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## Blood drives

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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 Auxilary, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 West Third.

### THURSDAY

□ Gideons International, Big Spring Camp No. U42060, Herman's Restaurant, 7 a.m.

□ 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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## Christmas in April volunteers still needed this weekend

By CARL GRAHAM  
Staff Writer

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



RILEY

"We are grateful for the response that we have had 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 confirmation as yet on those assignments."

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

## 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 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.

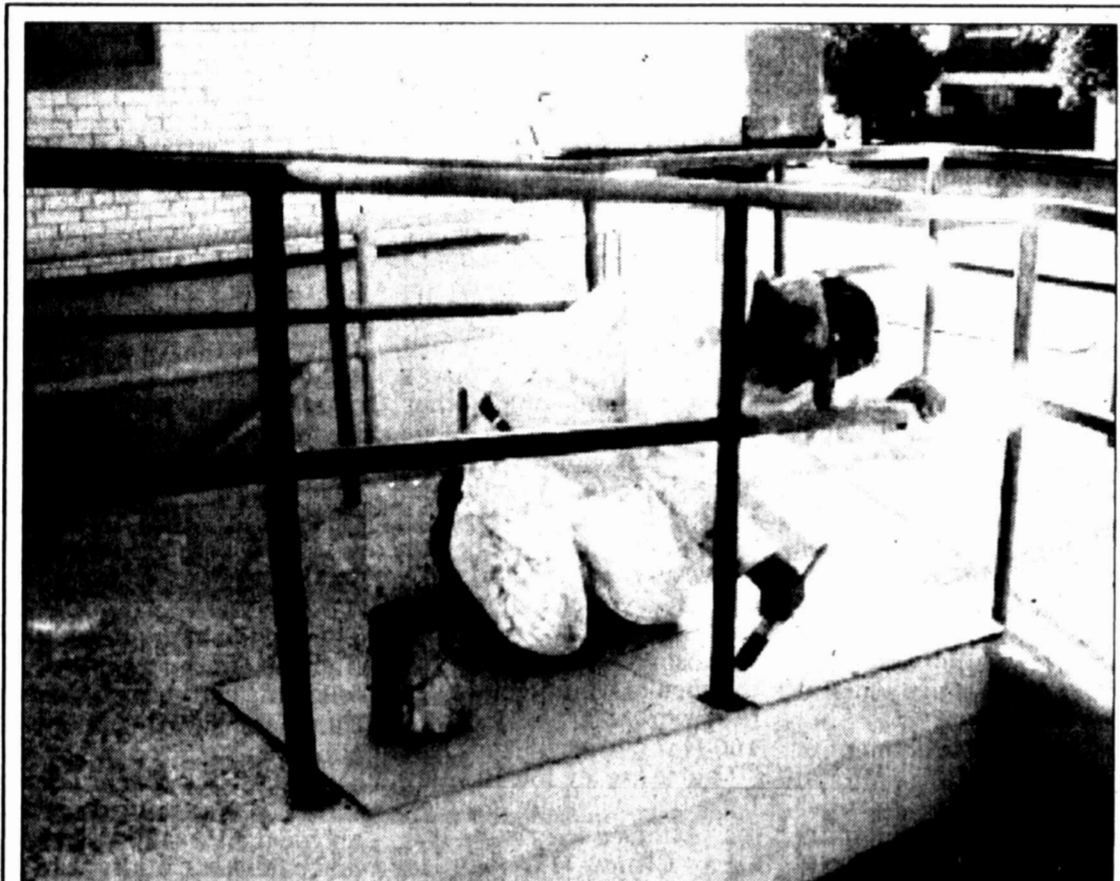
"We appreciate those young folks calling to say they are willing to help anywhere they are needed," said Riley. "We also received calls from four or five individuals who volunteered to help us out and we need to get them assigned to a project."

