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WEATHER

Tonight:



TOMORROW TONIGHT 43°-46° 78°-82°

Blood drives set in Big Spring Saturday, Monday

United Blood Services will be in Big Spring twice between now and May 1 for anyone wishing to donate blood.

The first drive will be held on Saturday at the Big Spring Mall beginning at noon and running until 5 p.m. Anyone wishing to donate then should contact Kathy Lusk at the

Big Spring Mall, 267-3853. United Blood Services will be set up across from Hallmark cards.

On Monday, UBS will have its bloodmobile at Howard College from 9 a.m. until noon. The point of contact to volunteer to give is Marsha McNew at 264-5000.

Donors must be at least 17 years of age, weigh more than 110 pounds and be in good health. You also must have proof of identification and know the names of any medication you may have taken in the past 30 days.

WHAT'S UP... **TODAY**

☐ Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie Ladies Auxilalry, 7 p.m., Eagles

Lodge, 704 West Third.

THURSDAY

☐ Gideons International, Big Spring Camp No. U4206O, Herman's Restaurant, 7

☐ The Senior Citizens Center will host an Arts and Crafts session each Thursday from 9 a.m. to

11 a.m. ☐ The Coffee Club will meet at Gale's Sweet Shoppe at 10 a.m.

☐ Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room. Call Billy Smith.

■ Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets at 7:30 p.m., at 219 Main.

FRIDAY

☐ Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

☐ The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the **Howard College Cactus** Room.

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By CARL GRAHAM

Staff Writer

The 14th annual Christmas in April (CIA) is but a few days away and though severhave responded to the cry for help over the past few days. more are needed, according

to chairman Don Riley.

RILEY

this past week," said Riley.
"Due to the help of our media we have had several calls from groups saying they would like to help. Due to that response we now have five confirmed projects to be done and two other groups have volunteered to help but there is no confir-

"We are grateful for the

response that we have had

assignments.' Alon Refinery has volunteered to take on one of the projects while Bob's Custom Woodwork has taken on two

mation as yet on those

TO HELP

Call 263-0147 before Saturday or come to the CIA headquarters, 409 E. Third St. Saturday morning

smaller projects. Other groups volunteering have been Family and Friends of Coahoma and St. Paul Lutheran Church.

Others that have volunteered to take on a project but have not been confirmed or assigned are

groups from Trinity Baptist located at 409 E. Third Church and Cornell Corrections. Big Spring Key Club has also called and said it will assist on one of the projects that needs help, according to Riley.

"We appreciate those young folks calling to say they are willing to help anywhere they are needed," "We also said Riley. received calls from four or five individuals who volunteered to help us out and we need to get them assigned to a project."

Bob's Custom Woodwork,

Christmas in April volunteers still needed this weekend Street, has been designated at the headquarters for this year's Christmas in April.

> "We will have Jan Noves there on Saturday beginning about 8 a.m.," said Riley. "Anyone wishing to help can show up there and we will assign them to a project. Don't think you can't be used because everyone has different talents and no one will be turned away if they want to help.

> Anyone who would like to volunteer to help may do so by calling 263-0147

Relief route

Most forum participants favor proceeding with U.S. Highway 87 bypass

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Managing Editor

You can't please all of the people all of the time, but a vast majority of those who

attended Tuesday night's public meeting on the proposed Highway truck reliever route to the west of Spring Big

indicated they approved plans sug-

CROOKER

gested by the task force charged with developing the project.

As a result, the group will press on with their efforts to finish a feasibility study to be presented to the Texas Department

Transportation (TxDOT), as well as seeking state and federal funding for construction of the project.

Bill Crooker, chairman of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce's transportation committee, explained to the group that the task force identified a number of important issues during its planning. Foremost among those issues were traffic, safety, economic impact and environmental concerns.

Crooker noted that three potential routes for the route were considered by

the task force - the first between Stallings Road and the McMahon Wrinkle Airpark (Route A); the second employing Stallings Road West to Cauble Road (Route B); and the third labeled as Cauble Road West (Route C).

All three routes begin at points on U.S. 87 south of Big Spring, proceed west then north and intersect Interstate 20 and continue north before terminating at the intersection of FM 700 and U.S. 87 north of the city.

The three potential routes. were rated by evaluating the parameters developed by the task force, Crooker added, and the track for Route A was deemed best due to access it would provide to the airpark, the least disruption of homesteads. would have fewer intersections with existing highways and the fact that it was the shortest of the three alternatives

Crooker and TxDOT area engineer Art Barrow noted that Route A would be a 15mile roadway carrying a total price tag for development and construction of approximately \$50 million.

City councilman Oscar Garcia and Howard County Commissioner Jerry Kilgore both indicated that their entities endorse the reliever route project, citing

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Council turns down two requests until further review by city staff

Julio Nunez, an employee of Dean Hagler Paint Construction of Abilene, paints railings

behind the old Howard County library that is being renovated into district court offices.

The construction is expected to be completed in June.

HERALD Staff Report

At the request of staff, Big Spring City Council members on Tuesday turned down requests to set up a fee system for anyone needing ambulance records and the purchase of property on Victory Street.

Both needed further study before being addressed by the council, staff members said. City Manager Gary Fuqua said there were some legal questions that need to be answered before the

emergency medical service department. Although some cities have implemented a fee, Fuqua noted, the city's attorney has noted that recent changes in the law might have a bearing on the fee structure.

A request to purchase property on Victory Street was denied when it was determined that the city did not own all of the property

request to charge a \$30 fee the potential property buyer for anyone wishing copies in touch with the owner of medical records from the before proceeding with the sale.

HERALD photo/Carl Graham

Council members approved the only two new items of business on the agenda. Those were payment of late homestead exemption refunds and authorizing expenditures from the capital revolving fund for slides at the swimming pool. Last week, the

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Food service, trustee election reminder on BSISD agenda

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Joann Smoot, food service director for the Big Spring Independent School District, will give a nutrition update when trustees at noon Thursday.

Also on the agenda, board members will be reminded of future dates, including the May 5 election for the three at-large trustee positions set at the Big Spring High School cafeteria from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Incumbents Steve Fraser, Al Valdes and Mike Dawson are seeking another term and are joined by Phillip Furgueron and Kent Sharp.

Early voting for the race continues through Tuesday at the County Clerk's office in the Howard County Courthouse. The method for the BSISD

election, used only for atlarge position elections and not in single-member district elections, allows voters to vote three times for one person, counting as three separate votes, twice for once person and once for another candidate or once for three people.

Voters only have three votes total. If a ballot has more than three votes, cumulatively, the ballot is disqualified. The positions will be filled by the candidates that receive the largest number votes.

On May 17, trustees will meet with BSISD attorneys in executive session concerning the Big Spring Junior High litigation at

The BSISD is currently in the discovery phase brought against Terracon Consultants for all past and future damages to the junior high building, as well as interest, attorneys' fees and court cost.

The school began to show problems as cracks developed in the walls and flooring shortly after it was open BSISD is seeking payment

from Terracon for all past and future damages to the

building, as well as interest, attorneys' fees and court

costs. Terracon Consultants, headquartered in Lenexa, Kan., was the firm hired by the district to determine if the soil at the site was suitable for construction of the junior high building. The suit charges that in 1996, Terracon reported it had found the site to be suitable. However, it has since been determined that the a canyon once existed on the

State hospital honors hundreds of volunteers

By VALERIE AVERY

Herald Correspondent

Longtime volunteer Ruth Stephenson was honored Tuesday with the annual Jack

Smith Award at Big the **Spring State** Hospital Volunteer Services Countil Annual Awards

Luncheon "Volunteering

BODIN Expands Your Horizons... Your Spirit Uplifts Us All."

KWES-TV News Anchor Jay Hendricks served as master of ceremonies and spoke on the importance of volunteerism during the luncheon.

The luncheon honored the 240 volunteers who donated more than 8,500 hours last year to benefit the patients Spring State at Big Hospital.

Stephenson has logged 3,742 hours since she began volunteering in the mid-90s. The Midland native works two days a week in the Community Relations office

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Big Spring State Hospital presented its top awards to volunteers during the annual Volunteer Services Council **Annual Awards** Luncheon, From left are Karen Brewer, Star Award winner; Ruth Stephenson, Jack Y. Smith award winner; Ed Moughon, CEO of Big Spring State Hospital; and Betty Lee, Region I Volunteer of the Year. Not pictured are Shirley Bodin, Star Award winner and Dorothy Sheppard, Rookie of the Year.

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26.2 + .35

43.88 -.92

88.77 + 1.28

38.11 + .55

113.52 + .85

28.75 + .39

9.05 nc

43.7 + .55

58,52 + .12

40.36 + .66

35.1 + .35

71.6 + .54

43.75 + .33

37 + .21

50.4 + .3

16.96 -.24

29.83 -.05

262-264.8

7.5 %

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Texas Instrument35.6 -1.9

Wal-Mart/Mexico 24.5 - 25

FIRE/EMS

The following is a summary

of the Big Spring Fire

12:45 a.m. — 1700 block of

9:36 a.m. - 1700 block of

Lancaster, medical call, one

patient transported to

9:57 a.m. — 1700 block of

Purdue, medical call, one

patient transported to

Scenic Mountain Medical

10:10 a.m. - 2300 block of

Wasson, medical call, one

patient transported to

11:02 a.m. - 700 block of

Gregg, medical call, one

patient transported to

12:25 p.m. - 500 block of

Galveston, medical call, one

patient transported to

12:33 p.m. - 1300 block of

Gregg, medical call, one

patient transported to

3:41 p.m. - 2000 block of

Main, traffic accident, two

patients transported to

4:19 p.m. - 1600 block of

Lark, medical call, one

patient transported to

4:48 p.m. - 900 block of

Goliad, medical call, one

patient transported to

6:17 p.m. - 600 block of

State, trauma call, service

RECORDS

Tuesday's high 75

Tuesday's low 44

Average high 82

Average low 53

Month to date 0.84

Year to date 3.68

PHIL FURQUERON

ELECTION DAY - MAY 5

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Record high 101 in 1959

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OBITUARIES

Egelee Patterson

Egelee Patterson, 93, of Big Spring, died on Tuesday, April 24, 2001, in a local nurs

ing home. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m., Friday, April 27, 2001, at the Nalley-Pickle



Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Dudley Mullins, pastor of East Fourth Street Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Coahoma Cemetery.

She was born on Oct. 21, 1907, in Rosston and married Morris Clifton Patterson on July 25, 1928, in Lubbock. He preceded her in death on December 11, 1953.

Mrs. Patterson worked for Cosden Oil and Chemical Company as an addresser in the graph room for ten years, retiring in 1968. She enjoyed quilting, tatting and stamp collecting. She loved her family, especially her husband, daughters and grandchildren.

She was a member of East Fourth Street Baptist Church and of the Rebekah

Survivors include her daughter, Dorthy Derden of Abilene; one sister, Levie Mae Rowland of Morton; 13 grandchildren, 30 plus great-grandchildren; and numerous great-greatgrandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by one daughter, Katherine Edwards; and one granddaughter, Julie Ann Edwards.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society or the American Heart Association.

Grandsons and great grandsons will serve as pallbearers and all other grandchildren are considered honorary pallbearers.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral www.npwelch.com

Elida Garcia Charo

Funeral service for Elida Garcia Charo, 59, of Stanton, was at 10 a.m., Tuesday, April 24, 2001, at St. Joseph Catholic Church with Father Arturo Pestin officiating and Deacon Ernie Sanchez assisting. Burial was at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery.

Mrs. Charo Saturday, April 21, at a Martin County hospital. She was born on June 18,

1941, in Jim Wells. She was a homemaker.

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Egelee Patterson, 93, died Tuesday. Services will be 1:00 PM Friday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel. Rosewood Interment will follow at Coahoma Cemetery.

Ethel L. Bonnington, 91, died Saturday, April 21, 2001. Memorial services will be 2:00 PM Tuesday, May 1, 2001, at St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

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Survivors include her mother, Margarita Sepeda of Stanton and her stepfather, Pablo of Stanton; one son, Wallace Charo Jr. of Denver, Colo.; two daughters, Betty Ramos of Denver, Colo., and Susie Rodriguez of Odessa; two sisters, Arcilia Charo and Estella Hodges, both of Stanton; one brother, Elias Garcia of Sundown; and

five grandchildren. Arrangements are under the direction of Stanton Memorial Funeral Home and Chapel.

