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# THURSDAY

April 25, 2002

### WEATHER

**Tonight:** 



TOMORROW TONIGHT 50°-52° 78°-80°

# Reception for Sheppard slated tonight

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

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

Big Spring Symphony Association will present An Evening of Great Choral Music, featuring Southwestern University Choral, The Big Spring Symphony Orchestra, the

Big Spring Symphony

Chorus, Midland/Odessa Chorale, the Big Spring High School Meistersingers the Elementary Honor Chorus on Saturday at 8 p.m. at the Big Spring

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

Municipal Auditorium.

# 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

☐ 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

**HERALD Staff Report** 

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

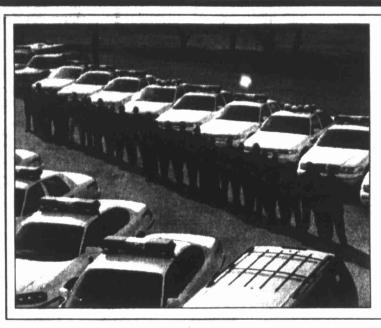


WRIGHT

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 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 medi-

ums, including acrylic, pas-



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 oncampus 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 See GALA, Page 2A

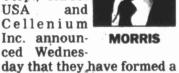
guests the opportunity to visit. The reception is a prelude to the dance by Jody

# 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 Cellenium Inc. announced Wednes-





less "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

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

"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 See WIRELESS, Page 2A

partnership to create a wire- already being used in 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-

# **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

"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.

testified Tucay Julian's skull sustained four fractures and that the infant died as a resulting subdural hematoma. It is hard to determine when Julian sustained 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 Julian's death was due to an accident in which John accidentally Cansino dropped his son headfirst

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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 instruction Linda free.

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 students. The college's vocal p.m. Both evens are open to students are under the the public and admission is



Alison 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 Alison'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.

# **OBITUARIES**

### **Betty Lou Baker**

Betty Baker of Littleton, Colo., passed away on Monday, April 15, 2002. A memorial service was held Friday, April 19, at the Drinkwine Family Chapel.

The Rev. Jim Harris officiated. Betty was a member of the Christian Church. She was born on March 22, 1926, in Illinois. She married Norman "Dutch" Baker on Nov. 17, 1949, in Illinois.

Her parents, Russell and Wilma Thompson and her beloved grandparents preceded her in death.

She is survived by her husband, Dutch: a daughter, Karen and her husband, Del Brewer of Big Spring; and sons, Edmond Baker and his wife, Lori of Bethesda, Md., and Richard Baker and his wife, Tara, of Littleton, Colo.

She was very proud of her five grandchildren, Brian Willms, Tim Baker, Amy Baker, Richelle Baker, and Daniel Baker, and her great-granddaugher, Taryn Willms.

Betty loved Hawaii and the family will be going there in the near future as they did for Dutch and Betty's 50th wedding anniversary. This time they will scatter her ashes at her favorite spot.

Memorial contributions may be made to the donor's local Humane Society.

Local donations may be made to the Howard County Humane Society, West Interstate Highway 20 North Service Road, Big **Spring** 79720

Paid obituary

# Pauline (Polly) Sundy

Pauline (Polly) Sundy, 72, of Big Spring, died on Wednesday, April 24, 2002,

at her residence Graveside funeral service will be 2 p.m. Friday, April 26, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity



Memorial park with Dr. Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church and the Rev. Herb McPherson, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, officiating She was born on Sept. 26,

1929, in Big Spring and married Allen Sundy on Sept. 4, 1947, in Big Spring. They had been married for over 54 years.

Polly was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. She loved to needlepoint, can vegetables and preserves, garden and to keep her grandchildren. She always made time to help her family and friends by listening to and comforting them in their time of need. She was a devout Christian and lived as such.

She was a member of Crestview Baptist Church.

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tion to pass along to its legislative committee.

