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The *Big Spring Herald* is seeking the addresses of all Big Spring and Howard County military personnel currently deployed to the Middle East.

Herald Publisher Hank Bond said the newspaper will be sending free newspapers to the service men and women helping to prepare for a possible conflict with Iraq.

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PROGRESS 2003

The *Herald's* largest annual section, featuring stories and photos about local businesses, will be in this weekend's edition

KINDERGARTEN RODEO

It's as real as it gets for these youngsters from Coahoma, who practice riding and roping on stickhorses for the world famous Coahoma Kindergarten Rodeo.

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Bombs batter Baghdad as assault intensifies

The Associated Press

The biggest bombs dropped on Baghdad so far — two 4,700-pound "bunker busters" — struck a communications tower Friday in an intense U.S. bombardment. In the south, British officers said Iraqi fighters defending the besieged city of Basra fired on hundreds of civilians trying to flee.

The British, who have encircled Basra, said their troops were prepared to rescue and aid any civilians wounded by the mortar and machine-gun fire from paramilitaries loyal to Saddam Hussein.

"Here perhaps are the first pieces of evidence of Iraqi people trying to break free... and clearly the militia don't want that," said Col. Chris Vernon, a British spokesman.

British officers said soldiers from the 1st Black Watch battalion, in Warrior armored fighting vehicles, were trying to wedge themselves between the militia fire and the targeted civilians.

At Umm Qasr, near Basra, the first ship arrived at the allied-controlled port with relief supplies for Iraqi civilians. The Sir



Photo by Zuma Press
A U.S. Marine helps an injured Iraqi POW moments after securing the port of Umm Qasr on Thursday in southern Iraq.

Galahad, a British supply ship, carried 300 tons of water, sugar, beans, and flour.

Fighting raged across the south but a showdown in central Iraq over Baghdad was clearly

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
Big Spring firefighters, with the help of Stoneville employees, free this pickup trapped underneath a Big Spring school bus this morning. The accident sent several people to Scenic Mountain Medical Center with serious to minor injuries.

Several seriously injured when truck, bus collide

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Big Spring firefighters worked for 30 minutes this morning to free a seriously injured man trapped in a truck involved in a collision with a school bus.

A helicopter was called to transport the unidentified driver

of the Ford pickup from the scene of the accident — the intersection of Center Point Road and U.S. Highway 87.

However, when it was learned that air transportation would be delayed by 30 minutes, the man was taken to Scenic Mountain

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Candidate forum goes well despite meager attendance

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Who should be the area's next U.S. representative?

About 100 people showed up Thursday night at the West Texas Republican Club's 19th Congressional District Special Election Candidate Forum seeking more information to decide that question.

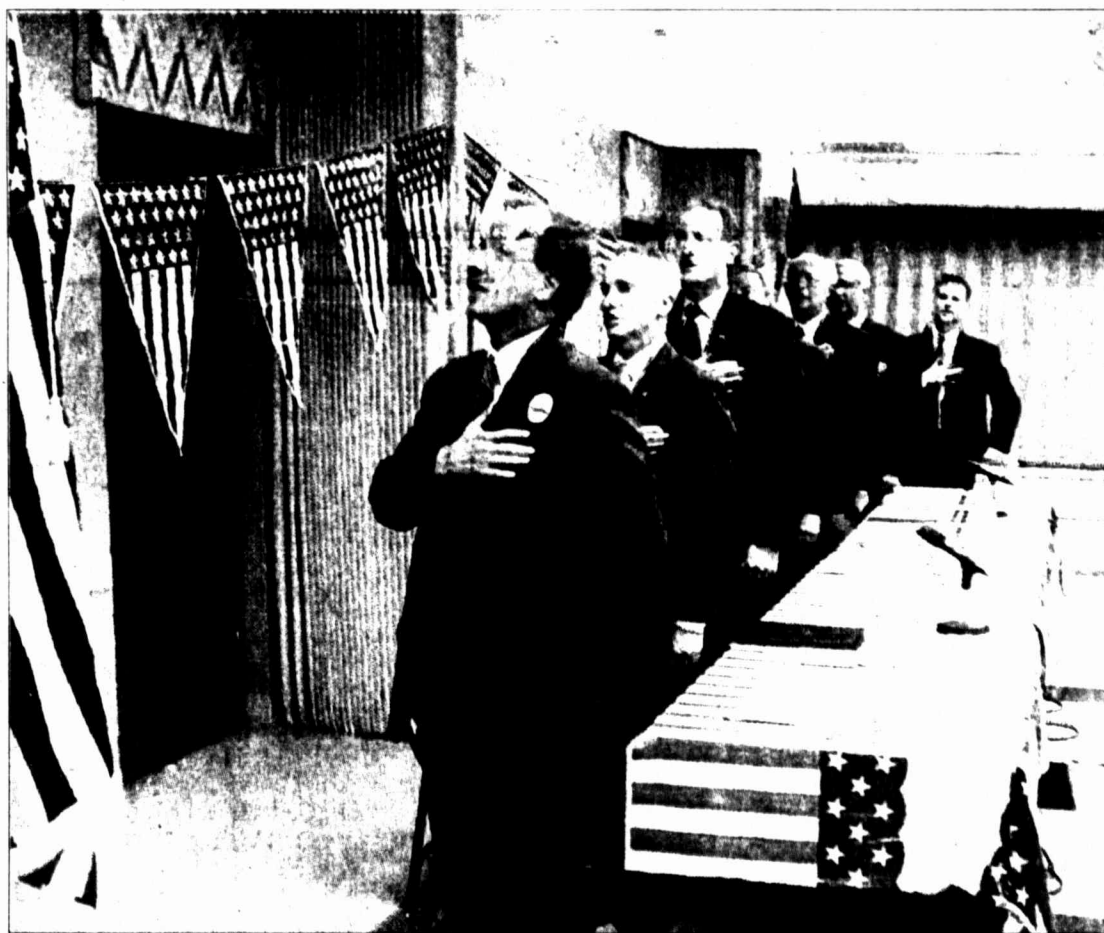
Seven candidates turned out at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum's East Room to field questions at the event. An eighth, Carl Isett, was scheduled to attend, but sent a letter apologizing for his absence. Isett, who is now a state representative, was called to Austin for a

vote on tort reform.

Candidates present were Jamie Berryhill of Odessa; Bill Christian and Mike Conaway, both of Midland; and David Langston, Donald May, Randy Neugebauer and Stace Williams, all of Lubbock.

"I thought it went well," said Republican Club President Marilyn Read. "I was really impressed by the total field of candidates. It made me proud to be a Republican to see this many qualified people in the field. I was a little disappointed in our turnout, but I understand we were up against some other meetings and I

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HERALD photo/Roger Cline
Seven candidates participating in the West Texas Republican Club's 19th Congressional District Special Election Candidates' Forum Thursday night recite the Pledge of Allegiance before the event begins. Shown left to right are Jamie Berryhill, Bill Christian, Mike Conaway, David Langston, Donald May, Randy Neugebauer and Stace Williams.

Through 25 years, kindergarten rodeo has come a long, long way

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

COAHOMA — Oh, what a glorious Silver Anniversary it was. The Coahoma Kindergarten Rodeo celebrated 25 years Thursday by doing what it has always done — having a whole bunch of fun.

Lots of pageantry and activities were on tap for the stickhorse rodeo, where the little cowpokes showed off their best.

"This is excellent...of course the community has become so involved — it's a Coahoma tradition," said Bo Fryar, one of the original Coahoma kindergarten teachers to start the rodeo. "It's a fabulous thing."

Fryar, a Coahoma resident, was impressed by growth of the program but added that many of the elements are still the same from that original rodeo back in 1978.

"We did the same kinds of things like the pole bending and the bull riding and they had their stickhorses and sang one of their songs they sing today, but



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
Coahoma rodeo clown Mason Coor, in the barrel, and LeVar Jackson, waited in anticipation for the "bull rider" to leave the gates during the Coahoma Kindergarten Rodeo Thursday. The stickhorse rodeo celebrated 25 years of existence with lots of pageantry and activities.

it has come a long way," Fryar said.

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Free screenings, information available at Health Fair 2003

By BILL MCCLELLAN

News Editor

Have a nutritious breakfast Saturday morning, then load up the children, the spouse, grandma and grandpa and make your way to Dorothy Garrett Coliseum for a bit of fun and education. It's all about health.

Coliseum doors open at 9 a.m. for Health Fair 2003, the annual extravaganza which is all about

What: Health Fair 2003.

Where: Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on the Howard College campus.

When: 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday.

ensuring the well-being of your mind and body.

More than 50 brightly draped booths will provide a variety of

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Motorcycle rights group to stage second birthday party Saturday

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Happy birthday to you, happy birthday to you...

That's right, Big Spring's own chapter of TMRA is celebrating its second birthday, and you're invited.

The event will start at noon Saturday and last until "whenever," said group spokesman Greg

Bodin. The party will take place at the Cossacks Motorcycle Club clubhouse, 1610 N. Birdwell Lane.

"The Texas Motorcycle Rights Association here in Big Spring is going to be two years old this month," Bodin said. "The actual organization started July 4, 2002. There's been lots of members of

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A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Obituaries

Betty Ann Holman



Betty Ann Holman passed away Wednesday March 26, 2003, at her Midland residence.

Funeral service will be at 12:30 p.m. Friday, March 28, 2003, in the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Randall McDonald officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Pallbearers will be Saul Ruiz, Manuel Ruiz, Jacob Ruiz, Alex Ruiz Jr., Kelly Streun and Ruben Muro.

She was born on Jan. 3, 1969, to Hector and Elvia Granados in Big Spring, and was raised here. On Sept. 10, 1988, she married Randy Holman in Midland. One of her favorite hobbies was cake decorating. At the time of her death, she was office manager for Dr. James A. Holman.

She loved her husband, her family, her job and her dogs and she will be missed.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Elvia Granados; a brother, Michael Anthony Granados; and a sister, Leticia Granados.

She is survived by her husband, Randy Holman of Midland; her father, Hector Granados of Big Spring; her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Dr. James Holman and Kae Holman of Midland; a brother, Hector Granados Jr. of Fort Worth; a sister, Delia Perales of Midland; and many nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles.

Memorials may be directed to the American Cancer Society, 2304 W. Wadley, Midland 79705.

Albert Brady Piper Sr.

Albert Brady Piper Sr., 85, died Saturday, March 22, 2003, at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

A memorial service was set for 11 a.m. today, March 28, 2003, at the First United Methodist Church of Big Spring with the Rev. Dr. Dave Ring officiating.

Funeral service was scheduled for 1 p.m. today at the Belaire Baptist Church in Bowie, Md., under the direction of Beall Funeral Home with Mr. Piper's son, the Rev. David Timothy Piper, officiating. Burial with full military honors will be in National Veterans Cemetery in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Piper was born on March 27, 1917, in a rural area near Killeen. He was the third child born to James Claud and Myrtle Alma Sims Piper. His siblings were Doyce Claud, James Richard, Albert Brady, Mamie Lee Dodds and Claudius Merle Petherbridge.