Bob's Custom Woodwork,

located at 409 E. Third Street, has been designated at the headquarters for this year's Christmas in April.

"We will have Jan Noyes 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.



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.

## 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 U.S. Highway 87 truck reliever route to the west of Big Spring indicated they approved plans suggested 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 of 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 Stallions Road and the McMahon Wrinkle Airpark (Route A); the second employing Stallions 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 15-mile 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

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

council can address a request to charge a \$30 fee for anyone wishing copies of medical records from 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

requested. City staff will put the potential property buyer in touch with the owner before proceeding with the sale.

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 Furquon 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 at-large 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 one 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

5:15 p.m.

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 in 1999.

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 site.

## State hospital honors hundreds of volunteers

By VALERIE AVERY  
Herald Correspondent

Longtime volunteer Ruth Stephenson was honored Tuesday with the annual

Jack Y. Smith Award at the Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council Annual Awards Luncheon — "Volunteering Expands Your Horizons...Your Spirit



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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 at Big Spring State 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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# 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 House.

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 business.

"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 proportions.

"Just down the street from my family, there's a 24-hour eight-liner 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 veterans' organizations would be

exempt 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, Hartnett said, but lobbyists have killed every attempt.

"In the absence of a clear 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 violation.

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 pocket or purse."

## McVeigh viewed bombing as success: professor

BEAUMONT (AP) — Oklahoma City bomber 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

instead of at night when it could have had a symbolic 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, who was McVeigh's 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

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."

Wright interviewed 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 public 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 health 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 a mandatory statewide pool for districts that have 500 or fewer employees. That's approximately 800 dis-

tricts, many rural, or 80 percent 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 2003.

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

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, D-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 pro-competition."

Enron and Shell are competitors 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 long-term risk for their short-term 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 of 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

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.

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

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Rick has been married to his wife, Amy, for over 11 years and they have four children, Ashley, Caitlin, Tristan and Trace.

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John A. Moseley  
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News Editor

## OUR VIEWS

## Let's pull together, help CIA

It'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 success.

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 couple of weeks, they admit response has been 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 desperately 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 citizens 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.

## HOW TO CONTACT US

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

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- By mail at P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79721

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## War on drugs claims innocent lives

The 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-month-old 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 missionaries.

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

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 process 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 thousands of miles from U.S.

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

That represents about 291 metric tons of cocaine. To subsistence farmers in Latin America and Asia, whose families 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 further up the distribution chain earning the most money.

I am not one who believes the sale and consumption of cocaine and other mind-altering drugs should be criminalized, 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 families.

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'.



LINDA CHAVEZ



## Setting the stage for entertainers

When I first knew Charles Sweeney he was in high school and his nickname was Chip. He got involved in radio news in Houston and people started calling him Scoop. He now lives in California and has a website called Stage Dude.

He works in concert production, stage managing major acts all over northern California. For a really big show, his work starts a month or two in advance. "Basically, my responsibility is to pull together all the pieces that will one day make the show happen: lighting, sound, staging, hiring stage hands, dealing with security companies, all sorts of things. It's like building a small city that's gonna be there for a day, then will go away."

For a really big show, five or six 18-wheelers will pull up to the concert site. They're full of band instru-

ments and lighting and sound equipment.

"I'm always the first one there and I enjoy seeing the empty lot just before dawn. I try to picture what it's going to look like. By noon you've got security, a medical operation, fencing, caterers, vendors, the stage area. It's like a little village. Then around midnight they start tearing down and within a few hours it's an empty lot again. It's an interesting life."

He says Chris LeDoux always has a bunch of fireworks and flowers.

"He shows up with full pyrotechnics which takes a whole day to set up. He has a pyro-technician who travels with him. We set up charges that makes the place look like World War III when Chris hits them during his show. We have to bring in fire marshals, put up danger zone signs. It's an intense thing."

Chris has to have 50 red carnations and 50 white carnations before every show.

