Club. FREE Membership! FREE HOME DELIVERY! 1-800-287-1737, Qualify NOW!

**MOM'S TRADITIONAL** Pasta Recipes and Delicious Eggplant Parmigiana. Send S.A.S.E. plus \$3.00 to: Mom's Recipes, PO Box 15886. Honolulu Hawaii 96830

**MYSTERY SHOPPERS NEEDED!** Earn While You Shop! Call Now Toll Free 1-800-467-4422 Ext. 13134

**MYSTERY SHOPPERS NEEDED!** Earn While You Shop! Call Now Toll Free 1-800-467-4422 Ext. 13318

**NEED AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE?** \$59.87/mo. per Family. No Limitations! All Pre-Existing conditions OK. CALL UNITED FAMILY!!! 1-800-235-9209 Ext. 1057 CEO6620

**NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!** SWIFT TRANSPORTATION \$600-\$900/ week! Trainee pay. Food, Transportation, Lodging included. 1-877-443-8289

**NO RENT!!! \$0 DOWN HOMES!** GOVT & BANK REPOS! NO CREDIT OK. \$0 TO LOW DOWN. FOR LISTINGS, CALL 1-800-501-1777 EXT. 9821

**OUTDOOR WOODBURNING FURNACES.** GUARANTEED LOWEST PRICES. Also, the best Floor Heat Water Tubing. www.mikesheating.com /1-800-446-4043

**OWN A Computer.** Put it to work! \$500-\$7500/mo PT/FT 1-877-573-2785 24hr. recording. Free Booklet. www.Ebiz4YouNow.com

**PRESCRIPTIONS. VIAGRA,** Levitra, Cialis and Alternatives for Men/Women. Pharmaceutical Grade GHG, Coral Calcium, Sleeping Aids, Phentermine Alternative. Soma, Carisoprodol, Ultram. Tramadol, Fioricet (Pain Medications). U.S. Licensed Doctors/Pharmacies. www.Rx-pill.com 1-866-567-0300.

**SAWMILLS \$2695** - Lumbermate 2000 & LumberLite-24. Norwood Industries also manufactures utility ATV Attachments, Log Skidders, Portable Board Edgers and Forestry Equipment. www.norwoodindustries.com - FREE information. 1-800-566-6899 Ext. 200-U.

**SIMPLE WORK/TOP PAY- Honest Hoemworkers Needed- Assemble Refrigerator Magnets. Serious Hoemworkers ONLY!** 1(570)549-3640 RC#1031

**National Ads**  
**SPA! OVERSTOCKED!** New 7 person spa-Loaded! Includes cover, delivery & warranty. \$2999, was \$5999. 888-397-3529

**START DATING TONIGHT!** Have fun meeting eligible singles in your area. Toll Free. 1-800-ROMANCE ext. 9735

**TEXAS MEDICAID DIABETICS** \*\*\*Free Meter!!! No Cost Diabetes Supplies! Join Diabetes Care Club. Free Membership. No Paperwork. Free Home Delivery. 1-800-649-7079. \*\*\*Call Now to Qualify\*\*\*

**TRUCK DRIVER Trainees** Wanted: No CDL-No Problem. 14 day school. No money down. NO CREDIT CHECK! Transportation, Meals, and Lodging included. 877-295-8023 Toll Free.

**VIAGRA \$2.40 per dose!** CIALIS! Lowest Price Refills GUARANTEED! All other Meds. Why Pay More? Non-Profit Corp. Prescription Buyers Group. Toll Free 1-866-887-7283.

**VIAGRA 100 mg \$5.00.** Cialis 20 mg \$6.25. Lowest Price Refills. Why Pay More? We have the Answer! Trinity Health Group, 1-866-402-5400.

**YOUR AFFORDABLE** Alternative To Expensive Legal Fees Divorce \$195, Adoption \$295, Incorporation \$195. Phone (800)303-1170 Email: ncdpros@AOL.com Not Available in Arizona, Texas and Tennessee.

**Barcelona Apartments**  
Call For Move-In Specials!  
All Bills Paid  
530 Westover Rd. 263-1257

**BEAUTIFUL GARDEN COURTYARD**

- Swimming Pool
- Private Patios
- Carports
- Appliances
- Most Utilities Paid
- Senior Citizens Discount

**1 & 2 Bedroom Unfurnished PARKHILL TERRACE APARTMENTS**

900 W. Marcy Drive 263-5555 263-5000

**Heights Apartments**

ALL BILLS PAID  
Renovated 1 bedrooms  
**267-2771**

\$\$\$ MOVE-IN SPECIAL

ONE and Two Bedroom Apartment home available. Starting from \$335.00 per month.

