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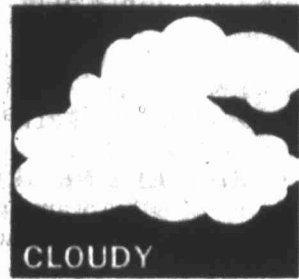
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## Reception for Sheppard slated tonight

Former students, colleagues and the community are welcome to attend a reception tonight for Dr. Kenneth Sheppard, former Big Spring High School choir director and current conductor of the Southwestern University Choral.

The reception will be held at 8 p.m. at the Dora Roberts Community Center Lakeroom.

Sheppard was the high school choir director from 1967 to 1971 and will be the guest conductor for the Big Spring Symphony's final performance of the season.

The Big Spring Symphony Association will present An Evening of Great Choral Music, featuring the Southwestern University Choral, The Big Spring Symphony Orchestra, the Big Spring Symphony Chorus, the Midland/Odessa Chorale, the Big Spring High School Meistersingers and the Bauer Elementary Honor Chorus on Saturday at 8 p.m. at the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium.

Tickets are \$10 for adults \$8 for senior and \$5 for students. For more information, call the symphony office at 264-7223.

## WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

□ Masonic Lodge 598 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 219 Main.

FRIDAY

□ Signal Mt. Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281.

□ AMBUCS meets at noon at the Brandin Iron.

□ ABC Club meets at noon at the Brandin Iron.

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

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## Clerks association sets regional meeting here

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More than 60 people are expected to take part in the Texas Region III County and District Clerks Association meeting, scheduled Friday in Big



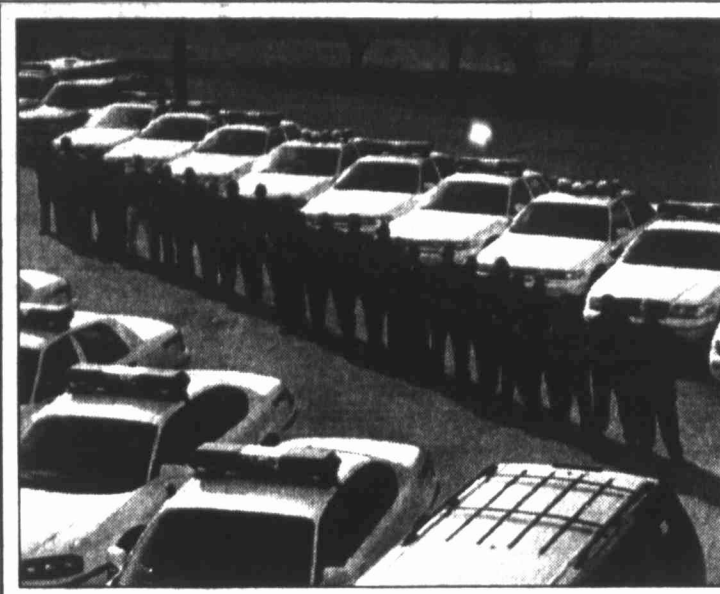
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Spring.

The meeting, one of two annual gatherings for the association each year, is being hosted by Howard County Clerk Donna Wright and District Clerk Glenda Brasel.

"We'll be choosing nominees for clerks of the year and we'll have a general business meeting," said Wright.

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Today's edition of the Herald includes a special supplement commemorating the police department's 75 years of service in Big Spring.

On Friday, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., a reception will be held at the police department, 400 E. Fourth. The public is invited. Refreshments will be served.

## Annual gala has artsy flavor

By VALERIE AVERY

Special to the Herald

Artwork by Big Spring State Hospital patients will be on display and for sale during the 16th Annual Denim and Diamonds Gala Friday at Big Spring Country Club.

Money generated from the sale will directly benefit the patients, said Mary Browning, Big Spring State Hospital supervisor for therapeutic arts and crafts and industrial therapy.

"We wanted to share their artwork with the community so the people supporting the hospital can see the talents of the patients," Browning said. "And I think anytime we do this, it helps with the stigma of mental health."

The nearly 200 patients at Big Spring State Hospital engage in arts and crafts classes to learn leisure skills, she said. Many people with mental illness need assistance learning ways to utilize their free time and find activities in which they are interested.

Artwork also can be a creative outlet, Browning said. "They've really had a good time preparing for this show," she said. "They're proud to show off their talents."

Several dozen pieces of artwork in different mediums, including acrylic, pas-



Courtesy photo

Big Spring State Hospital therapist technician Judy West and therapeutic arts and crafts and industrial therapy supervisor Mary Browning mat photos for Friday's art show and sale at the 16th Annual Denim and Diamonds Gala. Patient artwork will be for sale at the gala, which begins at 7 p.m. at the Big Spring Country Club. Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys will start dance music at 8 p.m. following a light buffet of finger foods.

tels, pencil and chalk will be for sale throughout the evening. The patients also will participate in an on-campus art show May 3.

The Denim and Diamonds Gala will begin at 7 p.m. with a hors d'oeuvre buffet from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. allowing the more than 250

guests the opportunity to visit. The reception is a prelude to the dance by Jody

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## ALON USA part of partnership that will bring wireless marketplace to West Texas this summer

Special to the Herald

No cash, check or credit card? No worry. Pull out that cell phone.

Alliance Data Systems Corp., ALON USA and Cellenium Inc. announced Wednesday that they have formed a



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partnership to create a wireless "marketplace" for U.S. consumers and their cell phones.

The alliance, named Cellerate, will offer cell phone users a cashless payment method for everyday purchases such as fuel, vending, parking, purchasing tickets and ordering fast food. The partners plan to conduct a field trial at FINA gasoline outlets in West Texas this summer.

Mobile commerce is

already being used in Europe, Israel, Southeast Asia and the United States. With more than 133 million cell phone users, mobile commerce is quickly emerging as a new sales channel in the U.S., the partners said.

"For a mobile commerce system to succeed, it must reach critical mass in three areas," said Jeff Morris, president and chief executive officer for ALON USA, which produces, distributes

and sells FINA gasoline. "It must serve a large number of consumers, it must connect these consumers to a broad spectrum of merchants, and it must offer a wide range of applications. Cellerate will more than satisfy all three of these factors."

ALON USA, which owns the Big Spring Refinery, will provide the 1,600-location FINA chain of gas sta-

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## College art, music students to hold recital, show tonight

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Howard College students will showcase a semester's worth of work tonight at a music recital and art show.

"We are featuring music from the 1920s," said Adolph Labbe, the college's music instructor.

The recital is set to begin at 7:30 p.m. in the fireplace room of the student union building, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Labbe said several popular 1920s pieces are on the program including "Five Foot Tall," "The Man I Love," "Old Man River" and "Second Hand Rose."

The recital will feature both musicians and vocal students. The college's vocal students are under the instruction of Linda

Lindell.

Art students will be exhibiting their works in the foyer of the student union building before and following the recital.

"We're exhibiting from three classes, ceramics design 3D and drawing class," said Becky Smiley, the college's art instructor. I have been real pleased with the students' work."

From abstract to realistic art, students will be displaying their favorite pieces created this semester.

"We have students that have never been in a drawing class," she said. "They have done a wonderful job."

The art exhibition is expected to be open by 7 p.m. Both events are open to the public and admission is free.



Courtesy photo

Allison Grace Flores, 20 days old, is the recipient of the April Baby Scholarship, presented by Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks, second from left. Siblings Richard and Emily, as well as Allison's parents Gloria and Santiago Flores, attended the presentation Wednesday. This is the fourth year Howard College has presented a full scholarship to the first baby born in Howard County in April.

## Pathologist: Injuries unlikely to have been caused by short fall

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

A simple accidental fall from his father's arms could not have caused seven-week-old Julian Cansino's fatal injuries, a forensic pathologist testified Wednesday.

The testimony came before the prosecution rested in the capital murder trial of John Ross Cansino, 33, of Big Spring.

Dr. Ronald Tucay of Lubbock, the pathologist who conducted the autopsy on Mr. Cansino's son Julian, led off the testimony in the trial's second day. Tucay said that, in his opinion, Julian's injuries were inconsistent with a simple fall.

"These injuries are not usually sustained from this height alone," he said, adding that injuries such as Julian sustained would require a fall from about the height of a second-story window, or intentional force such as the baby being thrown against the floor or hit with a blunt object.

Tucay testified that Julian's skull sustained four fractures and that the infant died as a result of a subdural hematoma. It is hard to determine when Julian sustained the injuries, the doctor said.

"It may be an instantaneous death, it may be a few minutes, a few hours or even, in some instances, a few days," he said.

Dr. Tucay's testimony directly contradicted the defense's claim that Julian's death was due to an accident in which John Cansino accidentally dropped his son headfirst

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# Police captain killed after responding to 911 call

**WHITE SETTLEMENT (AP)** — A community is mourning the loss of one of its most popular officers, a police captain who normally wouldn't have been involved in a domestic disturbance call but responded because part of the department was at lunch.

Capt. Scott Monier, 37, wasn't wearing a protective vest on Wednesday when he walked into a home where earlier a man was said to be holding a gun on his girlfriend. Monier, an 11-year veteran of the White Settlement Police Department, was shot once in the chest and twice in the abdomen. He died in surgery at Harris Methodist Fort Worth.

James Southall, 67, wounded by return gunfire, was found dead several hours later. For most of a standoff that lasted almost five hours, tactical officers who sur-

rounded the house assumed Southall was still alive and armed inside the house.

The exchange of gunfire occurred shortly after 1 p.m. at a residence about 10 miles west of downtown Fort Worth where Southall had lived for about five years with Betty Cook, 65, her granddaughters said.

Brandy Cook, 21, said she made the 911 call after Southall pulled out a .45-caliber revolver and chased her out of the house, yelling, "I'm going to kill you!" She said she had just confronted Southall after learning that he had hit her grandmother the day before.

Monier's job entailed mainly administrative tasks, including overseeing the department's jail, training and communications operations.

When the 911 call came at 12:40 p.m., part of the department was at lunch and Monier was the senior man in charge.

"I'm sure he was responding as quickly as possible, and that in his rush, he didn't want to let any more time pass," city manager Gus Pappas said as to why Monier wasn't wearing a bullet-proof vest.

When police arrived, Southall was standing on the porch with a gun, and Betty Cook standing nearby.

As officers tried to coax Southall to put down the gun, Monier entered the house through a back door, apparently attracting Southall's attention.