Teresa Aguirre, with the Association Counties, will speak about the legislative process, said Wright

The meeting is from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. and will be held at the district court building. Approximately 64 area clerks and deputy clerks will be in attendance, along with a number of vendors.

Region III encompasses an area west to El Paso and east to Abilene, north to Big Spring and south to Big Lake.

"We'll enjoy hosting it, and it brings people to Big Spring, and that's always good," said Wright.

Survivors include her

husband, Allen Sundy of

Big Spring; her children,

Steve Sundy and his wife,

Beverly, of Bedford, Randy

Sundy of Sedalia, Mo., Rita

Faulkner and her husband,

Gary, and Mark Sundy and

his wife, Loretta, all of Big

Spring; a sister, Ruby Tate

of Midland; her grandchil-

dren, Clint, Clay and Cassie

Faulkner of Big Spring,

Nathan and Kristina

Sunday of Colorado City,

Bobby Waight of Lubbock,

Donny Waight of Big

Spring, Geneva Slate and

Elizabeth Seabolt of Odessa;

10 grandchildren; several

nieces and nephews; and

her caregivers, Jackie Hill,

JoAnn Grace, Teresa

Madison, Angela Whitley

She was preceded in death

Kay Sundy and Sherri Gail

Sundy; her parents, Walter

and Elizabeth Harrell; two

brothers, Eldon Harrell and

Ramon Earl Sundy; and one

Pallbearers will be Larry

McMurtrey, Jimmy Sundy,

Tommy McMurtrey, Clark

Sundy, Ronald Sundy and

Steve Sundy. Honorary pall-

bearers will be Randy

Sundy, Mark Sundy, Gary

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Sundy, Rick Hill and

The family suggests

memorials to Home Hospice

Inc., 600 Gregg St., Big

The family will receive

friends from 7 p.m. to 8

p.m. Thursday at the funer-

Arrangements are under

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Pickle & Welch Funeral

God saw you were getting

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around you and whispered

"Come to Me." A golden

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George Grace.

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and Debbie Bagnell.

sister, Lottie Parks.

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Nix and the Texas Cowboys. Dance music will be provided from 8 p.m. to midby two daughters, Linda

Gala Chairperson Carol Scott will introduce a new activity to the evening's festivities. Old photographs of area celebrities and noteworthy citizens will be placed around the room in a contest titled, "Mama's, Don't Let Your Babies Grow Up to be Cowboys.

More than a dozen photographs will be available for viewing at the country club, and attendees will make guesses on who is depicted in the photographs, said Billie Russworm, community relations director.

Prizes will be awarded to the top finishers.

Denim and Diamonds Gala attendees can assist the hospital in a number of Russworm said. Benefactors can contribute \$200 and upward a couple; Patrons, \$100 a couple; and sponsors can contribute \$50 per couple.

Donations will fund three projects at Big Spring State Hospital: an outdoor youth recreation area; two courtyards; and a walking trail. The additions will be completed during the spring and

To secure a ticket to the gala, call 268-7536.

**WIRELESS** 

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# Maria Garcia

Funeral service for Maria Garcia, 68, of Big Spring is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Garcia Wednesday, April 24, 2002, at a local hospital.

# Mitchell Herbert Hoover

Memorial service for Mitchell Herbert Hoover, 96, of Big Spring, will be 1 p.m. Friday, April 26, 2002, at First United Methodist Church in Coahoma with the Rev. Bruce Abbott officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mr. Hoover died Monday, April 22 at Plaza Medical Center in Fort Worth.

He was born Aug. 29, 1905, in Bell County and had lived in Big Spring since 1949. He was a retired railroad engineer. He was a Methodist.

Survivors include one son, Mitchell M. Hoover and wife, Helen of Saginaw; one sister, Dorothy Tatum of Abilene; one step-daughter, Peggy Drake of Hobbs, N.M.; one step-son, Jimmy Drake of Arlington; one step-daughter-in-law, Caroline Ater of Troup; five grandchildren; six stepgrandchildren; two greatgrandchildren; and one step-great-grandchild.