When Mr. Piper was four years old, his father was killed in a farm accident outside Bertram, Texas. Following his father's death, Brady and his two older brothers and younger sister were admitted to the Methodist Home in Waco. Their mother was pregnant at the time of their father's death and the baby girl joined her brothers and sister when she was two years old. Their mother was seriously ill for many years and was unable to care for her five children. Later she married Archie Excel "Preach" True. Brady was able to rejoin his mother and stepfather when he was 12 and the other children rejoined the family after that. They lived in Big Spring.

In his youth he boxed for seven years and was a Golden Gloves champion.

He was a veteran, having served in the U.S. Army cavalry and loved riding horses. He later joined the Air Force and rose to the rank of master sergeant. He served tours of duty in Greece, Japan and New Zealand. He was in the service for more than 20 years. After his discharge, he worked for the Naval Research Lab in Washington, D.C. He was injured there when he slipped on an oil slick and injured his spine. He was 100 percent disabled and he suffered from severe sciatic nerve pain every day.

He loved sports and was very knowledgeable about them. He used to referee many different sports. He also loved to play golf. He loved music and had a strong singing voice. He had a great sense of humor and was a wonderful companion. He was a gentle, loving, compassionate man.

He and his first wife, Alethea, had two sons. He married his second wife, Bobbie, and adopted her five children and then had two more sons and two daughters with her. She died in 1996. In 1998 he married his third wife, Eileen. They were happily married for almost 4 1/2 years until his death.

He had been ill and was admitted to Walter Reed Army Medical Center on March 17 where his condition worsened.

He loved his church and its loving, caring people. Jesus said, "By this shall all men know that you are my disciples, if you have love one to another." Brady will be greatly missed.

Harrison Lee

Harrison Lee, 61, of Big Spring died at 10:35 p.m. Thursday, March 27, 2003, at his home. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s. Northeast winds 10 to 20 mph.

Saturday...Partly cloudy in the morning then clearing. Highs in the upper 50s. North winds 5 to 15 mph...Saturday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 30s.

Sunday...Mostly clear. Highs in the mid 60s

Monday...Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 40s. Highs in the mid 70s.

Tuesday through Thursday...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 50s. Highs in the lower 80s.

Police blotter

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

• **JOE HAYS**, 47, of 1202 E. Third St. was arrested on a charge of driving with a suspended license — enhanced.

• **JAYSON WATERS**, 28, of 538 Westover Road No. 140 was arrested on a Howard County warrant.

• **PRISCILLA OBALLE**, 23, of 1503 Sycamore was arrested on three local warrants.

• **PEGGY LOUISE MAY**, 36, of 1202 Settles was arrested on a Howard County warrant.

• **MARIANO GARNADOS**, 28, of 801 Pine was arrested on a Dawson County warrant.

• **DEBRA RENEE SHAEFFER**, 34, of 1408 S. Nolan was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **AGGRAVATED ASSAULT CAUSING SERIOUS BODILY INJURY** was reported in the 1500 block of Wood.

• **ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY INJURY** and **ASSAULT** were reported in the 1500 block of East 11th Place.

• **ASSAULT CLASS C** was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road and the 1000 block of North Main Street.

• **ASSAULT BY THREAT** and **DISORDERLY CONDUCT** was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road.

• **ASSAULT BY THREAT** was reported in the 1500 block of Mesa Street.

• **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 700 block of West Interstate 20 and the 600 block of Tulane Road.

• **DISTURBANCE OR FIGHT** was reported twice in the 500 block of Westover Road and in the 600 block of East Sixth Street, the 1200 block of South Lancaster Street, the 1800 block of South Owens Street and the 600 block of State Street.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1100 block of East 11th Place.

• **NEIGHBOR DISPUTE** was reported in the 3200 block of Auburn Avenue.

• **LOUD PARTY/NOISE** was reported in the 500 block of East 17th Street.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** and **DISORDERLY CONDUCT** was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road. \$125 damage was reportedly inflicted on the structure.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported:

- In the 2500 block of Carleton Drive. A white 1995 Honda reportedly sustained \$150 damage.

- In the 900 block of Father Delaney Street. \$60 damage was reportedly inflicted on a structure in the area.

• **CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL BY A MINOR** and **POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA TWO OUNCES OR LESS** was reported in the 1200 block of South Lancaster.

• **DISORDERLY CONDUCT** was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road.

• **CRIMINAL TRESPASSING** was reported in the 700 block of Lorilla Street. 36 pieces of jewelry, seven credit or debit cards, drugs or narcotics, drug or narcotic equipment, electronic entertainment equipment and other items were reportedly seized in connection with the incident.

• **THEFT** was reported:

- In the 600 block of Lancaster Street. Reported stolen was a Kyocera cell phone worth \$120.

- In the 900 block of Father Delaney Street. Items worth \$140 were reported stolen.

- In the 500 block of South Birdwell Lane. Merchandise worth \$10 was reported stolen and recovered.

- In the 2300 block of Alabama Street. \$225 damage was reported at the home.

• **GRAFFITI** was reported on Father Delaney Street. Less than \$500 damage was reported in the incident.

• **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 700 block of East Interstate 20. Stolen were clothes worth \$200 and drugs worth \$72.

Support groups

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

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

MONDAY

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

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

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

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

□ Encourager's Support Group, all widows and widowers are invited, 6 p.m. today, at the First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Runnels.

Bulletin board

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

TODAY

Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 257-1037 or 267-7281. Bring a lunch.

AMBUCS, noon, Brandin Iron Inn, 3101 S. Highway 87.

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

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

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

SATURDAY

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

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

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

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

Free spring concert festival in conjunction with Mustard Seed Mission's summer church camp outreach program. Colorado City park, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The festival includes games, a silent auction along with several singing groups and bands.

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

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

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

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

Take note

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 4-19-22-25-33.

Number matching five of five: 1.

Prize per winner: \$50,522.

Winning tickets sold in: Duncanville.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 1-3-7

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Southern para force fire

The Associated

Iraqi paratroopers and machine gunners fired Friday on a "thousand" Iraqi forces trying to liberate the besieged city, British military officials said.

Members of the 7th Armored Division were trying to clear the fire, evacuate civilians and provide medical treatment as Lt. Col. Ronnie a spokesman for forces in the Gulf.

A senior British official said there have been reports in the last few days of significant numbers of Iraqi forces coming out of Baghdad on a daily basis to get from points outside the city and then re-enter.

The official, who did not want to be identified, said that appeared to be the case again Friday, as Iraqi paramilitaries opened fire on the block them from the city.

Keeping supply lines open

The Associated

One group of U.S. forces traded fire with Iraqi forces Friday, burning buildings in Nasiriyah, which pushed north toward the strategic city in a bumper movement of troops and supplies.

Clashing with Iraqi forces in front and behind the city, the Marines were moving headlights out, driving north toward Baghdad.

What the Marines have been doing is "warfare," said B.P. McCody, a senior officer of the 3rd Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment. "The magic solution is just the hard work of patrols."

At least one U.S. Marine was reported killed in fighting. TV reports said they were attacked by vehicles as they moved.

At both the city of An Nasiriyah and the south-central city of Basra, the U.S. called in helicopters and other troops to pound Iraqi forces — attacks possible after a sandstorm finished.

In An Nasiriyah, U.S. Marines and British forces exchanged artillery fire that set the city on fire and cast smoke over the city.

A CH-46 Sea Knight helicopter forced to turn back after being fired on, is being picked up and delivered to the Marines fighting in Nasiriyah.

Source says paramilitary forces open fire on citizens

The Associated Press

Iraqi paramilitary forces in Basra fired mortars and machine guns Friday on a "couple of thousand" Iraqi civilians trying to leave the besieged city, British military officials said.

Members of Britain's 7th Armored Brigade were trying to neutralize the fire, evacuate the civilians and preparing to treat any casualties, said Lt. Col. Ronnie McCourt, a spokesman for British forces in the Gulf.

A senior British defense official said there had been reports in recent days of significant numbers of Iraqi civilians coming out of Basra on a daily basis to get food aid from points outside the city and then returning.

The official, who asked not to be identified further, said that scenario appeared to be the case again Friday, but that Iraqi paramilitary forces opened fire on them to block them from getting

out.

"Our interpretation of this is here perhaps are the first pieces of evidence of Iraqi people trying to break free from the Baath party regime and the militia," Col. Chris Vernon, a spokesman in southern Iraq for British forces, told Sky News Television. "And clearly the militia don't want that. They want to keep their population in there, and they fired on them to force them back in."

McCourt said a "couple of thousand" Iraqi civilians had tried to break out of the city in the north and west, but came under fire from Iraqi paramilitary forces inside.

"We are trying to save the people, return fire and rescue civilians," he said.

He said forces of the 1st Black Watch battalion in Warrior armored fighting vehicles were trying to wedge themselves between the militia fire and the civilian targets.



Chaos ensues as residents of Safwan, Iraq, rush one of the three trucks of food donated by the Kuwaiti Red Crescent Society Wednesday afternoon. The food rations for the rural border village that has been without electricity and water since the beginning of the war contained oil, flower, water, tea and bread.

British forces have ringed the southern city — Iraq's second largest with a population of 1.3 million — in hopes of eliminating units still loyal to Saddam Hussein and opening the way for badly needed humanitarian aid.

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan has warned of a humanitarian catastrophe if aid doesn't reach the city soon.

On at least three separate occasions, British units and coalition aircraft have fired on enemy Iraqi tanks and other armored vehicles that have streamed out of the city.

On Thursday, at least 14 T-55 tanks heading south out of Basra toward the al-Faw peninsula were destroyed by coalition airpower and groundfire, British officials said.

Air Marshall Brian Burridge, the top British commander in the Gulf, said Thursday that Saddam's paramilitary forces in Basra were forcing regular army troops to fight, threatening to kill them or to harm their families.

"In Basra we've come up against some stiff opposition from a mixture of regime paramilitary and the remnants of the Iraqi

army's 51st division who we believe have been coerced by the regime," Burridge said.

The British say they are coming to the defense of Shiite Muslims who they say rose up in the streets against Saddam Hussein's Sunni Muslim regime on Tuesday.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair has promised backing for the insurgents.

Keeping supply lines open

The Associated Press

One group of Marines traded fire with Iraqi forces Friday amid the burning buildings of An Nasiriyah, while others pushed north of the strategic city in a grinding bumper-to-bumper movement of weapons and supplies.

Clashing repeatedly with Iraqi fighters in front and behind, the convoy was moving at night, headlights out, on a fighting drive north toward Baghdad.

What the Marines have been doing is "blue-collar warfare," said Lt. Col. B.P. McCody, commanding officer of the Marine 3rd Battery, 4th Regiment. "There's no magic solution to it. It is just the hard-grinding work of patrols."