Southall "was standing in the doorway. He went back in the house, and that's when the gunfire was exchanged between the two of them," Pappas said. Five shots

were heard. "And then, Captain Monier came out the front of the house injured."

Officers moved Monier out of the line of fire, and Betty Cook was helped to shelter in a neighbor's house. Monier died less than two hours later. As Monier was being assisted, he told other officers he had shot the gunman, Pappas said.

Tactical officers from the Fort Worth Police Department replaced the White Settlement officers, and police snipers surrounded the residence. As the afternoon wore on, police repeatedly attempted to contact Southall by phone and loudspeaker, but received no response.

At 4:45 p.m., they fired the first of two rounds of tear gas into the residence. There was no response. An hour later, after obtaining a search warrant, they fired a sec-

ond volley of tear gas and stormed inside.

They found Southall dead of a gunshot wound. Police said they were not certain whether Southall killed himself or whether he died from one or more shots fired by Monier.

Before joining the White Settlement force, Monier had worked as a jail employee with the Tarrant County Sheriff's Department. He lived with his wife and two daughters in rural Parker County, north of Weatherford.

"He was one of the best and brightest. He would have been a future potential chief, if not here, then somewhere else," Pappas said. "We'll miss him terribly."

Police spokesman John Clapp struggled to keep his emotions intact at a news conference.

# Defense to present psychological testimony in Battaglia trial

**DALLAS (AP)** — The night she heard her ex-husband had killed his young daughters from another marriage, Michelle Ghetti said she realized it could have been her own daughter.

"I just completely fell apart because I was so afraid he would do that to Christie. It had been my nightmare," Ghetti said. "I knew he could do that."

Ghetti testified for nearly three hours Wednesday in the punishment phase of John Battaglia's capital

murder trial. A jury took 19 minutes earlier in the day to convict the 46-year-old accountant in the May shooting deaths of 9-year-old Faith Battaglia and 6-year-old Liberty Battaglia.

Prosecutors have said that Battaglia gunned down the girls in his apartment in an act of "ultimate revenge" against ex-wife Mary Jean Pearle, who was prosecuting him for violating a protective order stemming from an assault conviction.

Ghetti, who was married to Battaglia before Pearle,

gave chilling testimony about being stalked, threatened and brutally beaten by Battaglia.

"You're just a nervous wreck, scared," said Ghetti, who was married to Battaglia from 1985 to 1987. "You didn't know what to expect."

The abusive behavior started when Ghetti was pregnant with their daughter, Christie, Ghetti testified, and escalated after they separated in 1986.

Once barred from the house, Battaglia would tape

her phone conversations and hide in bushes outside and jump in the garage when Ghetti came home, she said.

He would appear at night, banging on windows in her home, Ghetti said. She told of one night when she woke up to see Battaglia standing over her, wanting sex. When she didn't take him back after he threatened suicide, Ghetti said he told her, "I'll cut you up and I'll scar that face."

When Ghetti wouldn't drop charges she filed in a

1987 incident, she said Battaglia beat her in front of her daughter's school.

"I'll never forget, just a huge smile on his face," Ghetti testified. She said she remembers him saying, "If I'm going back to jail, I'm going to make it well worth my while," then he punched her until she was unconscious, dislocating her jaw and breaking her nose.

The day the Battaglia children were killed, he left a message on Ghetti's answering machine accusing her and Pearle of conspiring to

put him back in jail and mentioning an acquaintance who recently lost custody of her children, according to Ghetti's testimony.

"You know, maybe that's what needs to happen to Mary Jean. Maybe she needs to lose her kids," Ghetti said Battaglia told her.

Defense attorney Paul Johnson said he plans to call several witnesses Thursday, including Pearle, and psychiatric experts as he tries to save his client from the death penalty The

# Ethics Commission under review

**AUSTIN (AP)** — The Texas Ethics Commission has failed to be the watchdog group needed to police Texas politicians because the agency's structure and restrictions hamstring its enforcement, a group of organizations said Wednesday.

"While the staff and the commissioners have tried hard, bad law has handcuffed them. The law we have on the books was designed by politicians to protect politicians," said Tom Smith, director of Texas' chapter of Public Citizen.

Smith and other groups staged a rally outside the Capitol on Wednesday. Later in the day, the Texas Sunset Advisory Commission was scheduled to take public testimony in its review of the Texas Ethics Commission.

The Sunset Commission periodically reviews state

agencies to decide if they need to be changed or dismantled. The commission's recommendations are passed on to lawmakers who will tackle the recommendations during the legislative session.

The Texas Ethics Commission was created in 1991 to help the state increase its watch over political campaigns, register lobbyists and make campaign finance reports available to the public.

In its report this year, the Sunset Commission said it found several areas that prevent the Ethics Commission from effectively carrying out its duties.

The Sunset Commission said severe penalties for people who violate confidentiality rules and a lack of appropriate tools to investigate a case limit the agency's ability to adequately investigate ethics violation complaints.

If a commissioner or any member of the staff violates the confidentiality statute, he or she could be charged with a Class A misdemeanor, with a fine up to \$4,000 and up to a year in jail, plus be subject to a civil penalty of up to \$10,000.

"All the other confidentiality statutes for other commissions and agencies do not have those penalties," said Ethics Commissioner Mickey Jo Lawrence, who joined the group rallying for reforms.

In its initial recommendations, the Sunset Commission suggests maintaining the confidentiality provisions, but clarifying them to allow staff to conduct investigations. It also recommends granting greater subpoena power and allowing the Ethics Commission to share information with law enforcement authorities.

# A&M regents split on Gramm, Gates

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Sen. Phil Gramm and former CIA director Robert Gates have emerged as the top candidates for the Texas A&M president's job, with the board of regents deadlocked, three sources with ties to the Republican Party told The Associated Press.

Five regents favor Gates, while three prefer Gramm, according to the sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The ninth board member, Gramm's wife, Wendy, has

recused herself from the process.

The three regents who prefer Gramm are more closely tied to Republican Party politics and favor his political connections, while Gates' appeal is his academic background, said two of the sources, a Republican elected official and a consultant.

The board wants to reach a consensus before naming its selection, one source said.

Gramm announced in August that he would fin-

ish his third term and then retire. That disclosure came soon after A&M's outgoing President Ray Bowen said he would retire this summer.

Gramm has been denying rumors since last week that he was considering stepping down early, but has left open the possibility that he would accept an attractive offer. Spokesman Larry Neal said no such offer has come from A&M.

"He has no reason to believe that he's a candidate," Neal said.

# K-9 officer, former Officer of Year, accused of animal cruelty in his pet dog's starvation

**OAK RIDGE NORTH (AP)** — An eight-month investigation into a pet's death has led to the arrest on animal cruelty charges of a K9 officer with the Oak Ridge North police department who was a former Montgomery County Officer of the Year.

Douglas Jerome Barry, 30, was released on \$500 bond. He is still on active duty as a K9 officer with the city's dog, Jasper.

Barry's personal pet,

Apache, got out of his yard last August, and a neighbor found the emaciated, hairless animal and called county animal control. The dog died a short time later.

Sheriff's officers launched an investigation, as did Barry's department. The district attorney filed misdemeanor animal cruelty charges Oct. 8 against Barry and his wife, Kimberly, 30.

Conviction would carry up to a year in jail and a \$4,000 fine. The trials are

scheduled for May 6.

"We feel that the case is strong enough," said Michael Valdez, misdemeanor chief of the district attorney's office. "We think there is plenty to prosecute. We'll let six people decide."

Barry was hailed as a hero two years ago for rescuing a man from a burning car.

Oak Ridge North, about 10 miles south of Conroe, is a town of about 3,000 with a 13-officer police force.

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OUR VIEWS

Wishing our  
playoff-bound  
great success

University Interscholastic League softball playoffs get under way this week, and as usual, Big Spring's Lady Steers and Coahoma's Bulldogettes are poised for their first postseason games.

The Lady Steers, runners-up to Andrews in District 4-4A, will be the first in action. They'll play Canyon's Lady Eagles in a best two-of-three bi-district playoff series this weekend — the first game scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Friday at Lubbock Coronado High School's softball facility.

The second game in that series will be played at noon Saturday and a third game, if necessary, will follow the conclusion of Game 2.

Coahoma, on the other hand, won't begin postseason play until next week, thanks to having won the championship in its district. As a result, the Bulldogettes get a bye in the bi-district playoff round.

As a result, the Bulldogettes will open the Class 2A playoffs at 6 p.m. Friday, May 3, with a one-game showdown against Grape Creek's Lady Eagles.

Coahoma, fresh off its eighth straight undefeated district run, is beginning its bid for a return to the UIL state softball tournament — something the Bulldogettes did for three straight years before being upset in the regional semifinals last season.

We here at the *Herald* want to take this opportunity to congratulate the Bulldogettes and Lady Steers on having qualified for the postseason and wish them the best of luck in what we hope will be extended playoff runs for both teams.

Both teams and their avid fans are sources of pride for not only their respective schools and communities, but for the entire Crossroads area as well.

YOUR VIEWS

**TO THE EDITOR:**  
We would like to express our appreciation to the area businesses, merchants and individuals that helped to make our After Prom Party at Forsan a huge success.

Without the support that we receive each year we would not be able to provide a fun-filled, drug and alcohol-free evening for our students to enjoy.

**REBA BRISTOW  
BIG SPRING**

**TO THE EDITOR:**  
Southwestern Bell as a local service provider billed everyone in Big Spring who called Cellular

One cell phones in Big Spring for long distance calls to Midland this month. When I called and asked for an explanation for this, I was told that there was a software glitch in Southwestern Bell's billing department.

I urge everyone in Big Spring who has made calls from a Bell Telephone land line to Cellular One wire-line to call Southwestern Bell's number in the phone book for "billing questions" and dispute any charges for such calls. They took all the charges off of my bill and were very nice and apologetic about it.

**JIM HARRISON  
BIG SPRING**

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Wanting to get revenge on a computer

People who have children and computers should get rid of their computers when their children grow up and leave home. If not, they will be sorely tried and frustrated. The computers won't work, and they won't have a child to fix them.

It would not surprise me to learn one day that Bill Gates and other computer wizards in that mysterious Silicon Valley have entered into a conspiracy with children by flooding the market with machines that only work for children and geeks. What their ultimate motive is, I don't know. Maybe these young Silicon gazillionaires had trouble with their parents and are now getting even with adults.