Billy Wayne Cozart

Funeral service for Billy Wayne Cozart of Odessa has been scheduled for 4 p.m., Thursday, April 26, 2001, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will be at Resthaven Memorial Park. Visitation has been set for Wednesday, April 25, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Ellis Funeral Home.

COUNCIL

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council approved some \$48,000 to purchase the slides, which will be placed the deep end of Comanche Trail Park Swimming Pool. The pool has been closed for a year but is undergoing renovation and should be open for Memorial Day, city officials

Approved on second read-

 declaration of unopposed candidates Mayor Russ McEwen and District 5 Councilman Joann Smoot as elected to office;

 an ordinance amending the purchasing procedures manual regarding dollar limits;

final replat of Lot 1, Block 4 in the Lockhart Addition and rezoning from light commercial to planned development; q 4211

· a contract with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice removed asbestos from the building housing Wilderness Camp inmates at the airpark;

· and a change order for the wastewater treatment plant improvements primary clarifier/trickling filter project.

ROUTE

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TxDOT projections that traffic along U.S. 87 will quadruple within the next decade.

Such traffic, Barrow noted, would create gridlock on an even greater scale than that which has been experienced during the current widening project on Gregg Street and the Lamesa Highway between Interstate 20 and downtown.

While a handful of those in attendance expressed concerns about hazardous cargoes being carried near residential areas and the impact decreased traffic along Gregg Street might have on local businesses, a show of hands at the conclusion of the meeting made it clear that only five of those in attendance were not in favor of the task force proceeding with its efforts.

Barrow indicated that the reliever route project is listed on TxDOT's long-range plans list, calling for completion in 15 to 25 years.

However, Crooker indicated that if funding for the project could be secured more quickly, it could become a reality much soon-

That does not mean construction could begin immediately even if funding were

already available. Members of the task force still have to appear before the Texas Transportation Commission, present their feasibility study and receive the state's blessing for the



project — a step that could take six months.

In addition, acquisition of the right-of-way for the project is expected to take between two and three years and construction could take another three years.

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and serves as council secretary, is on the State Volunteer Nominating Committee, and is the designated representative for Big Spring State Hospital.

"She is the glue who holds the volunteers together,' Big Spring State Hospital Director of Community Relations Billie Russworm said. "She arrives early and leaves late. Volunteering here is her career. She has a second home in Ruidoso but won't go because she believes she needs to be

."Working here is very meaningful to her. There is no way to estimate how much she benefits the patients by being here.

Stephenson has received other awards on the state level, including the Region I Volunteer of the Year; and on the local level Rookie of the Year and the coveted Star Award.

The Jack Y. Smith Award is the highest award a volunteer can receive locally and is given in memory of Smith, who was state chairman of the Texas Volunteer Services Council. Smith's son, Steve, who also is a volunteer, presented the while Smith's widow, Edna Faye, looked

Two Texas Department of Mental Health Mental Retardation "Star Awards" were presented to volunteers Karen Brewer and Shirley Bodin. The awards are presented locally at each state facility to two individuals who have donated their time to a particular project.

Brewer, who has volunteered 204 hours at Big Spring State Hospital served spring State Hospital served 110; and Beatrice Webb 129. Slicense restrictions. as chairperson for the 200-Hour Pins bid 100 Lamber Officense restrictions. dentine's Day fund-raiser, which raised more money than ever before. She is responsible for the upkeep on the Marilyn Newsom Family Lodge and serves on the Volunteer Services Council Board.

Brewer was nominated for the award for being a "go anywhere, do anything shining star, who is a strong promoter of the volunteer programs at Big Spring State Hospital.

Bodin, who has volunteered 998 hours since beginning her volunteer career at Big Spring State Hospital five years ago is responsible for stocking the storeroom and shopping for patient needs; taking inventory and filling orders at the Fashion Shop; and working in the reception area of the Professional Building.

"She is the type of volunteer, who makes every project she tackles run that much smoother," Russworm said. "She is just wonderful; a tireless worker.

For the first time, a group Star Award was presented to members of Big Spring High School's Key Club for their donation of homebaked cookies, magazines, clothing and stuffed ani-"We were so lucky this

year to benefit from the activities of the Big Spring

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Building of the 14th and

Main Church of Christ. All

current and former resi-

dents, teachers, ex-students

and their descendants are

part of the Moore Reunion.

Time will be given for each

one who wishes to relate

any of their memories from

years past. Any information

regarding those who have

died since our last meeting

would be appreciated.

Please call Zirah Bednar at

THE BIG SPRING KEN-

NEL CLUB annual dog

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POLICE

The Big Spring Police

Department reported the

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MICHAEL MENDOZA

8 a.m. Tuesday through 8

32, of 1003 Brumley, was

arrested on local warrants

and a Parker County war-

• JOE CORREA, 42, of

1004 Howell, was arrested

on charges of driving while

license invalid, no liability

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arrested on local warrants.

• MARCUS RICE, 39, no

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MARKETS

BRIEFS

High School Key Club," Big Spring State Hospital CEO Ed Moughon said. "Our young people are our future. We want to get them involved in the hospital and the health care field. Not only did we show them what we do out here, but our patients benefited great-

ly from their willingness to

give." Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Betty Lee was recognized as Region I Volunteer of the Year for her many years of service. Lee received the award at the recent state 43rd Annual Volunteer Services State Convention Membership Conference in Houston. She was selected from among volunteers at all the Texas Department of Mental Health Mental Retardation centers, schools and hospitals in West Texas and the Texas Panhandle.

Spring State Hospital's Rookie of the Year Dorothy Sheppard also was recognized during the state convention. Sheppard has provided monthly birthday parties on one of the hospital's units and shopped for and wrapped presents for 48 patients on another

"She has done so much during her one year here,' Russworm said.

Moughon presented pins to volunteers reaching a certain level of hours as of Dec. 31.

Those recipients and the number of volunteer hours they worked are: 100-Hour Pins

Laurie Bailey 150; Bradley Benedict 150; Sara Caddell 102; Mildred Carlson 102; Lara Cline 114; Elmira Forman 103; Debra Guillen 150; Nancy Kimbell 103; Debra Lancaster 101; Susan Lewis 106; Sally Mendoza 100; Margaret Ray 109; Dorothy Sheppard 124; Myrl Soles 104; Mona Lou Tonn, and violation of driving 110; and Beatrice Webb 129.

Mildred Carlson 206; Cliff Slate 202; and Cyneather Woodruff 208 300-Hour Pins

JoAnne Forrest 302. **500-Hour Pins**

Lana Anguiano Sandra Cox 507; Pat Dickenson 508; Penny Hill 509; Suzanne Markwell 503; and Carol Scott 502.

800-Hour Pins Steve Smith 808. 1,000-Hour Pins

Shirley Bodin 1,002; Doris Huibregtse 1,006. 1,100-Hour Pins Jobeth Corwin 1,171;

Nancy Patrick 1,108. 1,200-Hour Pins Betty Lee 1,266; Verl Miller 1,206.

1,300-Hour Pins Betty Lee 1306; Peggy

Marshall 1,301; and Charles Rainwater 1,309. 1,500-Hour Pins Augusta Cook 1,521.

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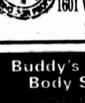
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Amendment to sweepstakes bill outlaws slot machines

AUSTIN (AP) — Most so-called eight-liners, or casino-style slot machines, would be outlawed under a bill given preliminary approval Tuesday by the Texas

The gambling amendment by Rep. Will Hartnett, R-Irving, was slipped into a bill sponsored by Rep. Rob Junell, D-San Angelo, that would increase the regulation of sweepstakes such as Publishers Clearing House.

The amendment was approved 96-45 after opponents argued it would force innocent businesses like pizza restaurants that have slot-like kiddie games out of busi-

"It would do away with Chuck E. Cheese and it would do away with Peter Piper Pizza," said Rep.

Pat Haggerty, R-El Paso. But Hartnett said eight-liners are ripping off working-class and elderly people in epidemic propor-

"Just down the street from my family, there's a 24-hour eightliner parlor right in the middle of family businesses," Hartnett said. 'There was a lot of concern that if we didn't try to do something this session it could get a lot worse, fast.'

Violators of Hartnett's bill could be fined up to \$50,000. Military vetexempt from the bill. Two years ago, operators beat

back an anti-gambling crusade by former Gov. George W. Bush and repeated attacks from legislators.

Vague state laws have stymied Department of Public Safety efforts to eradicate the machines, despite the state attorney general's declaration that all video slots offering payouts are an illegal violation of the state's ban on casino gambling.

Officials have been trying since the 1980s to outlaw eight-liners, Harnett said, but lobbyists have killed every attempt.

"In the absence of a clear erans' organizations would be instruction from the Legislature a

lot of law enforcement has been reluctant to address this problem," Harnett said.

DPS and industry officials estimate Texas has at least 40,000 gaming machines — twice as many as in 1999.

Louisiana, where casinos and video poker are legal, has 28,895 gaming machines, and Atlantic City's 12 casinos have 36,000.

Junell's bill prohibits sweepstakes companies from leading people to believe that they have won a prize when they have not. The bill also requires sweepstakes companies to tell customers that a purchase does not increase their chances of winning.

If companies violate those, or any rule in the bill, they could be fined up to \$50,000 for each viola-

Junell said he was inspired to pass the legislation because of his late father, who last year thought he won \$10 million from Publisher's Clearing House.

After his father died, Junell found dozens of unread magazines and unopened cassette tapes in his father's home.

"What he got was fraud," Junell said. "Unless we do something about this in this Legislature, it is just as much fraud if they came and stole money out of your pock-

McVeigh viewed bombing as success: professor

Timothy McVeigh believed people had to die to get the government's attention. says a Lamar University professor who interviewed McVeigh.

Stuart Wright, who interviewed McVeigh several times as part of his defense team, said the first question he wanted to ask McVeigh was about the timing of the April 19, 1995, bombing that killed 168 people, including 19 children.

"I asked him, 'Why do it in the middle of the day

impact," Wright told the Beaumont Enterprise for a story in Wednesday's editions. "I'll never forget his answer. He said, 'You wouldn't get the government's attention that way. You can replace buildings. You have to have a body count.'

Wright said McVeigh viewed the bombing as a success.

"He sees it as a completed mission. He sees himself as a soldier.'

Stephen Jones of Enid,

Oklahoma City bomber could have had a symbolic lead attorney through the trial, brought in Wright, a professor in Lamar's sociology department, to help them understand more about the federal government's raid on the Branch Davidian compound near Waco.

> About 80 people, 17 of them children, died when fire destroyed the compound on April 19, 1993. Jones said Waco had a huge impact on McVeigh's motive for the bombing.

> Wright, who says the raid was unnecessary, said he

BEAUMONT (AP) — instead of at night when it Okla., who was McVeigh's thought defense attorneys were befuddled as to why Tim was angry enough to carry out the bombing. Jones agreed.

"He helped us understand it," the attorney said. "He helped us understand how Tim McVeigh saw it.'

interviewed Wright McVeigh several times between late 1995 and early 1996. He was under a confidentiality agreement that was lifted when two Buffalo, N.Y. reporters published a book earlier this month based on 75 hours of interviews with McVeigh.

House committee passes teachers insurance plan

AUSTIN (AP) — All pub-tricts, many rural, or 80 lic school employees would receive state funding for health insurance under a bill passed 13-0 Tuesday by a special House committee.

Creating a statewide insurance plan for public school employees has emerged as one of the session's top issues.

Unaffordable insurance is being blamed in part for the state's teacher shortage.

About 46,000 of 250,000 teaching positions went unfilled this year. Many small and rural districts have no access to or cannot afford insurance for their employees.

The bill by House Public Education Chairman Paul Sadler establishes mandatory statewide pool for districts that have 500 or fewer employees. That's approximately 800 dispercent of the state's 1,040 districts. Districts with 501 to

1,000 employees could opt into the plan, which would go into effect in

Large districts could not participate in the pool for three years.

"It is a recognition by the state of Texas, for the first time, that we should have some contribution toward teachers health insurance," said Sadler, D-Henderson.

"That is a big step," said Eric Hartman, legislative director for the Texas Federation of Teachers.