At least one American was reported killed in the fighting. Two other Marines were killed after they were accidentally run over by one of their vehicles as they slept.

At both the southern city of An Nasiriyah and Ad Diwaniyah in the south-central part of the country, the Marines called in Cobra helicopters and other aircraft to pound Iraqi ground forces — attacks made possible after a two-day sandstorm finally let up.

In An Nasiriyah, Marines and Iraqi forces exchanged tank and artillery fire in a clash that set the power plant and other buildings on fire and cast thick black smoke over the town.

A CH-46 Marine transport helicopter was forced to turn back after being fired on while trying to pick up casualties and deliver supplies to Marines fighting in An Nasiriyah.

Urban warfare

Armies typically lose up to one-third of their forces to death and injury when they fight in cities.

What attackers face

Roads: Structures can block sight, making it difficult to call for help.

Obstacles: Roadblocks, fire walls, smoke screens can slow advance, confuse attackers.

Danger for tanks: Vulnerable in city streets; need foot soldiers to protect them from ambushes.

What attackers can do

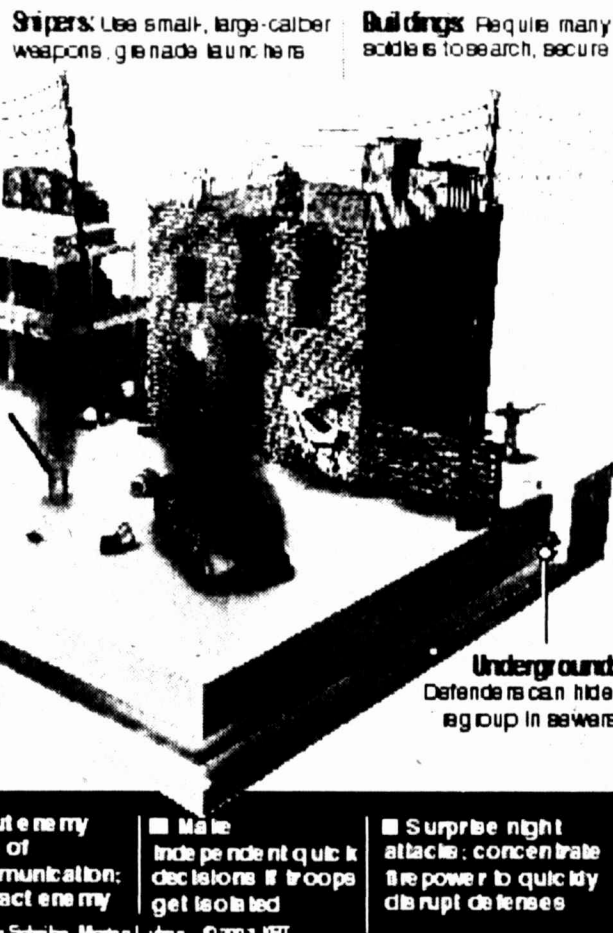
■ Get detailed knowledge of area

■ Reconnaissance, infiltration

■ Cut enemy lines of communication; distract enemy

■ Make independent quick decisions if troops get isolated

■ Surprise night attacks; concentrate firepower to quickly disrupt defenses



WAR

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drawing closer. With a new front opened by paratroopers in the north, U.S. forces are poised to move on the capital from multiple directions.

Wary of engaging the better-armed allies in open desert warfare, Saddam's government has been goading them to send ground troops into the city.

"The enemy must come inside Baghdad, and that will be its grave," said Defense Minister Sultan Hasidim Ahem. "We feel that this war must be prolonged so the enemy pays a high price."

U.S. Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, briefing congressional committees in Washington, suggested American troops might lay siege to Baghdad rather than invade, in hopes its citizens would rebel against the government. Rumsfeld drew comparisons with Basra, where British troops have delayed an assault in hopes Iraqi defenders

give up or are toppled by anti-Saddam civilians.

The Army's senior ground commander in Iraq, Lt. Gen. William S. Wallace of V Corps, told reporters of The New York Times and Washington Post on Thursday that unexpected tactics by Iraqi fighters and stretched supply lines were slowing down the campaign. "The enemy we're fighting is different from the one we'd war-gamed against," the papers quoted Wallace as saying during a visit to the 101st Airborne Division headquarters in central Iraq.

Brig. Gen. Vincent Brooks, at the daily briefing at U.S. Central Command in Qatar, insisted U.S. war planners had not underestimated Iraqi fighting capabilities, but said unexpected developments were inevitable in any war. He accused the Iraqis of using "terrorist death squads" who changed in and out of civilian clothes.

Brooks also said U.S.

and British troops were expanding TV and radio broadcasts in Iraq, including Baghdad, aimed at reassuring civilians and encouraging soldiers to capitulate.

U.S. Marines and Iraqi forces exchanged tank and artillery fire Friday in the strategic southern city of An Nasiriyah. Several buildings, including the power plant, were ablaze.

An Nasiriyah, on the Euphrates River near a junction of roads that lead from Kuwait to Baghdad, has been the scene of some of the fiercest fighting of the war.

Near the south-central city of Ad Diwaniyah, one Marine was killed and another injured in fighting with Iraqi irregulars at a cement plant in what one Marine officer, Lt. Col. B.P. McCody, described as "blue-collar warfare." Two other Marines were killed when a vehicle ran them over while they slept.

In Baghdad, smoke drifted across the city.

25 OR MORE INJURED Marines units exchange fire with each other

The Associated Press

More than 25 Marines from Camp Lejeune were wounded in a friendly fire incident near An Nasiriyah, one of the southern Iraq cities where irregular forces have put up far more resistance than American military planners expected.

U.S. officials said some or all of them were hurt when one Marine unit mistakenly fired on another Wednesday.

No deaths were reported and no Marines were missing from that incident, officials said.

The Pentagon also released a list of eight additional Marines reported missing in action since a battle Sunday near An Nasiriyah. Seven are stationed at Camp Lejeune and one is stationed at Cherry Point Marine Corps Air Station.

Second Lt. Kate VandenBossche, a Camp Lejeune spokeswoman, declined Thursday to comment on the wounded and missing soldiers.

In Jacksonville, home to Camp Lejeune, 2nd Lt. Kevin Claybon, 23, attributed friendly fire incidents to "the fog of war" while waiting outside a restaurant for a friend.

"During that time, with everything that is going on the battlefield, anything can happen, especially when it's combat," he said. "No one is deliberately trying to make mistakes."

A number of Lejeune-based Marines have been wounded or killed in fighting in or near An

Nasiriyah that began over the weekend.

Base spokesman Sgt. Spencer Harris said at least one Marine injured Sunday in fighting at An Nasiriyah would be returned to Lejeune. He could not say when that would be.

Sgt. Jose Torres, 26, suffered multiple gunshot wounds to his left pelvic area, his mother Karen Torres of Lorain, Ohio, told The Chronicle Telegram of Elyria, Ohio.

Torres' wife, Jennifer Williams-Torres, reached at the family's quarters at Camp Lejeune, said her husband would not want her to comment. They have a 2-year-old son.

Torres' mother, Karen Torres, said the family had been told her son was injured by shrapnel, but later was told he had multiple gunshot wounds.

"The nurse told us to be thankful because somebody was looking out for him," she said.

Lance Cpl. Joshua Menard of Camp Lejeune also was injured Sunday. He said during an interview at a military hospital in Germany that he and other Marines were attacked by Iraqis who appeared to be civilians.

Menard, 21, from the 2nd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, said he was hit in the left hand, severing nerves.

"I was up on the bridge with six other Marines, pulling security and letting our troops over when what would appear to be civilians came with AK-47s from the city side and started shooting at us," Menard said Thursday.

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Medical Center by ambulance, according to Department of Public Safety Trooper Marc Couch.

A 13-year-old student riding on the bus was also seriously injured in the mishap and was expected to be transferred to Lubbock for treatment of a possible head injury, said Fire Chief Brian Jensen.

An official with Scenic

Mountain Medical Center refused to release any information about the number of accident victims or their condition.

Two other students, passengers on the bus, received minor injuries and were transported to SMMC by private vehicle, Couch said.

Sandra Waggoner, Big Spring ISD business manager, said she received word of the accident around 7:20 a.m.

"The bus driver radioed

to Howard Stewart (director of transportation) about the accident," said Waggoner, who was one of several BSISD officials on the scene this morning. "Our normal procedure for this is to contact all the parents."

About 10 rural Howard County youths ranging from elementary to high school students were on the bus when the accident occurred, Waggoner said. The driver of the bus, Joy Horn, was also transport-

ed to the hospital.

According to Couch, the bus appeared to be stopped at the intersection, waiting for the truck traveling northbound on Highway 87 to pass.

"It appears the vehicle (truck) left the roadway about two-tenths of a mile, crossed over the drainage ditch and crashed into the bus, Couch said.

The collision destroyed the front part of the truck and left both the driver

and his passenger trapped, Couch said.

Firefighters were able to free the passenger before using the Jaws of Life to cut off the top of the cab to get to the driver. The passenger of the truck was taken by ambulance to the hospital. That man's condition was unknown at press time.

According to Jensen,

the driver and passenger of the truck were going into shock at the scene. The driver had received several lacerations and was bleeding.

Employees from Stoneville, a business is located directly across U.S. 87 from the accident scene, helped firefighters using a forklift to lift the bus off the pickup.

Driver fatigue may have been the cause of the accident, Couch said.

HEALTH FAIR

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free screenings and information, as well as various goodies.

"Free health screenings will include blood pressure, blood sugar, heart rate, balance testing, spinal screening, depression screening and a limited number of cholesterol tests, including triglycerides and glucose," said Bonnie Miller, Health Fair co-chairman and special project coordinator at Covenant Malone and Hogan Clinic.

A quick note: Those

who plan to have a cholesterol or blood sugar test done, should come "fasting."

The West Texas VA Health System will have a physician on-hand all day to conduct glaucoma screenings. The VA and Scenic Mountain Medical Center are just two of the corporate sponsors for the event, along with RSVP, Express Medical Supply, Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home, Mountain View Lodge, Odyssey Healthcare, Paradigm Physical Therapy and Warren Chiropractic.

"For the last several years, the local Health Fair has teamed up with a national organization to promote a specific health care issue. This year, the focus is diabetes wellness in conjunction with the American Diabetes Association, and the theme is 'Cure, Care, Commitment,'" said Amber Rich, director of medical staff at Scenic Mountain Medical Center and publicity chairman for the fair.

Special this year is a bone density sample test that will be available in conjunction with the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center in Odessa. The portable piece of equipment measures bone density in the ankle to check if a full bone density test should be scheduled.

Physicians will be on-hand to meet the community and mini-lectures are also planned. Dr. Cynthia Rutledge will present an osteoporosis talk and Dr. Susan Roberts will speak on women's heart disease. Both are new local family practitioners based at Family Medical Center.