"Basically, he just grabs them and throws them out to the fans. Here I am, spending a couple of hours in the middle of Nowhere, California, trying to find

carnations, which is a major challenge. The whole purpose is for Chris LeDoux to take them and throw them away. But that's show business."

Scoop really dreads to hear Chris do the song, "Copenhagen." But the crowd loves it.

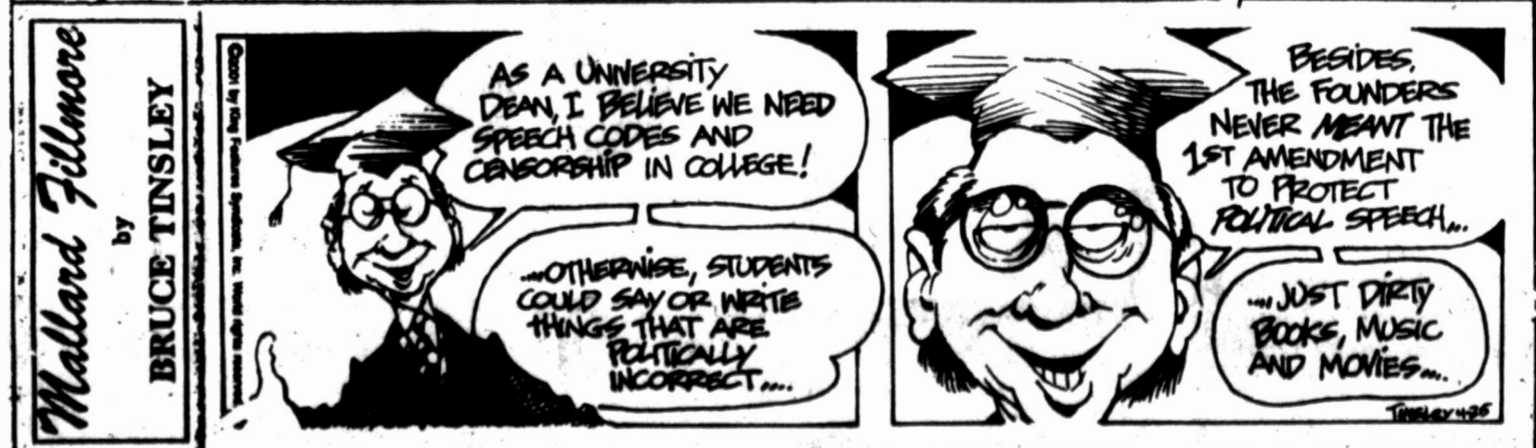
"On the first note of that song, you'll see 50 Copenhagen cans come flying through the air. Chris never seems to get hit, but all the other poor guys on stage do. You've got Copenhagen cans bouncing off guitars and drums and the musicians' foreheads. On a few shows we've actually had to string up a net to catch the stuff to protect the performers."

Scoop works with country groups. He says they're more family-oriented.

"I took the pledge. I swore off doing rap shows just because the music is too strange. I guess maybe I'm too old to get the purpose of it. I can't understand the lyrics and when I do, I really don't want to know those lyrics. It's a different world and I'm sure they have a message. I just haven't figured it out. Besides that, I just got tired of getting shot at."



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Good news! Nutrition experts want you to eat more — fruits and vegetables, that is. Did you know that Americans are four times more likely to pick a processed food for a snack instead of a fruit or vegetable? Along with diets low in fat and rich in grains and cereals, fruits and vegetables lower our risk of heart disease and some forms of cancer, according to the National Cancer Institute. Keep learning more about it. A Day program can help you increase your intake of fruits and vegetables.

What is Five A Day? A Day is a national campaign to get Americans to eat five servings of fruits and vegetables each day. Five servings may sound like a lot, but it's easy. Each of the following equal to one serving: 1/2 cup chopped fruit, 1/2 cup dried fruit, 3/4 ounce of 100 percent juice, 1/2 cup cook

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Good news! Nutrition experts want you to eat more — fruits and vegetables, that is. Did you know that: Americans are 10 times more likely to choose a soft drink instead of 100 percent juice? Americans are four times more likely to pick a processed food for a snack instead of a fruit or vegetable?