Unlike a typewriter, which is ready when you are, computers might or might not be ready when you are. Sometimes you turn them on and for entirely mysterious reasons, programs that worked



CHARLEY REESE

perfectly yesterday don't work today. Sometimes you get these types of messages: "There has been a gobbleygook error in the whatsitcalled." That helps me not at all, since I don't understand what it is that has caused an error or where it caused it. Most of all, I do not understand why.

Why, indeed, should a computer suddenly decide not to work when you've done nothing at all bad to it? Perhaps computers can read our minds. I do confess that I have on occasion thought about ripping the wires out, hurling the box across the room and kicking the screen out of the monitor. But, I swear it, I have never done that. I've never even hit it. Well, maybe a light tap once or twice.

It's generational. I grew up around barns, cows, horses, mules, wagons, plows, coal-burning stoves, fireplaces and guns. Today's children grow up with computers and the Internet. To them, computers are so simple, they cannot understand why we have trouble with them. But how am I supposed to know that a .dl file is not an abbreviation for dill pickle? What the heck is a

"dl" anyway?  
Alas, we are stuck with them. Publishers want their manuscripts on disks or transmitted directly from your computer to their computer. Unless you are rich enough to hire a secretary to type your manuscript into the computer, you just have to deal with it.

Recently, I decided to get one of those high-speed services so my coffee won't get cold while I'm waiting for one page to download from the Internet. They sent a man out who did mysterious things to the phone line and left me with a box of stuff. I studiously followed the directions; got it all hooked up, got all the software loaded into the computer and turned that baby on. It didn't work. I have loaded and unloaded, hooked and unhooked, tried this, tried that, but it still refuses to work. I know full well that when I finally call someone out, the problem will be idiot-simple, and I will not only be out some bucks for the service call but embarrassed to boot.

That's OK. As the old Russian general would say as he retreated before Napoleon's army, "Time and patience, time and patience." One of these

days I will reach the point where I will decide that I'm not writing another word for nobody, no how. And on that blessed day, I will no longer need a computer.

Then, Mr. Computer, it will be payback time. For all those hours of frustration, for all those vain purchases of upgrades, for all those arrogant little messages you knew I couldn't understand, I will pay you back in full.

First, I'll jerk all your wires out, sit you on the patio table and patiently wait for rain. After you're properly rusted and the birds have dumped on you, I will take a claw hammer and knock you into a thousand pieces. And nobody will come to your aid. Oh, the neighbors might talk.

"Heavens to purgatory, Arthur, what's that old grump next door doing out on his patio?"

"I don't know, Martha, let's see," he says, peeking through the fence. "Oh, my God, Martha, he's murdering a computer."

And I, looking like Jack Nicholson in "The Shining," will shout back, "Yes, yes, yes!"

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Scandal could change Catholic stance

As the cardinals of the American Catholic Church return from their meeting with Pope John Paul II this week, expect the drumbeat to increase for the Church to abandon its teaching on human sexuality. Though cloaked in legitimate concern about the sex abuse scandal among Catholic priests, many of those leading the charge for reform have far broader aims than ridding the Church of pedophile priests.

For some 40 years now, elite opinion leaders have been openly contemptuous of Catholic teaching on sexual morality and would like to see this opportunity to prove their point. Some critics contend that it is the Church's attitude toward sex, which they believe fosters sexual repression, that is the root cause of the problem now plaguing many parishes. The solution, they argue, is for the Church to become more like other institutions, including other religious denominations, that have adopted a permissive



LINDA CHAVEZ

attitude about sexual morality.

These so-called reformers' chief aim is not simply to convince the Church to abandon its position on priestly celibacy but to change its position on artificial birth control, divorce, homosexuality and abortion, as well.

The problems the American Catholic Church has gotten itself into lately didn't come about because it resisted the sexually permissive culture in which it finds itself. To the contrary, the problems stem from priests who have decided to embrace that culture, despite their vows of celibacy — and bishops who ignored — or worse, enabled — what these errant priests were doing.

Most of the abuse cases now receiving such attention are not recent, however. Most stem from the period between 1965 and the early 1990s, and involved priests who were trained at a time when many American seminaries were awash with post-Vatican II "reformers" who disagreed with the Church's traditional teaching on human sexuality. As lay theologian Michael Novak has written, "In the name of this airy and future Church, all sorts of opinions and actions and policies were countenanced as 'forward-looking' that in

other ages would have been seen as wanderings far from authentic faith."

We live in a society in which sexual images are all around us. Scantily clad women — and men — peer down from billboards on street corners and buses, and leap out of family newspapers in small-town America. Network television has become a non-stop dirty joke, with almost every sitcom relying for humor almost exclusively on sexual innuendo and tension — and cable has gone increasing hard-core. And just last week, the U.S. Supreme Court decided that buying, selling and possessing computer-generated images made to look like real children engaging in sexual acts — no matter how depraved — were protected under the First Amendment.

Anyone who resists the sexualization of our culture is labeled a prude, or worse, a sexually repressed neurotic. The culture condones, indeed encourages, premarital sex — including homosexual sex — even for teenagers. Illegitimacy has gone mainstream, with out-of-wedlock births accounting for about a third of all U.S. births today. Marriages rates are down, and divorce rates remain at historic highs.

This atmosphere can't help but infect everyone

who lives in this society, even those who reside in rectories. And there is virtually no institution in American life aggressively resisting these trends — including, unfortunately, not even the American Catholic Church.

Despite the Church's reputation and its official teachings that sex is permissible only with marriage — I can't remember the last time I heard anything about personal sexual morality from the pulpit Sunday morning. I've heard plenty of homilies on social justice, lots on the dangers of materialism, an occasional mention of the general poor state of the culture, but almost nothing about personal sexual morality.

I have the feeling too many priests are worried about alienating their congregants if they bring up private morality — and perhaps some have guilty consciences themselves.

Perhaps the current crisis will have the salutary effect of a return to orthodoxy by the faithful — those Catholics who attend Mass weekly, not just nominal Catholics whose identification with the Church is more cultural than religious.

But it can't begin until the bishops themselves make Catholic teaching on these matters a priority.



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# Church leaders express regret, stop short of zero-tolerance policy

VATICAN CITY (AP) — American cardinals backed down from a zero-tolerance policy of removing pedophile priests and indicated they would only go after repeat offenders.

The decision came during an extraordinary meeting in Rome in which Pope John Paul II warned the church leaders that he had lived under communist rule in Poland and feared that bishops might use their administrative power unfairly against innocent priests.

He also reminded them about the need for forgiveness and God's power to transform repentant priests.

The cardinals said Wednesday they would recommend a process

to defrock any priest who has become "notorious and is guilty of the serial, predatory sexual abuse of minors."

In cases that are "not notorious" they would leave it up to the local bishop to decide.

The church leaders will take their recommendations to a meeting of U.S. bishops in June to draw up a policy on dealing with abusive priests.

Their final statement did not make specific proposals for the reporting of sex abuse crimes to authorities. Several cardinals had suggested they had wanted stronger language, indicating major battles lie ahead when all U.S. bishops gather in Dallas in June.

The reference to "serial" attacks appeared to contradict a statement earlier Wednesday by Cardinal Theodore McCarrick of Washington, who indicated that the American cardinals reached consensus on a policy that would dismiss any priest involved in a future sex abuse case.

Many of the phrases in the final document were crafted from John Paul's strong opening message to the prelates calling sex abuse against minors a crime and a sin and saying there was no room in the church for sex abusers.

"There is a growing consensus, certainly among the faithful, among the bishops, that it is too great a risk to assign a priest who has abused a child to another min-

istry," said U.S. bishops' head Wilton Gregory, the bishop of Belleville, Ill.

On another issue troubling the American church following the wave of scandals, the church leaders declared that "a link between celibacy and pedophilia cannot be scientifically maintained." The group, as expected, reaffirmed priestly celibacy.

The statement, following up on the pope's speech to the cardinals Tuesday, said sexual abuse of minors is "rightly considered a crime by society," but mentioned no specific proposal about reporting all cases to authorities.

It also drew a distinction on the age of those who suffered sexual abuse, saying "attention was

drawn to the fact that almost all cases involved adolescents and therefore were not cases of true pedophilia."

Cardinal Bernard Law of Boston, who has been accused of mishandling sex abuse cases, did not attend a press conference that closed the meeting. Law has not spoken to the media in two months.

"Before he left ... last week he said that he probably was not going to be available to the press because he didn't want the issue to be about him, he wanted it to be about the conference, and what all the cardinals were trying to do," said Boston Archdiocese spokesman the Rev. Christopher Coyne.

# Tensions loom as Bush meets Saudi crown prince

WACO (AP) — Officially, President Bush and Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah are meeting to advance the Mideast peace process. But a growing number of conflicts, and Bush's strong support for Israel, threaten to overshadow the talks at the president's ranch.

It was Abdullah who gave momentum earlier this year to an initiative meant to quell Mideast violence by offering peace and full recognition to Israel in exchange for the territory Jordan and Syria lost in the 1967 war.

But the crown prince was delivering a warning to Bush that America's backing of Israel was damaging prospects for peace.

Abdullah's plan also includes the creation of a Palestinian state, for which Bush has voiced support.

Also under review is an international conference on Mideast peacemaking. Bush so far has been noncommittal.

"The main advice will be that America must be engaged, America

must restrain (Israeli Prime Minister Ariel) Sharon, America must put the peace process back in its proper track because American interests and American credibility and the credibility and interests of Americas friends and allies in the region are suffering tremendously as a consequence," Adel Al-Jubeir, foreign policy adviser to the crown prince, said this week.

Specifically, Abdullah in his meeting with Bush was expected to urge the president to pressure Israel to free Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat from virtual house arrest.

In a fresh reminder of the tension, more than 100 Saudi intellectuals said over the weekend that the American role in the Israeli military operation against the Palestinians was "shameful" and that the "Israeli massacres do not differ in shape or form from what the Nazis did."

Throwing Bush's words back at him, they said: "We consider the United States and the current American administration the nurturer of inter-

national terrorism with distinction and it, along with Israel, form the axis of terrorism and evil in the world."

Saudi Arabia's foreign minister, Prince Saud al-Faisal, said the intellectuals tapped into a prevailing view in his country. "It reflects the frustration that exists there," he said Wednesday.

He ridiculed Bush's description of Sharon as "a man of peace."