Arrangements are under the direction of Pecos Funeral Home.

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The group will also be considering ideas and informa-

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# BIG SPRING ROUND THE TOWN

The transactions can be made through any cell phone, and can be billed, for instance, to a credit card, bank card or the user's telephone company.

"Since 1999, Cellenium has implemented pilot and production solutions in Europe, Israel, Southeast Asia and the United States," said Shaul Shalev, chief executive officer, Cellenium Inc. "The launch of Cellerate here in the U.S. will let American consumers on the move experience personalized prompt response to their needs tied to real-time rewards available from any cell phone on any cellular network.

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on the floor while preparing a bottle for the infant. Tucay also said the autop-

sy also revealed two fractured ribs which had already started to knit. "They were old fractures

that had been allowed to heal," he said. Dr. Joni McClain of the Southwest Institute

Pathology in Forensic Dallas supported Tucay's testimony. McClain performed a secondary autopsy on parts of Julian's body. "We were able to elicit tes-

timony that we were looking forward to today,' District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson, prosecutor in the case, said outside the courtroom. "We had two different pathologists from two different laboratories, both well respected, who testified that there was no way this could be accidental.'

After the prosecution rested, defense attorney Novert Morales of Midland presented witnesses to rebut testimony of prosecution witnesses.

Big Spring's Dr. Micheal Stephens, a family practice Covenant doctor with Malone and Hogan Clinic, said he examined Julian for thrush on Jan. 9, 2001, 11' days before the child's death. In the course of the visit, he also performed a full physical exam, he said.

"At the time I saw the child, there was no evidence of a rib fracture." Dr. Stephens said.. "You look for signs and symptoms of it. There were none. If there had been two broken ribs, I would have phoned (Child Protective Services).'

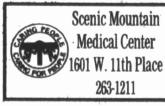
The defense also presented two Big Spring police officers who made a cursory examination of the Cansino home while the family was still at Scenic Mountain Medical Center after Julian died. Both officers said they saw nothing unusual at the home

"It was just a normal Corporal home," said Gilbert Barraza.

allow the mobile payments John Cansino's sister to be quickly and securely Norma Arredondo testified processed. In addition, that John told her, her hus-Alliance Data will provide band and John's wife Elaine the customer care capabili-Cansino on Sunday, Jan. 21, ties to round-out Cellerate's the day after Julian's death, operations, the partnership said in announcing the venthat he had accidentally dropped the baby. The discussion occurred between 2 "The forming of this and 3 p.m., Arredondo said. strategic alliance offers a unique opportunity to deliv-

"We talked about what happened to the baby," she said. "That John was in the kitchen trying to get a bottle for the baby and the baby slipped.' The testimony contradict-

ed that of Elaine Cansino, who has divorced John since Julian's death.





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"If there ever was a conversation about that, it was outside my Elaine testified.

John's brothers Robert and Buck Cansino and his sister-in-law Andrea Cansino also testified in his defense before the defense Wednesday afterrested noon.

Wednesday afternoon 118th District Court Judge Robert Moore III, Wilkerson and Cansino worked to develop the charge to read to the jury. This morning, the charge was read and the two sides presented their closing arguments.

### Pedestrian/vehicle accident at junior high parking lot leaves youth with several abrasions

**HERALD Staff Report** 

A seventh-grader at Big Spring Junior High School is back in class today after being involved in a pedestrian/vehicle accident that left him with several abrasions.

Big Spring police received a call at 3:19 p.m. of an accident in the 700 block of Owens, the junior high parking lot.

"A 1997 C-1500 SUV was traveling west bound in the parking lot," Sgt. Roger Sweatt, public relations officer for the Big **Spring Police Department** said.

"The bicyclist was traveling south and went between two parked-vehicles and came out into the path of the vehicle. He hit the SUV on the right front corner."

Sweat said the 13-yearold received minor injuries and was taken by private vehicle to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

According to the youth's mother, Marsha Sturdivant, her son Michael was treated and released from the emergency room.