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Along with diets that are low in fat and rich in grains and cereals, eating fruits and vegetables may lower our risk of getting heart disease and some forms of cancer, according to the National Cancer Institute. Keep reading to learn more about the Five A Day program and how you can increase your intake of fruits and vegetables.

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leafy vegetables, one cup of raw vegetables.

Aren't fruits and vegetables expensive you might ask? Not really when you consider the amount of nutrients you get compared with cookies, chips or soda. To get the best prices on fruits and vegetables follow these tips: 1. Buy fruits and vegetables in season. 2. Visit farmer's markets and roadside produce stands. 3. Use unit prices to help spot best buys or frozen or canned fruits and vegetables.

When considering whether canned or frozen is better, remember this, pick fresh produce when the price and quality are good, otherwise pick the canned or frozen varieties which are often just as nutritious.

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.

Start today with Five A Day and take a step towards better health.

## 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 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 written by members of the

Army's 41st Signal 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 sys-

tem didn't exist in 1955.

After 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 love-struck 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

DENVER (AP) — After a 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 about him around 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

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-year-old brother, Jacob, this week.

"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 still 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.

## READER'S CORNER

Emeteria Munoz of Big Spring, formerly of Juarez, Mexico, is the matriarch of five generations of the Munoz family.

The great-great-grandmother moved to Big Spring with her family as migrant workers in 1923. She is a direct descendant of Abron Jaimes who fought in the Mexican Revolution under the command of Poncho Villa.

She married Aristeo Munoz, a migrant worker, in 1960, and then later married Luciano Originales, who worked for the railroad



for 36 years, retiring in 1977. She has five daughters, Liz Alred, Lee Arms, Esther Mezick, Mimi Valdez and Margie Munoz; and four sons, Jimmy Munoz, Elias Munoz, Zeke Munoz and the late Daniel Munoz.

She has been and continues to be instrumental in caring for and raising her grandchildren and many of her nieces and nephews.

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The Man

He's the man in the shadow  
he stands silently waiting

He's the man who died on that  
old rugged cross  
so that all could live

He's the man who spoke not a  
word until he knew that death  
had come for him  
then the words he spoke were  
not of hate for the one's who  
had treated him so cruelly  
No instead he asked that  
his Father

forgive him so - for they know not  
what they do --

He's the man in the shadow  
who waits silently until one calls upon him  
then he is no longer the man in the shadow  
he is Jesus  
King of all Kings Our Savior

—Lana Anguiano

The Light

When I look into your eyes  
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

I know that all I would see  
is a heart full of only Kindness

I know that if I could see your soul  
I know all I would see would be the soul of an Angel --

—Lana Anguiano

Quietly She Waits

My rose once grew in a garden  
beside an old elm tree  
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 on the other side  
spreading her beauty far and wide

Blooming there by Heaven's gates  
'Quietly she waits'

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

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 solutions.

There's an end to every race.  
Sooner or later  
The sun will shine through  
And 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.  
New strength is our gain,  
As we gather the mercy  
That's taught only by pain

Looking back on my life  
Still all I can see  
Is the joy that each victory  
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 me?

—Martha Anderson Peugh

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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 19)  
\*\*\*\* Speak your mind, and 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 20)  
\*\*\* 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 insight. 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 your-

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

\*\*\* 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 extra zzz's.

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 time you might be spending at work or with another. Tonight: Push into the wee hours.

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 with self-acceptance. Detach and express the depth of your caring. Tonight: Play a favorite CD.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
\*\*\* 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 say 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-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 sleep.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
\*\*\*\* 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 20)  
\*\* Take the pressure cooker off of the flame. Eliminate 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 answering machine.