"I think it's a good start to what we want," he said. Teachers groups have said they want benefits equal to what state employees get: fully paid employee premiums and half of dependent cost covered.

Businesses back bill to refund utility customers billions

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AUSTIN(AP) — Two business heavyweights. Enron and Shell, are backing a bill that would force utilities to refund customers about \$4.9 billion in overcharges allowed under the electric deregulation law passed last session.

The bill's author Rep. Sylvester Turner, Houston, announced the alliance Tuesday, saying he hoped it would convince his colleagues that his bill isn't antibusiness.

"It's not just legislators versus businesses," Turner said of his bill. "This is a pro-business bill if it's procompetition.'

Enron and Shell are competitor's of the utilities that would be forced give refunds. The bill also helps Enron and Shell lower the cost of doing business.

But customers might not receive refunds if Enron and Shell don't choose to pass them along, said TXU spokesman Christopher Schein.

"These competitive companies have a choice between putting the money in their own pocket or giving it to consumers, placing the consumers in a longterm risk for their shortterm gain," Schein said.

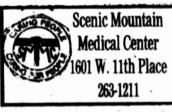
Several calls to Enron were not returned. Attempts to reach Shell; by phone were not immediately successful.

Under Turner's bill, a residential customer in TXU Electric & Gas' service area would get a refund of \$481 while a residential customer in Reliant Energy Inc.'s service area would get \$590, about five times the amount in state and property tax breaks granted last

session, Turner said. About 2.3 million Texans are residential customers of TXU while 1.5 million are residential customers of Reliant. Customers municipalities or electric cooperatives would not get refunds. Refund estimates include money rate payers have paid and are expected to pay.

Turner said he expects lawmakers to debate the bill in the House early next week, after he conducts negotiations with the utilities that oppose the bill.

"It gives back to the rate payers their money, Turner said of the bill. "And they're in a better position to decide what to do with their money than



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regulated utilities."

Utilities have argued that they don't owe the refunds. A TXU official has said refunding customers now might mean rate increases later if the market takes a different turn.

The disagreement over the refunds stems from the

deregulation law, which allows utilities to charge customers higher-than-necessary rates to make up for money they were expected to lose through investments in nuclear power and coal plants. Those plants were expected to lose value in an unregulated market.

But soaring natural gas prices made gas-fired power plants more expensive to operate, increasing the value of nuclear power and coal plants, and resulting in extra profits for utilities.

deregulation Electric starts Jan. 1. A pilot program begins in June.

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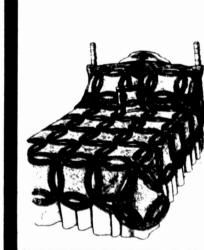
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OUR VIEWS

Let's pull together, help CIA

't's time, Big Spring, to step forward. The call has gone out for volunteers that are sorely needed to make this weekend's 14th annual Christmas in April (CIA) projects a

More than just this year's projects are on the line, however.

CIA organizers say that unless there are more volunteers to help complete the efforts, this could very well be the last year the project is undertaken locally.

Last year, eight projects were completed, an increase from the five projects finished in 1999. That work ranged from minor plumbing and

trim repair, scraping and painting to full roof replacement.

With just a couple of days before the CIA workdays, the need for volunteers to help complete projects is tremendous.

While a few people have answered CIA officials' urgent pleas for volunteers in the last cou ple of weeks, they admit response has be woefully short of what's needed.

Don Riley, chairman of the CIA board of directors, says 30 projects have been approved for this year's program and the organization has plenty of supplies to complete those jobs. Unfortunately, so far there are only enough volunteers to complete a handful of those projects.

Time is of essence. Groups or individuals wanting to take part in Christmas in April need to let members of the board know of those intentions as quickly as possible.

Clearly, CIA organizers need advance notice to know just how many of the projects they can realistically plan on completing, and they stress that a little bit of help will go a long way in providing those less fortunate the help they so des perately need.

The truth of the matter is if we as a community don't respond to the call, this vital program could be history.

And that would be more than a shame, it would be an embarrassment for a community that prides itself on the way in which its citi zens continually volunteer to help those less fortunate than themselves.

Anyone who would like to volunteer to help or who has any questions about the projects available Saturday and Sunday should call 263-0147.

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War on drugs claims innocent lives

he war on drugs has claimed two more victims this week: a Baptist-missionary and her infant daughter. The two were killed when a Peruvian fighter shot down the single-engine

plane in which they were traveling, believing the aircraft carried drugs, not missionaries. The victims, Veronica



Bowers and her 7-monthold daughter, Charity were returning to

Iquitos, Peru, from a short trip up the Amazon River to the border of Colombia. Traveling with Veronica were her husband, James, her 6-year-old son, Cory, and a pilot, Kevin Donaldson, who was also injured in the attack.

Both the Bowers and Donaldson were members of the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism, a group active in missionary work in the Andean nations. But most horrifying of all, the accident occurred in what was a joint U.S.-Peruvian operation in which American tracking planes identify

potential drug runners, and the Peruvian military intercept the planes, force them to land and shoot them down when necessary. This time the Americans and the Peruvians were dead wrong.

Is it fair to think of this tragic mistake as a casualty of the drug war? And if so, who is to blame? For years, the United States has tried to stop drugs at their source: in the coca and poppy fields of South America and Asia, where the crops grow and are later turned into cocaine and heroin. The United States provides about \$48 million to Peru to stop illicit drugs from that country from ending up on American streets, part of \$1.8 billion in such assistance to all Latin American nations. Among U.S. programs is

one that aids the Peruvian military to intercept drug traffickers who often operate small, single-engine planes like the ones carrying the Baptist missionar-

According to the *New* York Times, for many years the United States refused to participate in the Peruvian program because government officials were concerned that Americans could be held accountable if innocent lives were lost. But in 1995, Congress

NOW THEY'RE DEMANDING AN APOLOGY BECAUSE WE DIDN'T SPECIFY THAT WE WANTED THE PLANE BACK IN ONE PIECE...

Setting the stage for entertainers

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"I'm always the first one

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He says Chris LeDoux

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They're full of band instru-

then will go away.

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Dude.

He now lives

in California

was Chip. He got involved

passed a law absolving Americans or their contractors for liability so long as there were "appropriate procedures in place to protect against innocent loss of life," which included, at a minimum, warning aircraft before the use of force.

In the latest incident, three American crewmen on contract to the CIA – and a Peruvian officer were flying surveillance when they spotted the missionaries' Cessna as it headed over the Amazon jungle. According to newspaper accounts, the American crew accuse the Peruvian officer of failing to follow proper procedures before giving the order to an accompanying Peruvian Air Force jet to shoot down the small plane. Apparently, the Peruvians shot first and asked questions later. It's hard to know whom

to blame. We've engaged the Peruvians in our drug war because Peruvians grow, harvest and proces; the crops that, when turned into cocaine, ruin millions of American lives. But if the demand for cocaine or heroin, or any of the dozens of other illicit drugs — wasn't there, there would be no need to enlist the Peruvians in our war or send Americans to ferret out drug smugglers thou-

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more family-oriented.

Scoop works with country

the musicians' foreheads.

borders. In 1998, the last year for which statistics are available, Americans spent \$66 billion on illegal drugs, including almost \$40 billion on cc caine alone.

That represents about 291 metric tons of cocaine. To subsistenc : farmers in Latin America and Asia, whose far iilies barely eke out a living as it is, the American appetite for drugs presents an almost irresistible market for their crops. Of course they earn only a tiny fraction of the billions the drug trade represents, with others farther up t'ie distribution chain earning the most money.

I am not one who believes thε sale and consumption of cocaine and other mindaltering drugs should be decriminalized, if not outright legalized.

To do so would undoubtedly dramatically increase drug consumption, which would wreak further pain and suffering on millions of individuals and their fami-

But I find it problematic that we have been unable to do much to control the demand for drugs in the United States, which virtually drives the drug trade worldwide.

Until we can effectively help curb the appetite for drugs here, we're going to continue to lose innocent lives like the Bowers'.

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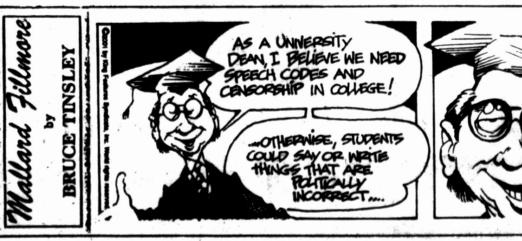
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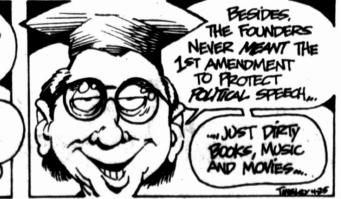
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When considering what types of vegetables to eat each day try to pick those that are high in Vitamin A, Vitamin C and fiber. You can get more fruits and vegetables in your diets by following these simple suggestions: snack on raw fruits or vegetables; start your day with 100 percent juice; brighten up a salad with carrots, bell pepper, broccoli and cauliflower; add lettuce, onion and tomato to your sandwich; add strawberries, peaches or bananas to your favorite breakfast cereal.

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her nieces and nephews.

Love letter finally arrives after 46 years

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Nearly a half-century ago, James Bracy scrawled four pages of love-laced prose to his young wife, dropped the letter at the post office on his Army base, and forgot about it.

So, too, did the U.S. Postal Service.

Last month, 46 years later, the letter was finally delivered.

"It meant a lot to me then. It means even more now,"

Sallie Bracy, now 68, said Army's 41st Tuesday from her home in Chesapeake, Va.

The letter, dated Jan. 28, 1955, had been lodged between two walls in a mail room at Ford Ord, a decommissioned base about 80 miles south of San

Francisco. Last month, a construction crew dismantling the building found the letter, along with four others writ-

ten by members of the

Battalion. The crew turned the bundle over to Bob Spadoni, the postmaster in nearby Monterey. He sent the mail to Virginia, Texas,

Wisconsin and California. "Even if somebody passed away, the next of kin would love to read it," Spadoni said. "They're little time capsules.'

Bracy's letter had six cents of postage on it but no zip code — since that sysAfter some sleuthing, the

post office in Norfolk, Va., tracked down Sallie Bracy. The couple just celebrated

their 50th anniversary, but the letter sent her heart aflutter, tears welled, and she again became a lovestruck 22-year-old.

"I told our kids they could read the first two pages, but the last two are mine," she joked Tuesday. "We were still a little young then."

Family struck by tragedy reunited with long lost dog

target shooting tragedy in which 7-year-old Tanner Wells accidentally killed his mother, the one remaining thing that could bring him comfort seemed impossible.

The family's golden retriever, Jake, had disappeared eight months earlier from their Colorado ranch. There had been one call around him Christmas, but it was a false alarm.

Then, about a week after Jill Wells' death, the family got a call from a kennel owner in Houston, Texas, nearly 1,000 miles away.

Jake had been found. "It's a miracle he showed back up. The timing was incredible, too," Tanner's

DENVER (AP) — After a father, Mike Wells, said from his home in Woodland Park, 50 miles south of Denver, where Jake was back chasing tennis balls with Tanner and his 2-yearold brother, Jacob, this

> "We still have no idea how he got to Houston. But I guess it doesn't really matter at this point. He's home safe now," Wells said.

Jake was found wandering in a Texas yard, emaciated and infested with maggots, but with his collar and registration tag attached.

Cindy Manning, a kennel owner and animal rescue volunteer in Magnolia, Texas, tracked the registration number to Colorado.

When Manning called, Wells said he couldn't retrieve Jake right away because his wife had died and he had to care for his two young sons.

"He said he needed a few days to think about what to do with the dog," Manning said. "I was like, wait a second. There's got to be more to this story.

Manning called the Teller County clerk's office, where an employee read her a newspaper article explaining how Jill Wells died March 28. That's when he enlisted the help of other dog lovers to return Jake.

A Continental Airlines pilot who boarded his dog at Manning's kennel talked airline officials into donat-

ing a cargo spot for Jake and two tickets for Manning and Sherry Anderson, director of a golden retriever rescue group.

When they arrived at Colorado Springs Municipal Airport last week, Tanner, Jacob and their father were waiting.

"Tanner was looking very skeptical," Manning said. But when she pulled Jake's collar from her bag, he "had a real spring in his step and led us right to baggage claim.'