"Ariel Sharon a man of peace?" the prince said. "I don't even think Ariel Sharon believes that."

White House aides said Bush hoped to address not only the Israel-Palestinian crisis and the next phase of the war on terrorism, including what to do about Iraq, but broader economic and trade issues as well.

The meeting comes at a troubled time in the 70-year friendship between the United States and the oil-rich desert kingdom.

Osama bin Laden and 15 of the 19 alleged Sept. 11 hijackers have Saudi roots.

# Makeshift Palestinian court convicts four in killing of Israeli minister

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — A makeshift court inside Yasser Arafat's compound convicted four Palestinians today for the slaying of Israel's tourism minister, but the move was unlikely to bring an end to Israel's siege of the Palestinian leader.

At the other standoff in the West Bank, nine Palestinian youths emerged from the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, along with two monks carrying two bodies.

Two monks carried the bodies, which had been decomposing inside the church for days, on stretchers and set them in the middle of Manger Square, where they were collected by Palestinian ambulances.

It was the largest group to leave the church since more than 200 Palestinians

fled into the compound and were surrounded by Israeli troops who invaded Bethlehem on April 2. Israeli authorities detained the nine youths, a Palestinian official said.

Negotiators agreed Wednesday on the departure of the youths and the removal of the bodies, and talks were to resume Thursday on ending the standoff around the church, one of Christianity's holiest shrines, built over the traditional site of Jesus' birth.

"There is very cautious optimism that the affair is closer to an end today than it was yesterday," Israeli military spokesman Brig. Ron Kitrey told Army radio.

The Palestinians have proposed the gunmen be escorted to Gaza. Israel demands they surrender or accept deportation.

# Texas Tech study: Bacteria can make beef safer from E. coli

LUBBOCK (AP) — Researchers have found that a bacteria added to cattle feed can reduce occurrences of a sometimes-deadly strain of E. coli by up to 60 percent, offering the potential to make beef safer for consumers.

The bacteria, called a probiotic, is similar to the type commonly added to yogurt, cheese and fermented meats, according to a Texas Tech University study announced Wednesday.

The probiotic can make beef safer from E. coli O157:H7, said Mindy Brashears, a Tech food safety scientist who participated in the study.

The study is one of the first found to reduce E. coli in feedlot animals, she said. The probiotic will cost producers about 1 cent per animal per day, Brashears said.

For years, steps have been taken to kill E. coli during beef processing. But spraying the bacteria Lactobacillus acidophilus onto feed is a first in reducing the bacteria in live cattle, Brashears said.

"It's not a silver bullet, but it does give us an intervention in the feed environment," she said. "This is another hurdle in place" for E. coli.

The bacteria must next gain federal Food and Drug Administration approval, a process that could take years, Brashears said. A commercial product containing the probiotic has been used before, but only to increase weight gain of cattle.

Probiotics also are used by poultry producers to reduce the incidence of salmonella.

Two other studies — in Nebraska and Canada — have supported Brashears' findings, she said, and four other institutions are doing field tests to validate Tech's study results.

Larry Boleman, a professor and beef cattle specialist at Texas A&M University in College Station, said the E. coli reduction of up to 60 percent is good news for producers and consumers.

Now, he said, "the biggest thing is to get the industry to buy in where it becomes a useful tool to the consumer."

The Tech study, funded by U.S. meat and poultry companies through the American Meat Institute Foundation, took place last summer, when cattle are known to shed more E. coli.

# Officials say DNA links airman to Philadelphia rapes

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — DNA tests confirm that an Air Force airman arrested in a string of Colorado sexual assaults allegedly is the so-called "Center City rapist," responsible for rapes and a murder in Philadelphia, authorities said.

Philadelphia Police Commissioner Sylvester M. Johnson said the tests linked Senior Airman Troy Graves to the rapes of five Philadelphia women and murder of a sixth in the late 1990s.

Graves, 29, was arrested Tuesday and ordered held

on \$1 million bail in connection with six sexual assault cases from May to August 2001 in Fort Collins, Colo., near the Colorado State University campus.

"I'm tremendously relieved that it appears we have the man who is responsible for the cases in Philadelphia," said state prosecutor Lynne Abraham.

The suspect who came to be known as the Center City rapist attacked four Philadelphia women in the summer of 1997, then struck again on May 7, 1998, strangling 23-year-old University of Pennsylvania graduate

student Shannon Schieber in her apartment, authorities said. A sixth victim was raped in her apartment in August 1999.

"We certainly see this as an extremely important event in bringing the guy who killed Shannon to justice," Schieber's father, Sylvester Schieber of Silver Spring, Md., told KYW-TV. He called the DNA test results "an important step but not all of it."

The Schiebers are suing the city and police officers who went to their daughter's apartment after neighbors called 911 when they

heard screams on the night of the murder.

Schieber's parents said she was being strangled as police knocked on her door and the decision not to enter caused her death. They also claim the police department "downgraded" sex crimes to help deflate crime statistics.

Asked if she would seek to extradite Graves, Abraham said it was up to the Colorado governor to determine where Graves would be tried first.

"In the ordinary course of events a homicide case is certainly much more important," Abraham said.

# Tyco plans to cut 7,100 jobs and close 24 factories

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Tyco International Ltd. plans to close 24 factories and eliminate 7,100 jobs, primarily in its electronics and telecommunications businesses.

The manufacturing and services conglomerate said today it will hold on to its plastics division which had been up for sale and said it will spin off its CIT financial division. It also said it is scrapping a plan to break the company into four parts.

The company's stock has been troubled in recent months by worries about the company's accounting practices and debt load following Enron Corp.'s collapse.

Tyco did not release details about where and when the job cuts will take place. They represent about 3 percent of the company's worldwide work force of almost 250,000 people. It said the charges resulted from a "fierce decline" in the electronics and telecommunications markets.

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Family Focus

### Leaving your child in a car can be deadly

From 1996 through 2000 in the United States, more than 120 children, most of them age 3 or younger, died of heat stroke after being trapped in a car.



KATIE WALKER

In the summer of 1999, an average of one child every four days died after being trapped in a car in the sweltering heat.

As the to summer months approach, here are some safety tips and facts! Many parents think they can leave a child in a vehicle if they are just running a quick errand.

But excessive heat is much more dangerous for children than it is for adults. A young child's core body temperature can increase three to five times faster than that of an adult, making them much more vulnerable to heat strokes.

Heat strokes can lead to permanent injury or death. Remember that the interior of a car can reach dangerously high temperatures in just a few minutes.

When the outside temperature is 93 degrees, the temperature inside your car can get up to 125

degrees in just 20 minutes even with a window cracked.

So even if you're only going to be gone a few minutes, you should never leave your child alone in a car.

Remember, too, that seat belts and seat surfaces can get uncomfortably hot. Be careful when buckling the children in after returning to the car. Hot metal buckles can burn children's sensitive skin.

And it's always a good idea to make sure children's arms and legs are safely inside before closing the door.

Parked cars can be especially hazardous for children. Always lock your doors. Children are naturally curious and can find ways into cars, but they can't always find their way out.

More than a third of last's years heat-related deaths among children occurred when they crawled into unlocked cars and became trapped.

Children may think of the trunk of a car as a fun hiding place, but it is easy to get trapped there.

Trunks have very little ventilation and often no handles inside for the child to open the trunk.

Be safe this summer and protect your family!

*Katie Walker writes a regular column on family and consumer science.*

### 4H fashion show reflects diverse cultural influences

HERALD Staff Report

Young fashion experts from 13 area counties will model their latest creations during the District 6 4-H Fashion show April 27 in Midland's Clay Desta Atrium.

This year's theme is "Red, White and Blue in 2002." The 11:30 a.m. style show will highlight 84 boys and girls participating in the annual contests. The public is invited to the morning filled with a variety of educational activities that will start at 9 and culminate with the fashion show.

"This year's event is especially meaningful to us, because the show serves as our district's tribute to 100 years of 4-H in Texas," said Kathryn Burch, Martin County Extension family and consumer sciences agent and the show's chairman.

"We specifically chose our patriotic theme to commemorate Texas Cooperative Extension's 4-H centenni-

al celebration. After all, what's more all-American than good kids, fashion and the 4-H program?"

"We have special demonstrations planned throughout the morning to support our patriotic theme. These will include America's diverse cultural influence on fashion, community service sewing projects aimed at helping others and various Americana sewing projects kids can make."

"We have even added a patriotic category, unique to this year's contest. Winning entries will feature garments 4-H members have made, bought, or decorated that best support our patriotic theme."

To be eligible for the district competition, entrants had to win their respective division in the home county's show. Junior and Intermediates will compete in five different construction and buying categories.

First through third place winners in the garment category of construc-

tion, buying and patriotic divisions win ribbons from AEP-West Texas Utilities.

Cotton garment winners in the construction division will win \$50 savings bonds from the Martin County, Trans-Pecos and Saint Lawrence Cotton Growers Associations.

The Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association Women's Auxiliary will give the wool and mohair garment winners cash prizes.

Texas Cooperative Extension and AEP-West Texas utilities have sponsored the fashion show in District 6 for many years.

District Fashion Show Senior winners are eligible for state competition this summer during State 4-H Roundup scheduled for June 10-14 on the Texas A&M University Campus at College Station.

For further information contact Burch at (915) 756-3316.

### Understanding meningitis can help prevent infections

TEXAS Department of Health

Meningococcal meningitis is a rare disease in the United States, usually occurring as isolated cases. And while it is contagious, it is not as contagious as the common cold or the flu according to Dr. Kate Hendricks, director of the Infectious Disease Epidemiology and Surveillance Division at the Texas Department of Health (TDH).

"People cannot get it just by being in the same room for a few hours with someone who has it." Reports of even isolated cases of meningitis can create public concern. But understanding the illness, its symptoms and method of transmission can help ease worries and help prevent infections, Hendricks said.

Anywhere from 100 to 250 people a year in Texas will get meningococcal meningitis, with the highest number of cases occurring in late winter and early spring.

In 2000, 146 cases were reported in the state, with nine deaths.

Preliminary figures from TDH show 173 cases in 2001 with 16 deaths.

The illness, an infection of the layers of tissue covering the brain and spinal cord, is caused by the bacterium Neisseria meningitidis.

The infections spread through sneezing or coughing directly in someone's face, kissing, sharing eating or drinking utensils or in other ways that allow saliva or respiratory droplets from an infected person to get into the mouth or nose of another person.

