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## WEATHER

Tonight:



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## BSPD plans open house this month

In celebration of 75 years of public service, the Big Spring Police Department will hold an open house from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, April 26.

The event will be held at the department office at 400 E. Fourth St.

The public is invited and refreshments will be served. The invitation includes all former employees of the police department and their family members.

## WHAT'S UP...

### TODAY

□ Big Spring Commandery 31 meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Temple, 221 1/2 Main. 6:30 p.m. dinner.

□ Big Spring Assembly 211, Social Order of Beauceant, 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Temple, 221 1/2 Main. 6:30 p.m. dinner.

### TUESDAY

□ Intermediate Line Dance classes, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-1628.

□ Evening Lion's Club meets at noon every Tuesday at the Senior Center in the Whipkey Room.

□ Big Spring Rotary meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.

### WEDNESDAY

□ Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. at the Howard College Cactus Room.

□ Senior Circle Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics meets at the SMMC cafeteria at 10 a.m.

□ Duplicate Bridge Club meets every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 1 p.m. at the Big Spring Country Club.

□ Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center. Call 398-5522 or 267-1628.

□ Fraternal order of Eagles Aerie Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

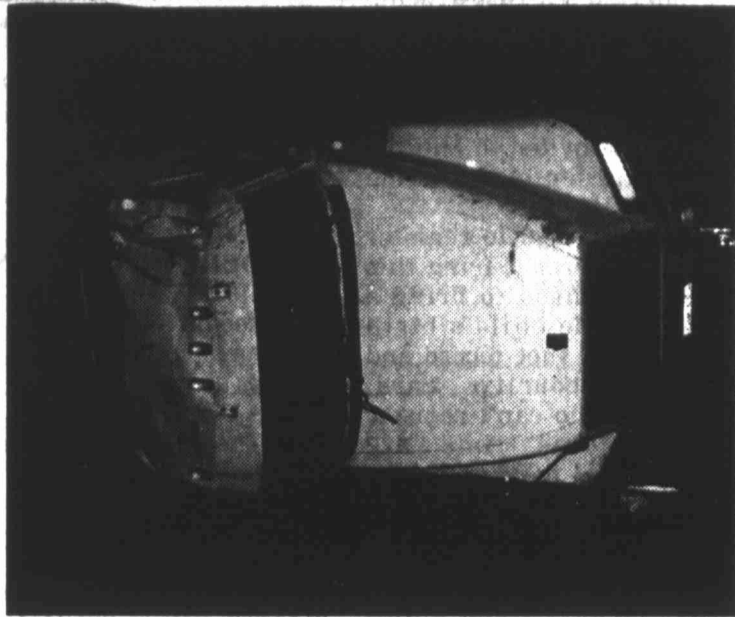
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## Truck misses I-20 exit, rolls over

HERALD Staff Report

Area emergency personnel responded to an accident involving an 18-wheeler

A one-vehicle accident took place Saturday along Interstate 20 near Rip Griffin's Truck and Travel Center after the driver lost control. One injury was reported, according to Department of Public Safety Trooper Thomas Moore.

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Saturday night on Interstate 20 that left one person injured.

Department of Safety troopers, Big Spring police officers, Howard County sheriff's Deputies and Big Spring firefighters responded to the accident on I-20 near Rip Griffin's Truck and Travel Center.

According to DPS Trooper Thomas Moore, the truck was west bound on I-20 and was attempting to exit the interstate when the driver lost control. The truck slid down the embankment.

The accident punctured a fuel line and diesel was leaking at the scene, Moore said. Responding officers took precautions not to drive up onto the leaking fuel and the Big Spring Fire Department was called in case the fuel caught fire, Moore said. Diesel fuel has a low flash point, Moore added.

The driver of the vehicle was reported injured. Two passengers in the rig did not report any injuries, Moore

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## Chef Jeff lends his expertise to BSISD

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

The man in the white hat didn't make his stay in Big Spring a long one. Hopefully, though, his legacy will make the dining experience just a little better for Big Spring Independent School District students.

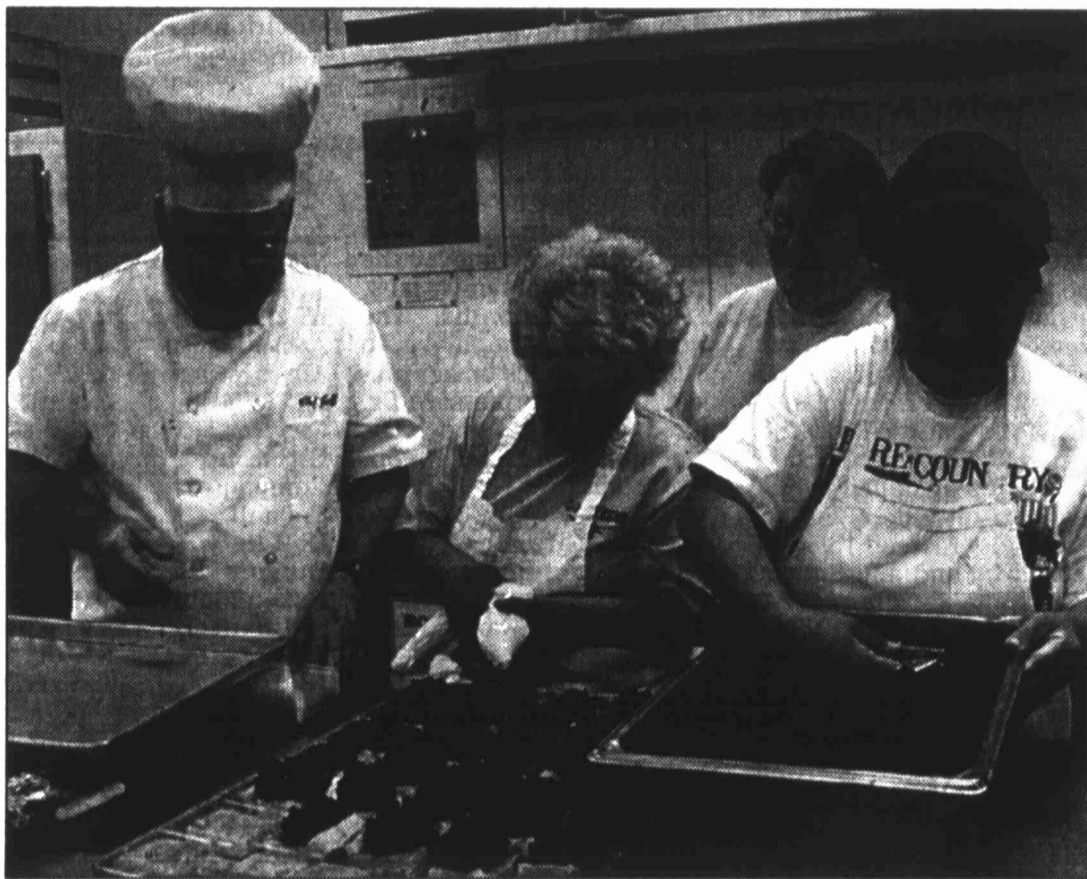
Chef Jeff Simpson of Quality Foodservice Training came into Big Spring last week after traveling the long distance from his home in Waco.

He came to share his 24 years of experience in the public school system with BSISD cafeteria workers on how to prepare and serve food in interesting and different ways.

"I take what I have learned and go try to help other people on how they can improve their food," Simpson said.

He started with taking the cafeteria staff of Goliad Elementary under his guidance on Tuesday. He went to Marcy Elementary on Wednesday. On Thursday, Chef Jeff was helping the Big Spring High School staff tweak their cooking and preparation and Friday he ended up his teachings at Big Spring Junior High School.

Simpson served as the food service director of Waco Independent School District during the 1980s and understands the administrative part of food service. The production of food



Chef Jeff Simpson gives a few tips to Anna Huante, who is topping desserts with whipping cream during lunch at Big Spring High School. Isabel Garza adds blueberry topping. Cafeteria manager Robln Brown listens to Simpson's suggestions. Simpson was in town last week to train the Big Spring Independent School District food service staff.