- \*FREE CABLE
- \*On site Laundry Facilities
- \*Covered Picnic area with BBQ Grills
- \*Playground for the Kids
- \*Central Air & Heat

**SUNSET RIDGE APTS** 2911 W. HWY 80 432-263-2292

**1 BEDROOM,** 1 bath house, carport, washer & dryer connections, appliances & water furnished. Outside city. \$325. plus deposit. Call 432-263-2345 or 263-3996.

**1111 SETTLES,** 3 Bedroom 2 bath w/pt. in back. Fenced yard, CH/A. Out door pets OK. \$550/mo. \$250/deposit. Call 915-252-8842

**1611 DONLEY,** 1 Bedroom, 1 bath. Fenced yard. \$245/mo. \$150/dep. Call (432)263-1792 or 816-9984

**2004 SCURRY,** Newly rmdl, office, CH/A, refrigerator, fenced backyard. Perfect for single/couple. References. \$325/mo, \$275/dpst. Call (432)267-5629

**2202 RUNNELS,** 3 Bedroom, 1 bath. Call (432)267-3841 or 270-7309.

**2210 LYNN** 3 bedroom, 2 bath, CHA, garage fenced yard. One year lease required. No indoor pets. \$595. month, \$400 deposit. Call 432-263-6514 Owner/Broker.

**407 1/2 E. 8th,** 1 Bdrm Apartment. Recently remodeled. New counter tops. CH/A. \$275/mo. + deposit. No HUD. Call (432)267-2296

**900 SCURRY,** 3/1 Apartment. CH/A, washer, dryer hookups. Appliances furnished. Call (432)213-2681

**Real Estate for Rent**  
**FOR RENT** or Sale. 3 Bdrm 1 bath. \$500/mo. \$400/deposit. Call (432)264-9907.

**NEW OWNERSHIP 1 & 2 Bedroom** Apartment homes. Reasonably Priced. Management on site 24/7. ADVANTUS PLACE APARTMENT. 3304 W. HWY. 80 Call Sandra, (432)264-7641.

**OFFICE/ SHOWROOM.** 1800 sq. ft. 1307 B. Gregg St., \$400/month + deposit. Call Westex Auto Parts @ (432)263-5000.

**SPACIOUS, DELIGHTFUL.** Extra private 1 bedroom apartment. Utilities paid. \$395. Trees, picnic sit. 1 person. No pets. Non-smoker. Credit Qualify. Call (432)263-1234 agent

**Real Estate for Sale**

**\$1,000 TOTAL** Move in Cost. On each remaining 3. New homes on 1300 Block of Marijo. Reasonably good credit required, Down payment assistance and lowered interest rates to Qualified Buyer. No Payments till April 2004. Call now (432)520-9848 Cameo Investments Inc.

**705 S. Lancaster.** Cheaper than a storage building! Cash Price \$4,900. or \$500 down, \$94/mo. for 84 mos. Call (512)826-2553.

**ANDA EN** busca de una casa? Si, no tiene credito o mal credito hableme al numero (432)413-0549 Annette Sanchez. Tengo una casa de 2 recamaras y 1 bano 705 S Lancaster Y otra de 1 recamara y 1 bano 1811 State St.

**AS IS** house for sale. Three Bedroom, one bath, with detached garage. \$8,000. (432)264-1292.

**ATTRACTIVE HOME** for Sale by Owner. 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, CH/A. \$29,500. Shown by Appt. Only. Call (432)268-9874 or 213-2124.

**FOR SALE BY OWNER,** in Kentwood. 4/3, very open floor plan, large shop/garage in rear with carport! \$72,000. Call 816-9168 or 816-9207 for appointment.

**FOR SALE:** Commercial property High Traffic, Corner Lot, 901 East Third St. Zoned Industrial. \$69,995. Call 800-417-7419

**FORECLOSURE! \$36,000!** 3 Bedroom, 2 bath. For listings Call (800)719-3001 ext. F906.

**FOUR ACRES** fenced - truck scales, steel box car - Office \$10,000. 1608 North Birdwell Lane. 4 Bedroom 2 bath house 908 Ayleford. 2 Bedroom house \$5000.00. 1 Bedroom house \$4000.00. Call (432)264-0510 or 263-7903.

**NEED A home?** I can help, no credit, bad credit, I will finance your home with a low down/payment. Please call Annette Sanchez @ (432)413-0549 1811 State 1 Bdrm 1 bath & 705 Lancaster 2 Bdrm 1 bath.