Meningococcal meningitis is neither an airborne nor a foodborne illness. According to Hendricks, to reduce the risk of getting or spreading the illness cover your nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing, wash your hands frequently and do not share eating or drinking utensils.

Early symptoms of the bacterial illness include

sudden onset of fever, intense headache, stiff neck, nausea often accompanied by vomiting, and a skin rash that looks like small, purplish red spots. "Anyone with these symptoms should see a doctor immediately," Hendricks said. "It can be lifesaving. Also, an infant with a fever of 101 degrees or higher and who is not easily wakened should be seen by a doctor."

People with meningococcal meningitis also may be confused or drowsy and sometimes may go into a coma from which they cannot be awakened.

Those with the illness must be hospitalized and treated with antibiotics.

"Family members or close contacts will usually be advised to take antibiotics to reduce their risk of getting meningitis," Hendricks said.

About 10 percent to 20 percent of infected people die, many within hours of the first symptoms.

Others may suffer complications such as brain damage, blindness, loss of hearing, kidney failure or amputations.

With proper treatment, however, many people recover fully.

The bacteria lives in the noses and throats of humans, usually without making people sick.

The incubation period, or time between exposure and development of symptoms, ranges from two to 10 days but is typically three to four days.

TDH and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention do not recommend restricting travel, school or group gatherings such as at sporting or cultural events when meningitis occurs in the community.

"The risk is very small in those settings because transmission of the bacteria requires very close exposure," Hendricks said.

A vaccine that protects against four strains of meningococcal meningitis is available for people over age 2 but is not routinely given in the United States.

It is not helpful for treating close contacts of cases because it takes at least two weeks for the protection to begin.

In addition, the vaccine's protection lasts only a few years and if a person ever needs to be vaccinated again, the immune system may not respond as well the second time.

### World's second space tourist has NASA's blessing

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Another rich adventure-seeker is headed to the international space station. This time, though, the astronauts on board won't have to baby-sit him.

To the relief of the three men living on the space station, NASA has given its blessing to the visit by South African millionaire Mark Shuttleworth, who is part of a crew of cosmonauts due to lift off aboard a Russian rocket Thursday from Kazakhstan.

It is an about-face from a year ago, when America's space agency shunned California businessman Dennis Tito, the world's first paying space tourist. The two NASA astronauts on board the space station were under strict orders not to hug Tito in front of the cameras and had to make sure he did not venture alone into the U.S. compartments.

"I am absolutely delighted," Tito said Wednesday, "delighted not only for Mark but for other people who will be able to also go up on these taxi missions with the cooperation of NASA." He added: "The ice is broken."

NASA was dead set against Tito's joy ride last spring, saying a tourist could disrupt work at the space station and endanger the crew. His weeklong visit, courtesy of the Russians, triggered a battle of words between the two countries' space programs that took months to heal.

To avoid another embar-

rassing confrontation, NASA, the Russian Space Agency and the other countries in the space station program released criteria in January for those willing to plunk down millions for a space station vacation.

The 28-year-old Shuttleworth, who made his fortune off the Internet, meets all the criteria, including a week of training at the Johnson Space Center in Houston. NASA had barred Tito from such instruction last year.

Like Tito, Shuttleworth is paying the Russian space program about \$20 million for a Soyuz seat and an eight-day, seven-night space station cruise.

Under an agreement with NASA, Shuttleworth will use space station laptops for e-mail after he arrives Saturday and have limited use of U.S. communication systems to beam down video and photographs. He plans a variety of science experiments and, in fact, dislikes the tourist label.

Shuttleworth is not authorized to operate any other space station equipment. While not requiring an escort, he will be the responsibility of his commander aboard the Russian Soyuz rocket and the skipper of the space station, who is also Russian.

"The Russians have worked very hard to be cooperative since the Tito event," said Tommy Holloway, NASA's space station program manager.

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### IN BRIEF

#### Coahoma, Forsan netters suffer losses

Forsan's Lacy Eggleston took first-round singles wins and Forsan's Matt Reyna and Zach Johnson managed an opening round wins Tuesday at the Region I, Class 2A Tennis Tournament in Abilene, but three other Forsan doubles teams and District 3-2A boys' singles champion Sam Tindol of Coahoma saw their day end with first-round losses.

Eggleston opened with a 4-6, 6-2, 6-2 win over Tahoka's Lesley Chapa before being eliminated by Mason's Kristi Drennan 7-6, 6-2.

Reyna and Johnson took a 6-3, 6-3 boys' doubles win over Albany's Clint Shack and Jacob Jones, but were beaten 6-2, 6-2 by Eldorado's Thomas Bellew and Bobby Phillips.

Teammates David Kuykendall and Josh Gibson lost a 6-0, 6-0 decision to Spearman's Kevin Beedy and Adam Cherry in their opening-round match.

In boys' singles, Tindol lost to Quanah's Andy Moselley 6-2, 3-6, 6-4.

And in girls' doubles opening-round action, Forsan's Karissa Reed and Holly Walker lost to Clarendon's sisters tandem of Aminah and Uthala Abdullah 6-0, 6-1; while Megan Fishback and Heather Hise dropped a 6-1, 6-4 match to Canadian's Anna Isaacs and Jessica Gullett.

#### Garden City's Bednar falls in semifinals

Garden City's Brandon Bednar reached the boys' singles semifinals of the Region I, Class 1A Tennis Tournament at South Plains College in Levelland before suffering a loss to No. 1-seeded Colter Williams of Rotan.

Bednar had opened the tournament with a 6-2, 7-5 win over Adrian Gonzalez.

Teammate Collene Cox did not fare as well in girls' singles, as she suffered a 6-1, 6-1 loss to No. 4 seed Courtney Parsley of Vega.

And in boys' doubles, the Bearcats' team of Curtis Eggemeyer and Tyler Coats suffered a 6-0, 6-0 loss in the first round to No. 1 seeds Lance Martin and Jay Messamore of Sudan.

#### Lady Steers Boosters will meet tonight

Big Spring's Lady Steers Boosters Club will meet at 7 tonight in the BSHS Athletic Training Center meeting room.

Members will be making final plans for the Lady Steers Athletic Banquet scheduled for May 13.

Parents of all Big Spring High School cheerleaders, female athletes and athletic trainers are encouraged to attend.

#### Lady Steers' playoff with Canyon slated

Big Spring's Lady Steers will play Canyon's Lady Eagles in a best-of-three bi-district playoff series starting at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Lubbock Coronado High School.

Ticket prices are \$3 for adults and \$1 for students.

The series' second game will begin at noon on Saturday.

A third game, if necessary, would follow 30 minutes following the conclusion of Game 2.

## Mavericks protect home court advantage, lead 2-0

DALLAS (AP) — Michael Finley saw what was happening across the NBA. Teams were wasting home-court advantage, and he didn't want his Dallas Mavericks to make the same mistake.

They never even came close. Heeding the warning from Finley and coach Don Nelson, the Mavericks put on an offensive showcase Wednesday night — a 122-110 rout of the Minnesota Timberwolves for a 2-0 lead in the first-round series.

Finley scored 28 points, including several highlight-reel dunks and a long 3-pointer as the first quarter ended, and grabbed eight rebounds. Dirk Nowitzki had 31 points and 15 rebounds, and Steve Nash contributed 17 points and 10 assists.

The league's highest-scoring team also got a boost from its two late-season additions as Nick Van Exel scored 17 points and Raef LaFrentz had 14 points and 12 rebounds.

"They did what they were supposed to do, win two games at home," Minnesota coach Flip Saunders said. "Now we've got to make it a series. The only way by doing that is to win on Sunday, then win again and force a Game 5."

Before Wednesday, the first four series around the league were all tied 1-1. Detroit ended the jinx a few hours before Dallas followed suit as the Pistons beat the Toronto Raptors 96-91.

The last two series reach Game 2 Thursday, with Philadelphia playing at Boston and Portland at Los

Angeles. The Celtics and Lakers each lead 1-0.

"I know what's going on around the league," Finley said. "We didn't want to follow that trend."

The Mavericks were trendbusters last season, too, by overcoming an 0-2 deficit against Utah. They were only the sixth team in NBA history to do that. They certainly will do all they can to avoid making Minnesota the seventh when the series shifts north for Game 3 on Sunday. Dallas also will be seeking the first sweep in franchise history.

"Each game we win, we know the next one is going to be even tougher," Finley said. "We know it's going to be tough to win at the Target Center. It will be a hostile environment. We've got to keep our

composure."

Kevin Garnett had 31 points and 18 rebounds and Wally Szczerbiak and Chauncey Billups each scored 25. It was the most points in a playoff game for Garnett and Szczerbiak, but it wasn't near enough, not when Dallas was able to suck Minnesota into such a fast pace.

The Wolves made their first seven shots of the second quarter and hit 61 percent for the period, but they still trailed by four at halftime. The Mavericks made it 13 by the middle of the third quarter.

A 19-7 run was filled with plays like Nash spinning around Billups and feeding Eduardo Najera for a layup, and Finley making a steal on one end and ferocious dunk on the other.



Big Spring's Jamie Long (4) slides safely into second base during the Lady Steers' win over San Angelo Lake View's Maidens in March. Long was one of the Lady Steers' big hitters in their regular season finale in Plainview when she hit a home run. She and her teammates will open bi-district playoff action at 7:30 p.m. Friday when they take on Canyon's Lady Eagles at Lubbock Coronado High School. Game 2 of the best-of-three series will be at noon Saturday.

HERALD photo/Jim Fiero

## Kelly embraces Bledsoe into the Buffalo scheme

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP) — In the five seasons since he retired, Jim Kelly waited for the Buffalo Bills to find someone capable of replacing him at quarterback.

The wait might be over. Drew Bledsoe, acquired last weekend in a trade with New England, was joined by Kelly at a news conference Wednesday.

"Look at this," Kelly said, embracing Bledsoe and pointing to the dozens of reporters inside the Bills' field house and about 1,000 fans outside. "This is all for you."

Kelly led the Bills to four AFC titles and will be inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame this summer. He believes Bledsoe will bring leadership to the Bills.

"That's something they've definitely lacked here the last couple of years," Kelly said.

After Rob Johnson, Doug Flutie, Todd Collins and,

briefly, Alex Van Pelt failed to emerge, Bledsoe has captured Buffalo's attention, particularly after last year's 3-13 season.