Jake was waiting for them in his carrier.

Manning thinks Jake might have been taken by someone working with construction crews near the Wells' home.

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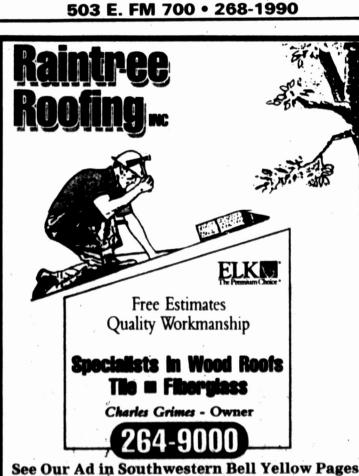
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He's the man who spoke not a

word until he knew that death had come for him

then the words he spoke not of hate for the one's

who had treated him so cruel-

No instead he asked that his Father

—Lana Anguiano

forgive him so - for they

He's the man in the shad-

then he is no longer the

The Light

he is Jesus

know not

what they do ---

who waits silently until one calls upon him

man in the shadow

King of all Kings Our

When I look into your all I see is the light of Kindness

When you speak all I hear is the kindness that

touches each word you speak

I know that if I could see your heart

would be the soul of an Angel ---

Kindness I know that if I could see

is a heart full of only

I know that all I would

your soul I know all I would see

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Quietly She Waits

My rose once grew in a garden beside an old elm

her blossoms reached up toward Heaven this beautiful rose so free

One day a Heavenly light shone through there on the spot where my red rose grew

And as the days

passed quietly by, she spread her branches up to the sky

and the gates of Heaven opened wide my rose crossed on to the other side

Now my rose still blooms

spreading her beauty

far and wide Blooming there by Heaven's gates

'Quietly she waits'

on the other side

She's waiting there for me to see thinking about childhood memories

Quietly she waits for me, and someday, I'll see, my mother again

Waiting to take me there inside and the gates of Heaven will open wide.

-Bernice Reed Jones

My Life Was a Song No matter what came My life was a song Troubles often would

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But soon it was gone. No matter what happened God let me see through Thick clouds of sorrow For a heavenly view. With a heavenly view All things have a place Problems all have solu-

tions. There's an end to every race.

Sooner or later The sun will shine through

Ahd there's always a song When The Lord goes with you

You can sing mid the grief

It cannot last long. All things pass away Then there's a new song. Moses' song was Thanksgiving

The end of all strife. David's song of Thanksgiving Was his staff in life.

Praise beautifies us all In the midst of life's storm. In life's muddy stream A new glory is born. Pain comes, but it passes,

That's taught only by Looking back on my life Still all I can see Is the joy that each victo-

New strength is our gain,

As we gather the mercy

Has brought home to me.

How can I not sing? My life was a song. When you see through the mist

You can always go on. The birds sing in the rain And live in a tree. How can I not sing? When God gave all for

> -Martha Anderson Peugh



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, April 26, :

You make the extraordinary possible because of your willingness to go overboard. You have tremendous mental strength and will. Once determined, you charge like a bull. Partners sometimes balk at your strong stands, especially around money, love and other partnership issues. Your work allows greater creativity. If you are single, your affable nature lures many. Midsummer offers some sultry moments as well as a fun or rewarding relationship. If attached, the two of you need to avoid power plays of all sorts. You can only cause yourself trouble by insisting on being right. Accept your sweetie and his views. GEMINI helps you make money.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult ARIES (March 21-April

others will applaud. You'll wish you had this magic all the time. Scan figures and facts before making a key decision. Postpone a meeting, if you must. Others respond to your inquiries, though you might not like what you hear. Tonight: Out and about.

TAURUS (April 20-May

Your stern supervision defines your success. Pat yourself on the back. You deserve everything you can get. A partner could be a bit jealous. He does not understand; it isn't good fortune but rather your keen linsight. Tonight: Indulge another.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) **** Your vision of what could come to be pays off in multiples. Others respond to your sunny smile and optimistic demeanor Realize that another's action could stem from jealousy. Recognize your potential and go forward. Tonight: The only person who can stop you is yourCANCER (June 21-July

*** Take your time with a hunch. It won't make a difference if you verify information and perhaps check in with someone whose opinion you respect. Understand that stress and fatigue could be minimized if you start a health and diet plan. Tonight: Get

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) **** Dare to go after the new horizons that you have been dreaming about. Don't let hesitation or a partner stop you. Pressure builds around a creative project. You might be looking at a tight deadline or due date. Remain optimistic. Circle around difficult people. Tonight: Weigh the pros and cons of an offer.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) **** Others acknowledge you. You have reason to be proud. Accept compliments, but if you want something more substantial, ask. A family member balks at the ***** Speak your mind, and time you might be spending 20) at work or with another. Tonight: Push into the wee off of the flame. Eliminate

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Your perspective changes between a dream and brainstorm session. When someone gets touchy. you'll know you've hit close to home. Understand that this person has trouble self-acceptance. with Detach and express the depth of your caring. Tonight: Play a favorite CD.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. *** You cannot be too careful with your finances. Use special care with dealings involving a loved one or friend. What might be possible for another might be hard for you. If you need to sav no, do so. No more hemming and hawing.

Tonight: Let another treat. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

*** Don't compare yourself to others. You are unique. Cut through a blue mood and a need to be more in control. Relax and have

more faith in others. If you need to go your own way for now, say so, though someone will be disappointed. Tonight: Where the gang is.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22- visit Jan. 19)

Resist a problem because of negativity. Let go of fears and insecurity. Pitch in at work or at home. Become more a part of the team. You don't always need to be the leader. Accept that you have limits, as well. Tonight: Get a good night's

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb.

***** You might be juggling two factions, two sets of friends or two different desires. Creativity helps you come up with a workable solution. Friends demand a lot from you. Decide when you need to say no. Don't worry so much about reactions. Tonight: Be your ever-playful self.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March

** Take the pressure cooker unnecessary steam in your life. A sign as sensitive as yours could often find it difficult to deal with as many people and demands as you do. Discover priorities and make decisions accordingly. Don't expect everyone to be happy! Tonight: Vanish at home. Put on your

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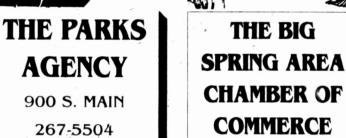
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IN BRIEF

Bulldogettes fall 1-0 to Greenwood

Tuesday Coahoma Bulldogettes suffered a 1-0 loss to Greenwood Tuesday.

Amber Bingham was the losing pitcher striking out five and giving up seven hits.

The Bulldogettes had three hits, Stephanie Sparks got a double, while Bingham and Erin Stoval got a single.

The Bulldogettes will play a warm up game against Breckenridge Saturday at 7:30 p.m at Abilene Christian University. They will open playoffs against Wall High School Friday, May

The Friday Midland Christian game has been rescheduled for Tuesday in Midland.

Lady Steer boosters to meet Thursday

The Lady Steers booster club will meet Thursday at 6 p.m. in the Athletic Training Center.

The meeting will cover the final plans for the spring banquet.

For more information Debbie contact Churchwell at 267-7638.

Cancer Scramble set for weekend

The fourth annual Cancer Scramble is set for 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

The entry fee is \$75 per player plus cart fee. Private carts are wel-

Prize money will be award to one third of the field in the form of pro shop credit.

There will be a longest drive contest and prizes for closest to the pin. There will also be a \$10,000 hole-in-one prize.

The field is limited to first 36 teams. Proceeds benefit Relay for Life.

To enter call the Big Spring Country Club at 267-5354.

Basketball boosters schedule banquet

The Big Spring High School Basketball Booster Club has scheduled its annual basketball banquet for 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 10, at the Trinity Baptist Church.

For more information, call Brian Ellington at **264**-3648.

Bennett benefit golf tournament slated May 19

The Chase Bennett benefit golf tournament will be Saturday, May 19, at the Comanche Trail Golf

It will be a four-man scamble and a shotgun start at 8 a.m.

Both team and individual players are welcome. The cost is \$200 per team and \$50 per player.

Cash prizes will be awarded - \$400 for first place, \$300 for second and \$200 for third. There will also be a \$10,000 hole-inone as well as the longest drive and closest to the pin awards.

The deadline to enter is May 5. For more information contact DeNeise Coates at 393-5584.

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7 p.m. — Orlando Magic at Milwaukee Bucks, TNT, Ch. 28.

9:30 p.m. — Phoenix Suns at Sacramento Kings. TNT, Ch. 28. BASEBALL

6 p.m. — Texas Rangers at Toronto Blue Javs. FXS. Ch. 29.

6 p.m. - Seattle Mariners at New York Yankees, ESPN Ch. 30.

Howard College honors athletes, contributors

By KAMILAH WARD

Sports Writer

Awards have always carried a profound meaning, worth more than any measurement of success on or off the field. And Tuesday night's Howard College Sports Banquet did just that.

The banquet was held in the East Room of the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum at 6:30 and the honoring festival worked its way well into the night. But when it was all said and done, the achievements of the athletes truly reflected well upon the success of Howard College.

The sports banquet recognized community members, faculty and administration and last but not least, the student athletes and train-

That long list of honorees didn't come without a few warm-welcomed greetings and introductions. But once the awards presentation began, it was obvious the banquet would carry the same rich tradition of Howard College.

Terry Hanson was the Master of Ceremonies and Jim Campbell gave the invocation.

The presentation of awards kicked off with the cheerleaders as Linda Berry, sponsor, recognized Deidra Hirt with the Academic Excellence

Hirt also received awards for the

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Dr. Cheryl Sparks, Dr. Raj Reddy, Gladys Blackburn and Gloria Blackburn pose after the Howard College Sports Banquet. With the help of Dr. Reddy and the community, the Everett Blackburn Memorial Scholarship Fund has reached \$10,000.





Big Spring's Jon McKinnon dives for the ball during the Steers' 7-4 win over Lake View's Chiefs Tuesday. Jason Choate eyes his short fly to left which fell in for a double. Choate got the Steers going during their six-run third inning. The Steers combined good hitting and defense to stay in the play-

Steers top Chiefs; still in playoff race The Steers sent 11 batters to the another, single by Thomas, that brought Olague home. Gregory eight strikeouts and only one base in play corring six upgared runs.

The Big Spring Steers ran their district record to 7-6 and kept their play-off hopes alive Tuesday with a 7-4 win over the San Angelo Lakeview Chiefs.

The Steers had a rough early going against ace Lakeview pitcher David Lankford who struck out six of the first seven batters he faced allowing only a single by left fielder Jason Birmelin in those first two

Lakeview grabbed a 2-0 lead in the top of the third inning off starting pitcher John McKinnon. McKinnon, though only giving up a couple of hits, got in control trouble giving up a couple of walks and hitting a batter causing him to give way to Sophomore Dustin Beauchamp.

inning scoring six unearned runs made his second appearance in the on balls. off Lankford.

Jason Thomas got things started by reaching first on an error. Heath Gregory, the Steer shortstop, layed down a perfect sacrifice bunt to advance Thomas to second base. Jason Choate, the lead-off batter, then got on with an error and was followed by a sharp double by second baseman Ragan Phillips which scored both Thomas and Choate. Steer catcher Ryan Guinn then singled to drive in Phillips. Guinn scored after another Lakeview error allowed designated hitter Steve Smith to reach base safely. A single by Aaron Olague coupled with another error by the Chiefs allowed Guinn and Smith that put the locals up by a score of 5-2. McKinnon then singled followed by

inning but grounded out to end the inning.

Neither team could muster another run until the Chiefs managed two runs in the top of the sixth which brought a call to the bullpen to bring on closer Clint Bamert who shut the door on the visitors.

The Steers added a run in the bottom of the sixth for insurance. Choate scored the run after reaching base on a throwing error and then moved up to third on an overthrow. Phillips then reached first base on an error that sent Choate home. Phillips ended the inning when he was thrown out at second base ending the inning.

Beachamp got credit for the win while Bamert notched a save to his credit. Lankford took the loss for

Head coach Pat Loter was glad to get the win behind him.

"Our kids battled them all the way," said Loter. "We had that one big inning where we scored a lot of runs. We beat a quality kid in Lankford. He is one of the best pitchers in this district. Early in the game we weren't able to hit him very well but our kids adjusted at the plate and got some real clutch hits and that along with our defense was the difference in the game. I thought we outpitched them, outhit them and I thought we outplayed them.'