Big Spring Police Department Citizens Police Academy will conduct finger-printing and photos for children's safety identification purposes.

Speaking of youngsters, the Howard County Extension office will lead some children's hands-on activities and Dimples the Clown will be available for balloon animals.

The Health Fair is a

come-and-go event and wraps up at 2 p.m.

In a related activity, Big Spring State Park, along with sponsors, will hold its annual Master the Mountain Fun Run and Walk atop Scenic Mountain, beginning with pre-registration at 8 a.m. The cost is \$10 per person and includes a special prairie dog T-shirt. Events include a 10K run, a 5K run and a 5K walk. Prizes will be awarded.

PARTY

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the organization in Big Spring for several years, we've just not had our own chapter."

The event will help raise money for the chapter.

"Basically it's a birthday party and a fund-raiser," Bodin said. "Also there's going to be a Northwest Texas Confederation of Clubs meeting on the same day. That's where all the different motorcycle clubs get together and meet. That's really a sight to see if you've never seen one."

Bodin said the

Confederation of Clubs meeting will take place at 4 p.m.

Of course, the event will include all the Big Spring bikers' favorite events.

"We're going to have a live band, we're going to have a poker run," he said. "The live band is from Amarillo. These guys have been getting big write-ups in the college newspapers, and that's where all the big bands started, on college radio. They're called 'Subtle Kaos.'"

The group also plans to help out the Howard County Sheriff's Office

with fund-raisers at the event.

"We're raising money for their ballistic vest program. Sheriff (Dale) Walker came and talked to us about it the other evening," Bodin said. "All the motorcycle organizations in town are going to get together and raise a little money in their own ways and give it to them to help them buy some ballistic vests."

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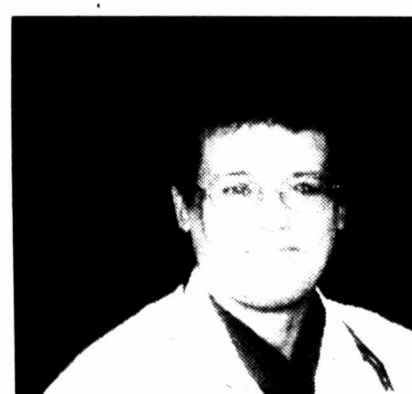
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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

Each week, the Herald salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play

This week we salute:

• **HOWARD COUNTY THIRD GRADERS** for exceeding the state passing average on the new Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills reading exam. Big Spring students had a 90 percent passing rate, Coahoma children a 98 percent passing rate and Forsan students a 100 percent passing rate, compared to the state average of 89 percent.

• **THE BIG SPRING CITY COUNCIL** and the **MOORE DEVELOPMENT FOR BIG SPRING INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS** for holding a public forum to explain the difference between 4A and 4B economic development projects and to get feedback on whether Moore's 4A funds should be used for 4B projects.

• **CYNTHIA BREYMAN**, Elbow Elementary fourth grade teacher, on being named Teacher of the Week.

• **THE BIG SPRING HERITAGE MUSEUM** for opening its new "Pioneers of Medicine" exhibit. The exhibit salutes the area's trailblazers in the field of medicine.

• **THE WEST TEXAS REPUBLICAN CLUB** for hosting a successful candidates' forum, letting Howard Countians get a closer look at seven of the candidates in the 19th Congressional District Special Election.

• **ORGANIZERS, STUDENTS AND QUAIL DOBBS**, participants in the 25th Annual Coahoma Kindergarten Rodeo.

• **CITY OF BIG SPRING COUNCIL AND STAFF** for another favorable audit and great strides in the ambulance, service station and general funds.

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The Herald is always interested in our readers' opinions.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Dear Lord, when we believe and trust in you, our world has no limits.

Amen

Don't allow anger to blind you

From time to time I hear people say that someone has hurt them or done them wrong at one time or another. These people are as we say "holding a grudge" and are unwilling to forgive the friend, family member or acquaintance that has hurt them. Friendships have been destroyed and families divided because of unforgiveness.

In some extreme and well publicized cases unforgiveness has led to murder and suicide. One such example is a person losing their job. Instead of moving on and putting that in the past they allow bitterness, hatred and anger to grow and fester in their heart. They allow the bitterness

and anger to blind them and drive them to a very destructive end.

Some years back, while I was living and working in Corpus Christi, I was passed over for a job promotion. I'll be very honest, I became upset and angry. I even allowed bitterness to grow in my heart. The Lord showed me that I was wrong to respond that way. He also showed me that I was not really trusting Him with my future and that I was doubting His being in control of my situation. I gave all my bitterness, anger and unforgiveness to the Lord and He helped me through that situation. Later on I realized that the position that I so desperately wanted was not all that it was cracked up to be. It would not have been a good fit for me. Guess what? Shortly thereafter I was moved to another position in the company that I really enjoyed. I realized then that God knew all along what He was doing and

that He was working things out. I just had to be patient and walk in forgiveness.

Unforgiveness can ruin a person, a business and a community. A person who holds on to unforgiveness will miss out on what God wants for their life. There was a woman in Brownwood, that had one of her children die. For many years she blamed God and allowed anger, unforgiveness and bitterness to grow in her heart. One day while she was in church, she heard a song. God's Spirit showed her some things and she gave the Lord all of her unforgiveness, anger and bitterness. That morning the Lord set her free from those feelings and emotions that had her in bondage.

In Genesis, there is the story of Joseph. At the age of 17 his brothers tied him up and they eventually sold him into slavery. For the next 13 years of his life, Joseph would either be in slavery or in prison. When

he was finally freed and he was reunited with his brothers, Joseph chose to forgive them. He even went the extra mile and took care of them. Joseph tried to reassure them with these words, "though you meant it for evil, God meant it for good." Joseph did not allow unforgiveness to have a place in his heart. He would not allow it to destroy and ruin him. Instead he chose to walk in forgiveness and to believe that God had a purpose and a plan for his life. Because he did that, God placed him in a position of great responsibility and used Joseph to care for and save many people.

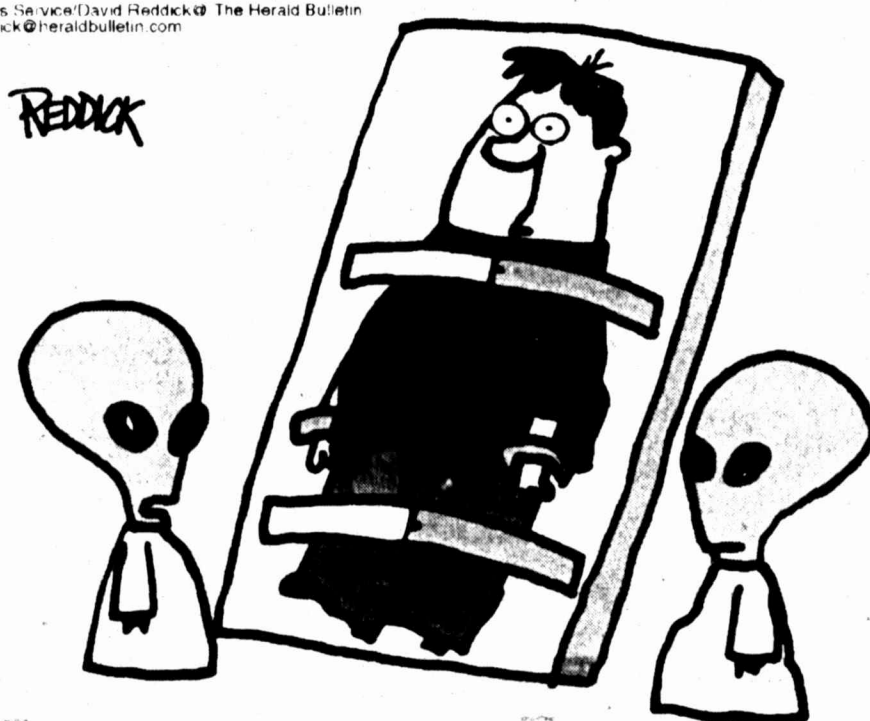
Don't give unforgiveness any room in your heart. If you are struggling with unforgiveness just take it to the Lord Jesus and give it to Him. Trust Him and allow Him to remove the bitterness and anger. Jesus loves you very much.

Jeff Janca is Pastor of Forsan Baptist Church



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YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

Four days after my sixteenth birthday, before Mr. McClellan was born, my body was wrecked with shrapnel from a mortar round. I received a card that read "not available for recall to active duty, neither by the President nor by an act of Congress."

I hold a commission as a Kentucky Colonel, the highest honor bestowed upon an individual by that state. As such I joined ranks with such notables as Winston Churchill, John Glenn and John F. Kennedy, to name a few.

George Bush and I formed a relationship based on mutual respect during his six years as Texas Governor. Today President Bush still holds forth his friendship with Sputnik for all to see.

Pick up a copy of the college textbook in Government and turn to page 190. You will read seven pages on our organization showing how the political process should work. I lecture college classes, corporate employees and many other groups across the country to get involved.

Most importantly, I am a biker. No more and no less than those other bikers ridiculed by Bill McClellan's article in this paper. To some I am considered the mentor of the biker movement in Texas.

To me, all were adept students and have become mentors in their own right. We have built the most successful political Grass Roots organization in this state. The shame should be for those not involved in the political process rather than for those who choose to make a difference.

Mr. McClellan says people fear us. I say that fear, if it exists, is caused by the unfair tactics of the media.

Mr. McClellan should spend his youth running through the snow, under heavy enemy fire, to the body of a comrade to retrieve ammo to continue the fight for his country as many bikers have done. Then he could speak of fear through knowledge of what it means.

He says if we want respect then we must earn it. Respect is earned before one ever becomes a biker. You must first become a man to make the grade as one of us. He praises the bikers in your city and respects them for the toy runs and benefits they do for the needy in your community. Those same bikers were among our ranks on Jan. 27 in Austin. One of your strongest chapters is in your fair city. Are they now less respectable for seeking justice than they were last month while passing out toys to the underprivileged in your city?

Respect from you Mr. McClellan? We seek neither your respect or even your acceptance. Our respect comes from a source much higher than yours. When we look in a mirror the man looking back respects us for who we are and what we do. That is the respect necessary to be a man and thus a biker. Of course no biker could have respect for a man who would use his influence at the newspaper to turn the public against a bill he as never read. Why did you not also report that this same bill passed with almost unanimous support last session and Rick Perry vetoed it? Tell them that those same legislators, theirs among them, believe this to be a good bill and are willing to pass it again. We would not respect you or your motives for this article but we do respect your right to express your opinion. Will the paper respect our right to do the

same thing?