A nine-year veteran and three-time Pro Bowl player, Bledsoe wants to be held to a high standard.

"If I don't produce, then I'll be the one that's most disappointed," he said. "I welcome the expectations."

Bledsoe called this a fresh start, having spent most of the past seven months on the sideline. A severe chest injury sidelined him two games into last season, and he lost his starting job to former fourth-stringer Tom Brady, who led the Patriots to the Super Bowl title.

"It was an unanticipated situation," Bledsoe said. "But looking at it now, I think it's going to be a very, very positive change for me, and hopefully a positive change for the Buffalo Bills."

While Bledsoe held no ill feelings toward his former

team, Kelly spoke out about the trade in which the Bills gave up a first-round pick in next year's draft.

"There's no doubt that he can play," Kelly said. "That's why I'm kind of surprised that the New England Patriots would let him go to an AFC East team. I don't know if I'd call it a slap in the face, but I'd call it stupidity, maybe."

Bledsoe and wife Maura were flown to Buffalo from their home in Montana on team owner Ralph Wilson's plane. They received a police escort to the stadium, where they were greeted by hundreds of fans.

"You've given the area a spark and I know you have certainly given me a spark because I am looking forward to the start of the season," Wilson said. "This is a big day for Buffalo and particularly the Buffalo Bills."

The fan turnout was no surprise, considering many have lined up to buy season tickets since the trade.

## Just like old times, Giambi delivers big hit in Oakland

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

A trip back to Oakland helped Jason Giambi regain his MVP form. Giambi hit a go-ahead, two-run double in the seventh inning as New York beat the Athletics 8-5 Wednesday night in Giambi's second game as a Yankee in Oakland.

"I called this place home for so long," said Giambi, who left the A's to sign with the Yankees in the off-season. "I just feel comfortable here at the plate."

Giambi struggled in his first few weeks with New York, trying to live up to the \$120 million contract he signed in December. But with two more hits and three RBIs on Wednesday, Giambi has his first consecutive multihit games of the season.

He had two hits in the series opener Tuesday, including a double in front of Jorge Posada's go-ahead homer.

"It's the same thing I'm trying to gain back there at Yankee Stadium — the comfort level," said Giambi,

who won the AL MVP with the A's in 2000 and finished second last season.

The record crowd of 54,513, well beyond the Coliseum's baseball capacity of 43,662, loudly booed throughout Giambi's first at-bat, but he answered with an RBI single in the first inning.

His double broke a 5-5 tie in the seventh.

"He was right on it," Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "He's comfortable here. He won an MVP here and almost won another one. This might be just what he needed."

In other American League games, it was: Anaheim 10, Seattle 6; the White Sox 9, Cleveland 2; Baltimore 5, Boston 3; Texas 3, Toronto 2; Tampa Bay 9, Minnesota 1; and Kansas City 8, Detroit 2.

In National League games, Atlanta topped Arizona 4-3, Montreal beat Milwaukee 5-4 in 15 innings, Cincinnati outlasted Colorado 4-3, Chicago downed San Francisco 10-4, St. Louis beat New York 4-2, Houston defeated Florida

7-4, Los Angeles beat Pittsburgh 5-1 and San Diego topped Philadelphia 7-2.

Derek Jeter hit a three-run homer for the Yankees, who blew a 5-0 lead but came back for their sixth win in seven games.

With the bases loaded in the sixth, Yankees reliever Mike Stanton walked Jeremy Giambi, Jason's younger brother, to tie it at 5.

But with one out in the seventh, Bernie Williams doubled, Jeter walked and Jason Giambi hit a full-count liner to right field off Jim Mecir.

Despite walking home the tying run, Stanton (1-0) got the win by allowing just one hit over 2 1-3 innings. Mariano Rivera pitched the ninth for his seventh save.

Mike Magnante (0-1) took the loss.

#### Angels 10, Mariners 6

Scott Spiezio had a three-run double off Paul Abbott (1-2) in the opening inning and Tim Salmon hit his first homer of the season as

Anaheim won at Seattle.

Anaheim won for the first time in seven games against the AL West-leading Mariners this season. The Angels broke a four-game losing streak and ended Seattle's four-game winning streak.

Jarrod Washburn (2-2) allowed three runs and six hits.

#### White Sox 9, Indians 2

Dan Wright (2-2) outpitched C.C. Sabathia and Magglio Ordonez hit a two-run homer to lead Chicago at Jacobs Field.

Paul Konerko homered and Frank Thomas hit his first triple since 1998 as the White Sox improved to 5-1 against the Indians this season. Cleveland has lost eight of nine.

#### Orioles 5, Red Sox 3

Rodrigo Lopez (2-0) turned in a solid performance in his first start in two years, and Tony Batista had three hits as Baltimore beat visiting Boston.

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SPORTS EXTRA

HIGH SCHOOL POLL

The Top 10 high school baseball rankings for the five UIL classifications as determined by the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association and TSB Magazine. Rankings are through Monday, April 22.

Table with 2 columns: Rank and Team Name. Lists top 10 teams for Class 5A, Class 3A, Class 2A, Class 1A, and Class 4A.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL American League DETROIT TIGERS—Placed 2B Damon Easley on the 15-day disabled list. Recalled OF Craig Monroe from Toledo of the International League.

PHILADELPHIA 76ERS—Placed F Cone Blount on the injured list. Activated F Damone Brown from the injured list.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE BUFFALO BILLS—Agreed to terms with LB Eddie Robinson on a two-year contract.

DETROIT LIONS—Signed TE Michael Ricks. ST LOUIS RAMS—Agreed to terms with P Mitch Berger on a one-year contract.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE NASHVILLE PREDATORS—Signed C Greg Johnson and D Bill Houston to contract extensions.

COLLEGIATE BASEBALL

The top 25 teams in the Collegiate Baseball poll with records through April 21 (voting by coaches, sports writers and sports information directors).

Table with 2 columns: Rank and Team Name. Lists top 25 teams in the Collegiate Baseball poll.

BASEBALL AMERICA

The top 25 teams in the Baseball America poll with records through April 21 (voting by the staff of Baseball America).

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DIV. II BASEBALL POLL

The top 25 teams in the Collegiate Baseball NCAA Division II poll with records through April 21 (voting by coaches, sports writers and sports information directors).

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Table with 4 columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists American League teams and their records.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Table with 4 columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists National League teams and their records.

AL LEADERS

Table with 4 columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists American League leaders.

NL LEADERS

Table with 4 columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists National League leaders.

STRIKEOUTS

Clemens, New York, 34; O'Leary, Toronto, 28; Hudson, Oakland, 27; Santana, Cleveland, 25; Rios, Chicago, 24; Martinez, Boston, 22; Mussina, New York, 22.

SAVES

Guarado, Minnesota, 6; MRivers, New York, 7; Urbina, Boston, 7; Sasaki, Seattle, 6; Wideman, Cleveland, 6; Foulke, Chicago, 5; Koch, Oakland, 4; Yan, Tampa Bay, 4.

NL PLAYOFFS

FIRST ROUND Tuesday, April 23 Montreal 5, Boston 3, Montreal leads series 2-1.

TEXAS LEAGUE

Table with 4 columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists Texas League teams and their records.

WEST

ALAN HENRY: Waterfowl are good on black/teal jigs or tubes, soft jerk and topwater lures.

ARROWHEAD

Waterfowl: Waterfowl are good on black/teal jigs or tubes, soft jerk and topwater lures.

NASWORTHY

Waterfowl: Waterfowl are good on black/teal jigs or tubes, soft jerk and topwater lures.

SPENCE

Waterfowl: Waterfowl are good on black/teal jigs or tubes, soft jerk and topwater lures.

SWEETWATER

Waterfowl: Waterfowl are good on black/teal jigs or tubes, soft jerk and topwater lures.

WHITE RIVER

Waterfowl: Waterfowl are good on black/teal jigs or tubes, soft jerk and topwater lures.

WICHITA

Waterfowl: Waterfowl are good on black/teal jigs or tubes, soft jerk and topwater lures.

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Vertical text on the right edge of the page, including 'BIG SPRING HERALD Thursday, April 25, 2002' and 'FISHING R...'. Contains various fishing reports and news snippets.



FISHING REPORT

Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for April 24. (Report also available on Web as www.tdfrshing.com.)

**CENTRAL**  
**BROWNWOOD:** Water clear; 68 degrees; 4 low; Black bass to 7 pounds are good on spinnerbaits and topwaters in 5-12 feet. Striped bass to 24" are good on topwaters and Rat-L-Traps in 10-23 feet. White bass to 16" are excellent on Rat-L-Traps in 4-10 feet. Crappie to 14" are good on live minnows and jigs in 3-10 feet. Channel and blue catfish to 5-pounds are good on live minnows in 15-30 feet. Yellow catfish to 17 pounds are fair on shad and chicken livers in 15-30 feet.

**BUCHANAN:** Water clear; 70 degrees; 10:16:40; Black bass are good on white 1/4 oz. titanium spinnerbaits, clear Rat-L-Tops and Smokin' Green Devil's Tongues over flats and points in 3-5 feet. Striped bass are fair to good drifting live perch or shad and trolling 1/2 oz. white/chartreuse Curb's striper jigs and plastic trailers in 18-30 feet. Some limited topwater action very early. White bass are fair trolling Shad Raps and vertically jigging white Curb's bucktail jigs and Pirk Minnows. Crappie are slow on minnows. Channel catfish to 6 pounds are good on liver and minnows. Flathead and blue catfish are fair on live and cut bait.

**PROCTOR:** Water murky; 62 degrees; 11:57:80; Black bass are fair on Rat-L-Traps and crankbaits. Striped bass are very good on jigs and shad. Crappie to 13 inches are fair on minnows. Channel and blue catfish are slow on shrimp and liver. Yellow catfish are slow on shad and perch on trotlines.

**SOUTH**  
**AMISTAD:** Water fairly clear; 68 degrees; 47 low; Black bass are good on waffle worms, jerkbaits, topwaters, and watermelon seed worms. Striped bass are fair on slabs and stripers jigs up the Rio Grande. White bass are fair on slabs up the Rio Grande. Crappie are slow on live minnows up Devils River. Channel and blue catfish are fair on cheesebait in 5-40 feet. Yellow catfish are good on perch and goldfish.