"He is very sore and has several serious bruises, but he is OK. He is also very blessed," Sturdivant said.

Sturdivant commended junior high school nurse Karen McCormick for her quick response and assistance.

Big Spring Junior High School principal Rey Villarreal reminds motorists to be extra careful in school zones. "I want to take the

opportunity to ask drivers to really watch out for kids leaving the building," Villarreal said.

# **POLICE**

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from 8

a.m. Wednesday until 8 a.m. today:

ANNA MARIA CLAY-BURN, 40, of 1208 Dixie was being held at the police department's jail for the Howard County Sheriff's

LIONSO JIMENEZ III, 23, was arrested on a charge of theft, less than \$50.

 ERICA ELAINE ORTE-GA. 19, of 601 Abrams was arrested for five local war-

· DOMESTIC DISTUR-BANCE was reported in the 400 block of Circle Drive, in the 1400 block of Virginia Avenue, in the 500 block of north Benton St., in the 1600 block of Wood and in the 1600 block of Jennings.

 DISTURBANCE/FIGHT was reported in the 2600 block of Langley Drive

 ASSAULT CLASS C was reported in the 4200 block of Dixon St. DISORDERLY CON-

TACT was reported in the

1200 block of east Third. The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the

following activity: JOHN STEVEN ALVAREZ, 37, was arrested on a warrant for assault family violence. (HCSO)

# FIRE/EMS

The following is a summery of EMS and Fire Department activity

8:05 a.m. — IH-20 and Moss Lake Rd., medical call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

10:50 a.m. — 500 block of E. 13th, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

1:58 p.m. — 1900 block of Wasson, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

3:20 p.m. — 600 block of E. Sixth, traffic accident, service refused

4:46 p.m. — 1300 block of Mesquite, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

# RECORDS

Wednesday's high 96 Wednesday's low 54 Record high 101 in 1959 Record low 40 in 1921 Average high 82 Average low 53 Precip. Wednesday 0.00 Month to date 0.00 Year to date 4.00 Sunrise Friday 7:04 a.m. Sunset Friday 8:23 p.m.

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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 astandoff 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 outa 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

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

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

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-

When the 911 call came at 12:40 were heard. "And then, Captain 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 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

night she heard her ex-husband had killed his young to convict the 46-year-old daughters from another marriage, Michelle Ghetti said she realized it could have been her own daugh-

"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

DALLAS (AP) — The murder trial. A jury took 19 minutes earlier in the day accountant in the May shooting deaths of 9-year-old Faith Battaglia and 6-yearold 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 John Battaglia's capital to Battaglia before Pearle, house, Battaglia would tape

gave chilling testimony her phone conversations 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

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 and Pearle of conspiring to

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 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

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**

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

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 Sunset Commission said it group rallying for reforms: chapter of Public Citizen.

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

The Sunset Commission periodically reviews state

Ethics Commission.

AUSTIN (AP) - The agencies to decide if they need to be changed or dismantled. The commission's recommendations passed on to lawmakers who will tackle the recommendations during the leg-

> 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.

islative session.

In its report this year, the 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

the tions, 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.

Gramm's wife, Wendy, has August that he would fin-

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, Republican elected official

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

anonymity. said.
The ninth board member, Gramm announced in

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 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.