The Steers now will host Plainview in another important game on Saturday at 1 p.m. that could clinch a play-off spot for the Steers if Lake View beats Frenship.



Big Spring catcher Ryan Guinn (seated left) and centerfielder Jason Choate signed letters of intent today to play baseball for the Howard College Hawks in the 2002 seaason. Guinn is flanked by his parents **Tracey Pounds and Delvin Guinn and Choate is** flanked by his parents Mark and Shelley Choate. In back are Steers baseball coach Pat Loter and Howard baseball coach Justin Hays.

HERALD photo/Carl Graham

Everett, Boston Red Sox topple Minnesota, 9-4

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fooled his first time up, Carl Everett quickly got more than even. Everett hit a grand slam in the second inning, and the Boston Red Sox led the rest of the way, beating the Minnesota Twins 9-4 Tuesday

night. Everett looked bad in the first inning, striking out on changeups from Mark Redman. The next

inning, he hit Redman's fastball over the left-field wall at Fenway Park for his sixth career slam.

"I've been trying to do too much I've been overswinging," Everett said. "I'm still climbing and not where I should be, but I'll get there.

Boston has won seven of nine and leads the AL East. Despite the loss. Minnesota has won 10 of 12 and leads the AL Central.

said. "One game's not going to make a difference."

In other AL games, Seattle stopped New York 7-5, Toronto beat Texas 7-5, Anaheim defeated Cleveland 7-2, Baltimore beat Detroit 8-3, Oakland downed Chicago 6-4 and Tampa Bay beat Kansas City 4-2.

The Twins took a 3-0 lead in the first off Paxton Crawford. The rook-

"We're still on a roll," Redman ie followed with four scoreless innings to get the win.

"I was nervous and jumping up and down in the first inning," he said. "After the first, I settled down and got in a groove.'

Manny Ramirez had three hits for the Red Sox and raised his average to a league-leading .429. He also drove in a run, and tops the AL with 22 RBIs.

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2-0), 8:35 p.m. Philadelphia (Daal 1-0) at San Diego (Tollberg 1-1), 9:05 p.m.

Pittsburgh (Martinez 0-1) at Los Angeles (Gagne 1-1), 9:10 p.m.

Cincinnati (Fernandez 3-1) at San Francisco (Rueter 2-1), 9:15 p.m. Thursday's Games

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Konerko, Chicago, 8; JGonzalez, Cleveland, 8; 9 are tied with 7. TRIPLES—CGuzman, Minnesota. AKennedy, Anaheim, 2; CNLee, Chicago, 2; Durham, Chicago, 2 CEverett, Boston, 2; Easley, Detroit 2; RSanchez, Kansas City, 2. HOME RUNS-CDelgado, Toronto

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received Most Spirited

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As Campbell begin pre-

senting the trainers with

their awards he noted that

he would much rather be

sitting in the crowd and

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Joshua Young was recog-

nized with the Academic

Excellence award. Young

also received the Ex-Trainer

Houston Rutledge, who

spends countless hours as

the baseball manager,

received the Outstanding

Charlie Rudinger, Liborio

Martinez, Rebecca Casarez,

Brenda Griffin, Michelle

Mabrey, Justin Pepperday,

Jonathan "Sarge" Wilk and

Young were all recognized

as Outstanding Student

Campbell said he felt it

was necessary to recognize

all the student trainers for

their efforts after losing

their mentor, coach, disci-

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Campbell also recognized

Andy Rankin, the Big

Spring athletic trainer with

the Friend of the Program.

The Howard College

Hawks baseball team that

recently clinched a playoff

Head Coach Justin Hays

said he was very proud of

his guys as he recognized

He opened with a special

award to Ricky Dominguez

who has been the Hawks bat

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Casey Morton followed

Excellence award. J. J. Ball

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Yankees (Mussina 1-2), 6:05 p.m.

Oakland (Heredia 0-4) at Chicago White Sox (Parque 0-2), 7:05 p.m.

Casey, Cincinnati, 19; Lowell, Florida, 18; CJones, Atlanta, 18; Burnitz, Milwaukee, 18; Jhernandez, Milwaukee, 18; SSosa, Chicago, 18. HITS—Vidro, Montreals 28; Pujols, St. Louis, 26; LWalker, Colorado, 26; Berkman, Houston, 25; PWIISON, 24; Portes, 24; Partes, 24; Par

Florida, 25; Darr, San Diego, 24; TWalker, Colorado, 24; Alones, Atlanta, 24; Mueller, Chicago, 24;

Atlanta, 24; Mueller, Chicago, 24; Hollandsworth, Colorado, 24. DOUBLES—Lowell, Florida, 9; Nevin, San Diego, 9; LStevens, Montreal, 8; PWilson, Florida, 7; Abreu, Philadelphia, 7; Alfonzo, New York, 7; Hollandsworth, Colorado, 7; CJohnson, Florida, 7; MtWilliams, Atlzona, 7

TRIPLES-OCabrera, Montreal, 3:

ABoone, Cincinnati, 2; DJackson, San Diego, 2; LCastillo, Florida, 2; Ochoa,

Cincinnati, 2; Vina, St. Louis, 2; Lankford, St. Louis, 2. HOME RUNS—LGonzalez, Arizona, 11; LWalker, Colorado, 11; Bonds, San Francisco, 9; RSanders, Arizona, 8; Truby, Houston, 7; Burnitz,

8; Truby, Houston, 7; Burnitz, Milwaukee, 7; Sheffield, Los Angeles,

6; LCastillo, Florida, 6; EYoung, Chicago, 6; SPerez, San Diego, 5; DJackson, San Diego, 5; Rollins,

Philadelphia, 4; VGuerrero, Montreal,

4; Glanville, Philadelphia, 4; Floyd,

Florida, 4.
PITCHING (3 Decisions)—Bere,

STOLEN BASES-PWilson, Florida,

White Sox (Wells 2-2), 7:05 p.m

Tuesday's Games Baltimore 8, Detroit 3 Tampa Bay 4, Kansas City 2 Boston 9, Minnesota 4

Boston 9, Minnesota 4
Seattle 7, N.Y. Yankees 5
Anaheim 7, Cleveland 2
Toronto 7, Texas 5
Oakland 6, Chicago White Sox 4
Wednesday's Games
Texas (Rogers 1-1) at Toronto
(Carpenter 2-1), 6:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Radke 4-0) at Boston Minnesota (Radke 4-0) at Boston (Martinez 2-0), 6:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Roberts 2-0) at Detroit (Sparks 1-1), 6:05 p.m. Anaheim (Valdes 0-2) at Cleveland (Sabathia 2-0), 6:05 p.m

JGonzalez, Cleveland, 7; 6 are tied STOLEN BASES-Knoblauch, New

Seattle (Halama 2-1) at N.Y.

York, 8; Cedeno, Detroit, 6; GWilliams, Tampa Bay, 6; Curtis, Texas, 5; 8 are tied with 4. PITCHING (3 Decisions)—FGarcia, Seattle, 3-0, 1,000, 4.06; Michalak, Toronto, 3-0, 1,000, 1.62; Milton, Minnesota, 3-0, 1,000, 3,12; Radke, Minnesota, 4-0, 1.000, 2.23; DOliver, Texas, 4-0, 1.000, 5.24; Sele, Seattle, 3-0, 1.000, 2.25;

Moyer, Seattle, 3-0, 1.000, 4.09. STRIKEOUTS—PMartinez, Boston, 44; Zito, Oakland, 37; Colon, Cleveland, 30; ALopez, Tampa Bay, 28: Hudson, Oakland, 26; Loaiza

28: Hudson, Oakland, 26; Loaiza, Toronto, 26; Clemens, New York, 26. SAVES—Sasaki, Seattle, 10; Koch, Toronto, 5; Hawkins, Minnesota, 5; Foulke, Chicago, 4; Isringhausen, Oakland, 4; Crabtree, Texas, 4; TBJones, Detroit, 4; RMHernandez, Kansas City, 4.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

BATTING—Hollandsworth, Colorado, .381; Pujols, St. Louis, 377; LWalker, Colorado, .377; Berkman, Houston, .357; Aurilia, San Francisco, .354; Darr, San Diego, .353; JBell, Arizona, .350. RUNS-LGonzalez, Arizona, 22: Helton, Colorado, 21; TWalker, Colorado, 19; Floyd, Florida, 19; LWalker, Colorado, 19; Berkman,

Houston, 18; Burnitz, Milwaukee, 17; Houston, 17; Biggio, 17.

Chicago, 3-0, 1.000, 3.32; Hampton, Colorado, 3-0, 1.000, 2.97; WMiller, Houston, 3-1, .750, 2.35; Elarton, Houston, 3-1, .750, 5.09; RuOrtiz. RBI-LWalker, Colorado, 25; LGonzalez, Arizona, 22; LStevens, Montreal, 21; Pujols, St. Louis, 19;

4.84; Astacie; Colorado, 3-1, .750, 1.93; Tapani, Chicago, 3-1, .750, 4.91; RReed, New York, 3-1, .750, 1.99; Glavine, Atlanta, 3-1, .750,

3.98.
STRIKEOUTS—RDJohnson,
Arizona, 49; WMiller, Houston, 40;
Schilling, Arizona, 38; Wood,
Chicago, 32; Vazquez, Montreal, 30;
Astacio. Colorado, 29; Burkett, Atlanta, 28.

Atlanta, 28.

SAVES—Fassero, Chicago, 9;
Nen, San Francisco, 6; Shaw, Los
Angeles, 6; JJimenez, Colorado, 5;
Rocker, Atlanta, 5; Graves, Cincinnati, 5; BWagner, Houston, 5; Mesa, Philadelphia, 5.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Purchased
the contract of RHP Jorge Julio from Bowle of the Eastern League. Optioned LHP John Bale to Rochester of the International League. BOSTON RED SOX—Activated INF

Chris Stynes from the 15-day dis-abled list. Optioned INF Lou Merloni OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Recalled

RHP Chad Bradford from Sacramento
of the PCL. Optioned RHP Luis Vizcaino to Sacramento.

TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS—Claimed

New York Mets.
TEXAS RANGERS—Announced that RHP Jonathan Johnson cleared waivers and was assigned outright to waivers and was assigned outright to Oklahoma of the PCL. National League COLORADO ROCKIES—Activated SS Neifi Perez from the 15-day dis

abled list. Optioned INF Juan Uribe to Colorado Springs of the PCL. FLORIDA MARLINS—Assigned RHP Chuck Smith to Calgary of the LOS ANGELES DODGERS-Signed Jesse Orosco to a minor league con-

tract.
MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Placed RHP Jeff D'Amico on the 15-day dis-abled list. Recalled RHP Allan Levrault from Indianapolis of the International League. NEW YORK METS—Activated OF Benny Agbayani from the 15-day dis-

abled list.
SAN DIEGO PADRES—Placed LHP Kevin Walker on the 15-day disabled list, retroactive to April 20. Recalled RHP David Lee from Portland of the

BASKETBALL **National Basketball Association**

after their weekend series

Coach George honored

Devon Melby, who is still

recovering from her auto

accident, received the Silver

Wheels award along with

Veronica Owens. Gillian

Academic Excellence award

and Brittany Murray was

honored with the Most

Samantha Ward received

the Coach's 100% award and

Brandy Smith, pitching ace,

received the Rock-N-Fire

award. Breana Bohls was

awarded the Feared Hitter

award and Diana Faulkner

who everyone remembers as

the Midland puncher, was

awarded the Long Ball

Valerie Goetz was award-

ed the Golden Glove award

and Amanda Michael

received the Clean-up

The Friend of the Program

award was given to J. R.

Piper, (who received a

standing ovation), Big

Spring High School Softball

Team, Coahoma Girls

Softball, City of Big Spring,

Big Spring ISD and Pat

Joey Wells, who was

award.

Award.

Improved Player award.

Danley received

De'Shaun Drake with the

Player of the Year award.

with El Paso.