**NEW CONSTRUCTION** Open House. Sat.-Sun. 1-6 pm. or any time by appt. 1306 Marijo. Call (432)520-9848.

**Services Offered**

**CERTIFIED CHILDCARE** in my home. Monday-Friday, 6am-6pm. Call for more information (432)264-1252.

**Vehicles**

**Great Selection of 03's with up to \$6500 Rebates**

BOB BROCK FORD  
500 W. 4TH 267-7124

**1987 Crown Victoria.** 5.0 liter engine, 57k original miles. \$2500.00. Call (432)263-6922.

**1991 CHEVY S-10** Pickup, ext. cab, 4.3 liter V-6, 4 speed, auto, cruise, pwr windows/locks, 184k, \$2,000.

**1988 GMC Sierra** 3/4 ton Pickup, 5.7 liter V-8, 4 speed, auto, cruise, toolbox, 5th wheel trailer hitch/wiring, 45k, \$2500.

**1988 Travellite** 5th Wheel Camping Trailer, 27 ft, self contained, A/C, 6 gal wtr hrng, queen bed 16 ft. Airning, \$5,500. Call (432)213-0942

**1996 Pontiac Grand AM,** loaded. \$3500. 1994 Chevy Pick-up Ext. Short bed. New tires, V-8, 5 speed. \$5500. Call 432-264-0623.

**FOR SALE,** red 2003 Ford F-250, 4x4, 29,000 miles. Reduce for quick sale, \$24,500. Located 600 Main. Call 432-267-3126, after 8:00-5:00, 432-267-7648 after 5:00.

**FOR SALE:** Low miles all. 1980 Honda CB650 Custom, \$1,000 or best offer. 1985 Honda CB450 Nighthawk, \$850, or best offer. Call 432-264-0460

**Legals**  
**THE STATE OF TEXAS**  
**NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS:** "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of forty-two (42) days after the date of issuance of this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you."  
TO: R.L. WILLIAMS, SR.; ALICE AMELIA DRAKE CAMPBELL; CECILIA SHEPHERD CAMBIAS; DON BLAKEY LOW; HENRY DRAKE; JAMES LESLIE CAMBIAS; JOHN LAURNCE DRAKE; JOHNATHAN D. REIFF; MALCOM DRAKE; MARGUERITE CAMBIAS CONSIDINE; MARIAN DRAKE; MITCHELL BRONAUGH; PATRICIA BRONAUGH BARABANOFF; PATRICIA DRAKE SHEPHERD; PAUL DRAKE; ROBERT DRAKE; ROBERT F. BROUSSARD, JR.; SALLY BROUSSARD WATTS; MIDSUN OIL CORPORATION; AND LAMBERT OIL AND GAS ROYALTIES CORPORATION, and THEIR HEIRS, KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, IF ANY OF SAID PERSONS ARE DECEASED, Defendants in the cause herein described.  
You and each of you are hereby commanded to appear and answer before the 118th Judicial District Court in the Howard County Courthouse located at Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, at or before 10:00 a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from the date issuance hereof, being at or before 10:00 a.m. on Monday the 29th day of March, 2004, then and there to answer the petition of ENEROQUEST OIL & GAS, LTD., Plaintiff in Cause No. 43425. The said petition, filed on the 11th day of February, 2004, discloses that, the nature of said suit is as follows:  
This suit is brought to have a receiver appointed under the provisions of Section 64.091 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code for undivided mineral interested owned by the Defendants in the following described lands in Block 33, T-1-N, T & P Rly. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas, to wit: East Half of the Northeast Quarter (E/2 NE/4) of Section 17; the Northeast Quarter (NE/4) of Section 18; and the Southwest Quarter of Section 19, and to execute oil, gas and mineral leases thereof to the Plaintiff and take such other action deemed necessary under the provisions of said statute.  
#4122 February 23 & March 1, 8, 15, 2004.

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS.** Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date (s) shown below, and then publicly read.  
**CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE CONTRACT (S)**  
Dist/Div: Abilene  
Contract 6109-62-001 for INSTALLATION OF ILLUMINATION IN HOWARD COUNTY, etc. will be opened on March 30, 2004 at 2:00 pm at the District Office for an estimate of \$225,397.73.  
Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TXDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.  
NPO: 12426  
State Office  
Constr./ Maint. Division  
200 E. Riverside Dr.  
Austin, Texas 7870  
Phone: 512-416-2540  
Dist/Div Office(s)  
Abilene District District Engineer  
4250 N. Clack  
Abilene, Texas 79604-0150  
Phone: 325-676-6800  
Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TXDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.  
#4142 March 7 & 8, 2004

**CITY OF BIG SPRING PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**THE BIG SPRING CITY COUNCIL** WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 2004, AT 5:30 PM, IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 307 EAST 4TH, BIG SPRING, TEXAS TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING REQUEST FOR A ZONE CHANGE:  
The owner of a 5 acre tract out of the SW/4 of Section 32, Block 33, T-1-N, T & P. RR Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas (1 block east of W. Marcy Drive, North side of Martin Luther King Boulevard) has requested a zone change from Single Family -2 (SF-2) to Light Commercial (LC) for the use of a Multi-Family Complex.  
#4155 March 7 & 8, 2004

**We Can Save You Money By Advertising Your Business In Our Professional Service Directory!**

Call  
**263-7331**  
for more information.