**WEST**  
**ALAN HENRY:** Water clear; 69 degrees; Black bass to 10 pounds are good on black/blue and green jigs or tubes, soft jerkbaits, minnows and topwater lures during afternoon. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs.

**ARROWHEAD:** Water murky (from wind); 61 degrees; 6.5 low; Black bass near four pounds are fair in shallows. Crappie are good on minnows and pink or white jigs throughout most of lake especially near docks and piers. White bass to 2 pounds are good on 1/8-oz. Chartreuse jigs in shallows. Catfish are good on stink bait in lower end or lake or on chicken liver and perch near moving water.

**COLORADO CITY:** Water clear; 67 degrees; Black bass are very slow. Crappie are very slow. White bass are very slow. Redfish are very slow. Catfish are very slow. Fishing is extremely slow due to a toxic golden algae bloom most fish found in creeks.

**FT. PHANTOM HILL:** Water clear; 66 degrees; Black bass are fair. Crappie are fair on minnows. White bass are fair on minnows and jigs. Catfish are good on cutbait and minnows.

**HUBBARD CREEK:** Water stained; 55 degrees; 17 low; Black bass are good on dark jigs and plastics in shallows. Crappie are fair on minnows and roadrunners in shallows near docks. White bass are slow on minnows. Striped bass are slow. Catfish are good on deep trotlines or juglines baited with shiners and minnows. A new boat ramp is located near the dam.

**NASWORTHY:** Water lightly stained; 62 degrees; Black bass are fair on minnows and spinnerbaits. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. Redfish are fair on minnows. White bass and striped bass are fair on stinkbait and live bait. Lake is being dredged of 2-feet of silt.

**OAK CREEK:** Water lightly stained; 60 degrees; No boat ramps open. Black bass are fair on minnows. Crappie are good around docks on minnows and jigs. Catfish are fair on trotlines baited with minnows and stinkbait.

**OH. IVE:** Water lightly stained; 65 degrees; 20 low; Black bass are good on live bait, dark jigs and watermelon green plastics. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs in shallows. White bass are fair on minnows and jigs. Smallmouth bass are fair. Catfish are good on trotlines baited with minnows, goldfish and perch.

**POSSUM KINGDOM:** Water lightly stained; 67 degrees; 4.5 low; Black bass are fair. White bass to 2 pounds are good on upper end of lake. Striped bass to 3 pounds are fair. Catfish are fair on live bait and stinkbait.

**SPENCE:** Water stained; 54 degrees; 8.75 low; Black bass are fair. Crappie are fair. White bass are fair on minnows. Striped bass are fair on minnows and cutbait. Catfish are fair on trotlines baited with shad and cutbait. Fishing is generally slow due to a golden algae bloom.

**STAMFORD:** Water lightly stained; 56 degrees; 3.5 low; Black bass are good on crankbaits and minnows. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass and striped bass are fair on minnows. Catfish are fair on trotlines baited with shad and stinkbait.

**SWEETWATER:** Water lightly stained; 65 degrees; 17 low; Black bass are fair on crankbaits, spinnerbaits and minnows. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on minnows. Catfish are fair on trotlines baited with live bait and cutbait.

**WHITE RIVER:** Water murky; 67 degrees; 18 low; Black bass fair on minnows and dark crankbaits. Crappie are good near crappie house on minnows and jigs. Walleye are fair on jerkbaits and minnows. Catfish are good on minnows and stinkbait.

**WICHITA:** Water stained; 69 degrees; Black bass are fair on minnows. Crappie are fair. White bass are good on medium minnows, shrimp, and red/white curtail roadrunners or red/green marabou roadrunners in shallows, and fished from bank. Hybrid Striped bass are fair on red/white roadrunners and large minnows. Channel catfish are fair on worms and shrimp near the dam.

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By BETTY DEBNAM

The Constitution State

Connecticut From A to Z



Connecticut is the third-smallest state in area, measuring only 90 miles east to west and 55 miles north and south. It is the 29th most-populated state, with about 3,400,000 people.

It is a leader in industries such as insurance and transportation-related manufacturing. Algonquian Indian tribes such as the Pequot were the first to live in the area. The first European explorer was Adriaen Block, who claimed the area for the Netherlands in 1614.

The Dutch and British both settled there in 1633. England claimed the whole area in 1674.

Connecticut was one of the 13 original colonies, and one of the most important states in the Revolutionary War. Connecticut delegates were leaders in the Constitutional Convention of 1787.

It became the fifth state in the Union in 1788.



Connecticut's many small towns still remind us of the state's Colonial history. This Congregational church in Litchfield is a common Colonial style.

American history owes much to the state. In 1787 the delegates from Connecticut came up with a compromise about how many representatives each state could send to the new Congress. This is one reason it is called the Constitution State.

Bridgeport is the largest city, with about 142,000 people. P.T. Barnum, who founded the Barnum & Bailey Circus, was mayor. He helped turn this port into a top transportation center.

The Coastline on the state's southern boundary has many bays and harbors. A busy waterway, Long Island Sound, separates Connecticut from New York's Long Island.

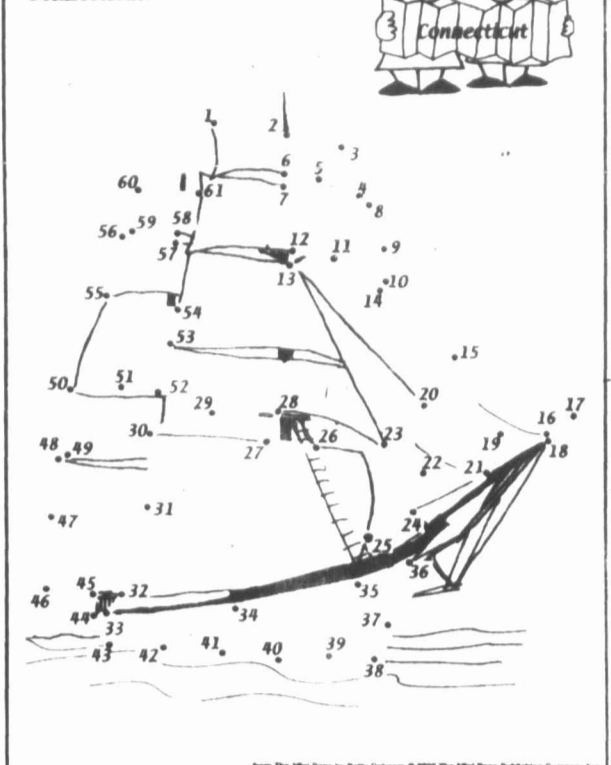
In Dinosaur State Park in Rocky Hill, there are about 2,000 fossilized dinosaur tracks from the Jurassic period.

Eli Whitney, from New Haven, invented the cotton gin in 1794. It did the work of about 50 people. The Eli Whitney Museum in Hamden highlights his contributions to mass production.

The Fundamental Orders were adopted by early settlers in 1639. Some people think of them as the first written constitution in America. It is another reason Connecticut is known as the Constitution State.

Village Greens, or public areas of natural beauty, were the centers of many Colonial villages.

Go dot to dot and color. Ships from the past remind us of the influence of the sea on Connecticut.



**Rookie Cookie's Recipe**  
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You'll need:  
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• 4 eggs  
• 1/2 cup vegetable oil  
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1. Combine cake mix, eggs and vegetable oil in a large bowl. Mix until smooth.  
2. Stir in orange segments. Mix well.  
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**Gus Goodsport's Report**  
**Supersport: Luis Gonzalez**  
Height: 6-2 Birthdate: 9-3-67  
Weight: 195 College: U. of South Alabama  
Every baseball player dreams of hitting in the winning run to win the World Series. Luis Gonzalez did just that last year. He hit the winning run in the bottom of the ninth inning to help the Arizona Diamondbacks win the series.  
Luis has been playing outfield in the major leagues since 1990. He has played for the Houston Astros, the Chicago Cubs and the Detroit Tigers.  
Last year he had a .325 batting average. His best average was .336 in 1999.  
Luis and his wife, Christine, have triplets, Megan, Jacob and Alyssa. They live in Scottsdale, Ariz. He volunteers with the Make-A-Wish Foundation and the American Cancer Society.

**Meet Spencer Breslin**  
Spencer Breslin may be only 9 years old, but he already has had a busy acting career.  
He has starred in TV shows and movies, including the starring role in the Disney movie "The Kid." He also does the voice of Crandall in the show "Team Supremo."  
Spencer has been in show business since he was 3. A talent agent saw him at a playground and asked his mother if he could be in a commercial.  
He was born in New York and has an older brother and a younger sister. His hobbies include going to the movies and playing baseball and football. He also plays the piano and is studying Irish step dancing.

**MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes**  
All the following jokes have something in common. Can you guess the common theme or category?  
**George:** Can't you play tennis more quietly?  
**Gigi:** No. How can you play tennis without raising a racket?  
**Max:** Why do fish make poor tennis players?  
**Mimi:** Because they don't like to get close to the net!  
**Shirley:** How are judges like tennis pros?  
**Stanley:** They both work the courts!