BOSTON CELTICS—Signed Jim O'Brien, coach, to a multiyear contract. Agreed to terms with Chris. Wallace, general manager, and Leo Papile, director of player personnel. FOOTBALL

National Football League
ATLANTA FALCONS—Signed OT
Dave Kadela, P Matt Allen, WR Corey
Brown, WR Shawn Mills, CB Jamara Clark, CB Ahmad Hawkins, LB Trey Merkens, FB Ronnie Robinson and DE David Zuiderveen. BUFFALO BILLS—Signed QB Tim

ified for post season play with Texas Christian

end.

for the year.

Hasselbeck, P-K Pat Pidgeon, PK Jay Taylor, LS Ryan Diepenbrock, WR

Stephen Campbell, WR Matt Davison, WR Teddy Johnson, WR Jonathan Pittman, FB Phillip Crosby, DB David Dinkins, LB Donny Green, S Can Nesmith, DE Kendrick Office, DT Devonte Peterson, C Randall Cummins, OT Josh Lind, OT Clark Posendaal and TE Josh Whitman Rosendaal and TE Josh Whitman CAROLINA PANTHERS—Signed Todd Sauerbrun. Released P Ke

Walter.
CHICAGO BEARS—Signed RB
James Allen, OT Rick Gilliam, OT Ryan
Ward and WR Fred Coleman.
CINCINNATI BENGALS—Signed DT Calvin Lewis to a three-year contract and, DT Jeff Boyle, CB Kenny Bryant, T-G Jeffrey Chase, LB Chris Edmonds, LB Rashad Harris, S Jared Lee, P Kent McCullough, T-G Freddie Moore, WR Ramondo North, LB Duke Pettijohn, LB Dave Puloka, WR Chris Rosier, LB Kamal Shakir and FR Kalani Sitake to Newsear contracts. Kalani Sitake to two-year contracts.

CLEVELAND BROWNS—Signed F Gabe Lindstrom, K Derek Schorejs, DL Cecil Caldwell, WR Daymon Carroll, Ol, Mike Clare, S Brandon Davis, DE Kerry Linnear and C Doug Postald GREEN BAY PACKERS—Agreed to

terms with QB Jonathan Beasley, QB Cleo Lemon, WR Jason Franklin, G Marques McFadden, OT Kevin Jordan, DE DeAngelo Lloyd, DT Thabiti Lockhart, DT Roosevelt Brown, DT Jacob Waasdorp, LB Donte Curry, S Damion Demps and K Brett Sterba. NEW ORLEANS SAINTS—Agreed to terms with WR Willie Jackson on

one-year contract.
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES—Re signed K David Akers to a one-year contract. Released WR Charles

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS—Signed G Justin Amman, TE Robert Ellis, DE Setema Gali, WR Dondre Gilliam, CB Troy Grant, OB Bart Hendricks, Michael Keathley, TE Marty Maurer, CB Keon Moore, WR DeRonnie Pitts. LB Brad Rekuc, DT Dequincy Scott, DT Scott Shultz, RB Mukala Sikyala, G Tim Stuber, WR Nate Turner, FB Ed Wilder and FB Terry Witherspoon to one-year contracts.

National Hockey League
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Signed RW Nikita Alexeev to a three-year cor tract. WASHINGTON

Assigned C Martin Hlinka to Quad City

NBA PLAYOFFS

Tuesday, April 24
Philadelphia 116, Indiana 98, series Utah 109. Dallas 98. Utah lead Today, April 25 Orlando at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.

Phoenix at Sacramento, 9:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 26 Toronto at New York, 7 p.m.
Portland at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 28 Philadelphia at Indiana, 11:40 a.m. Utah at Dallas, 2 p.m.

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awarded Best Offensive Play

while the Best Defensive

Player honor when to

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Buckley was recognized as

the most improved player

The Lady Hawk Award

Ladd and Betty Smith,

went to Vanessa Lehrmann.

Marie and the former Rob

Ethridge, and Clois and

Peggy Snell were recognized

Dr. Cheri Sparks, presi-

dent of Howard College, rec-

ognized area doctors for

their longtime service to

Howard College including

Dr. Raj. Reddy, 13 years; Dr.

Reg Cranford, 11 years; Dr.

D.H. McGonagill, 11 years;

Dr. S. Subbaraman, 12

years; Dr. John Myers, 9

years; Dr. Gene Stokes; 4

years; Dr. Robbie J. Cooksey; 8 years; Dr.

Praveen Reddy, 7 years and

Dr. Clark McDaniel, 7 years.

the women's basketball

team was recognized as the

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Mitchel, Lori Stewart and

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Comets begin adjusting to Swoopes-less lineup and gain assistant coach

HOUSTON (AP) — The Winning a fifth title will be Houston Comets lost a superstar and gained an assistant coach for the 2001 WNBA season.

Sheryl Swoopes, the MVP, leading scorer and defensive player of the year last season, tore a ligament in her left knee during a workout and will be out for the

"She said she wanted to be with the team and I said she wanted to be there to tell me how to coach,' coach Van Chancellor said Tuesday. "I guess I'll have another assistant coach."

Chancellor was much more somber earlier in describing his feelings for Swoopes, who was coming off her best season and preparing to take full leadership of the Comets after the retirement of Cynthia Cooper.

"I know how much I felt for her as a person and what she's going through as a player," Chancellor said, brushing back tears. "We kind of tricked her into weight lifting for the first time ever.

"It's devastating."

Team physician Dr. Walter Lowe expects Swoopes' recovery to take eight to nine months. Besides the anterior cruciate ligament, Lowe said Swoopes also damaged the lateral meniscus and the surface of the "There is no magic dust,"

Lowe said. "There is no question it will take longer than this season, but we expect her to be back next season.' Swoopes' loss will be felt

league wide.

"It's extremely unfortunate and a big loss," WNBA president Val Ackerman said. "Sheryl is irreplaceable, but this will create an opportunity for other players to step up and show what they can do."

The Comets have won Cooper and Tina Thompson. at all."

more difficult.

"We're going to meet next Tuesday night and get after it," Chancellor said. "This is the hand we've been dealt and we're going to play it. We're not going to concede anything. I'm not saying we're the best. I'm not saying what we are.

"We're just going to be as good as we can be.

Swoopes led the WNBA with an average of 20.7 points last season. She also led the league with 2.81 steals per game and added 3.8 assists, 1.06 blocked shots and 50.6 percent shoot-

Swoopes, Cooper and Thompson all finished in the top 10 in WNBA scoring last season. Swoopes scored her playoff high of 31 points in a 79-73 victory over the New York Liberty that clinched the Comets' fourth

Swoopes came into the league after leading Texas Tech to a 58-8 record in her career and the NCAA championship in 1993.

Her first season in the WNBA was delayed by the birth of her son, Jordan, on June 25, 1997.

Swoopes played in only nine games that year, with no starts. She averaged 7.1 points as the Comets won the first WNBA champi-It wasn't until the follow-

ing season that Swoopes returned in top shape and started to assert herself. Swoopes averaged 15.6 points in 1998, and was third in league scoring in 1999 with 18.3 points. New York's Rebecca Lobo

has missed the past two seasons after suffering consecutive ACL injuries within six months. "I'm devastated for her,"

Lobo said. "After experiencing it twice, I wouldn't wish it on anybody.

"People don't know why it four straight WNBA cham- happens. With most women pionships, led by Swoopes, athletes, there's no contact

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signed a letter of intent with Texas Tech, recieved the Golden Arm award. Adrian Ballesteros received the Big Stick Award.

catcher and battery, was softball team who also qual- Grace Gantt who signed recognized as the Most Valuable Player.

his support throughout the Academic award.

the All Conference Team.

the Most Improved award. Ander Pinedo received the Leadership Award. Pinedo and Whittler were the lone sophomores this season. There were three friends of the family awards - Sam and Debra Lewis, Dr. Robbie

Bobby and Glenda Brasel. the post season.

Colby Schneemann and Courtney Bowman received the Academic Excellence.

Ross Ericsson was awarded the Roughstock High Point award. Shawn Patrick was honored with the Most Improved award and L.G. Nix Dirt Company was given the Friend of the Program award.

Point is still up for grabs as recently named as the the rodeo team still have a women's basketball head few performances remain- coach, recognized his play-Dave George, women's softball coach, honored the Most Valuable Player was

Jason Jurgens, the Hawks

Jack Owens. interim men's basketball coach, recognized Adam Collins for season before awarding Andre Wright with the Excellence

Wright also received the Hawk Award. Derrick Tarver received the Most Valuable Player award as well as a plaque for making

Zachary Moss received the Unsung Hawk award while Darrius Mattear was awarded the Top Gun award as well as an All Conference

Doug Whittler accepted the Chairman of the Boards award as he finished the season averaging seven rebounds a game. Artavius Davis was honored with the Defense Christopher Acker received

and Kim Cooksey and

Greg Kernick, Rodeo Coach, awarded his group and recognized they also have a chance to compete in

Bowman also received the Women's High Point award.

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Sports Briefs

Yankees settle suit with Garden

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Yankees settled their lawsuit with Madison Square Garden, leaving the World Series champions free to start their own television network next year.

Under the deal agreed to between the Yankees and MSG, the team could have a minimum of 65 games to televise on its own network in 2002.

Harvey Schiller, the chief executive officer of the team's parent company, YankeeNets, declined comment on the settlement, which ends the MSG Network's right of first refusal, part of a \$486 million, 12-year contract that expired at the end of last season.

O'Brien to return as Celtics' coach

WALTHAM, Mass. (AP) — Jim O'Brien will return to the Boston Celtics next season, credited with a "tremendous job" following the midseason resignation of Rick

The Celtics confirmed the move and also announced new contracts for general manager Chris Wallace and player personnel director Leo Papile.

NFL lone defendent in Raiders' suit

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Fifteen teams were dropped Tuesday from a \$1 billion lawsuit in which the Oakland Raiders claim the NFL forced them to leave the lucrative Los Angeles market.

The action, approved by Superior Court Judge Richard C. Hubbell, leaves the NFL as the sole defendant in the

NFL attorney Allen Ruby said the Raiders never explained why the suit singled out 15 of the 31 teams.

Martin struggles to win over Vanek

DULUTH, Ga. (AP) - Second-seeded Todd Martin struggled to a 6-2, 3-6, 7-6 (7-5) victory over Jiri Vanek of the Czech Republic in the Verizon Tennis Challenge. Martin was playing for just the second time since injuring his back in a Davis Cup match Feb. 9.

Michael Chang, the No. 3 seed, broke service four times, including one at 5-5 in the first set of a 7-5, 6-3 victory over David Sanchez of Spain.

Evening play, including top-seeded Andre Agassi's match against Nicolas Thomann of France, was postponed because of rain. Both matches were rescheduled for Wednesday.

XFL's problem? It's the game, stupid

To beat the rush, here's a proposal for how the XFL's tombstone should read:

It's the game, stupid. Nothing else the guys in charge tried really worked. not the cameras in the cheerleaders' locker room, not the carnival barkers in the booth, not the silly

names on the back of the shirts. And the football worked least of all. NBC Sports

IIM LITKE

boss Dick Ebersol and World

Wrestling Federation Chairman Vince McMahon coughed up \$100 million to start the season. and if published reports are accurate, they're already

So here's hoping the guys on the L.A. Xtreme, who collected those \$22,222 winner's checks after last weekend's "Million-Dollar Game," were standing in line when the currency exchange opened Monday morning.

The XFL isn't dead, at least not officially. But as they say in the newspaper business, it's time to get the obit ready.

NBC, a part owner, is about to pull the plug on televising games and might bail on the rest of its

investment. The league's other network broadcaster, UPN, is wondering aloud whether a second season is worth the bother.

Bombastic president Basil DeVito is muttering the league can't survive with only a cable TV deal.

Ebersol, the XFL's enabler, is nowhere in sight. And while founding father McMahon turned up long enough Saturday night at the Coliseum to tell fans, "See you next year," even the league's die-hards are too smart to take that bet.

The reasons for the demise will be debated, but not for long. Because it's as simple as this: America did not need another costume party or any more thirdrate football

On the eve of the season finale, McMahon wasn't the least bit deterred by his role what's been charitably described as one of the biggest flops in the history of television.

Instead, he was defiant and still vowing to shake things up. It amounted to shuffling the deck chairs on the Titanic.

"The WWF wasn't built in a year," he said. "The same is going to be true with the XFL.

But something McMahon said in the next breath sounded almost wistful.