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against Bre Saturday at 7:  
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open playoffs against  
High School Friday  
4.  
The Friday Christian game  
rescheduled for in Midland.

Lady Steer to meet Thursday  
The Lady Steer club will meet at 6 p.m. in the Training Center.  
The meeting the final pre-spring banquet.  
For more information contact Churchwell at:

Cancer Scramble set for week  
The fourth Cancer Scramble 1 p.m. Saturday.  
The entry fee player plus Private carts come.  
Prize money award to one field in the shop credit.  
There will be drive contest for closest to There will be \$10,000 hole-in-one.  
The field is first 36 teams benefit Relay 1.  
To enter call Spring County 267-5354.

Basketball schedule  
The Big Spring School Basketball Club has scheduled annual basketball for Thursday, May 3.  
Trinity Baptist For more information call Brian E 264-3648.

Bennett golf tournament slated May  
The Chase I golf tournament Saturday, the Comanche Course.  
It will be scramble and start at 8 a.m.  
Both teams: equal players a The cost is \$2 and \$50 per player.  
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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 4.

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 contact Debbie 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 welcome.

Prize money will be awarded 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 Course.

It will be a four-man scramble 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-in-one 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.

## ON THE AIR

### Television

#### NBA

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 Jays, 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 trainers.

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 award.

Hirt also received awards for the

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Courtesy photo  
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.



HERALD photo/Jim Fierro  
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-off race with Lake View.



## Steers top Chiefs; still in playoff race

By CARL GRAHAM  
Staff Writer

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 innings.

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.

The Steers sent 11 batters to the plate in the bottom of the third inning scoring six unearned runs off Lankford.

Jason Thomas got things started by reaching first on an error. Heath Gregory, the Steer shortstop, laid 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

another single by Thomas that brought Olague home. Gregory made his second appearance in the 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.

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

the Chiefs despite chalking up eight strikeouts and only one base on balls.

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 season. 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.

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## 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.

"We're still on a roll," Redman 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 rock-

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

NFL lone defendant 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 case.

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, 7-5 (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 nicknames on the back of the shirts. And the football worked least of all.



JIM LITKE

NBC Sports 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 out half.

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 third-rate 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 play.

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

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Allen Iverson is ready to let 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 1-1.

"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 double-teams usually frustrate me, but tonight it didn't. I just took whatever they gave me.

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. He scored 14 of 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

their biggest lead to that 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.

Iverson pumped his fist, 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

Thomas was excited after 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.

But Miller missed all three of his shots 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 3-point range. Iverson was 15-of-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 opener.

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.