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is his real passion.

"I'm a food person," Simpson said. "When I developed a menu I pictured how I wanted things done. I try to do things from a culinary point of view."

And he spends his life helping mostly school districts, private and public, to maintain quality of the taste of food.

"We want to retain the flavor of food and as much of the nutrients as possible," he said. "We also want to reduce the fat but the food does not have to be different from Luby's. We just need to prepare and serve food as good as our competitors."

His teaching techniques are directly a hands-on

method.

"I enjoy helping directly in the kitchen with the food," he said. "I work all over the kitchen and talk about different ways to prepare things."

His love of his crafted began at an early age.

"I had a really interesting

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## Polls open all day Tuesday in runoff elections

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Howard Countians will join Texans statewide at the polls Tuesday, casting runoff votes in the Republican and Democratic primaries.

The March 12 primaries left some would-be candidates in doubt as to their status by necessitating the run-off elections. No local primaries were contested

closely enough to warrant the runoffs.

Howard County residents can cast their votes at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday. Residents who

voted in the original election must cast their ballots in same party's primary as they originally did. Those who did not vote in the original primary may cast their vote in either party's primary.

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Voters should bring some form of identification and their voter registration card, if they have it.

The only runoff race in the Democratic primary is that for U.S. Senator. Victor Morales and Ron Kirk received the most votes for that position on the Democratic side, but neither received a clear majority of the votes, so the two

are facing each other in the runoff.

The Republican primary involves several run-offs, including that for Texas Supreme Court Justice Place 2 between Dale Wainwright and Elizabeth Ray; for Judge, Criminal Court of Appeals Place 1 between Tom Price and Tim Taft; for Judge, Criminal

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## Sophomore proof science fairs aren't what they used to be

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Remember when a home-made erupting volcano would win the school science fair?

Big Spring High School sophomore Paige Schmidt's science fair project is a little more advanced than fake lava pouring over papier-mâché.

The 15-year-old is experimenting by genetically engineering plants to become more stress resistant.

"I would insert a  $\beta$  glucuronidase or "blue gene" into the cell and whenever the plant experienced stress it turns the cells under stress blue," she said.

Next she resequenced the genes of those cells that experienced the stress to become more stress resistant and then reintroduce the gene back into the plant. Pretty simple.

"It's the same type of cloning methods used on

TV," she said. "Plants are a little simpler than humans."

Schmidt's project was picked as one of two overall winners in the Permian Basin Regional Science Fair 2002 held March 23 at University of Texas Permian Basin.

Another Big Spring resident, Elaine Harwell, an eighth-grader at Big Spring Junior High, placed second in environmental science while fellow BSJH eighth-grader Lucy Yanez placed third in behavioral/social science.

Schmidt's overall standing earned her a trip to the International Science Fair sponsored by Intel, to be held in Louisville, Ky. Around 500 young scientists will compete at the event. Intel furnishes transportation and hotel expenses for each of the contestants and his or her sponsor.

This trip will be the second appearance at the

International Science Fair by Schmidt, the daughter of Tim and Karen Schmidt.

"I did not place last year, so I am looking forward to getting a chance this year," she said.

Her last year's project was creating edible vaccines. She came up with the idea from another project she read about where vaccines were introduced into potatoes. She introduced the vaccines into carrots.

"You can regenerate the crop and are able to eat say a small pox vaccine," she said.

And it worked.

Schmidt said many of the projects at the International Science Fair are pretty impressive.

"They test things like cancer," she said. "One kid that went with me last year took sewer water and grew lotus flowers in it to help purify the water."

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Fifteen-year-old Paige Schmidt was one of two overall winners at the Permian Basin Regional Science Fair 2002 held in late March. Schmidt will take her project that involves genetically reengineering plants to make them more stress resistant to the International Science Fair in Louisville, Ky.

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OBITUARIES

Paula T. Martinez

Vigil service for Paula T. Martinez, 73, of Big Spring will be 7 p.m. today, April 8, 2002, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be 11 a.m. Tuesday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.



Mrs. Martinez died Saturday, April 6, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center following a long illness.

She was born April 2, 1929, in Mendoza. She had been a resident of Big Spring since 1949 coming from Austin. She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Victor H. Martinez Sr. of Big Spring; four sons, Victor Martinez Jr., Ruben Martinez, and Jessie Martinez, all of Big Spring, and Mike T. Martinez of Dallas; six daughters, Rosa Flores, Maria Rodriguez, Lolly Martinez, Gloria Rodriguez, and Janie Paige, all of Big Spring, and Isabel Haro of Manteca, Calif.; two brothers, Felix Trejo and Marcos Trejo, both of Austin; five sisters, Vivian Trejo of Austin, Chavela Ortiz of Grand Prairie, Dolores Martinez of Stanton, Lydia Castillo of Lubbock, and Susie Garcia of Austin; 45 grandchildren; and 39 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Ronald Ringner

Funeral service for Ronald Ringner of Siler City, N.C., is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Mr. Ringner died Friday, April 5, 2002, in Chatham County, N.C.

CHEF

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mother," he said. "She was a home economist."

Under his mother's tutelage, he started cooking at an early age and found he had a gift. He eventually earned his bachelor's degree in hotel and restaurant management from Michigan State.

And he applies his training in every cooking job he has taken.

"I cook like they taught me in college and still do it just like that today," he said.

Joann Smoot, BSISD food

service director, said Simpson's help is well appreciated.

"Some of the things he has taught us helps make our job a little easier," Smoot said.

Smoot said she is thankful to Region 18 Service Center, which provided the services.

BSISD Food Services feeds on average 2,500 students lunch and/or breakfast during the school week.

Simpson said some of the positive things he has found about the district are the variety of food offered and the fact that the staff continues to try and cook many items from scratch.

"The ladies I've meet so far have been trained and understand the basic concepts," he said. "They work as hard as they can to do the best job for the children. They seem open to suggestions."

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will fund the remainder of the project.

"What they're going to do is they're going to resurface Taxiway A and finish up the security fencing around the airport," Curtiss said. "We've pretty much got our security fencing in line, but we've got a couple of spots that need to be finished up just because we ran out of money."

Curtiss said the AWOS would be installed in May.

"Basically what that does is it puts us on the map as far as the National Weather Service goes," he said. "Once it's installed, you'll see us on the Weather Channel. Instead of just being Midland and Snyder, it'll have Midland, Big Spring and Snyder. It's pretty expensive, but it's really detailed as to what it presents as a footprint of the weather."

The third agenda item regarding the airport involves a change order which will increase Hangar 25 Air Museum construction costs by about \$1,000. Most of that cost will be borne by the original TxDOT grant, Curtiss said. The city will be responsible for just \$12.38.

The change includes stabilizing the frame of a large stained glass window recently restored by local craftsman Bill Brooks and placed in the museum. The window, originally part of the Webb Air Force Base chapel, depicts the hand of God holding the Earth as winged figures stand guard over the planet.

"What they did was, they had to stabilize the stained glass window," Curtiss said. "It had to be framed and stabilized. We thought we could just hang it, but of course that didn't work. It cost \$990. We had enough money left in the grant to do it."

The \$12.38 is the city's portion of the cost in matching funds.

"Every time they use part of the grant money, the city has to pay a share of it," he said.

The work, performed by Lee George Construction, includes better anchoring the frame holding the window to the floor and the ceiling of the hangar.

In other business the council will:

- Hear a presentation on the Big Spring Area Community Foundation.
- Hear an emergency reading of an ordinance appointing election judges, determining the rate of pay and establishing an early voting board for the May 4 city elections.
- Hear the first reading of an ordinance raising the daily entrance fee for the Comanche Trail Park Municipal Swimming Pool from \$1.50 to \$2.
- Hear the first reading of an ordinance authorizing the mayor to execute a pool operation agreement with the Big Spring YMCA.
- Consider making an appointment to the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark

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Development Board to replace Steve Fraser.

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Court of Appeals Place 2 between Paul Womack and David Richards; and for Judge, Criminal Court of Appeals Place 3 between Al Williams and Cathy Cochran.