Good citizens you have nothing to fear from bikers. We are the first to volunteer in time of need. We believe we should all take care of our own instead of expecting help from the government thereby giving them control of our lives. Our grandparents gave us the greatest country with the greatest form of government this world has ever seen. Instead of nurturing it to pass along to our grandchildren we have thrown it away by our lack of involvement. The bikers of this country are determined to take this government back and give it to our grandchildren the way it was given to us. We welcome your help in doing so. It is not a job for only a few.

We live by the motto "We each must do that which we can do the best of our ability." If this article is indeed your best, Mr. McClellan, then you have our pity. Keep your respect and your acceptance, we ask for neither from you. But we do demand equal treatment under the law and we will have it! So say I, so say we all.

H.W. "SPUTNIK" STRAIN
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TO THE EDITOR:

The United We Stand Prayer Rally and African Children's Choir event held on March 12 was a huge success.

The support and large attendance from our community was overwhelming and very much appreciated.

We would like to specially thank Everett Bender and the community leaders who prayed on behalf of our city, nation and our military men and women.

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Baptist Temple

March 30 we will have our 5th Sunday service. Evening service. Community is invited. Number of our people is growing. Their talent in singing the glory of God. If you like to come for Bible study, be glad to have you. a.m. Morning worship 10:45 and evening at 6. There is a nurse provided.

April 13-16, Church, renowned in the area of Bible prophecy, will be leading a "Prophecy Conference" at Baptist Temple.

For more information, call 267-8287; our website is www.baptisttemple.org, or visit us at 267-8287, corner of 11th and G.

First Assembly of God

You are invited to our Fifth Sunday Service. Sunday in the evening at 6. Our special theme for this month will be "Salvation from Men." Specials from groups here in Big Spring will also be included. Outstanding evening ship and music.

In the morning at 10:40, Pastor R. T. will be continuing.



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CHURCH NEWS

East Side Baptist

East Side Baptist, East Sixth Street and Settles, presents "The Pearsons," a wonderful family of southern gospel music, Sunday at 9:45 a.m. and at 10:45 a.m. You are invited to come and enjoys God's message in song and word. These folks will bless your heart with their sweet spirit and talent, totally given to the Lord. Nursery is provided.

Baptist Temple

March 30 we will have a 5th Sunday sing in the evening service. The community is invited to hear a number of our people share their talent in singing to the glory of God. If you would like to come for our morning Bible study, we would be glad to have you at 9:30 a.m. Morning worship is at 10:45 and evening worship is at 6. There is a place for everyone. A nursery will be provided.

April 13-16, Dr. J.R. Church, renowned scholar in the area of Bible prophecy, will be leading a Bible Prophecy Conference at Baptist Temple.

For more information call 267-8287; our Web site is www.baptisttemplechurch.org, or visit us at the corner of 11th and Goliad.

First Assembly of God

You are invited to the Fifth Sunday Sing this Sunday in the evening service at 6. Our special guest this month will be "Spirit of Salvation" from Midland. Specials from other groups here in Big Spring will also be included in this outstanding evening of worship and music.

In the morning service, at 10:40, Pastor R. T. Havener will be continuing his ser-

mons on the theme of the life of Jesus. This Sunday's message in entitled, "The Cross Upon Which They Crucified Him."

Everyone is invited to First Assembly located at Fourth and Lancaster.

Anderson Street Church of Christ

We at Anderson Street Church of Christ look forward to meeting all those in the community who plan to attend the free No Debt-No Sweat financial seminar. It is Sunday and Monday from 6 to 9 p.m.

Steve Diggs will be here from Antioch, Tenn., with the presentation.

Our seating capacity will determine the number of participants, so registration will be on a first-come-first-serve basis.

The seminar is free.

First Church of God

The First Church of God, 2009 Main, would like to invite the community to hear a wonderful singer and communicator of the Gospel of Christ this weekend.

Greg Allen, from Woodstock, Ga., will be sharing on Saturday evening at 6, at the Youth pizza party.

On Sunday, Greg will share in a time of worship and praise at 10:45, in the morning worship service.

Berea Baptist Church

This Sunday morning Berea Baptist Church will observe the Lord's Supper during the morning worship time at 11. The worship theme will be "Finding Peace in a Hostile World." During this same time there will be a worship service for children age four through fourth grade. The Sunday morning Bible study begins at 9:45. On Sunday evening at 6 we will have our Fifth Sunday Singing. Nursery/child care is

available at each service for children age three and under. Transportation is available by calling 267-8438.

The Wednesday evening Youth Bible Study has been changed to 7:30 p.m. Adults meet at the same time for a time of Bible study and prayer. Transportation is available by calling 267-6438 or e-mail at pdwheat@crcom.net. Berea Baptist Church is at 4204 Wasson Road.

First Baptist Church

You are invited to come to First Baptist Church this Sunday for Bible study through the Sunday school. We meet at 9:30 a.m., followed by a joint worship service at 10:50 a.m. Nursery provision for children three years of age and younger is provided. This Sunday's sermon title is "Pilate's Pandering" and will be brought to us by our pastor, Rev. Dennis Teeters. Youth Choir and Sunday Night Live begin at 5 p.m. and the evening worship service begins at 6 p.m. Pastor Teeters' sermon is "Wise Wisdom."

All senior adults are invited to come Tuesday, April 1, for our LLL meeting. Terri Johansen will update us on the do's and don'ts of spring planting. For information concerning any of the programs of our church, please

call 267-8223.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Everyone is invited to attend worship services at St. Mary's this Sunday. Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m.

Our Lenten program continues on Wednesday, April 2. The theme this week is "How Episcopalians Approach Prayer." The Rev. David Krause will be our speaker. The all-parish meatless Pot Luck Supper is at 6 p.m. We will end with a brief service of Communion.

The Inquirers' Class is on Thursday, April 3, at 6:30 p.m. in the library.

For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-8201 or visit our web site at www.stmarysbst.org. St. Mary's is located at 1001 Goliad.

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Come see us at the Health Fair this Saturday. We will have information concerning your "Spiritual Health" along with free prayer books.

St. Paul's Youth Song for Jesus is scheduled again for Sunday, April 6, at 5 p.m. Again we will have pizza

and praise for area teenagers and those who love and support teens. Join us for fun, food and fellowship with a focus on teens. Please call 267-7163 for more information.

First United Methodist Church

On Sunday, the members of First United Methodist Church will be "Taking It to the Streets" during the 10:50 a.m. worship service. This basically means they will be going door to door inviting people to church.

For more information on the project, call Betty Kelly at 263-2848.

The first worship service begins at 8:30 a.m. followed by Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

On Sunday at 5 p.m. there will be Maunday Thursday rehearsal in the choir loft of the FUMC sanctuary.

At noon Wednesday, there will be a Bible Study in

Garrett Hall with lunch provided. The cost of the lunch will be \$2.

The First United Methodist Church of Big Spring will host a noon Prayer Time on Thursday and a morning Prayer Time on Friday at 7 a.m.

The Kid's Club after school program for Grades 1-4, and the Children's Day Out program for the younger children is on going at First United Methodist Church. Kid's Club meets on Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m. and Children's Day Out is on Wednesdays and Fridays at 9 a.m. For more information, please call Loryne Colette at 267-7511.

First United Methodist Church is located at 400 Scurry. For more information on any of the programs, call the church office at 267-6394.

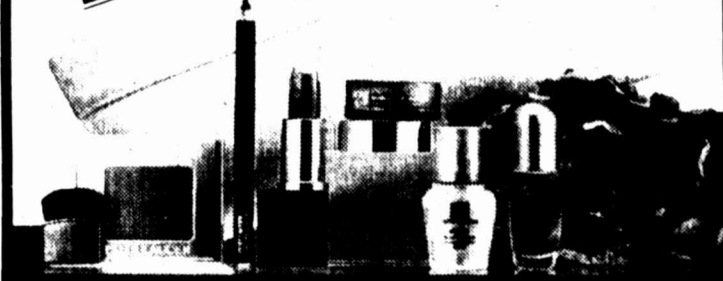


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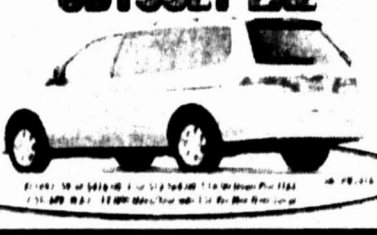
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Umpires need Little League

Little League umpires are needed for the season.

Anyone interested in calling Little League baseball game contact David at 263-4688.

Lifeguard course held at YMCA

A Lifeguard Training Course was held April 1 at the YMCA. The course is for persons taking the course must be 16 years of age and able to swim. The class is \$10.

For more information, call 267-4...

BSYSA seeks sponsors for

The Big Spring Softball Association is seeking teams for the 2003 season which begins in May. For more information call Kris L. (915) 264-3641.

Fast-pitch softball clinic set for

A fastpitch softball clinic will be held April 5-6 at Anderson. The clinic is for players ages 10-14. An all-skill level will run Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. pitching session will run from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. The clinic is \$10 per person.

For more information, contact Stewart at 267-1381, or Wington at 263-0616.

Rodeo team WTC event

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HC Crawfish slated for

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BSGSA in softball

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BSHS physicals given

Physicals for the BSHS student athletes will be held in the May. For more information, contact Rankin at 263-4688.

IN BRIEF

Umpires needed for Little League season

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Lifeguard course to be held at YMCA

A Lifeguard Certification Course will be held April 1-6 at the YMCA. The cost is \$175 per person.

Persons taking the course must be at least 16 years of age and be able to swim 500 yards. The class is limited to 10.

For more information, call 267-8234.

BSYSA seeking team sponsors for 2003

The Big Spring Girls Softball Association is seeking team sponsors for the 2003 season, which begins in April. For more information, call Kris Larson at (915) 264-3641, Ext. 196.

Fast-pitch softball clinic set for April 5

A fastpitch softball clinic will be held April 5-6 at the Roy Anderson Complex. The clinic is open for players ages 5-14.

An all-skills clinic will run Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The pitching segment of the camp will be held from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Each day of the clinic is \$10 per player.

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

Rodeo team set for WTC event tonight

The Howard College rodeo team will compete in the Western Texas College Rodeo this evening.

Action will begin at 7 p.m. in the Scurry County Coliseum in Snyder.

HC Crawfish Boil slated for April 12

The Howard College rodeo team's Crawfish Boil will be held April 12, beginning at 3 p.m., at the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl.

Tickets are \$15 per person. All proceeds got toward producing the annual Howard College Rodeo.

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

BSGSA in need of softball umpires

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

Anyone interested should contact Trev Larson at 264-6941.

BSHS physicals will be given in May

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

For more information, contact Andy Rankin at 264-3662.

Hawks' Sisson among leaders at WTC Rodeo

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

SNYDER — Brittany Sisson went into Thursday's opening round of the Western Texas College Rodeo rated as one of the top barrel racers in the region. Now everyone knows why.