**HILLSIDE PROPERTIES**

**Homes With Alarm Systems**

2 - 3 - 4 - 5, Even 6 Bedrooms Available

**Rent - Rent-to-Own or Buy With Owner Financing**

**Swimming Pool - Basketball & Volleyball Courts**

**24 Hour Emergency Maintenance**

**2501 Fairchild****Phone 263-3461**

HERALD  
2004

m

OUS  
resses & (1) ch. Call

ds  
ION!! Un-weekends. Must sign website: tfreetast Details:

ARS \$

sk! No Ex-ym home. Info. 100% GUARAN-Now!

rs.

\$ for 2004! Grants for hool, new er Repay. billion dol- 2003.

41

WEEKLY! m home. rsl Full- ience nec- Digest iours

IES! NO T & BANK W DOWN. LISTINGS. 7372

POUNDS! from \$500! Jeeps. For '3 x2156

ted

ram!  
ram  
n  
s & Teams  
rive.com

MENT

ary  
ays.  
ck.  
3 Tile.

ce

to  
16-6857

MENT

Concrete Work

work  
te,  
ys

3-5570

ME  
VT  
ions.  
ces,  
bonded

30

53

Legals

NOTICE OF REFERENDUM

In accordance with the provisions of the Texas Agriculture Code, Chapter 74, Subchapter D, and 4 Tex. Admin. Code, Chapter 3, Subchapter A, the Texas Department of Agriculture (the Department) will conduct a referendum on the proposition of whether or not cotton growers shall establish a boll weevil eradication program in the statutorily designated St. Lawrence Boll Weevil Eradication Zone and pay a maximum annual assessment in the amount of \$6.00 per land acre of irrigated cotton and \$2.00 per land acre of dryland cotton each year until costs of the eradication program plus finance charges are paid off, which is anticipated to take up to 11 years, and a nominal maintenance fee thereafter. The initiation of a program is contingent upon state and/or federal cost share in an amount to allow a program to operate within the proposed budget at the maximum assessment rate of \$6.00 per land acre of irrigated cotton and \$2.00 per land acre of dryland cotton. If approved, the program and assessment are expected to begin in the zone on a date determined by the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Board of Directors.

The St. Lawrence Eradication Zone consists of that area of Midland County south of a line 15 miles south of Interstate 20 running from the Ector County line east to the Glasscock County line, Glasscock, Reagan, and Upton counties. If a zone program and assessment are approved by this referendum, growers in the zone shall vote again on whether or not to continue eradication efforts after four years of active program activities.

Also, as part of the referendum, a representative of the above-referenced zone will be elected to serve on the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Board of Directors. The board is charged with administering the boll weevil eradication program in Texas.

The referendum and board election will be held by mail balloting. Ballots will be mailed by April 1, 2004. All ballots cast by mail must be postmarked no later than April 16, 2004, in order to be valid. Any cotton grower having cotton production in 2003 within the zone defined above is eligible to vote, and if he or she resides in the St. Lawrence Boll Weevil Eradication Zone and has at least seven years experience as a cotton grower, to have his or her name placed on the ballot as a candidate in the board member election. A cotton grower is defined as a person who grows cotton and receives income from the sale of cotton. The term includes an individual who, as owner, landlord, tenant or sharecropper, is entitled to share in the cotton grown and available for marketing from the farm or share in the proceeds from the sale of the cotton from the farm.

Any person eligible to vote in the referendum or board member election who resides in the St. Lawrence Boll Weevil Eradication Zone and meets the seven-year experience requirement may place his or her name in nomination for election to the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Board by written application to the Department at the address provided below. The application shall be on a nomination form provided by the Department and must be signed by the applicant and at least ten other eligible voters. The nomination form must be received in Austin by March 16, 2004, and must provide the legal residence of the applicant. A nomination form may be obtained by contacting the Department office or any county agent located in the voting area.