In early voting, 55 Republicans turned out to vote in the primary run-off elections, while 105 Democrats cast ballots.

For more information, contact the Howard County Clerk at 264-2213.

SCIENCE

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Her first science project was a class requirement and her teacher, Steve Goodgame, at Hofachef Mid-High in Deming, N.M., took Schmidt under his wing.

Goodgame helped Schmidt get time in the New Mexico Technical University lab for her experiments.

When Schmidt moved to Big Spring last year, after her father took the reins as chief executive officer of Scenic Mountain Medical Center, she was able to secure time at the Texas Tech University labs. For five months, she would make the drive to Lubbock to work on her project and said professors Dr. Randy Allen and Dr. Mohammed Foker were very helpful.

"They are really down to earth and explained everything at the simplest level," she said. "Whenever I had a question they would have an answer."

Time in the laboratory is more of a fascination for the young scientist than a dull task.

"I just really like science," she said. "I got involved with it and it just interested me. I enjoy the whole lab experience and getting to work with all the different things."

Although Schmidt is uncertain about what profession she may choose in the future, she is fascinated with the ever-changing field of science, especially in the area of biology.

"It's always developing different discoveries every day, that helps us with our lives," she said.

WRECK

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said. Weather may have played a factor in the accident, Moore said. The Crossroads area received light showers Saturday night.

BRIEFS

FORSAN EX-STUDENTS ASSOCIATION IS attempting to get 911 addresses on former Forsan students.

Please call Boyce Hale at 2267-6957 to receive a newsletter.

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A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

GARDEN CITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S kindergarten registration for the 2002-2003 school year will be held on May 1. Children who will be attending kindergarten next year are invited to join the kindergarten classes from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Parents need to register their children during this time and need to bring a copy of the child's birth certificate, shot record and social security card. Parents who can't register during this time are encouraged to come by the elementary office or call 354-2243.

ARE YOU PREGNANT?

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Intel Corp	29.3 -75
NUV	9.26 -02
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Pepsico Inc	50.86 +25
Phillips Petro	61.46 +82
SBC Comms	36.71 -36
Sears Roebuck	49.75 -25
TXU Corp	55 -05
Texas Instrument	32.25 -1.17
Total Fina	74.84 -3
Unocal Corp	37.7 +52
Wal-Mart	59.29 +15
Wal-Mart/Mexico	31.62-32.13
AMCAP	15.78 -01
Europacific	27.23 +02
Prime Rate	4.75 %
Gold	298.6 -300.8
Silver	4.57 -4.63

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from 8 a.m. Friday until noon Saturday:

• DAVID LUERA, 39, of 500 W. Third Street was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• JOHN RENFRO, 35, of 103 Broken Bow was arrested on a charge of possession of a controlled substance less than one gram.

• JUSTEN VOGUE, 28, of 2205 E. Warren was arrested on charges of attempted burglary of a building and driving with a suspended license.

• ADOLFO GARZA, 19, of 1026 Rosemont was arrested on a charge of pub-

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lic intoxication.

• KENNETH BANKS, 32, of 4207 Muir was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated and driving with a suspended license.

• BOBBY HUTCHESON, 19, of 1322 Harding was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana two ounces or less.

• JAYCI WEBB, 23, of 4206 Theo was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana two ounces or less.

• JAMES SCOTT WILSON, 29, of 1203 Sycamore was arrested on two local warrants.

• JUAN OLIVAREZ, 19, of 3304 W. Highway 80 was arrested on a charge of driving under the influence by a minor.

• DAVID CHAVARRIA, 22, of 2508 W. 16th Street was arrested on charges of burglary of a habitation and running a stop sign.

• HERVEY SALAZAR, 20, of 1604 Cardinal was arrested on a charge of burglary of a habitation.

• JEREMY JAMES WHITE, 22, of 10601 McDonald Road was arrested on a charge of driving with a suspended license.

• DAVID O'BRIEN, 22, of 5807 Walter Road was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• MICHAEL SIMPSON, 20, of 5705 Midway was arrested on a charge of minor in consumption of alcohol.

• TELENA RODGERS, 19, of 304 W. 31st Street was arrested on a charge of minor in consumption of alcohol.

• ELADIO ZUBIATE, 25, of 708 N. Douglas was arrested on a charge of driving with an invalid license.

• RICKY HAIR, 28, of 1500 E. 11th Place was arrested on a charge of attempted burglary of a building.

• RAYMOND LOSOYA, 67, of 207 Jones was arrested on a charge of driving with a suspended license.

• JOHNNY ORTEGA, 47, of 1708 W. Third Street was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• BENJAMIN OLVERA,

21, of 708 N.W. Fifth St. was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• CODY HAWKINS, 19, of 810 Cherry was arrested on charges of minor in consumption of alcohol and failure to identify.

• ABEL PADILLA, 37, of 708 Lorilla St. was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY INJURY was reported at an unknown location on South Runnels.

• ASSAULT BY THREAT was reported in the 1200 block of Ridgeroad Drive.

• LOUD PARTY/NOISE was reported twice in the 500 block of Westover Road.

• DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 2500 block of Hunter Drive, the 600 block of East FM 700, the 1500 block of Lexington Avenue and the 400 block of South Nolan Street.

• DISTURBANCE OR FIGHT was reported in the 1100 block of Mulberry Avenue.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported:

- In the 600 block of East Sixth Street. Window glass worth \$450 was destroyed.

- In the 1000 block of Howell Street. A white 1997 Dodge reportedly sustained \$500 damage in the incident.

• THEFT was reported:

- In the 600 block of West Interstate 20. Items worth \$180 were reported stolen.

- At Wal-Mart. A pencil worth \$3 was reported stolen and recovered.

- At Wal-Mart. A DVD worth \$20, a pencil worth \$6 and a toy worth \$9 were all reported stolen and recovered.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1900 block of East 11th Place. Someone reportedly entered through an unlocked side door and stole electronics \$329 and other items worth \$540.

• MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 200 block of West FM 700, the 2500 block of Langley Drive and near mile marker 176 on Interstate 20.

• INDECENT EXPOSURE was reported in person at the police station.

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MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL 24th & Johnson 267-8288 Paula T. Martinez, 73, died Saturday. Vigil services will be 7:00 PM, Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be 11:00 AM, Tuesday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, with burial at Mount Olive.

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WASHINGTON Secretary of State Powell is seeking to end the Palestinian peace process. But Powell is seeking to end the peace process. But Powell is seeking to end the peace process.

Six New priests to leave

NEW YORK (AP) Six priests from the Archdiocese of New York have been suspended from ministry because of sexual abuse allegations. The Roman Catholic diocese did not name the priests because not all allegations had been resolved.

spokesman Jose said in a statement. The news comes a week after the case said it had Manhattan district attorney's office a letter involving priest being accused of conduct with minors. "The priests have been informed they are not themselves as exercise their priestly publicly at the matter is fulfilled or resolved," ment said.

Officials would not comment on when the abuses took place, said parish priests asked to step notified by letter. With 2.4 million members, the New York diocese is the nation's largest.

The Catholic diocese has been rocked in the past few months by accusations of sexual misconduct by priests.

Also Sunday approached by a letter about sexual abuse allegations involving Cardinal Roger said he believes are false.

Flora Mae Hickman, alleged molested by a student at St. Memorial Catholic School in 1969. ing Sunday M John's Cathedral, Calif., Monsi Esquivel said believe the letter true."

Hickman said she has been diagnosed with a paranoid schizophrenic taking medication. She said she was knocked while fighting dents and woken "bottom" port clothing ren Mahony, then in Fresno, "over Hickman said not remember of what happened not alleged touched her.

"She claimed opened with youths watching no way that is pen in front of ple," Esquivel

Hickman Esquivel with tions last Fresno Police is an investigator. Mahony said erating. Maho the accusation and denied it. The AP does identify alleged sexual assault Hickman gave for her name. Also, the R Ramos, a priest Bernardino resigned after attacked boys ago.