Jazz 109, Mavericks 98  
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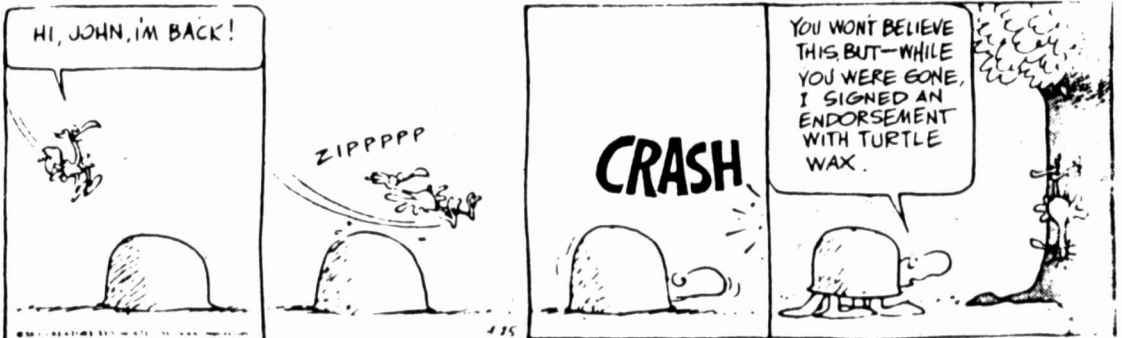
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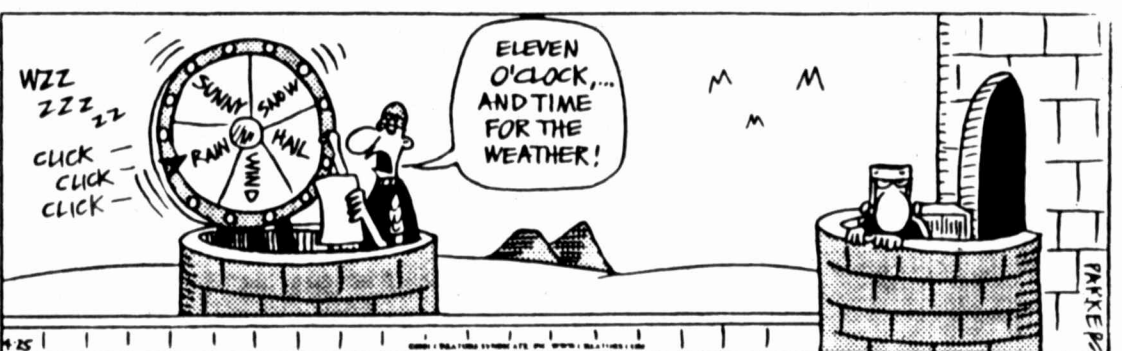
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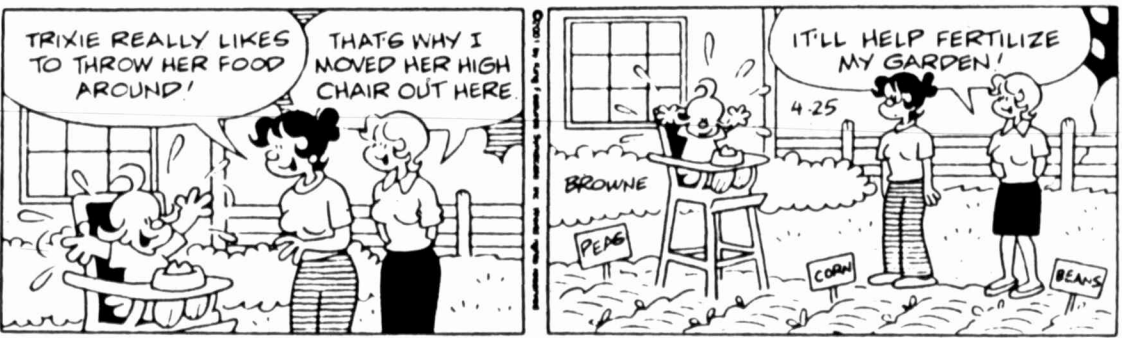
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Today is Wednesday, April 25, the 115th day of 2001. There are 250 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**  
On April 25, 1901, New York became the first state to require automobile license plates; the fee was \$1.

**On this date:**  
In 1792, highwayman Nicolas Jacques Pelletier became the first person under French law to be executed by the guillotine.

In 1859, ground was broken for the Suez Canal.

In 1898, the United States formally declared war on Spain.

In 1945, during World 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 from the space shuttle Discovery.

In 1995, show business legend Ginger Rogers died in Rancho Mirage, Calif., at age 83.

Ten years ago: The White House threatened to "take whatever steps are necessary" should Iraq fail to 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 closed-door 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 71.

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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Dear Big Spring Independent School District Voter:

In the upcoming May 5, 2001, election you, the voter, will be voting for the three (3) At-Large Trustee seats of the Big Spring I.S.D. School Board. In accordance with the settlement agreement reached in the LULAC, Statewide vs. Big Spring I.S.D. (1996) suit, there will be a new "cumulative" voting system used, in which, you, the voter, will have three (3) votes that you may allocate as you see fit. The following are some examples:

- 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 election or your ballot will be disqualified.