For more information regarding the referendum and election, or if you are a cotton grower in the above-referenced area and do not receive a ballot, please contact the Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas, 78711, telephone 512-463-7593. #4138 March 1, 8, 15, 2004

Legals

CITATION BY PUBLICATION IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:

TO: **Canuto Mancha, aka Carlotta Mancha** and any and all other unknown owners of persons, including adverse claimants, owing or having or claiming any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the following described property delinquent to Plaintiffs herein, for taxes, to wit: **Lot Seven, Block Six Bauer Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas.**

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: **\$539.83**, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and costs thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by **Howard County, et al** as Plaintiff(s), against **Canuto Mancha, aka Carlotta Mancha**, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on the **24 day of February, 2004**, in a certain suit styled **HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. CANUTO MANCHA, aka CARLOTTA MANCHA**, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is **T-03-09-4657** that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are **NONE**.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and Intervenor(s), shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefor, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, and all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein, and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the **12 day of April, 2004** before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 24 day of February, A.D. 2004.

Priscilla Ginnett, Deputy Clerk of the District Court Howard County, Texas, 118th Judicial District #4136 March 1 & 8, 2004

Legals

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:

TO: **Judy Garza** and any and all other unknown owners or persons, including adverse claimants, owing or having or claiming any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the following described property delinquent to Plaintiffs herein, for taxes, to wit: **A 1983, 14x66 Wingate Mobile Home located in Howard County, Texas.**

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: **\$1,423.86**, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and costs thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by **Howard County, et al** as Plaintiff(s), against **Judy Garza**, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on the **4th day of April, 2003**, in a certain suit styled **Howard County, et al vs. Judy Garza**, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is **T-03-04-4582** that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are **NONE**.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and Intervenor(s), shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefor, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, and all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein, and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the **12 day of April, 2004** before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property at or ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due to Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 24 day of February, A.D. 2004. Priscilla Ginnett, Deputy Clerk of the District Court Howard County, Texas, 118th Judicial District #4137 March 1 & 8, 2004

Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY JOYCE JILLSON  
Saturn delivers cosmic information in the form of everyday events. So when you luck onto the best parking spot or trip on the sidewalk, it may seem to have an extra meaning.



Joyce Jillson

Don't get too kooky, but do trust in your intuitive interpretation of signs. The Libra moon turns your attention to love, and you get it back where you give it.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). The future is seductive. It's too seductive, in fact, and you may spend a good deal of your energy dreaming, hoping, planning and anticipating this fabulous, far-off land. All that you need to be happy is in real time, right now.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). When it all heats up with the family, your allies are Libra and Sagittarius. Singles looking for the right one have a breakthrough. The answer may lie in dating a variety of those who are not the one.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Even if you're just hanging out casually with friends, put some thought into your appearance. It sends a message that others are sensitive to right now. You have an opportunity to change how someone sees you. Romance thrives.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Though you may go along for the ride, you're not a follower -- you have many goals of your own. The Scorpio or Aries who keeps flirting with you, perhaps inappropriately so, has something to give besides flattery.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You can see yourself as someone on the top of the world, or you can focus on inadequacies. Instead of doing your best to keep this monster at bay, invite it in for tea. Confrontation can clear the way to peace.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're an important person: intelligent, prosperous and dependable. You'll meet

people who are very different from you and still be able to communicate beautifully if you employ your nurturing spirit. Don't be bossy.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're OK and don't need anyone else to tell you so. Don't let approval seeking diminish your power. Look in the mirror, see the person your spirit knows you can become -- and then accept who's looking back at you now.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It's easier for you to feel centered and generous. Your definition of success is being met. An increased sense of purpose serves your personal life. Add value to what you're giving your family. Aquarius and Gemini win.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It's silly to wait for friends to remind you to take care of yourself! Your physical attractiveness increases with your commitment to more time to yourself. Singles find romance through groups of friends.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Where you see a need, jump right in and fill it. Others see how sincere you are and want you on their team. The past must be faced again tonight. You are the one who benefits from the ability to forgive and forget.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Adventure sweeps you up -- you don't even have to be brave. You're irresistibly driven. Singles who are having trouble knowing what direction to take a relationship need to trust. It's safe to say "yes" to love.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You are busy, traveling and dealing with the public -- which is what brings you right into the presence of someone fabulous. A potential "wow" relationship is a thrill. Set a date. Weed through the loan offers, and find the right one.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "My mom is a very strong, loving, amazing woman. However, she has had several bad relationships and doesn't have much hope left for ever finding

a man to share the rest of her life with. Also, her job and her personal health have been rough on her. She's a Gemini born June 1, 1955. Will she be able to find the personal fulfillment and love that she deserves?"

What a lovely daughter you are! And your mother is a wholesome and caring woman indeed who I'll bet has a beautiful home, which she keeps admirably in order. Her moon in Libra compels her to place a high value on partnership, which probably contributes to your wonderful relationship with her. Deep in her heart, she may not want a traditional relationship with a man. She's content to keep to herself at home where she can control the environment, and she is easily hurt by men -- they almost never act the way she expects. She's charming and can attract men without much problem. She should consider what she actually wants from a man that she's not getting from herself. Then, she can provide that element for her own life and attract a much more evolved man.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** At 5 years old, Bow Wow was the youngest protege of rapper Snoop Dog. But it's not unusual for a Pisces to start his career early in life. Pisces is the sign of old souls, and some believe they come to Earth ready to get down to business! Based on his chart, I favor Bow Wow to win the Nickelodeon Kids' Choice Award for Best Male Vocalist.