# Powell seeks Arab support to end Israeli-Palestinian fighting

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Colin Powell is seeking Arab help in ending the worst Israeli-Palestinian fighting in decades. But Arab leaders say he needs to talk to someone who isn't on the itinerary yet: Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat. Powell left Washington late Sunday on a trip to the Middle East and Europe that will include a meeting with Israeli Prime Minister

Ariel Sharon in Jerusalem. Powell said Sunday he would meet with Arafat "if circumstances permit" — depending on security, access and the agenda. Israel has confined Arafat to his compound in Ramallah as part of a West Bank offensive aimed at rooting out militants responsible for suicide attacks. President Bush has called for an immediate Israeli

withdrawal. Powell said he is seeking a cease-fire as a first step toward a lasting peace. "Until the violence goes down hopefully to zero, but at least to a level where you can see that both sides are acting in a responsible way and trying to cooperate in a cease-fire, you're not going to get to a peace agreement," he said Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press." Arab officials said Powell

has little chance of succeeding if he doesn't meet with Arafat. "I don't think Me'll find any other interlocutor among the Palestinians and the mission will fail," Amr Moussa, secretary-general of the League of Arab Nations, told ABC's "This Week." Powell's first stop was Morocco, long a moderating force in Israeli-Palestinian relations, for meetings with

King Mohammed VI and Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah. Abdullah's proposal for a permanent resolution of the Israeli-Arab conflict has been lauded by the Bush administration and was endorsed by the Arab League on March 28. But the West Bank offensive, following Palestinian suicide bombings that killed more than 40 Israelis, has fueled Arab rage.

Powell said Sunday he is concerned the offensive could wipe out years of gradually improved ties between Israel and its Arab neighbors, notably Jordan and Egypt. "We're starting to see those consequences and how it affects Israel's long-term relationship with its neighbors and our long-term relationship with its neighbors," he said on "Fox News Sunday."

## Six New York priests asked to leave posts

NEW YORK (AP) — Six priests from the Archdiocese of New York have been suspended over allegations of sexual misconduct and their names have been handed over to prosecutors, the latest developments in an ongoing church probe that also include new allegations of misconduct in California.

The Roman Catholic archdiocese did not release the names of the priests because not all of the allegations had been substantiated, archdiocese spokesman Joseph Zwilling said in a statement Sunday.

The news comes less than a week after the archdiocese said it had given the Manhattan district attorney's office a list of cases involving priests who have been accused of sexual misconduct with minors.

"The priests in question have been informed that they are not to present themselves as priests or exercise their priestly ministry publicly at least until the matter is further clarified or resolved," the statement said.

Officials would not comment on when the alleged abuses took place. Zwilling said worshippers from parishes where priests were asked to step down were notified by letter.

With 2.4 million members, the New York archdiocese is the nation's third largest.

The Catholic Church has been rocked in recent months by accusations of sexual misconduct by priests.

Also Sunday, a pastor approached last month about sexual abuse allegations involving Los Angeles Cardinal Roger M. Mahony said he believes the claims are false.

Flora Mae Hickman, 51, of Fresno, alleges she was molested by Mahony while a student at San Joaquin Memorial Catholic High School in 1969. After leading Sunday Mass at St. John's Cathedral in Fresno, Calif., Monsignor John Esquivel said, "I don't believe the allegations are true."

Hickman said she has been diagnosed as a paranoid schizophrenic and is taking medication for depression. She told The Associated Press that she was knocked unconscious while fighting with students and woke to find the "bottom" portion of her clothing removed and Mahony, then a monsignor in Fresno, "over her."

Hickman said she could not remember many details of what happened. She has not alleged that Mahony touched her.

"She claimed that happened with 40 different youths watching. There's no way that is going to happen in front of all those people," Esquivel said.

Hickman went to Esquivel with the allegations last month. The Fresno Police Department is investigating, and Mahony said he was cooperating. Mahony revealed the accusation Friday night and denied it.

The AP does not normally identify alleged victims in sexual assault cases, but Hickman gave permission for her name to be used.

Also, the Rev. Ponciano Ramos, a priest in the San Bernardino Diocese, has resigned after admitting he attacked boys several years ago.

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OUR VIEWS

Take time to cast your vote Tuesday

If you haven't voted yet — and information from the county clerk's office indicates the vast majority of you haven't — plan to do so Tuesday in the party primary runoff elections.

The polls — both Democrat and Republican voting booths will be located in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum foyer — will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. that day.

There are five races: One on the Democratic ticket, the other four on the Republican ballot.

The Democratic runoff is generating the most attention. That race pits teacher Victor Morales against former Dallas Mayor Ron Kirk in the bid for the party's U.S. Senate nomination. The most notable race on the Republican ballot is for Place 2 on the Texas Supreme Court, pitting Elizabeth Ray against Dale Wainwright. The other three races are all for appellate court judges on the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals. They are Place 1, Tom Price and Tim Taft; Place 2, Paul Womack and David Richards; and Place 3, Guy Williams and Cathy Cochran.

There are no runoffs involving local candidates. To cast a ballot, you need not have voted in the March primaries. However, if you did vote in March, you cannot switch parties for the runoff — meaning, if you voted in the Republican primary back then, you'll have to vote in the Republican runoff again on Tuesday.

According to the Howard County clerk, less than 200 people cast a ballot during the early voting period, which ended Friday. There are more than 18,000 registered voters in the county.

We encourage you to take advantage of the opportunity to cast your ballot on Tuesday. Please, take the time to vote.

OTHER VIEWS

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, confined to a single room by an Israeli military offensive meant to seal him off from what Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon calls the "infrastructure of terror," is not the only one trapped by escalating violence. Sharon and President Bush also are ensnared by conflicting impulses that offer no obvious way out.

Sharon, responding to ongoing suicide-bomb attacks by sending Israeli tanks and troops into West Bank cities, has encircled the man he calls the "enemy" of the free world. Sharon could easily finish off Arafat, but has promised Washington not to harm him. Thus Sharon's plan apparently is to wipe out Palestinian terrorist cells while rendering Arafat impotent.

That seems a daunting task, but even if that were to happen, what then? Let's say Arafat were neutralized or expelled to a third country. With whom would Sharon deal, even in the unlikely event Israeli forces could suppress a

seemingly inexhaustible pool of Palestinians willing to kill themselves along with their Israeli victims?

Sharon surely knows that, however justified Israel is in defending itself, only a negotiated solution that involves an Israeli withdrawal from occupied areas can stop the attacks, if anything can. Yet at the moment he is said to oppose negotiations. That looks more and more like a formula for unending terror. ...

Quite apart from diverting the administration from its desire to focus on Iraq as its next anti-terror target, the continuing bloodshed between Israelis and Palestinians risks scrambling the alignment of forces in the Middle East in ways that are hard to predict and that could render all current assumptions moot. Whether the United States has the capacity to defuse this crisis is questionable, but at a minimum it needs to be seen as trying hard.

THE SACRAMENTO (CALIF.), BEE

Friend or just a 'fair weather' friend?

The late Dale Carnegie, founder of the internationally famous course on public speaking and human relations, once said, "You can make more friends in two months by becoming interested in other people than you can in two years by trying to get other people interested in you."



JIM DAVIDSON

It has often been said that we all need friends and I personally know this is true. While some people are loners and may not have any friends at all, to my way of thinking, they are missing one of the greatest blessings in life. We all need friends and perhaps even more importantly, friends need us.

Now here is an important question you may wish to consider. Do you have even one really true friend? That is, if you really and truly needed help, someone you can count on and someone you know for certain that would not let you down? I have several friends that I believe I can count on, however, until they are put to the test, I won't really know for sure, will I?

It has been my experience over the past several years that when I've been down and needed help, I've had a lot of people who I thought were my friends, desert me. On the other hand, I've had people who I didn't know were my friends, right there when I needed them most. Have you also found this to be true in your life?