Sisson, a freshman from Bastrop, La., turned in her third strong ride of the season and found herself within striking distance of the WTC barrel racing

title. She posted a time of 13.51 seconds in her first run of the rodeo and climbed into fourth overall.

"That's a good time here in Snyder," said Howard College coach Greg Kernick. "We'll see her again in the final round."

Sisson placed fourth in last week's Odessa College Rodeo. She is currently ranked in the Top 10 in the region.

The Hawks' Max Graham also enjoyed a solid performance in

his first run Thursday night at the Scurry County Coliseum. The Colorado City cowboy turned in a time of 10.7 in the calf roping event and goes into today's second round in sixth.

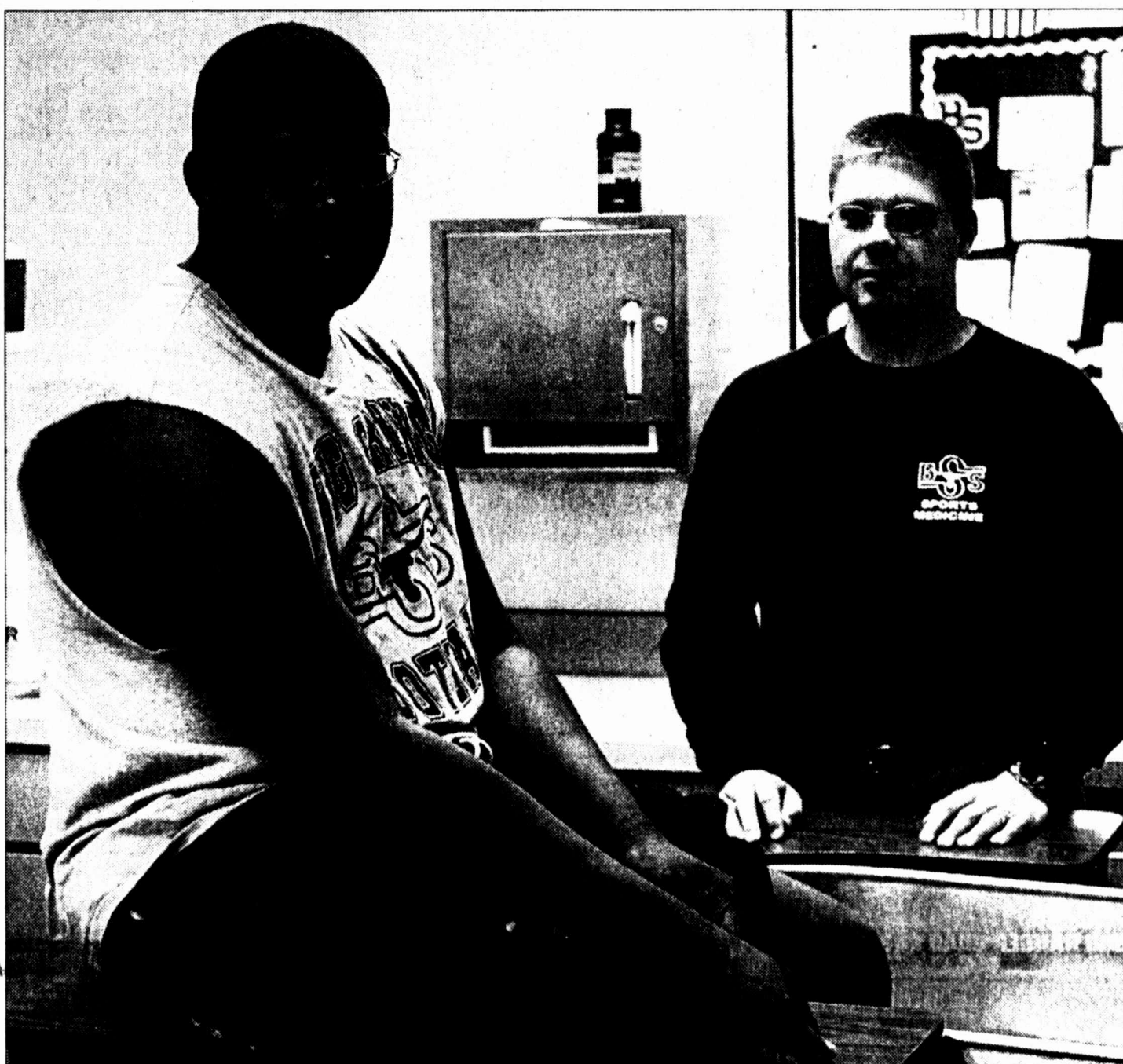
Teammate Trent Cornelius and Justin Fox weren't as lucky. Both went long in their first try, eliminating them from a chance at the average crown.

Danny McDowell continued to impress in the bull riding division. The region's top-rated

rider, he chalked up a score of 80 on his first bull.

Trent Broussard also competed in the bull riding competition Thursday. He recorded a 64 and finished out of the Top 10.

The Hawks and Lady Hawks will continue their rodeo action this afternoon. Among the HC standouts expected to compete today are barrel racers Terena Ream and Jesse Goodson. Ream led after the first round in Odessa.



Big Spring High School athletic trainer Andy Rankin, a Certified Athletic Trainer, looks on as Dexter Slaughter soaks his ankle in the whirlpool before school starts. Rankin and Howard College trainer Jim Campbell lead staffs that help athletes rehabilitate and overcome injuries that might keep them sidelined for extended periods of time.

The Few, The Proud The Unknown Trainers work behind the scene to help keep stars in the game

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Jazmaine Vanderbilt can relate to the characters Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones made famous in Men in Black. She, too, is kind of an unseen figure on the sports scene — even though she can tell you the name of almost every player on every athletic team at Big Spring High School.

Unseen maybe. Unappreciated ... no way.

Vanderbilt, you see, is one of the unnamed few who probably do more work ridding the Steers of dings and bruises whatever a scum of the universe throws at them. Vanderbilt and her 15 co-workers, are the true protectors of the Big Spring dreams. They labor for hours to help players, coaches and fans get the chance to make a run at the Promised Land.

What do they get in return for their vigilance? The chance to clean the whirlpool.

To be sure, being an athletic trainer is far from the most glorious of jobs. It might be one of the most important — in fact, more and more schools, colleges and professional sports franchises are hiring athletic trainers in order to help their athletes overcome

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Dwight Butler
Big Spring High School
AD/Head football coach

and prevent injuries that might well keep them off the field.

"The big thing in Texas that has driven the increase on athletic trainers is football," said Big Spring High School Athletic Trainer Andy Rankin. "Football is very competitive here and everyone is looking to get an edge. Coaches are always looking for a way to make their programs better. One thing they've found is if

they can prevent and rehabilitate injuries, they are able to keep their players on the field more.

"Once one team figured out they could use an athletic trainer to their advantage, everyone started saying 'Let's get a guy here that can help us with injuries.' Once coaches saw the need, they got real progressive about it."

Big Spring High School head coach Dwight Butler agreed.

"In sports in general, trainers are very important," said Butler, who has headed up the Steers athletic department for the past 12 years. "At a school our size where we have trouble with depth, it's important to have a trainer that can treat injuries and help the young men and women get back as quickly as possible. Andy and his student trainers do an excellent job of that."

Texas currently leads all U.S. states in the number of athletic trainers — mainly because of the sheer number of high school, junior colleges and universities found within its borders. But also because of its ability to cure, prevent and rehabilitate injuries that might otherwise be left untreated.

The rise in the trainer's stock hasn't parlayed into notoriety. See **TRAINERS**, Page 2B

Stewart. Boise State head into WGC finals

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Former Big Spring YMCA Sidewinders standout Stephanie Stewart would like nothing more than to help the Boise State Lady Bronco gymnastics team land a berth in the NCAA Regional Championships this weekend.

To do that, she and the Lady Broncos will have to turn in a strong effort Saturday in the Western Gymnastics Conference Championships. Four teams at the meet, including Boise State, are ranked.

Joining Boise State at the event will be nationally-ranked Cal State Fullerton, Utah State and Southern Utah.

Stewart, the daughter of Howard and Vicki Stewart, is a sophomore on a BSU squad ranked No. 36 in the nation. A former star for the Big Spring Sidewinders gymnastics team under coach — and current mayor — Russ McEwen, Stewart stars on the uneven parallel bars for the Lady Broncos.

Stewart and the Boise State team are scheduled to travel to Cedar City, Utah, to compete in the event. The Western Gymnastics Championships are being held on the campus of Southern Utah University.

The Broncos have been led all year by a number of gymnasts, including senior Breanne Holmes on vault, bars and beam, sophomore Carla Chambers in the all-around, sophomore Lindsey Thomas, sophomores Corinna Lewis, Kristin Gaare and Tiffany Putnam and Stewart.

Thomas is the defending conference champion on the balance beam.

CUGS sign-ups continue today

Late registration for the Coahoma United Girls Softball League will be held today at the First Bank of West Texas from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The fee for registering is \$35 per player.

Late registration will also be held Saturday evening from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Coahoma softball field.

For more information contact Laura Martin at 267-8660.

Forsan Relays slated for today

The annual Forsan Relays are scheduled to get under way today afternoon at the Forsan High School track. The meet is slated to begin at 2:30 p.m.

Teams from Forsan, Stanton and Sands will participate in the meet.

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TRAINERS

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Rankin, himself, didn't know what a trainer was when — as a high school student at Avon High School in Indiana — he was presented with a recommendation from the Avon head football coach that he pursue the trainers' path.

"I didn't know anything about being a trainer," said Rankin, who is now one of two certified and licensed athletic trainers in Big Spring. "We didn't have a trainer at that time. One day the coach told me I should try it because I seemed to like that."

The suggestion has paid off for Rankin, who attend Ball State University to receive training in the athletic trainer's field. After graduating from Ball State, he completed graduate school at The University of Texas at Tyler. He later was licensed by the State of Texas as a trainer — making him part of a profession that is now an allied medical position.

Prior to coming to Big Spring, Rankin worked two years as the head trainer at Troup High School in East Texas.

"It's been good for me," said Rankin, who has spent the past eight years as part of Butler's program. "It's a genre I enjoy. I like being around sports; I like being around kids; and I like to help people."

Getting started

Becoming an athletic trainer is not something reserved for those non-athletes who are simply looking for a way to escape classes. In fact, it may take more work than being an athlete — although there is the added benefit of not having someone trying to knock you to the ground while you're doing your job.

It isn't a glamorous job or anything close to it.

"It's a thankless job," said Butler, who has had two sons make their way through the high school athletic scene. "They work long hours for very little in return. It takes a lot of self-dedication and self-motivation to be a trainer. There aren't many people patting you on the back saying 'that tape job helped us win.'"

For the most part, working as a student trainer is a quiet job. It's gathering tape, pre-wrap, band-aids and water bottles. It's lugging around heavy coolers and towels.

The Big Spring High School student trainers are led by two seniors,

they some of taping and treating minor wounds," said Rankin. "They're a very important part of the program, though. What they do allows me the time to take care of the other stuff they can't. For their hard work, they get to clean a lot."