**Connecticut TRY 'N FIND**  
Words and names that remind us of Connecticut are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward. See if you can find: CONNECTICUT, STATE, INSURANCE, PEQUOT, DUTCH, COLONIES, COLONIAL, BRIDGEPORT, MUSEUM, DINOSAUR, WHITNEY, CONSTITUTION, MARINE, JET, SKIING, LAKE, OAK, ROBIN.  
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**Mini Spy ...**  
Mini Spy and her friends are visiting Mystic, Conn. See if you can find:  
• golf club • letter A • sleeping cat • heart • fish • ruler  
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• ladder  
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• funny face  
• dolphin  
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• exclamation mark  
• letter H  
• letter J

**More About Connecticut**  
**Hartford,** the state capital, has the oldest statehouse in the U.S. It was built in 1796. Hartford is the second-largest city.  
**The Nautilus,** the first nuclear-powered submarine, can be explored at the Submarine Force Museum in Groton. It was built there in 1954.  
**Old Newgate Prison & Copper Mine** in East Granby was used during the Revolutionary War to jail people loyal to the British. It was also the site of one of the first copper mines in America.  
**The White Oak** is the state tree.  
**More than 2,000 Puppets** from all over the world can be found at The Ballard Institute & Museum of Puppetry in Storrs.  
**Quinnehtucket** is the Native American name that "Connecticut" comes from. It means "beside the long tidal river."  
**The Connecticut River** runs almost through the center of the state and empties into Long Island Sound. Many cities, including Hartford, grew up along the river.  
**The American Robin** is the state bird.  
**The Mountain laurel** is the state flower. There are mountains in the northwest part of the state.  
**Mystic Seaport** is a re-creation of a shipbuilding and whaling town of the 1800s. Its museum has the largest collection of boats in the world.  
**The Sperm whale** is the state animal.  
**Mark Twain** wrote most of "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer" and "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" at his home in Hartford.  
**The U.S. Coast Guard Academy** in New London was established in 1910.  
**Vacationing tourists** enjoy more than 250 miles of shoreline on Long Island Sound, about 8,400 miles of rivers and streams, and 6,000 lakes and ponds. Forests cover more than 60 percent of the state.  
**The American Clock & Watch Museum** in Bristol has the largest display of American-made clocks in the world. It highlights clockmaking from the state's early days.  
**In the 1800s, textile** making, especially of silk and cotton, was an important industry near the state's many rivers. The Windham Textile and History Museum in Willimantic has exhibits about the textile industry during the 1700s and 1800s.  
**Yale University** in New Haven is the third-oldest college in the country, founded in 1701. The Yale Library is one of the biggest in the world.  
**The Beardsley Zoo** in Bridgeport is the major one in Connecticut. It features animals from North and South America.

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	KMID (2)	KPEJ (3)	KERA (5)	FAM (6)	KOSA (7)	WFAA (8)	KWES (9)	WTBS (11)	UNI (13)	DISN (14)	NASH (15)	TMC (16)	SHOW (20)	HBO (22)	KMLM (24)	A&E (25)	DISC (26)	TNT (28)	TLC (41)
	Midland	Odessa	Dallas	Dallas	Odessa	Dallas	Midland	Atlanta	Spanish		Nashville	Premium	Premium	Premium	Odessa	New York	Discovery	Atlanta	Learning Cn.
6	PM News Fortune	King of the Hill Raymond	Cyberchase Zoboombaloo	Home Videos Home Videos	News Ent. Tonight	News (CC) Fortune	News Seinfeld (CC)	Friends (CC) Major League	Intrusa	Movie: The Jermie	Mad TV (CC) Mad TV (CC)	Movie: Return to Me (CC)	Shred of Evidence (CC)	Like You (CC)	Update With John Hagee	The View (CC)	Wild Aja	Pretender (CC)	Secrets of Fornsic Science
7	PM Bachelor: Tell Me	Movie: The Empire	Antiques-UK	Movie: Drive Me Crazy	Survivor: Marquesas (CC)	Bachelor: Tell Me Crazy	Friends (CC) Friends (CC)	Baseball: Arizona Diamondbacks at Atlanta	Amigas y Rivales (BS)	Project (CC) Next Gen.	Star Trek: Next Gen.	Movie: Wish	Movie: Crimson Tide	Spider-Man Movie: Me	Debbie Good Biblical Israel	Biography (CC)	X-Creatures	NBA Basketball Playoffs	Medical Detectives
8	PM Bachelor (CC)	Strikes Back (CC)	Globe Trekker (CC)		CSI: Crime Scene	Bachelor (CC)	Will & Grace Just Shoot Me	mondbacks at Atlanta	Salome	Upon a Star (CC)	Movie: Dead Ringers	Movie: What Women Want	Movie: Myself & Irene (CC)	Light of the Southwest	Movie: Shackleton	Would You Believe It?	Conference Quarterly	Tomato: Touchdown	
9	PM Primetime Thursday		Frontline (CC)	Whose Line? Whose Line?	Agency (CC)	Primetime Thursday	ER (CC)	Braves (CC) Movie: The	IPica y Se Extiende!	(10) Movie: Fly Away		Movie: 3 Strikes (CC)	On the Record			Beyond Bizarre	Teams TBA NBA Basketball	Tsunami (CC)	
10	PM News Nightline	Jerry Springer (CC)	News-Laher (CC)	700 Club (CC)	News (-35) Late	News (CC) Nightline	News (-35) Tonight	Terminator (CC)	P. Impacto Noticiero Univ.	Home (CC)	Star Trek: Next Gen.	(15) Movie: Shark in a Bottle (CC)	Movie: 3 a.m.	Taxicab Confessions	Hour of Healing	Law & Order (CC)	X-Creatures	ball Playoffs: Conference	Medical Detectives
11	PM Politically Inc. Cowboy	Suddenly Spin City (CC)	Hunt for Batslip Hood	Who's Boss? Who's Boss?	Show (CC) (-37) Late Late	Ent. Tonight Politically Inc.	Show (CC) (-37) Late	(35) Movie:	En las Mejores Familias	So Weird Jett Jackson	Pop Across Small Shots		(10:55) Kingdom	Update With Church	Biography (CC)	Would You Believe It?	Quarterfinal Teams TBA	Tomato: Touchdown	
12	AM (12:05) Sally (CC)	Home Imp. Paid Program	Sinking the Lusitania	Paid Program Paid Program	Show (CC) Street Smarts	(12:05) Oprah Winfrey (CC)	Night (CC) Frasier	Do or Die	La Mujer de Mi Vida	Zorro (CC) Mickey Mouse	Baywatch (CC)	Movie: Dangerous Invitations	(12:05) Crash and Bymes	Come (CC) Chris Rock	Faith Pleases God	Movie: Shackleton	Beyond Bizarre	Inside NBA Movie: New	Tsunami (CC)

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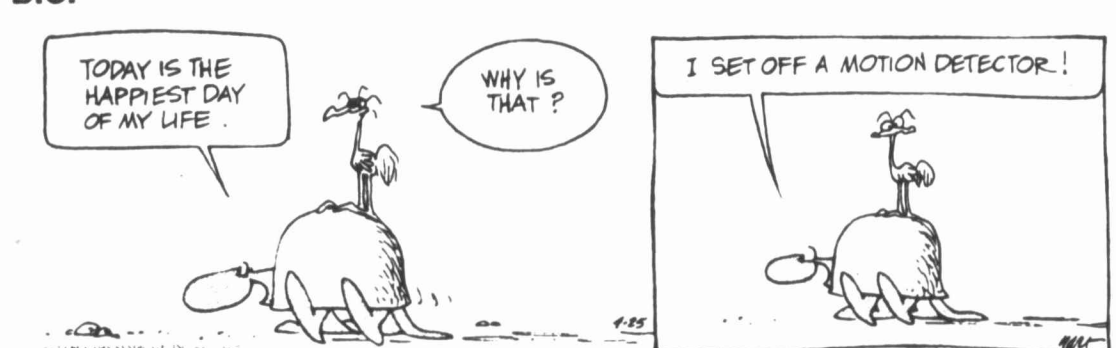
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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Today is Thursday, April 25, the 115th day of 2002. There are 250 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 25, 1959, the St. Lawrence Seaway opened to shipping.

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 1901, New York became the first state to require automobile license plates; the fee was \$1.

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 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: Islamic forces in Afghanistan took control of most of the capital of Kabul following the collapse of the Communist government. An earthquake measuring 7.1 on the Richter scale shook northern California.

Five years ago: The prosecution began calling witnesses in Timothy McVeigh's Oklahoma City bombing trial. A federal judge ruled for the first

time that the Food and Drug Administration can regulate tobacco as a drug — but said it couldn't restrict cigarette advertising.

Today's Birthdays:

Country musician Vassar Clements is 74. Movie director-writer Paul Mazursky is 72. Former Harlem Globetrotter George "Meadowlark" Lemon is 70. Songwriter Jerry Leiber is 69. Actor Al Pacino is 62. Rock musician Stu Cook (Creedence Clearwater Revival) is 57. Singer Bjorn Ulvaeus (ABBA) is 57. Actress Talia Shire is 56. Actor Jeffrey DeMunn is 55.

Answer to previous puzzle

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TONGUE	TWISTER	
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COORS	WHEARSAY	
UPHTEWATERS	POUT	
SURE	STOUT	
EMITTED	CUB	SPA
SAP	WRITHE	STAR
WHIRLWIND	TOUR	
GRIER	LEW	AROSE
AURAL	LEG	LUGS
STEPS	RMS	EGEST

Newsday Crossword

IN VIEW by Daniel R. Stark  
Edited by Stanley Newman

- ACROSS**
- 1 Still-life subject
  - 5 Stretches of India?
  - 9 Delineate
  - 13 Folk singer Guthrie
  - 14 Not hidden
  - 16 Damn Yankees role
  - 17 Common accessory
  - 19 Morose
  - 20 Breaks the news
  - 21 Offended the nose
  - 23 Comes to terms
  - 25 \_\_\_ incognita
  - 26 Pulverized
  - 27 Kind of exam
  - 28 Wave carrier
  - 31 Molecule parts
  - 32 Book illustration
  - 33 Diamond judge
  - 34 Disposes (of)
  - 35 Gaps
  - 36 "Dam it!"
  - 37 \_\_\_ Paese cheese
  - 38 Dash
  - 39 Courteous
  - 40 El Dorado trove
  - 41 One-named designer
  - 42 Without honor
  - 43 Skips past
  - 45 Decks out
  - 46 It turns litmus blue
  - 48 Catches flies
  - 49 Icy precipitation
- DOWN**
- 1 Ben, to Hoss
  - 2 Stumble
  - 3 Scheherazade hero
  - 4 Lecterns
  - 5 Caterwauled
  - 6 Running tracks
  - 7 Buys
  - 8 Bow shape
  - 9 Born first
  - 10 Sought opinions
  - 11 [what should go here]
  - 12 Like some cider
  - 15 Hazards
  - 18 MTV fans
  - 22 \_\_\_ Stanley Gardner
  - 23 More ornate
  - 24 Attractive star
  - 25 Buy and sell
  - 26 Ninotchka
  - 27 Pimiento holder
  - 29 Sends via computer
  - 30 As is proper
  - 32 Wharf locales
  - 35 Dizzy feeling
  - 36 Fiasco
  - 38 Bridal wear
  - 39 Freighter's freight
  - 42 St. Bernard's supply
  - 44 Tom, Dick and Harry
  - 45 In front
  - 46 Gregory Peck role
  - 47 Superman's mom
  - 48 Explorer Hedin
  - 51 Northern constellation
  - 52 George's brother
  - 53 Hipster
  - 54 Spanish pronoun