A conversation I had some time back is what brought these thoughts to mind. One day while having lunch with my wife at the Arkansas Children's Hospital in Little Rock, I met a lady by the name of Mildred Ward. Somehow we got to talking about friends and Mildred told

me about a woman she knows who complained to her about not having any friends, and she went on to tell me why this was true.

One morning about 2 a.m., this woman's telephone rang and on the other end of the line was an elderly lady who had fallen in her home and couldn't get up. So, she called her friend (at least someone she thought was her friend), and asked her to come to her home and help her. Now, do you think she went? Well, the answer is 'no'. It was too far. At least that's what she told her.

When this woman complained to Mildred about not having any friends, Mildred said, "I told her to her face, the reason you don't have any friends is because you don't know how to be a friend. You are a 'fair weather' friend." When you stop and think about it, this is so true. Most of us can be a friend as long as the sun is shining and it doesn't cost us anything, but when friend-

ship begins to cost us something, it has a way of setting the record straight. At this point the truth is revealed and we are either a true friend or a fair weather friend. With this thought in mind it might be well to share an old German Proverb that says, "There are three kinds of friends: those who love you, those who hate you and those who care nothing about you."

A few days ago I received a phone call from a lady who was not even a close friend, and she said, "Bill and I have had an accident, can you come get us?" She then told me where they were. Maybe I was motivated because I had just written this column, but at this point I didn't ask any questions, but said, "I will be there as quickly as I can get there."

The point I'm trying to make is simply this: if we want to have some true friends, we must be there when someone who calls us "friend" really and truly needs us.

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Just how long are we going to wait?

Froggy alert! Kermit concern! As Aristophanes, the Neil Simon of his day, put it in his play "The Frogs," "Brekekekex, koax, koax."

The freak frogs of Le Sueur County, Minn., discovered by a group of school kids on a nature hike in 1995, were first considered an anomaly. A pond brimming with mutant frogs — no one knew what to make of it. But extraordinary numbers of deformed frogs were confirmed again last year throughout Minnesota and other states, concentrated largely in the Midwest.



MOLLY IVINS

Frogs have a permeable skin and no hair or scales as shields, so they are ultrasensitive to changes in the environment. Marla Cone, the Los Angeles Times' environmental writer, said: "When nature sends out such powerful messages as seven-legged frogs, biologists say people should listen because it signals that the environment is so out of whack that it cannot support normal life."

Now, this is the kind of story one is apt to stumble across in a supermarket tabloid. "Mysterious Frog Epidemic," "Freak Frogs Advancing," "Normal Life Threatened." And then, because we all have enough

to worry about already, we sigh and turn to the latest Elvis sighting. According to communications experts, we are so battered by unconnected bits of apparently threatening information that there's a sort of generalized paranoia loose in the country.

I don't want to raise the paranoia level, but I think it's important to start connecting some of the "unconnected" stories because we need the information to make important political and environmental decisions.

CNN's special investigative unit recently discovered that several of the corporations accused in the outbreak of deformed babies in Brownsville (1988-92) had, in fact, been dumping toxic material along the border. The companies paid \$17 million to the families of the deformed babies but denied that they had caused the epidemic of birth defects. The companies claimed they had followed U.S. environmental laws, even while operating across the Mexican border.

Said CNN: "That may be true now since many companies cleaned up their worst environmental excesses after the outbreak of fetal abnormalities, which ended as suddenly as it began. But internal corporate documents and previously unreported pretrial testimony obtained by CNN suggest that these corporations were using Mexico's border region as a private dumping ground."

"Traces of long-lasting pesticides and industrial chemicals that didn't exist

before the 1920s can now be found virtually everywhere. Scientists have detected the man-made compounds in the meat of Arctic seals, in fish from New England's rivers, in drinking water, in far fields in almost every nation — even in mother's milk. Everyone carries measurable traces of chemicals in their bodies, having ingested the likes of PCBs in fish or DDT and dioxin in other foods. But do those traces, some of which build up in the body and remain, pose a threat to humans?"

"Some biologists say yes, pointing to what they consider ominous clues among the offsprings of dozens of animal species exhibiting weird physical, behavioral and reproductive problems." — The Hartford Courant, Dec. 3, 1996.

"New evidence connects environmental toxins with birth defects, researchers reported at the annual meeting of the American Public Health Association last week." — Los Angeles Daily News, Dec. 2, 1996.

"Wildlife in Georgia's Okefenokee Swamp may be accumulating harmful levels of mercury spewed from industrial smokestacks, researchers said Monday." — The Atlanta Journal, Nov. 19, 1996.

"Silt on the bottom of the Quinnipiac River in Plantsville is contaminated with massive levels of a cancer-causing compound, state Department of Environmental Protection officials said Thursday." — The Hartford Courant, May 15, 1997.

has found that Unocal Corp. repeatedly violated federal environmental laws by dumping a toxic chemical from a refinery into San Francisco Bay." — The New York Times, April 20, 1997.

"Some common commercial cleaners used to clean clothes and household surfaces contain chemicals that may cause cancer and birth defects, a leading environmental group says." — Calgary Herald (Canada), Feb. 12, 1997.

And so on. Hundreds of individual stories, often on local situations, all of them indicating that as we pump more and more chemicals and toxins into the environment, normal life is in fact threatened.

OK, so it is paranoia-inducing. Help! We're surrounded by invisible poisons. And we certainly feel helpless to do anything about it.

I bring this up because it seems to me that as the evidence mounts that this stuff will kill us, the political environment is increasingly callous. With the sole exception of tobacco (and look how long that took), which is now on the legislative run, there's a kind of we-don't-want-to-hear-it mentality in both Congress and the Texas Legislature.

Are we going to wait as long as we did on tobacco? And will it cost as many lives?

Molly Ivins is on vacation this week. This column was initially published in May 1997.



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Rhodes records at BSCC tournament

Jim Rhodes Spring recorded one Saturday 3-man Scramble tournament at the BSCC Country Club.

Rhodes used a chalking up the 165-yard No. BSCC layout.

Those witnesses shot were Morris Dr. Jim Matthew Caffy, Stan H. Ellis Britten.

Hawks split at New Mexico

Howard Hawks split a header with New Junior College on Saturday, a 9-7 loss in the first before rebounding 8-5 victory in the cap.

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The Hawks Cedar Hill on Tuesday a 1 p.m. double against No. University.

Bulldogettes at Colorado

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Even with star Rachel Williams in the Tall City in Midland — a finished second meters and as the 400 meters Bulldogettes turned respectable show.

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Softball boost meeting for

The Big Spring Steers Softball Club will meet tonight in the Athletic Training meeting room.

Parents of Spring High School ball players are aged to attend.

Coahoma boost will meet tonight

The Coahoma Booster Club will meet tonight in the Elementary School.

### IN BRIEF

#### Rhodes records ace at BSCC tournament

Jim Rhodes of Big Spring recorded a hole-in-one Saturday during the 3-man Scramble Tournament at the Big Spring Country Club.

Rhodes used a 7-iron in chalking up the ace on the 165-yard No. 13 on the BSCC layout.

Those witnessing the shot were Morris Rhodes, Dr. Jim Matthews, Roddy Caffy, Stan Haney and Ellis Britten.

#### Hawks split twinbill at New Mexico JC

Howard College's Hawks split a double-header with New Mexico Junior College in Hobbs on Saturday, suffering a 9-7 loss in the first game before rebounding for an 8-5 victory in the nightcap.

The split leaves the Hawks 26-13 on the season and 9-6 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference play.

The Hawks travel to Cedar Hill on Tuesday for a 1 p.m. doubleheader against Northwoods University.

#### Bulldogettes shine at Colorado City

Coahoma's Bulldogettes turned in a number of solid performances Saturday at the Colorado City Relays.

Even with star sprinter Rachel Williams attending the Tall City Relays in Midland — where she finished second in the 100 meters and as third in the 400 meters — the Bulldogettes turned in a respectable showing.

Going up against Class 4A and Class 5A competition at the Tall City Relays, Williams posted a time of 12.2 seconds in the 100 meters and was clocked at 62.6 seconds in the 400.