"It's a trainer's right of passage. The younger guys get to clean ... a lot," he laughed.

What Vanderbilt and her co-workers get in return is a possible career in one of the fastest growing fields in sports.

Under Rankin and Campbell, student trainers develop the knowledge and interest in the

a diploma in their chosen field. In addition, most entering the field are encouraged to obtain a secondary certification in teaching — a fact which aids a school in finding a full-time position in a district.

Beginning next year, the stakes will get even higher for student trainers looking to make the jump into the field. In 2004, the National Athletic Trainers Association mandated that all college students seeking to become athletic trainers must attend a school that has been certified to teach the course.

NATA's power to change the system shows the respect athletic trainers have developed over the past quarter of a century. After originally being formed in the 1950s, NATA dwelled in anonymity for more than 20 years before an increased popularity among Americans in sports in the 1970s. Since the invention of television brought sports into the main-

stream in the 1950s and 1960s, the role — and importance of athletic trainers — has risen dramatically.

Not 9 to 5

Becoming an athletic trainer is a profession that doesn't follow the normal 9-to-5 pattern. In fact, it doesn't follow a pattern at all. Rankin — along with his student trainers — normally begin their day long before most students arrive at the school.

The BSHS trainers normally hold a pre-school morning treatment session for athletes, meaning many of the student trainers arrive at the Big Spring Athletic Training Center more than an hour and a half before classes begin.

It only gets busier from there. Through the two or three hours Rankin and his student trainer

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HERALD photo/Tommy Wells

Working as a student trainer isn't one of the more glamorous parts of the sports field. It can, however, help many students land college scholarships and a career in one of the fastest-growing divisions in high school, college and professional athletics.

Josh Barnett and Lisa Ramsey. They lead a squad that includes juniors Natalie Nava, Melissa Strain, and Vanderbilt; sophomores Courtney Davila, Carissa Mattson, Melody McDaniel, Bryce Payne, Leighanne Wingo; and freshmen Ashley Barnett, Ashleigh Gentry, Toni Gonzales, Anita Gonzalez, Brittany Hartman and Vanessa Sanchez.

"They're invaluable," said Howard College athletic director Jim Lewis. "They help contribute to the overall well-being of the whole program. They have helped our program positively in every area."

"I know our coaches look on them very favorably," Lewis said. "I think, if they had to choose, they would rather do without some other things that the trainers."

Hollywood work it isn't. The student trainers have help prepare for practices and games, and

field that could land them scholarships to college. Of the 11 trainers on the Howard College staff this year, six are from Big Spring.

Campbell has served as the HC trainer for the past eight years. Prior to relacing Everett Blackburn at the college he served as the BSHS trainer for several years.

Making up the HC student trainers' staff are Eric Barber, Mike Barton, Krystal Cline, Allison Davis, Wade Green, Timothy Gutierrez, Heather Houston, Sara Murphree, Justin Pepperday, Tiffany Vanderbilt and Aaron Walden.

"Andy does a great job of teaching them the right way to do things," said Butler. "Because of that many of them get the chance to go on to college as a trainer."

Like any other certified job at the school, trainers are required to graduate from a 4-year college with

Okafor left Texas for greener pastures

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — If only Texas had recruited Emeka Okafor, he could have stayed much closer to home.

Instead, the Longhorns pursued a small point guard from Houston who beat Okafor in high school: T.J. Ford.

So unlike Ford, who went to Texas to build a basketball tradition, Okafor left Houston for a Connecticut program that already had plenty of history.

"It's a championship school with a championship coach," said Okafor, who fielded offers from Vanderbilt, Rice, Georgia Tech, Arkansas and Texas Tech.

Okafor's move has paid off for fifth-seeded UConn (23-9), which plays top-seeded Texas (24-6) Friday night in the South Regional semifinals at the Alamodome.

The winner advances to play Sunday against Maryland or Michigan State for a spot in the Final Four.

An academic All-American with a 3.73 grade-point average in finance, Okafor has

emerged as a defensive force for the Huskies. He averages 4.7 blocks, along with 15.7 points and 11 rebounds.

In a first-round win over Brigham Young, he had 20 points and seven blocks. He followed that with 18 points and 15 rebounds against Stanford.

With a school-record 288 career blocks, the sophomore was the Big East defensive player of the year. At 6-foot-9, 250 pounds, he's the kind of aggressive and athletic player who would fit perfectly into the Longhorns' lineup.

But Texas didn't pursue him because it had only two scholarships — one was promised to Chris Wright, who has yet to play because of knee injuries, the other went to a particular point guard.

"We probably made a mistake, but we thought we'd stick around and see if we could get T.J. Ford," Barnes joked. "Did I think he was going to be a good player? I don't think anyone knew Okafor was going to be as good as he is right now."

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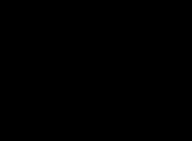
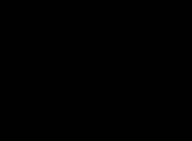
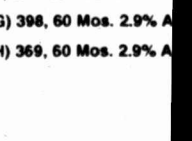
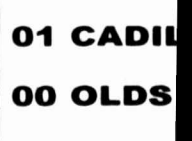
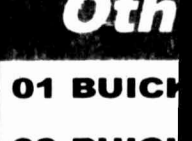
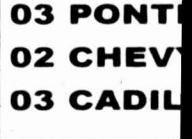
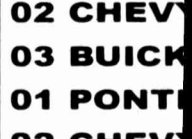
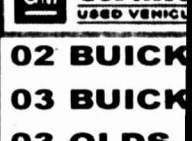
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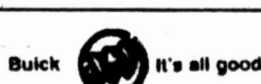
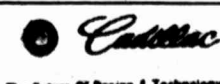
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staff tend to the BSHS male athletes. Then, shortly before lunch, they tend to the administrative end of the job — filing injury reports and other paperwork. After lunch, the BSHS female athletes begin practicing, meaning the training staff must return to action — a run that doesn't end on most days until well after the final bell sends most students home.

"They do a fine job," said Butler. It's not an easy job to be a trainer so I think it speaks highly of those individuals and their families that they are willing to stay long and work hard. Those families should be commended that they have raised young men and women who are willing to do that."

For Rankin, the school year is an extremely busy time. During football and volleyball season, he tends to the Steers almost non-stop and attends every BSHS football game road and away. Following football, he picks up the Big Spring varsity, junior varsity and freshman basketball programs, as well serving as the junior high athletic needs.

"It's tough on the family sometimes," said Rankin, who last Tuesday split time between the Lady Steers' softball game and the Steers District 4-4A baseball opener.

On the lookout

In addition to helping rehab injuries, Rankin said one of his major job focuses is to be aware of conditions that could result in an injury.

"A good description of the job is the cure, prevention and rehabilitation of injuries. You always try and look at ways to prevent injuries."

One of the biggest injuries Rankin and the Big Spring coaching staff look for are signs of concussions. During the past two or three years, concussions have become a major item. Concussions led to the premature retirement of NFL quarterbacks Roger Staubach and Troy Aikman.

"The thing we have to understand — and the coaches here are very good at — is realizing that while we want to challenge the athletes to get better, we don't want to push them too hard and endanger their health," he said.

Butler agreed.

"There's a difference in being hurt and being injured," he said. "You have to know how to deal with that as a trainer. You have to know how to deal with an athlete because their bodies respond different. You'd have to treat an old man like me differently than you would some of these athletes here because our bodies deal with things differently. An athlete can still compete if he's hurt if he's handled properly."

"A lot of people don't realize that being hurt and injured are different. If someone is hurt, the trainers can work with him to get back as quickly as possible. If he's injured, Andy will send him to the doctor. We won't take a chance with anyone."

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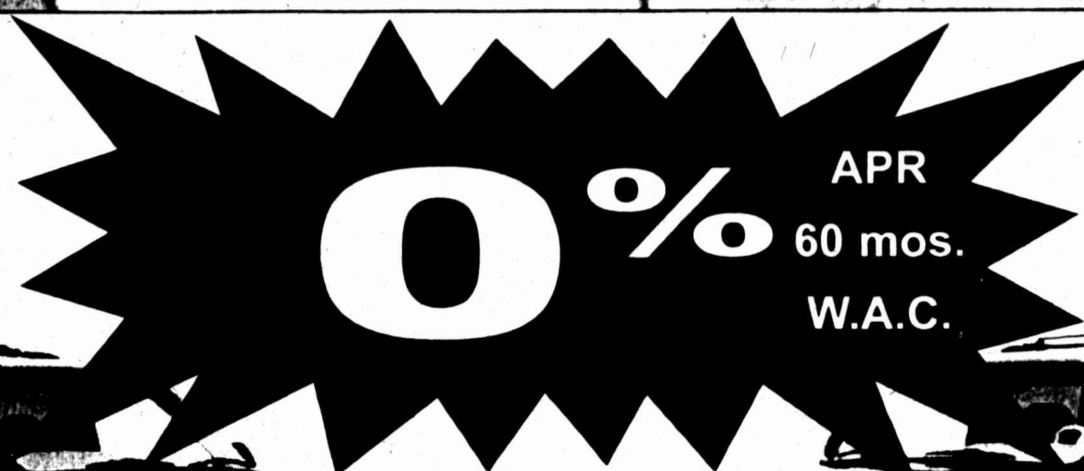
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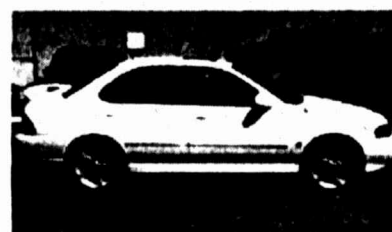
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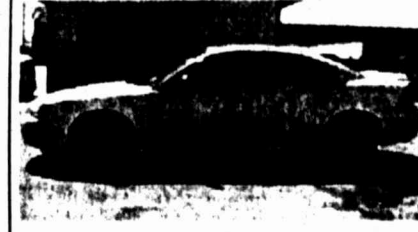
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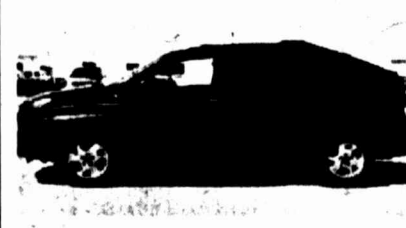
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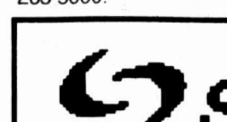
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Horoscope

BY JOYCE JILLSON
The Aquarius moon gives a delicious upbeat feel to the day's events.