"We've come up with some innovations, such as microphones and cameras on the field, that I think the NFL is going to have to look at."

The NFL is likely to pass

on filming the coaches bathrooms.

That stunt produced the low point in a season of cheesy broadcasts, when an embarrassed assistant coach turned from a urinal and discovered he was on too-candid camera.

But one of NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue's top lieutenants admitted after the XFL's opening weekend that the established league was keeping an eye on the upstart, looking for tips.

'We're always interested in making the product more interesting," he said.

And true to its word, the NFL started picking over the bones soon afterward. Nine players were signed by NFL teams even before the XFL championship and as many as 100 more could follow as NFL teams fill out their training-camp rosters with cheap players.

Even as the exodus began around him — as many as four Los Angeles players figured to get invites from NFL squads — Xtreme coach Al Lugenbill said defiantly, "The NFL is not going to get any freebies coming out of this league. And if there is a mass exodus, my job will be to find more players.

"Remember," he added, "a year ago right now, we didn't have any players."

Bad news, Al. It's a year later, and you

still don't have any players. That's why the XFL was doomed from the start. People were bound to tune in for only so long to see

special effects and scantily clad cheerleaders, especially since there are cable channels devoted almost entirely to those subjects. At some point, there has to be a game.

If it's not staged, you need athletes instead of actors, and the basic fact of life is that there aren't enough of them to go around.

Besides the NFL and XFL, there are three pro leagues up and running, all of them filled with guys who dream of taking the same Arena League-to-the-Super Bowl magic carpet ride that St. Louis Rams quarterback Kurt Warner made a few seasons ago. But most of them have second jobs for a reason.

Jose Cortez was a roofer from Oregon when he kicked four field goals for the Xtreme in Los Angeles 38-6 win over the San Francisco Demons.

That performance is likely to win him a tryout with some NFL team.

If he manages to stick, sometime next fall, some announcer will mention that Cortez used to play in the XFL.

That's not much of a legacy for an outfit that spent \$50 million.

But then football, as the XFL people learned, can be a very expensive game to

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Iverson, 76ers too much for Pacers: Mavericks suffer second loss to Jazz

his teammates do more of the scoring.

On a night when he had a career playoff-high 45 points, Iverson was happier about his nine assists and getting his teammates more involved in the offense.

'My teammates did a great job,'' Iverson said Tuesday night after the Philadelphia 76ers overcame 41 points from Reggie Miller and beat the Indiana Pacers 116-98 to even their first-round playoff series at

"If they're going to double me this whole series, then my teammates have to step up and be the heroes. That's what they did tonight. ..It's so different because doubleteams usually frustrate me, but tonight it didn't. I just took whatever they gave

If they doubled me, I threw to my teammates and they hit wide-open shots."

In the only other game Tuesday night, Utah beat Dallas 109-98, opening a 2-0 lead in their first-round playoff series.

Orlando can even its series at one game apiece Wednesday night with a victory at Milwaukee. Phoenix looks to take a 2-0 lead at Sacramento.

On Tuesday night, Aaron McKie had 19 points and George Lynch 16 for Philadelphia.

Jalen Rose had 18 points, and Jermaine O'Neal added 11 points, 11 rebounds and six blocks for the Pacers, who still trailed 61-59 at halftime after getting 33 from Miller.

Game 3 of the best-of-five Eastern Conference quarterfinals is Saturday in Indiana.

"I wish it was reversed," Miller said about his early heroics. "The game is four quarters. I hate doing things early. I like doing it late.'

Iverson watched Miller's first-half performance, then took over in third quarter. scored 14 Philadelphia's final 17 points in the third, including the last 10. His 17-footer, another long jumper and a 3-pointer gave the Sixers

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their biggest lead to that Thomas was excited after Allen Iverson is ready to let point, 88-76, with 1:11 left. After Rose hit a jumper,

Iverson hit another 19-footer as the sellout crowd of 20,739 at the First Union Center chanted "MVP, MVP" for the league's scoring champion.

raised his arms and cupped his ear, imploring the fans to make more noise before he finished the quarter at the foul line, giving the Sixers a 91-78 lead.

Indiana didn't get closer than 10 in the fourth.

"He had a shot that bounced five feet up in the air and went in," Rose said. "What are you going to do? Any time Allen's hitting shots like that, they're

going to be tough. Miller, whose 3-pointer with 2.9 seconds left in Game 1 lifted the Pacers to a 79-78 victory, came out firing. He made a 3-pointer, hit a turnaround jumper and had a tip-in for

Indiana's first seven points. Four Sixers — Eric Snow, Kevin Ollie, Iverson and McKie - tried to guard Miller in the first half, and

none could stop him. Even Pacers coach Isiah

Miller's running jumper gave Indiana a 39-37 lead midway through the second. The normally reserved Thomas clapped his hands and low-fived Miller as he ran down the court.

Iverson pumped his fist, three of his shots in the ters, then held on in the third and scored only two points on free throws as Iverson took over, helping the Sixers break open a tight game.

Miller finished 14-of-22, including 3-for-5 from 3point range. Iverson was 15of-27, including 3-for-7 from beyond the arc.

"They did a good job of recognizing where Reggie was (in the second half)." Thomas said.

Miller had 16 points in the first quarter, nearly matching his total of 17 in Game 1. He was just 5-of-21 in the

Thomas was critical of the referees, even though Indiana had three fewer fouls. Thomas was most upset that Philadelphia had 17 foul shots in the third.

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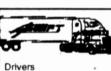
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Administrative professional, is not just a secretary

Dear Ann Landers: Several times over the years, you have printed a story called "Why I Fired My Secretary." As an administrative professional and someone who has fought her entire career to obtain professional recognition, it disturbs me that

you insist on running that lame joke in vour col-Not umn. only is it degrading to secretaries and administrative professionals,

LANDERS but it also demeans the

managers whom these professionals support.

ANN

Today is no longer called "Secretary's Day." It is now known as Administrative Professionals Day and has been observed since 1952 as a way for businesses to promote professional excellence and recognize office staff for their workplace contributions. Administrative professionals today have become the information managers of the office, handling responsibilities ranging from integrating software applications and desktop publishing to project management

and meeting facilitation. The International Association Administrative Professionals and many of its 700 chapters hold various educational and networking events during this week. Administrative professionals comprise a wide range of office staff and hold titles such as administrative assistant, information coordinator, executive secretary, office manager, communications coordinator, and so on.

Please, Ann, tell your readers about the importance of Administrative Professionals Week. Today's office staff-demonstrates expanded skills and knowledge, and they deserve to be recognized for their talent and hard work. -- Linda Hall, CPS. President, IAAP,

San Jose, Calif., Chapter Dear Linda Hall: Thank you for your gentle comeuppance. "Why I Fired My Secretary" is one of the more popular pieces I have printed, and my readers frequently ask me to repeat it.

I doubt that anyone believes it reflects an authentic boss-secretary situation.

However, you are right to point out that today's office staff is tremendously important. Few employers could manage without the dedication and expertise of the administrative professionals who support and maintain their offices. On behalf of all of them, I applaud your efforts to rec-

ognize their hard work. Dear Ann Landers: Six months ago, my husband, "Darryl," had open-heart surgery, followed by severe complications. As his sole caregiver, his recovery was extremely stressful. He is home now and finally gaining back his strength. Today, Darryl's daughter called to let us know she is taking a vacation in the Caribbean and has the use of a friend's home for three weeks. She has offered to purchase a plane ticket for Darryl so he can spend some time by the ocean with her -- and her mother.

I am furious that she would think it is OK for Darryl to go off and enjoy a vacation with his ex-wife, who, in the 15 years we've been married, will not allow my name to be mentioned in her presence. Incidentally, Darryl and I have not had a vacation together in seven years.

I adore Darryl's daughter. She is a wonderful young

Dear N.Y.: You describe Sorry, but I don't see anything wonderful about a woman who would encourage her father to take a trip to the Caribbean with his ex-wife while you stay home. The decision should be Darryl's, and if he is halfway decent, he will

decline the offer. quite upset after reading the letter from the family law attorney who said DNA tests should not be done on children over the age of 2. Many men are being forced to pay child support for children who are not theirs and with whom they have no relationship. Such men are not "fathers." They are the victims of con artists

with sharp attorneys. I can understand a man remaining a father to a child he has helped raise and love, but that's not always the case. Some women have sex with several men, become pregnant, and then nail one of those saps to pay child support for 18 years. Sometimes the poor guy doesn't find out he's not the father for a long time. Unless DNA testing becomes mandatory at birth, a father should be entitled to find out if a child is his at any age. --The Man's Wife in

Dear Wife in Minnesota: I ty. I do agree, however, if a

Dear Ann Landers: This is for "Up Against It in Palatine, Ill.," whose father accused her mother of having affairs during their 50 years of marriage. He now has a new young girlfriend and wants to bring her to his daughter's house.

Ann, the man is exhibiting classic symptoms of Alzheimer's disease. My 75-year-old father accused my mother of having affairs, stealing money, threatening to kill him -you name it. When Dad filed for divorce, we were shocked and baffled. We have since learned his behavior is common in the early stages of Alzheimer's.

The man cannot help himself. He needs compassion and a doctor's evaluation. The sooner the better. -- Sue in Seattle

Dear Sue: Thanks for doing my job today. You're right on. I couldn't have said it better.

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PUBLIC NOTICE The Coahoma ISD will receive

bids for Bank depository bids for the 2001-02 and 2002-03 school years. Bids will be received in the Business Office or at PO Box 110 Coahoma, Texas 79511 until 2:00 P.M. May 14, 2001 Specifications and bid forms parties from the Business Office. The bids will be opened publicly at 2:00 PM May 14, 2001. The Board of Trustees will take action May 21, 2001 in its regular

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Room 202, Mark Sealed Envelopes SEALED BID ASPHALT' Bids will be presented to the Commissioners' Court on MAY 14, 2001 at 10:00 A.M. The court reserves the right

to reject any or all bids. Jackie Olson, 3149 April 25 & 29, 2001

Big Spring Herald

Public Notice Pure Resources, L.P. is here

by making application to the Texas Railroad Commission for Exception to Statewide Rules 26 and 27. Authority as provided in SWR 26(b)(1)(C) is sought regarding production in the latan East Howard the following leases:

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Protests of this application requests for a public hearing from persons who can show ed, or requests for further aspect of the application hould be addressed to the Railroad Commission of Texas, Oil and Gas Division, Engineering Section, PO Box 12967, Austin, TX 78711-

3143 April 11, 18, 25 & May 2, 2001

woman, but I'm not happy about her offer. Darryl says, "Write Ann Landers. I'll abide by her decision. Tell me, Ann, am I selfish to object to his going? -- No Saint in New York Darryl's daughter as a "wonderful young woman."

Dear Ann Landers: I was

Minnesota do not agree that DNA test ing should be mandatory at birth, unless there is some serious doubt about paterniman has no relationship with the child and questions the paternity, a DNA test can be very valuable because it removes all doubt.

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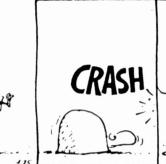






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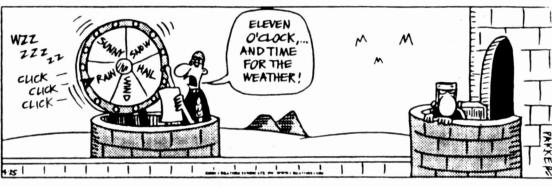


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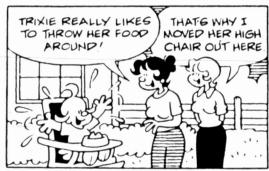




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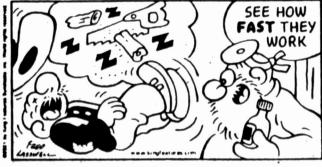


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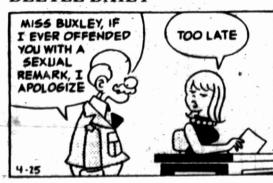


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THIS DATE **IN HISTORY**

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Today is Wednesday. April 25, the 115th day of 2001. There are 250 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 25, 1901, New York became the first state to require automobile license plates; the fee was

On this date:

Nicolas Jacques Pelletier Discovery. became the first person under French law to be executed by the guillotine.