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 at-large elections.

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: May 5, 2001, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
Polling Place: Big Spring High School Cafeteria 707 East 11<sup>th</sup> Place, Big Spring, Texas  
Early Voting Dates & Time: April 18 through May 1, Weekdays 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Early Voting Polling Place: County Clerk's Office Howard County Court House Big Spring, Texas

GENERAL ELECTION (ELECCIÓN GENERAL)

BIG SPRING INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BIG SPRING, TEXAS

(DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE LINEA DE BIG SPRING)

May 5, 2001 (cinco de mayo de 2001)

SAMPLE BALLOT (BOLETA DE MUESTRA)

INSTRUCTION NOTE: (NOTA DE INSTRUCCIÓN):

Cast one, two, or three votes by marking an "X" in one, two, or three boxes below. It is permitted to vote up to three times for one candidate, but mark only three "X"s in the boxes below.

Vote uno, dos, o tres votos, marcando una "X" en uno, dos, o tres de los espacios indicados. Se permite votar hasta tres veces por el mismo candidato, pero marque solamente tres "X"s en los espacios indicados.

TRUSTEES AT-LARGE (OFICIALES EN GENERAL)

- Al Valdés
- Kent Sharp
- Mike Dawson
- Steve Fraser
- Phil Furqueron

(Write-in/Voto Escrito)

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 algunos ejemplos:

- a) El votante puede elegir los tres (3) votos por un candidato,
- b) El votante puede elegir dos (2) votos por un candidato y un (1) voto para el segundo candidato, o
- c) El votante puede elegir un (1) voto por tres diferente candidatos.

El resultado 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, requere que puede solamente elegir tres votos en la elección próxima 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 elegido en la elección de 1998, pero la elección estuvo cancelada porque habian solamente tres (3) candidatos que aplicaron para los tres asientos. El metodo 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-general.

El Día y Tiempo de Elección: Mayo 5, 2001, 7:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m.  
Encuestando Lugar: La Cafeteria de Big Spring High School 707 East 11<sup>th</sup> Place, Big Spring, Texas  
Votando Temprano Fechas y Tiempo: Abril 18 hasta Mayo 1, días de semana 8:00 a.m. a 5:00 p.m.  
Votando Temprano Lugar Encuestable: La Oficina de la Archivera del Condado de Howard, Casa de Corte, Big Spring, Texas

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 \* No more than 2 dependents (no young children please)  
 \* High School diploma/GED required, college preferred  
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Starting salary of \$37,856 per couple, plus free housing, utilities, food. Free medical insurance, free pension plan, 401(k) w/company match, many other great benefits! Relocation \$\$ available. Come join our team and make a difference in a child's life! Call Human Resources at 806/373-6600, ext.516 or (800)687-3722, ext. 516. Visit our website at [www.calfarleysboysranch.org](http://www.calfarleysboysranch.org) (EOE)

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**Colorado From A to Z**



Denver is the state capital and the largest city. This view shows the downtown with the mountains in the background.

"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 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.

The lark **Bunting** is the state bird.