Even if you are hard at work, the jovial exchanges zinging around make it seem like a party or friendly gathering. But Aries ambition must be reckoned with, so don't take the laidback attitude that seems to prevail as an invitation to completely blow off the task at hand.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Conversation has the effect of broadening your view of the world — and then, of course, you go about your business doing the exact thing you would have done had you gotten no opinions at all. Virgo influence helps you save.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The one who changes his or her mind all the time will finally come to a decision that sticks. This has a chain reaction. Suddenly, things that were stalled are moving around you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The urge to get close to one who doesn't want to be gotten close to is overwhelming — and destructive. Why make yourself feel bad? Resist any action that might make you seem immature — like impulsive e-mails, notes or calls.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There's no good reason to run your life the way others tell you to. Take the path of the eccentric, and delight yourself at how well things turn out. Getting the home in order seems to take all of your time and energy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You've got that imperceptible something people are attracted to, and today, they'll come out of the woodwork to brush elbows with you. Keep in touch with your social network — don't let anyone fall through the cracks.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 28). This year, your life changes for the better because you deal with deep-rooted issues. Next month, unexpected travel puts money in your pocket because you bring your special service or product to a new group of people. Singles make a special connection in the next four weeks (best signs for new relationships are Sagittarius and Leo). Your lucky numbers are: 6, 33, 21, 10 and 8.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You feel like a million bucks when you look like it. A hundred small details are all it takes to make a good impression. You've got 98 of them covered, so handle the other two this afternoon. Call someone you think might be hurting.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You've got energy and daring — a lucky combo. Pressure on the job creates friction, but it's what's needed to get the truth out in the open. Widen the circle of business contacts by attending a social function.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). An extensive effort will be necessary in order to get all completed, and you may put in late hours, but what you've got on the front burner has potential to add a big feather to your cap. Be thankful for blunt criticism.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You charm whomever you need to charm. Have confidence

in your ability. Exciting negotiations come to a close. You can relax in the knowledge that efforts are appreciated and ideas are valued.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). So much effort is required to get projects underway that you may have some trouble keeping up the rest of your life, especially the day-to-day stuff. If you don't have an assistant, you'll be thinking about getting one.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Re-evaluate goals now. Don't model yourself after those who are caught up in the trap-pings of success. Misunderstandings involving money are cleared up and dismissed. An educated someone lets you in on trade secrets.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It seems the world has conspired to keep you from your No. 1 goal. None of it is personal, but with so many people around you wanting different things, your own agenda gets lost in the stampede if you let it.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: With love planet Venus now coasting through probing, passionate, sentimental Pisces, our romantic needs seem to change on a daily basis. We want something meaningful, deep and important — but this means something different to everyone.

ARIES: You'll be running from whoever tries to pin you down, but Sunday will bring a pause as you reconsider.

TAURUS: You'll accept a proposal.

GEMINI: You're the one who ends the game playing in a relationship.

CANCER: Ask direct questions, and you'll get direct answers.

LEO: Make a list of what you expect from a love, but don't share the info.

VIRGO: Go the extra mile for someone who needs this — even if you don't know that person well.

LIBRA: You might find yourself in love by Sunday afternoon.

SCORPIO: Dare to let someone else lead — you'll love where he or she takes you.

SAGITTARIUS: If looking for love, you find it where people are buying and selling something.

CAPRICORN: Not getting what you want is a blessing, and by Sunday, you'll know why!

AQUARIUS: Your attitude is totally sexy. Believe in yourself, and ask out that Gemini or Pisces.

PISCES: A change in your appearance attracts new interest.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: Scorpio and Pisces are two water signs with much in common, including a sixth sense about what the other finds irresistibly sexy. Both enjoy the pleasures of a respectable home, a supportive family and friends. Together, they make an enviable couple, always putting up a stylish front. Behind closed doors, they may be critical of one another but can usually work out differences.

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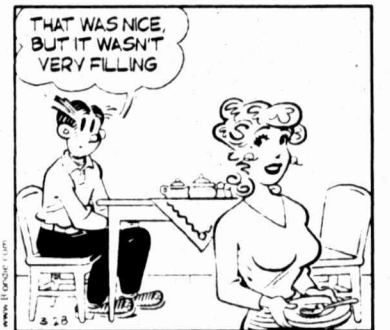


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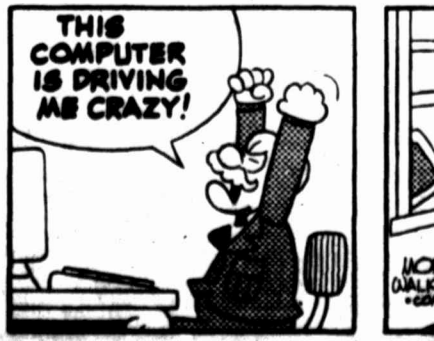
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People In The News

The Associated Press

MADISON, N.J. — Criticizing what he called the "arrogance" of President Bush and his administration, retired CBS News anchorman Walter Cronkite said war with Iraq could have unintended, dire consequences for the United States.

Speaking Tuesday at a Drew University forum, Cronkite issued a stinging rebuke of Bush and those who believe the war will be a quick, smooth operation that ends with Saddam Hussein's ouster. He said the refusal of France and other traditional U.S. allies to support the administration's plans signaled something deeper, and more ominous, than a mere foreign policy disagreement.

"I look at our future as, I'm sorry, being very, very dark. Let's see our cards as we rise to meet the difficul-

ties that lie ahead," Cronkite, 86, told a crowd of about 2,000 that included students, university officials, faculty and nearby residents.

Cronkite also chided Congress for not looking closely enough at the impending war and failing to ascertain a viable estimate of its eventual cost, particularly in light of Bush's commitment to tax cuts.

"The time has come to put all of our distaste aside," he said. "That is the duty we owe our soldiers who had no role in deciding this course of action."

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Elvis Presley's daughter quietly made her first singing appearance at an industry trade show.

Lisa Marie Presley's debut, to promote her first album's impending release, was before 1,000 enthusiastic record label executives and music sellers Tuesday at the National Association of Merchandisers' annual con-

vention. It was hard for the audience to hear Presley's voice above her band.

"She's a little shy, but she's new. Give her six months, and she's going to get much more comfortable," said Alan Josef Kaplan with the music production company Music Universe.

Kaplan added that Presley has "star presence," and "you can see (mother) Priscilla and Elvis both in her."

Presley, 35, was visibly nervous during her first song, saying, "This is our first real applause ever."

Her album, "To Whom It May Concern," is scheduled for release April 8.

Answer to previous puzzle

FANG ARCS IMAGE
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Newsday Crossword

SWEET SINGERS by Bob Frank

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ACROSS

- 1 Blood component
- 6 Sun protection
- 11 Greek X
- 14 Put on a pedestal
- 15 Punch in a password
- 16 Very trendy
- 17 "Sweet Caroline" singer
- 19 FedEx rival
- 20 "Weekend Update" show, for short
- 21 Nastase of tennis
- 22 Big-ticket
- 24 Normandy town
- 25 Bathtub sealant
- 26 Actor Kevin and kin
- 29 Rude of fiction
- 31 Criticizes
- 32 Watch over
- 33 Awfully long time
- 35 Entangle
- 36 Sheet of printed matter
- 37 Undeniable
- 38 Ref's call
- 39 Faux: Abbr.
- 40 Haute, IN
- 41 Provider of 6 Across
- 44 Hoped (for)
- 45 Adams and McClurg
- 46 Flake off
- 47 Walked, slangily
- 49 Backtalk
- 50 Send sailing
- 53 Luau serving

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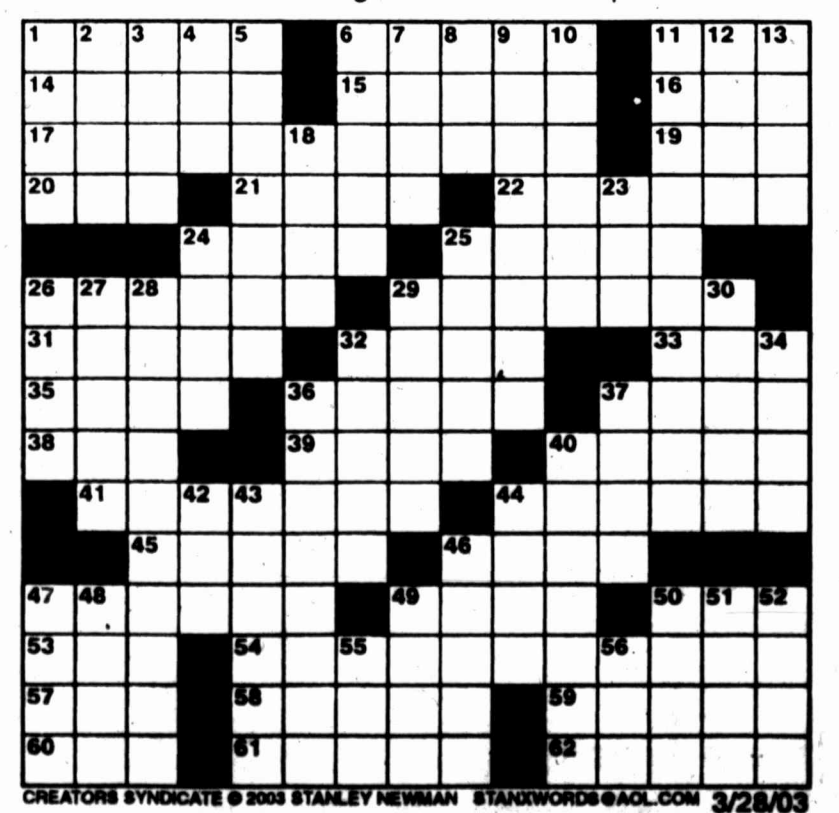
- 1 Lacking
- 2 Genesis site
- 3 Muddy the waters
- 4 Address for a browser: Abbr.
- 5 Highway dividers
- 6 Done in
- 54 "Sweet and Innocent" singer
- 57 Raggedy doll
- 58 Wheel alignment
- 59 The Sanction (Eastwood film)
- 60 Race segment
- 61 Speak in the Senate
- 62 Fantasize

7 Catcher's spot

- 8 In the past
- 9 20 Across' longtime announcer
- 10 Football play
- 11 "Sweet Little Sixteen" singer
- 12 Optimism
- 13 -bitsy
- 18 Seine sights
- 23 Dockworker's org.
- 24 Invitation word
- 25 "Cut the talk!"
- 26 Real-estate ad abbr.
- 27 Equally
- 28 "Sweet Seasons" singer
- 29 Contradict
- 30 "So Vain"
- 32 Big books

34 Have to have

- 36 Emergency exit
- 37 Greenish blue
- 40 In braids, perhaps
- 42 Mid-16th century year
- 43 Linked with
- 44 Cash in Cancun
- 46 Singer Freda
- 47 "Be ___!" ("Help me out!")
- 48 Not any
- 49 Huffly state
- 50 Theater box
- 51 Draft classification
- 52 Real-estate ad abbr.
- 55 Teachers' org.
- 56 Erstwhile space station



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