If you would like to write to Joyce Jillson, please go to [www.creators.com](http://www.creators.com) and click on "Write the Author" on the Joyce Jillson page, or you may send her a postcard in the mail. To find out more about Joyce Jillson and read her past columns, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at [www.creators.com](http://www.creators.com).

© 2004 JOYCE JILLSON

DISTRIBUTED BY CREATORS SYNDICATE, INC.

Annie's Mailbox®: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: My son just started first grade, and he is making new friends. I am thrilled that he is popular, but I have one concern. Some of these friends have guns in their homes, and I am worried sick that something could happen to my child.

I have heard so many horror stories of accidents happening when kids become curious about guns. How should I approach this with his friends' parents? Is it reasonable to tell my son that he cannot play at a home where the parents own guns, even if the guns are locked up? I realize I sound overprotective, but I don't want to take any chances with my child's life. -- Against Guns in Lawrence, Kan.

Dear Lawrence: Accidents with guns are not unheard of, and, yes, they can happen even if the guns are locked up. A first-grader sometimes knows where the keys are and where the bullets are kept. And while most gun owners teach their children about gun safety, you cannot know if someone is careless.



KATHY MITCHELL  
MARCY SUGAR

This isn't an issue of right or wrong. You are entitled to set the boundaries for your own child, even if others disagree. It is OK to tell these parents, "I know you are responsible gun owners, but I am uneasy having my child around guns. I hope you won't be offended if I ask the kids to play at our house instead."

Dear Annie: I have a beef about TV basketball games. Since the players are so much taller than they used to be, why not raise the basket and outlaw the slam-dunk? Maybe even give penalties for touching the

basket or swinging on it? I am not a sports fan, but those antics irk me no end. Thanks for letting me spout off via your column. -- A Hoosier Who is Not Into Basketball

Dear Hoosier: While some basketball purists deplore the slam-dunk, most basketball fans find it exciting, and it's not likely to disappear. You might consider watching college basketball, where hanging from the basket is not allowed. (It shouldn't be too hard to find good college basketball in Indiana.) Of course, since you're "not into basketball," we wonder why it matters.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to [anniesmailbox@comcast.net](mailto:anniesmailbox@comcast.net), or write to: Annie's Mailbox, P.O. Box 118190, Chicago, IL 60611. To find out more about Annie's Mailbox, and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at [www.creators.com](http://www.creators.com).

LOOK TO THE  
BIG SPRING HERALD  
FOR ALL OF YOUR  
LOCAL NEWS, SPORTS  
AND  
INFORMATION  
263-7331  
BIG SPRING HERALD

GARAGE SALES  
Hidden Treasures?  
Junk?  
Recycle Your Unwanted Items!  
Call 263-7331 Today.  
A friendly Classified Consultant will help you create an ad that gets results.