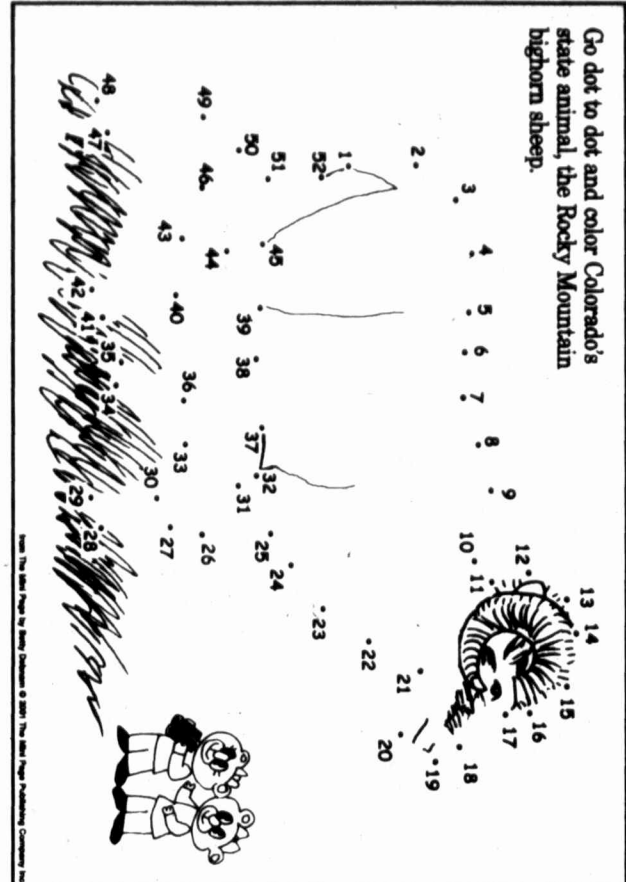
**Colorado Springs** is the home of the U.S. Air Force Academy and Peterson Air Force Base.

A site to see: [www.colorado.com](http://www.colorado.com)

Denver is called the "Mile-High City" because it is 5,280 feet above sea level. The U.S. mint there produces half of the country's coins.

**Dinosaur fossils** are big attractions at museums and at Dinosaur National Monument.

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



Go out to get and color Colorado's state animal, the Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep.

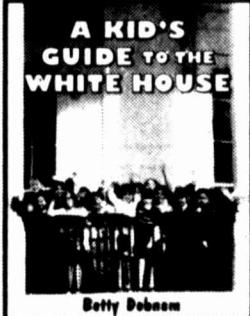
**Rookie Cookies Recipe**  
**Chiliques**

**You'll need:**

- 1/4 cup butter or margarine
- 1/4 onion, chopped
- 1 tomato, chopped
- 1 (4.5-ounce) can chopped green chilies, drained
- 1/3 cup evaporated milk
- 3/4 cup sour cream
- 6 tortillas

**What to do:**

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.
2. 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.
5. 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.
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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  
**Weight:** 130 **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 team win the gold medal.

Shannon was a top college player and won the 1995 Hermann 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.

**MIGHTY FUNNY'S 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.

**Tom:** What did one kangaroo say to the other?  
**Anna:** "I hate these rainy days when the kids play inside!"

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

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

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

**Colorado TRY 'N FIND**

Words that remind us of Colorado are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: COLORADO, DENVER, CATTLE, CORN, WHEAT, AIR FORCE, DINOSAUR, FARMLAND, GOLD, RUSH, MEXICO, MESA, OIL, OLYMPIC, PLAINS, SKIING, PIKE, MINT, SNOW, PARK.

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Mini Spy is skiing in Colorado. See if you can find:

- funny face
- word MINI
- bell
- number 8
- whale
- man in the moon
- snake
- duck
- dragon
- question mark
- exclamation mark

**Colorado From A to Z**

**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.

The state **Flower** is the Rocky Mountain columbine.

The **Grand Mesa** is one of the world's largest flat-topped mountains.

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

**Irrigation** methods have enabled Colorado to develop farmlands on the dry plains.

**Jagged** mountain peaks, of which more than 50 are over 14,000 feet high, add to Colorado's beauty.

**Katherine Lee Bates** wrote "America the Beautiful" after seeing Pikes Peak.

The state's **Location** between the big cities of the Midwest and the West Coast makes Colorado a big transportation center.

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. (Narrow-gauge 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 in the western part. Mesas are there.

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

More important **Rivers** begin in Colorado than in any other state. Many have created deep 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.

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 in the mountains, add to the beauty of the state.

**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.

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

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.

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

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