Lauren Nichols provided the only first-place finish for Coahoma at the Colorado City meet, winning the discus with a 104-foot toss. Cortney Dawson finished second in the event, while Casi Thompson was fifth.

Valorie Cortez added fifth-place points in the shot put, while Thompson was sixth.

Sarah Collom added a second-place finish in the 200 meters and teamed with Michelle Walker, mendi Morgan and Crystal Atkinson to finish fourth in the 400 relay.

Collom, Jamie McCrea, Lauren Yeater and Kristy Kinard combined for sixth place in the 800 relay; while the foursome of Kinard, Morgan, Katie Bowling and Tiffany Reid finished fifth in the 1,600 relay.

#### Softball boosters set meeting for tonight

The Big Spring Lady Steers Softball Booster Club will meet at 6:30 tonight in the BSHS Athletic Training Center meeting room.

Parents of all Big Spring High School softball players are encouraged to attend.

#### Coahoma boosters will meet tonight

The Coahoma Athletic Booster Club will meet tonight in the Coahoma Elementary School cafeteria.

Boosters will discuss the athletic banquet that will be held in May, as well as elect board members for next year.

Anyone interested in serving on the board should attend.

## Goosen picks up lessons for Augusta in BellSouth victory

DULUTH, Ga. (AP) — Retief Goosen drove away from the BellSouth Classic knowing he'd done more than just win another golf tournament.

He also picked up some valuable lessons for the Masters.

Those rock-hard greens looked familiar. So did some of the bump-and-run shots he used in a four-stroke victory Sunday.

"I've learned a lot this week," said Goosen, who overcame a dismal start to put away Phil Mickelson. "I'm going to Augusta in a little bit better shape than I have been in the past. I'm looking forward to it."

Goosen began the final round with a bogey and a double-bogey, actually falling two shots behind Mickelson. The South African

played the final 16 holes at 5 under par, quite remarkable considering the harsh conditions of the TPC at Sugarloaf.

The greens were Masters-like after drying out in four days of sun and steady breezes. Jesper Parnevik put up a 7-under 65 to surge into second place, but only two other players broke 70.

Goosen finished at 70 for a 16-under 272. Parnevik, who completed his 276 early in the day, wasn't even around when the winner tapped in his final putt. Mickelson faded to 277.

Some of the scores were downright ugly: Steve Elkington, who was tied for the lead midway through the tournament, signed for an 81 that included five bogeys and

three double-bogeys.

Mickelson appeared to be Goosen's main challenger, starting the final round two strokes back. The left-hander briefly claimed the lead, only to finish with a 73.

"I actually hit a lot of good shots," he said. "I just had a hard time getting it close. It is hard to really describe. You just have to see it."

Goosen, who already had victories on the European and South African tours this year, headed off to the Masters — about a two-hour drive away — with the kind of short game that makes him a contender for his second major championship.

He picked up his first at last year's U.S. Open, despite missing an 18-inch putt that would have given him the victory in regulation.

Goosen bounced back the following day to beat Mark Brooks in a play-off at Southern Hills.

Goosen showed that same resiliency Sunday. He started with a three-putt from 25 feet. At the par-3 second hole, he needed two shots to escape a bunker and missed a 4-footer for bogey.

"I'm not so hard on myself," Goosen said. "I just try and enjoy the game a little bit more."

Mickelson birdied the second hole for a two-stroke lead, but struggled the rest of the way. Errant iron play — he hit only five of 18 greens in regulation — and shaky putting negated the impact of his booming drives.

Not exactly a confidence boost going to Augusta.

## Griffey suffers knee injury

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

While Pat Burrell, Marcus Giles and Daryle Ward hit walkoff home runs, Ken Griffey Jr. hobbled off toward an uncertain future.

On an afternoon full of hitting heroics in extra innings, plus a dominant pitching performance by Curt Schilling, an injury to Griffey attracted the most attention Sunday.

Griffey will be sidelined at least 3-to-6 weeks after hurting his troublesome right knee in a rundown against Montreal. The Cincinnati star partially tore the patella tendon and partially dislocated his kneecap.

"This is a serious injury," Reds team doctor Timothy Kremchek said.

Griffey hit his 461st career home run and a double before twisting his knee. The All-Star center fielder was put on the 15-day disabled list after a 10-inning, 6-5 win over the Expos.

The Reds will try to treat him with rest and rehabilitation. Kremchek said there was an "outside chance" Griffey will need an operation.

If surgery is required, Griffey would likely be lost for the rest of the season, the doctor said.

Griffey missed most of the first three months last season because of a partially torn left hamstring.

In other National League games, Arizona stopped Milwaukee 2-0, Atlanta beat New York 5-2 in 14 innings, Houston downed St. Louis 7-6 in 12 innings, Philadelphia defeated Florida 3-2 in 11 innings, San Francisco beat San Diego 10-1 and Los Angeles beat Colorado 6-4.

Pittsburgh and Chicago were rained out.

In American League games it was Boston 4, Baltimore 1; New York 7, Tampa Bay 2; Oakland 6, Seattle 5; Cleveland 5, Detroit 1; Minnesota 10, Toronto 6; and Kansas City 9, Chicago 2. Anaheim's game at Texas was postponed by rain.

Griffey was hurt when he tried to score from third base, then stopped short. He was bothered during spring training by tendinitis in the same knee.

"You could see that he was in pain," said Sean Casey, whose single in the 10th won the game.

"That's the last thing you want to see. I know his knee's been bugging him for the past week or so. We don't need that cycle to start again," he said.