In 1859, ground was bro-

ken for the Suez Canal. In 1898, the United States

formally declared war on

War II, U.S. and Soviet forces linked up on the Elbe River, a meeting that dramatized the collapse of Nazi Germany's defenses.

In 1945, delegates from some 50 countries met in San Francisco to organize the United Nations.

In 1959, the St. Lawrence Seaway opened to shipping. In 1983, the Pioneer 10 spacecraft crossed Pluto's orbit, speeding on its endless voyage through the Milky Way.

In 1990, Violeta Barrios de Chamorro was inaugurated as president of Nicaragua, ending 11 years of leftist Sandinista rule.

In 1990, the Hubble Space Telescope was deployed In 1792, highwayman from the space shuttle

> In 1995, show business legend Ginger Rogers died in Rancho Mirage, Calif., at

Ten years ago: The White House threatened to "take whatever steps are necessary" should Iraq fail to In 1945, during World meet a deadline for withdrawing its security forces from the refugee zone in northern Iraq. Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev, facing harsh

criticism during a closeddoor meeting of the Communist Party's Central Committee, offered to resign as party leader, an offer that was rejected.

Today's Birthdays: Country musician Vassar Clements is 73. Movie director-writer Paul Mazursky is Former Harlem

Globetrotter Meadowlark Lemon is 69. Songwriter Jerry Leiber is 68. Actor Al Pacino is 61. Rock musician Stu Cook (Creedence Clearwater Revival) is 56. Singer Bjorn Ulvaeus (ABBA) is 56. Actress Talia Shire is 55.



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Newsday Crossword WHO GOES THERE? by Bob Lubbers Edited by Stanley Newman

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May 5, 2001 (cinco de mayo de 2001)

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- a) The voter may cast all three (3) votes for one candidate,
- b) The voter may cast two (2) votes for one candidate and one (1) vote for a second candidate, or
- c) The voter may cast one (1) vote for three different candidates. The end result is that the three candidates collecting the most votes will be elected to fill the three (3) At-Large Trustee seats. It is important for you, the voter, to remember that you can only cast three votes in the upcoming

This new "cumulative" voting system will take place every three years when the three (3) At-Large Trustee seats are up for election. (May 2001, May 2004, May 2007, May 2010, etc.) This system was to begin in the May 1998 election, but the election was cancelled because there were only three (3) candidates who filed for the three seats. The regular method of one vote per Single-Member District Trustee will continue to be used as in the past for District 1, 2, 3, & 4 elections, in the two years in between the

This new "cumulative" voting system will allow the voters more flexibility and choice in casting their three (3) votes for three (3) At-Large Trustee candidates.

Election Day & Time: Polling Place:

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May 5, 2001, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Big Spring High School Cafeteria 707 East 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas April 18 through May 1, Weekdays 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. County Clerk's Office **Howard County Court House** Big Spring, Texas

Estimado Votante del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Big Spring:

En la elección próxima 5 de Mayo, 2001, usted, el votante, estará votando por tres (3) lugares de Fiduciario En-general del la mesa directiva de Big Spring I.S.D. De acuerdo con el acuerdo de LULAC, A Nivel Estatal vs. Big Spring I.S.D. (1996) petición, habrá un sistema nuevo "acumulativo" para el votante, en el cual, usted, el votante, tendrá tres (3) votos que usted puede asignar como usted guste. Los siguientes son

- a) El votante puede elejir los tres (3) votos por un candidato.
- b) El votante puede elejir dos (2) votos por un candidato y un (1) voto para el segundo candidato, o
- c) El votante puede elejir un (1) voto por tres diferente candidatos. El resultaldo final es que los tres candidatos recopila los más votos será elegido para llenar los tres (3) lugares de Fiduciario En-general. Es importante por, el votante, requerde que puede solamente elejir tres votos en la elección proxima o sus votos estarán descalificados

Este nuevo sistema "acumulativo" para el votante tendrá lugar cada tres años cuando los tres (3) lugares de Fiduciario En-general están sobre para elección. (Mayo 2001, Mayo 2004, Mayo 2007, Mayo 2010, etc.) Este sistema fue elejido en la elección de 1998, pero la elección estuvo cancelada porque habían solamente tres (3) candidatos que aplicaron para los tres asientos. El método regular de un voto por Fiduciario de Distrito único-miembro continuará a ser utilizado como en el pasado para los Distritos 1, 2, 3, y 4 elecciones, en los dos años por-el-medio de las elecciones En-general. Este nuevo sistema "acumulativo" para el votador permitirá que los votantes tengan más flexibilidad y opción en un voto decisivo sus tres (3) votos para los tres (3) candidatos de Fiduciario En-

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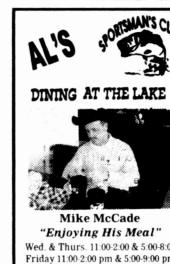
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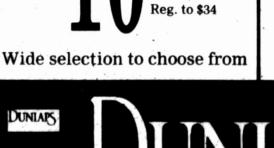
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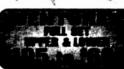
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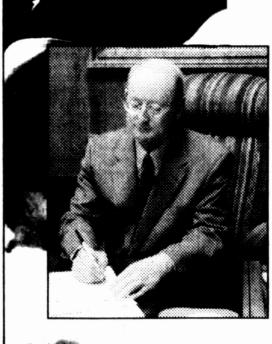
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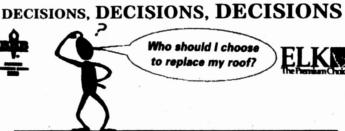
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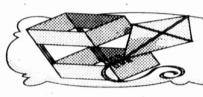
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"Go west, young man!" Horace Greeley, a New York newspaper editor, gave this advice in the 1860s when people were needed to settle that part of the country.

Today, Greeley would not have to offer any Greeley encouragement. People are flocking west to Colorado. The state population has jumped 30

percent in the last 10 years. New arrivals are attracted to Colorado's sunny weather, dry air, the Rocky Mountains, job opportunities and relaxed outdoor lifestyle.

Colorado became a state in 1876. It is nicknamed the Centennial State. In size, it is the eighth-largest state. It ranks 24th in the number of people (4.301.261).

Farming is a big source of income. Service industries such as tourism and banking bring in many jobs. Manufacturing includes machinery, scientific instruments and beer.

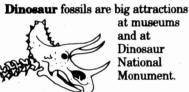


Native Americans, including the cliff dwellers at Mesa Verde, were the first settlers. Later tribes included the Arapahoe, the Utes and the Cheyenne.

Bunting is the state bird. Colorado Springs is the home of the U.S. Air Force Academy and Peterson Air Force Base.

Denver is called the "Mile-High City" because it is 5.280 feet above sea level. The U.S. mint

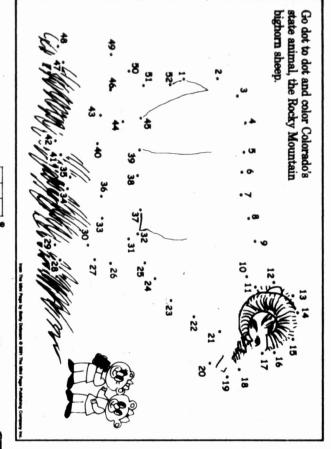
there produces half of country's coins. The capitol building



The **Eisenhower** tunnel, at 11,000 feet, is the highest auto

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Rookie Cookies Recipe **Chiliquiles** You'll need: • 1/4 cup butter or margarine 1/3 cup evaporated milk

• 3/4 cup sour cream • 6 tortillas 1/4 onion, chopped • 1 tomato, chopped • 1 (4.5-ounce) can chopped green chilies, drained

1. Melt 1 tablespoon butter or margarine in a skillet over medium heat. Add onion and tomato pieces and chilies. Cook for 10 minutes. Stir often.

Add evaporated milk. Bring to a boil. Stir often 3. Remove from heat. Stir in sour cream. Mix well.
4. In another skillet, melt remaining butter or margarine. Heat

tortillas, one at a time, for about 1 minute on each side.

Place one tortilla in a casserole. Spread about 1/4 cup of chili mixture on top. Repeat layers with remaining tortillas and chili mixture. Place one tortilla on top. 6. Cook in a preheated 350-degree oven for 15 minutes. Serves 8.



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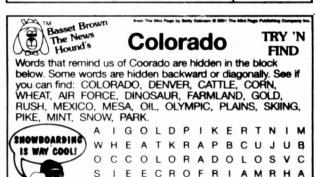
MIGHTY Funny Phonics It's fun to learn phonics, or the way letters sound. This week's target sound is the one made by the **OO** blend, as in the word **moon**.

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Tim: How is cat food sold? Rosie: At so much purrrrr can!

Mimi: What did the mother ghost say to the baby ghost? Amanda: "Don't spook unless spooken to!

Go on an OO What other words can you find that use the OO blend? What sound do you hear?



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Meet Lori Beth Denberg



Lori Beth Denberg is a talented actress and singer.

She was born and grew up in Northridge, Calif. Her performing career began at age 6 when she got parts in school plays and local theater productions. Her career really took off when she

was a senior in high school and was discovered by talent scouts from Nickelodeon. They saw her perform in a school drama contest and her scene won first place. She soon got a part in the TV show "All That." She has also been in the TV shows "Figure It Out" and "The

Steve Harvey Show." Lori Beth also sings and has recorded an album of Jewish folk songs. She likes traveling.

Goldie Goodsport's Report Supersport: Shannon MacMillan Height: 5-5 Birthdate: 10-7-74



College: U. of Portland Shannon MacMillan is one of the stars of the Women's National Soccer Team. She joined the team in 1993

Playing forward, she scored 12 goals and had 11 assists last year. She was also on the team that played in the Olympics. At the 1996 Olympics, she scored the goal that helped the

eam win the gold medal Shannon was a top college player and won the 1995 lermann Award, given to the top national soccer player. In college she studied social work. She now works at the University of Portland as an assistant women's soccer coach. In her free time, she likes reading, shopping and playing

board games

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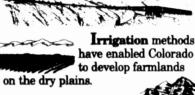
Farmland and cattle and sheep ranches

cover much of the eastern part of the state. Wheat, corn, hay, beans, potatoes and sugar beets are big crops.

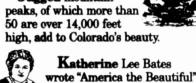
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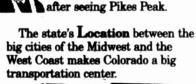
The Grand Mesa is one of the world's largest flattopped mountains.

The Highest suspension bridge in the world is Royal Gorge Bridge. It is 1,053 feet over the Arkansas River.



Jagged mountain





At one time, Mexico controlled western Colorado. Today, about 15 percent of the people

in the state have a Hispanic background.

The **Mining** of gold played a big part in developing the state. The gold rush of the late 1850s brought many people to the area.

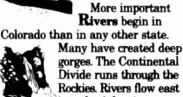
The Narrow-gauge railroad between Durango and Silverton is one of the country's most beautiful scenic rides. (Narrowgauge means the rails

are closer together than most.) Olympic athletes train

at the U.S. Olympic training center in Colorado Springs. The Great Plains cover about two-fifths of the eastern part of

the state. The land is used mostly for farming. The Plateau area the western part. Meses

The Quite unusual Great Sand Dunes are huge hills on the edge of a mountain range. Some are 700 feet high.



gorges. The Continental Divide runs through the Rockies. Rivers flow east into the Atlantic on one side of the divide. Rivers flow west into the Pacific on the other.

The Rocky Mountains cover two-fifths of the state.

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The **Spanish** were the first white people to explore Colorado, but did not settle there because they didn't find gold.

Tourists explore many of the 500 ghost towns that were deserted when the gold or silver ran out.

The U.S. government owns about one-third of the state's land. Most is used for

logging and grazing. The Variety of plant life, from cactus in the prairie to wildflowers to wildflowers in the mountains, add to the

Water is a big problem for Colorado. How well it handles the flooding from melting snow as well as water shortages during drought is one key to the state's future.

beauty of the state.

EXtra excitement can be found in mountain climbing, whitewater rafting and other outdoor

Sports activities, such as snow skiing in the winter and hiking in the summer, occur all Year and are big attractions.

Zebulon Pike was an Army officer who explored the area in 1806. Pikes Peak is named for him.

Zoo in Colorado Springs is the only mountain zoo in the country. Giraffes are among its 500 animals.

The Cheyenne Mountain

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