# FIND OUT WHAT IS HAPPENING IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD!

LOCAL NEWS, SPORTS, FEATURES AND ADVERTISING 6 DAYS A WEEK



## *In your neighborhood* **Big Spring Herald:**

Local, State, National and World News

Sports • Features • Advertising • Opinions • Local Columns

Comics • Public Notices

Advice Columns • Local Columns • Letters to the Editor

Support Group Information • Bulletin board

Obituaries • Public Records • Police Beat

Sheriff's Log • Crossword Puzzles

Local Columns • Letters to the Editor

The Mini-Page • Televue TV Guide

American Profile • Texas Lottery • Weather • Much More

Join the neighborhood today  
by calling 263-7335

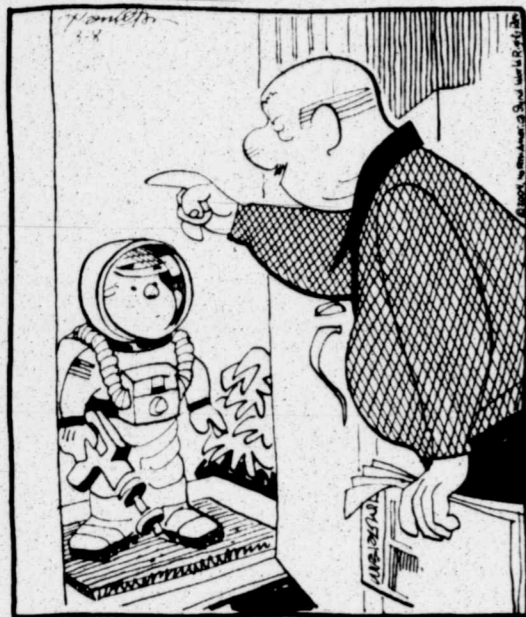
# BIG SPRING HERALD

rest of  
, her  
sonal  
rough  
emini  
. Will  
id the  
t and  
es?"  
ghter  
nother  
and  
indeed  
as a  
which  
bly in  
Libra  
lace a  
on  
which  
tes to  
iderful  
her.  
t, she  
it a  
onship  
ontent  
t home  
rol the  
she is  
-- they  
ne way  
She's  
attract  
much  
should  
she  
rom a  
getting  
n, she  
lement  
e and  
more  
  
FILES:  
w Wow  
protege  
og. But  
for a  
career  
s is the  
s, and  
7 come  
to get  
Based  
or Bow  
the  
Choice  
Male  
  
like to  
Jillson,  
to  
and  
e the  
Joyce  
ou may  
ard in  
nd out  
Jillson  
past  
the  
te Web  
at  
  
LLSON  
BY  
ICATE,  
  
d  
  
g on it?  
fan, but  
me no  
letting  
ia your  
ier Who  
ball  
While  
purists  
m-dunk,  
ans find  
it's not  
ar. You  
atching  
l, where  
e basket  
ed. (It  
hard to  
college  
ana.) Of  
i're "not  
l," we  
tters.  
box is  
Mitchell  
Sugar,  
of the  
column.  
your  
to  
omcast.  
Annie's  
x 118190,  
. To find  
Annie's  
read  
other  
yndicate  
toonists,  
Creators  
page at  
n.

MONDAY

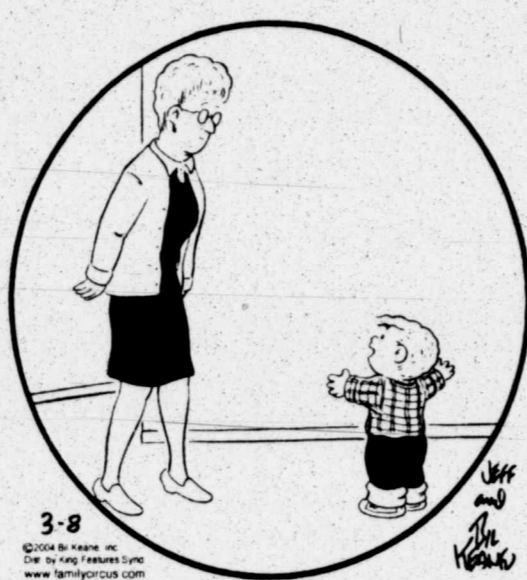
Table with 18 columns representing different TV channels (WFAA, KMID, UNI, KPEJ, KOSA, KTLT, KWES, WTBS, KMLM, KOCV, DISC, AMC, TNT, BET, DISN, ESPN2, ESPN, USA, TMC) and rows for time slots from 6:30 AM to 12:30 AM, listing various programs and their genres.

DENNIS THE MENACE



"HERE'S AN IDEA, SPACE BOY... WHY DON'T YOU BLAST OFF TO YOUR HOME PLANET?"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Do you still recognize me with my new shirt on, Grandma?"