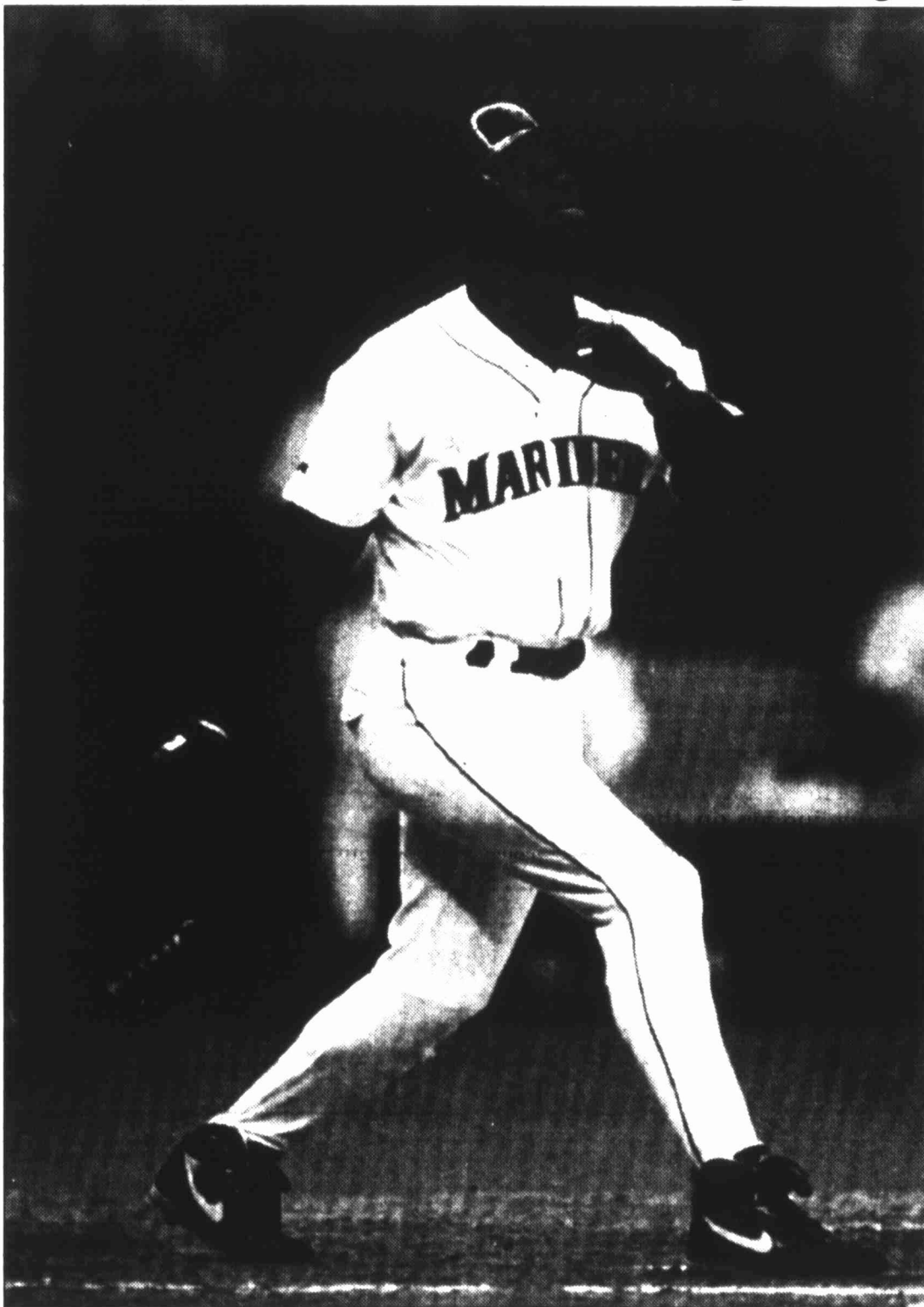
#### Diamondbacks 2,

#### Brewers 0

Schilling was overpowering at Miller Park, striking out a career-high 17 and pitching a one-hitter.

The co-MVP of the World Series allowed only Raul Casanova's clean single to right field in the second inning.

Schilling walked two and did not permit a runner past first base. In two games, Schilling (2-0) has pitched 16 scoreless innings, striking out 26 and giving up just seven hits.



Ken Griffey Jr., pictured here during his days with the Seattle Mariners, has been placed on the 15-day disabled list by the Cincinnati Reds after suffering a knee injury during a 6-5 win over the Montreal Expos on Sunday. Griffey will be out at least three to six weeks. The layoff could be even longer if surgery is required, maybe even for the entire season.

#### Giants 10,

#### Padres 1

Even without Barry Bonds in the lineup, San Francisco breezed at Pacific Bell Park and remained the only unbeaten team in the majors.

At 6-0, the Giants are off to their best start since 1930. They've also outscored opponents 41-5.

Bonds sat out to rest a sore right leg. The Giants didn't need him as Livan Hernandez held San Diego to four hits. Hernandez got three hits himself and drove in three runs.

#### Dodgers 6,

#### Rockies 4

Kevin Brown bounced back from a brutal start on opening day, pitching and hitting Los Angeles to a three-game sweep at Dodger Stadium.

Brown gave up four hits in seven shutout innings. He also delivered three hits, including his second career home run.

Last Tuesday, Brown was tagged for seven runs and nine hits in four innings by the Giants.

Colorado starter Mike Hampton was roughed up for six runs, 10 hits and five walks in six-plus innings.

#### Braves 5,

#### Mets 2

Marcus Giles, off to a tough start this season, hit a three-run homer in the

14th inning to end the longest game ever at Turner Field.

Giles, who made a key error Saturday night and struck out with the bases loaded Sunday, helped Atlanta avoid a three-game sweep.

At four hours, 59 minutes, the game was the longest by time and innings since Turner Field opened in 1997.

New York catcher Mike Piazza did not play a day after bruising his left knee in a home-plate collision with Chipper Jones.

#### Astros 7,

#### Cardinals 6

Daryle Ward hit a leadoff homer off the right-field foul pole in the 12th inning and Houston beat St. Louis at Astros Field.

The Astros scored three times in the ninth to tie it, but Ward grounded out with runners on first and third to end the inning.

Houston loaded the bases with one out in the 11th. Cardinals center fielder Jim Edmonds caught Richard Hidalgo's fly ball and threw out Jose Vizcaino at the plate to preserve the tie.

#### Phillies 3,

#### Marlins 2

Pat Burrell homered to open the bottom of the 11th inning at Veterans Stadium.

## Shaq burns Heat

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Los Angeles Lakers were thrilled to have Shaquille O'Neal back. The Toronto Raptors don't seem to miss Vince Carter very much at all.

Showing no signs of the wrist injury that sidelined him for two games, O'Neal scored 40 points Sunday to lead the Lakers to a 96-88 victory over the fading Miami Heat.

The Lakers lost both games while O'Neal was out, scoring 81 points and shooting 34 percent Friday against Boston, both season lows.

"You don't want to say that we're a mediocre team without him," Lakers forward Rick Fox said. "But that's really what we are."

The Raptors, on a remarkable roll since losing Carter to a season-ending knee injury, got 26 points from Alvin Williams and 21 from Antonio Davis to move into playoff position with a 94-84 victory over the Indiana Pacers.

Toronto set a franchise record with its eighth straight win after losing 17 of 18, pulling a game ahead of Indiana in the race for the final postseason berth in the Eastern Conference. In other games, it was Philadelphia 89, Milwaukee 87; Boston 102, New Jersey 90; Sacramento 116, New York 82; and the Los Angeles Clippers 97, Denver 75.

Keon Clark had 15 points and nine rebounds for the Raptors.

Toronto clinched the season series with the Pacers, so if the teams are tied at the end of the regular season, the Raptors win the tiebreaker.

Toronto is yet to lose since Carter's season ended with arthroscopic knee surgery March 26.

O'Neal made 14 of 22 shots, grabbed 11 rebounds in 41 minutes and reached 40 points for the sixth time this season.

"It seems like whenever he misses a game, he comes back with a vengeance," teammate Kobe Bryant said.

Miami lost for the eighth time in 10 games and moved closer to elimination from the playoff race. The Heat are 11th in the Eastern Conference, five games out of a postseason spot with six left.

#### 76ers 89,

#### Bucks 87

Aaron McKie and Derrick McKey made big shots down the stretch as Philadelphia sent Milwaukee to its ninth consecutive road loss.

Eric Snow had 15 points and a season-high 14 assists for the 76ers, who moved out of a tie with the Bucks for sixth place in the Eastern Conference. The teams play again Tuesday at Milwaukee.

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**HOROSCOPE**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, April 9:**  
 Walk away from negative thinking, yet avoid living with your rose-colored glasses on. Balance needs to exist in your life if you want to gain this year. Much goes on behind the scenes, and you might not be sure of what you want. Sometimes you're the hardest on yourself. Be good to yourself. Remain confident. A friend proves to be instrumental this year, giving you excellent feedback. This person often indulges you. If you are single, you will meet someone quite significant in the second half of your birthday year. Prepare to have your socks knocked off! If you are attached, treat your sweetie like your best friend and you'll become much closer. Together you have a great time. PISCES can be your best friend or your worst enemy.  
 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) \*\* As resourceful as you can be, you'll get stumped by someone who seems to keep tossing a boomerang in your path! Your more-imaginative side emerges with a friend. Together you're close to unbeatable. Just be careful about what you agree to. Tonight: Take your time.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) \*\*\*\* Someone puts unusual pressure on your finances. Take charge of a touchy situation, using your diplomatic style and ways. Others respond to you with ease. Charge another's imagination. Think in terms of gain together. Tonight: Listen to a pal.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) \*\*\* Collect information that might be important. A situation might be more difficult than you anticipate. Loosen up and discuss a personal matter that has been on your mind. You actually might have been overreacting. Tonight: Burn the midnight oil.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) \*\*\*\* Take an overview, especially with a health- or work-related issue. Your ability to accept the ups and downs, and look at them as the cup being half-full can make all the differences in the end. A partner has many suggestions. Schedule an important meeting. Tonight: Flip through some vacation brochures.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) \*\*\*\* Deal with a significant associate with kindness rather than manipulation. As a result, you gain, as does the other person. Excess marks a boss, whether you are the boss or the employee. Realize what is going on. You might need to stick your thumb in the dam. Tonight: Dinner for two.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Afterward, he says he is sorry and promises not to do it again. I have told Darren that if he ever touches me, our marriage is over. I asked him to go for counseling, but he refuses to consider it.

Dear Ohio: Darren's behavior is not going to get better unless he receives counseling and takes classes in anger management. If he refuses to do this, I hope you will pack up and get out of this volatile situation. Be careful, however. Many abusers become worse when their partners finally work up the courage to leave. Call the National Domestic Violence Hotline ([www.ndvh.org](http://www.ndvh.org)) to find out what your best options are. The number is 1-800-799-SAFE (1-800-799-7233) (TTY: 1-800-787-3224).

**BORN TODAY**  
 Playboy founder Hugh Hefner (1926), actor Dennis Quaid (1954), actor Michael Learned (1939)  
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**Hubby's hot temper not likely to get any better**

'Dear Ann Landers: I am married to a man who may be an abuser, but I am not sure. I love "Darren" with all my heart, and most of the time, he treats me like a princess. However, every couple of months, some minor disagreement will turn into World War III. I am no angel, but Darren's behavior worries me. He has broken things in the house, knocked holes in the walls and thrown my clothes out the window. Once, he took a shovel and smashed my car headlights. Another time, he chased me outside, and when I hid inside the car, he tore off the side mirror and kicked dents in the doors. I finally gave up and surrendered in humiliation. Darren has now begun to bully me. He has never actually hit me, but he has threatened to break my arm and smash my face.

**ANN LANDERS**

MONDAY		APR. 8																				
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7:PM	Funnies! Home Videos	American Embassy	Antiques Roadshow	Movie: Jack	Yes, Dear Baby Bob	Funnies! Home Videos	Fear Factor (CC)	Atlanta Braves at Philadelphia Phillies (CC)	Amigas y Rivales (SS)	of Manhattan Movie: The	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Movie: Pitch Black (CC)	Movie: Strange Relations (CC)	the Stone (CC)	Israel Update Sam Peak	Biography (CC)	Bermuda Tri.	Law & Order (CC)	Code Blue-Darkness			
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"I'M EXHAUSTED AND HE'S EXHAUSTING."

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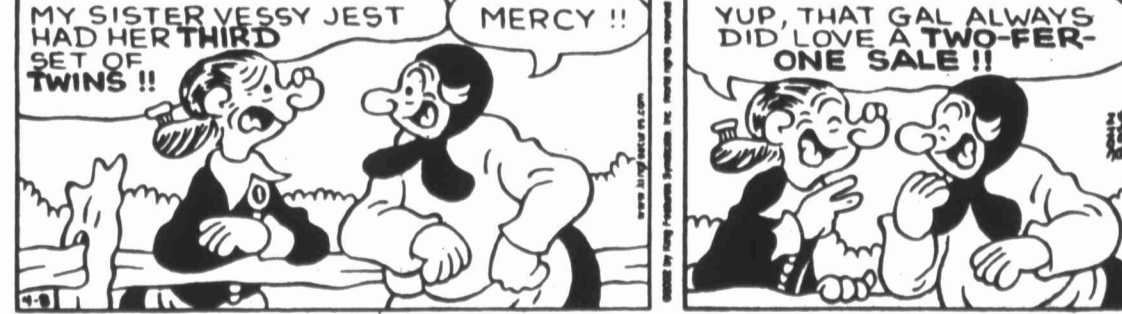
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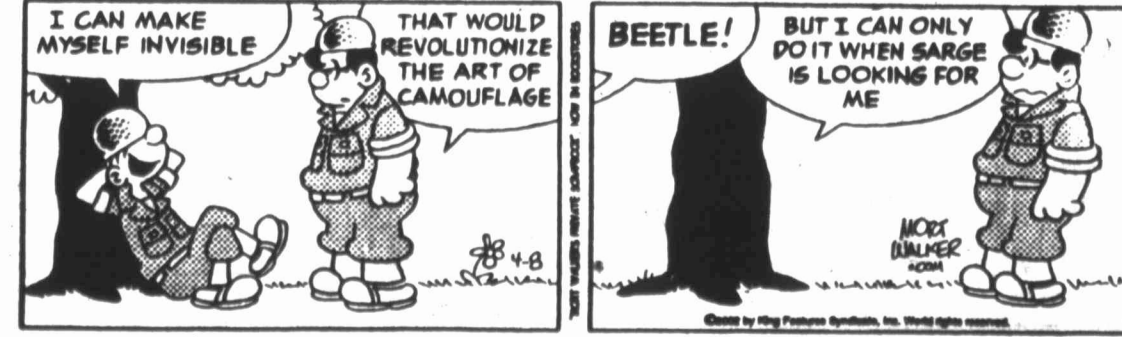
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

**The ASSOCIATED PRESS**  
Today is Monday, April 8, the 98th day of 2002. There are 267 days left in the year.  
Today's Highlight in History:  
On April 8, 1974, Hank Aaron of the Atlanta Braves hit his 715th career home run in a game against the Los Angeles Dodgers, breaking Babe Ruth's record.  
On this date:  
In 1513, explorer Juan Ponce de Leon claimed Florida for Spain.  
In 1935, the Works Progress Administration was approved by Congress.  
In 1946, the League of Nations assembled in Geneva for the last time.  
In 1950, ballet dancer Vaslav Nijinsky died in London.  
In 1952, President Truman seized the steel industry to avert a nationwide strike.  
In 1970, the Senate rejected

President Nixon's nomination of G. Harold Carswell to the U.S. Supreme Court.  
In 1973, artist Pablo Picasso died at his home near Mougins, France, at age 91.  
In 1981, Gen. Omar N. Bradley died in New York at age 88.  
In 1990, Ryan White, the teen-age AIDS patient whose battle for acceptance gained national attention, died in Indianapolis at age 18.  
In 1994, Kurt Cobain, singer and guitarist for the grunge band Nirvana, was found dead in Seattle from an apparently self-inflicted gunshot wound; he was 27.  
Ten years ago: Tennis great Arthur Ashe announced at a New York news conference that he had AIDS, saying he was forced to go public because a newspaper had inquired about his health. (Ashe died in February 1993 of AIDS-related pneumonia at age 49.)  
Five years ago: The space shuttle Columbia returned to Earth, ending a mission cut three-quarters short by

a defective generator.  
Today's Birthdays: Former first lady Betty Ford is 84. Opera singer Franco Corelli is 79. Comedian Sheeky Greene is 76. Lyricist Fred Ebb is 69. Actor Klaus Lowitsch is 66. Investigative reporter Seymour Hersh is 65. Basketball Hall-of-Famer John Havlicek is 62. Singer J.J. Jackson is 61. Singer Peggy Lennon (The Lennon Sisters) is 61. Actor Hywel Bennett is 58. Actor Stuart Pankin is 56. Rock musician Steve Howe (Yes) is 55. Actor John Schneider is 48. All-Star catcher Gary Carter is 48. Rock musician Izzy Stradlin is 40. Singer Julian Lennon is 39.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

DIET PLAN by Lee Weaver  
Edited by Stanley Newman

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16 Barbie's beau  
17 Porch, in Hawaii  
18 Surface dirt  
19 Bad temper  
20 Sensitive to criticism  
22 Org. for gun owners  
23 Dessert choice  
24 Held in check  
26 Long-eared hound  
30 Close at hand  
32 Ended the squeak  
33 Shopping mecca  
34 Nervous  
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40 Nautilus captain  
41 Ancient Peruvian  
42 Grow to maturity  
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49 Grassy field  
50 Frozen-food brand  
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7 Ireland, in poetry  
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13 Spoke like  
15 Passover dinner  
21 Model-builder's purchase  
25 Spain + Portugal  
26 Blessing  
27 Office staffer  
28 Unlikelihood  
29 Spanish lady's title  
30 Antidrug agents  
31 Lamb's pen name  
33 Helena is its cap.  
35 Joy  
36 Desires  
38 Disagreed  
42 Put on the payroll again  
44 Islam's Almighty  
45 Gehrig of baseball  
46 Sudden gust of wind  
47 Frightfully strange  
48 Group of eight  
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54 "Yeah, sure!"  
55 1492 ship  
56 Pass catchers

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