HAGAR



BLONDIE



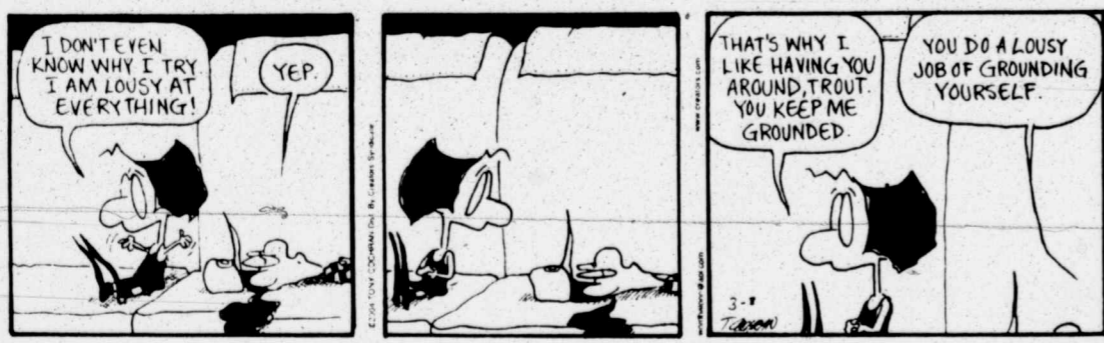
BC



WIZARD OF ID



AGNES



HI AND LOIS



THE OTHER COAST



SNUFFY SMITH



BETLE BAILEY



This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, March 8, the 68th day of 2004. There are 298 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On March 8, 1854, U.S. Commodore Matthew C. Perry made his second landing in Japan; within a month, he concluded a treaty with the Japanese. On this date: In 1702, England's Queen Anne ascended the throne upon the death of King William III. In 1782, the Gnadenhütten massacre took place as some 90 Indians were slain by militiamen in Ohio in retaliation for raids carried out by other Indians. In 1841, Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr., the "Great Dissenter," was born in Boston. In 1874, the 13th president of the United States, Millard Fillmore, died in Buffalo, N.Y. In 1917, Russia's "February Revolution" (so called because of the Old Style calendar being used by Russians at the time) began with rioting and strikes in St. Petersburg. In 1917, the U.S. Senate voted to limit filibusters by adopting the cloture rule. In 1930, the 27th president of the United States, William Howard Taft, died in Washington. In 1942, Japanese forces captured Rangoon, Burma, during World War II. In 1965, the United States landed about 3,500 Marines in South Vietnam. In 1986, four French television crew members were abducted in west Beirut; a caller claimed Islamic Jihad was responsible. (All four were eventually released.) Birthdays: Actress Sue Ane Langdon is 68. Baseball player-turned-author Jim Bouton is 65. Actress Lynn Redgrave is 61. Actor-director Micky Dolez is 59. Lyricist Carole Bayer Sager is 58. Baseball player Jim Rice is 51. Singer Gary Numan is 46. Actor Aidan Quinn is 45. Country musician Jimmy Dormire (Confederate Railroad) is 44. Actress Camryn Manheim is 43. Actor Leon is 41. Rock singer Shawn Mullins (The Thorns) is 36. Actress Andrea Parker is 35. Actor Boris Kodjoe is 31. Actor Freddie Prinze Jr. is 28. Actor James Van Der Beek is 27. Rhythm and blues singer Cameela Williams (702) is 26. Pop musicians David, Bob and Clint Moffatt are 20.

Answer to previous puzzle: A crossword puzzle grid with words filled in, including STAN, SIN, ED, BERG, COLORADO, NEARER, ATONEFOR, LATINA, REMODELS, ALSTON, ERAS, BIERCE, RUT, SSR, FEZ, EER, ENE, ROTE, ADSPACE, FIBER, HONES, INAMES, EMIT, STL, SKI, TIP, GAS, HEM, TINMAN, MORO, PRIMAL, AGITATOR, ONEILL, LEVELOUT, NESTLE, TREATISE, DETEST, SERRATED.

Newsday Crossword

SIMPLE PUZZLE by Sally R. Stein Edited by Stanley Newman

- ACROSS: 1 SSW or USA, for short; 5 Methods; 10 Plummeted; 14 Insignificant; 15 profit (do okay in business); 16 Goatee locale; 17 "Simple!"; 19 Princess of India; 20 Gymnast Comaneci; 21 RR stops; 22 Help in a crime; 23 Ensnare; 25 Pesky insect; 27 Perform on a stage; 30 "Simple!"; 35 Infamous Roman emperor; 37 Letters on a phone; 38 Little Pigs complement; 39 Mets and Cardinals, for short; 41 Prof's aides; 43 Love Story author; 44 Alas and; 45 Sound that asks for quiet; 47 All finished; 48 "Simple!"; 52 Actor Beatty; 53 Ruler of Kuwait; 54 Bridal wear; 56 Little white lies; 59 Roof overhang; 61 National bird; 65 Polish a manuscript; 66 "Simple!"; 68 Bring up; 69 Made more simple; 70 of the time (occasionally); 71 Cape; 72 Intelligent; 73 Rams' mates; 9 Refuses to comply; 10 Satisfied an itch; 11 Moby Dick pursuer; 12 Workday start for many; 13 Make booties; 18 Wyatt of the Old West; 24 Main purpose; 26 PMS; 27 UN head; 28 Stringed instrument; 29 Pay for a meal; 31 "The is clear!"; 32 Inert gas; 33 Family Circus cartoonist; 34 Sought long fish; 36 Boston Pops, for one; 40 Fat-free milk; 42 One who clears snow, maybe; 46 Go quickly; 49 Family members; 50 Alexander Bell's middle name; 51 Closes a shoe; 55 Run out, as a subscription; 56 Type of houseplant; 57 Notion; 58 Preconceived notion; 60 Passport stamp; 62 Shine softly; 63 Like some excuses; 64 Potato parts; 67 Banned insecticide.

A crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1 through 73 indicating the starting positions for the words listed in the adjacent section.