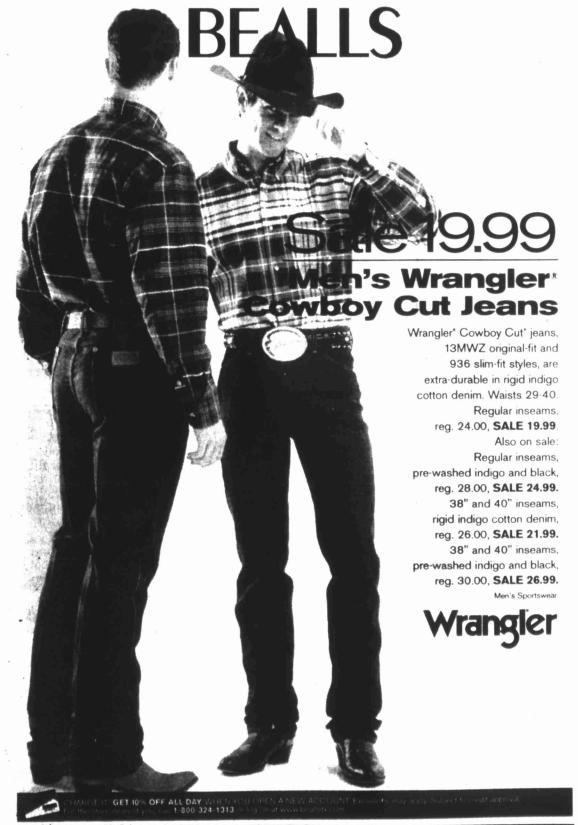
Sheriff's officers launched an investigation, as did Barry's department. The district attorney filed misdemeanor animal cruelty charges Oct. 8 against Barry and his wife, Kimberly, 30.

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

niversity 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 onegame showdown against Grape Creek's Lady

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

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 suc-

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 wireline 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

eople 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

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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 perfectly yesterday don't work today. Sometimes you get these types of messages: "There has been a gobbledygook 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, 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

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

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.Un ... Good boy.

s 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

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 use 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

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 outof-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 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

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 todraw 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

The reference to "serial" attacks appeared to contradict a statement earlier Wednesday by Cardinal McCarrick Theodore

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 ministry," 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 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

"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 allthe cardinals were trying to do," said Boston Archdiocese spokesman the Rev. Christopher

# Tensions loom as Bush meets Saudi crown prince

WACO (AP) — Officially, President must restrain (Israeli Prime Minister 'national terrorism with distinction 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

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 noncommit-

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

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-

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

### Makeshift Palestinian court convicts four in killing of Israeli minister

RAMALLAH, West Bank fled into the compound and (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 bod-

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 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 around standoff church, one 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 for 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 con-

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.

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## Officials say DNA links airman to Philadelphia rapes PHILADELPHIA (AP) — on \$1 million bail in con-student Shannon Schieber

DNA tests confirm that an nection with six sexual in her apartment, authori-Air Force airman arrested in a string of Colorado sexual assaults allegedly is the "Center City so-called rapist," responsible for rapes and a murder in Philadelphia, authorities said.

Philadelphia 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

Graves, 29, was arrested Tuesday and ordered held assault cases from May to ties said. A sixth victim was 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 attacked rapist four Philadelphia women in the summer of 1997, then struck again on May 7, 1998, strangling 23-year-old University of Pennsylvania graduate bors called 911 when they

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 neighof 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 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

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 min-

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

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 espe-

cially 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 there 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 are 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 construction, buying and patriotic divisions win ribbons from AEP-West Texas

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 ill-

nesss, 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 menigococcal 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.

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symptoms should see a docfor a few tor immediately, hours with Hendricks said. "It can be someone who lifesaving. Also, an infant with a fever of 101 degrees has it." or higher and who is not Dr. Kate easily wakened should be **Hendricks** 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 compli-

cations 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 communi-

"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 treat-

ing 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 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 sta-tion, NASA has given its blessing to the visit by South African millionaire Mark Shuttleworth, who is part of a crew of cosmo-nauts 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 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 embarrassing 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.

28-year-old Shuttleworth, who made his fortune off the Internet, meets all orthe orgniteria, 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.

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





# Did you take FEN-PHEN?

The diet drug Fen-Phen was marketed under several names including Redux, Pondimin, Fenfluramine, or Dexfenfluramine. If you took these diet drugs, you should know that it may not be too late to opt-out of the nationwide class action for the purpose of pursuing a lawsuit against the drug company individually

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Forsan's Lacy Eggleston took firstround singles wins and Forsan's Matt Reyna and Zach Johnson managed an opening round wins Tuesday at the Region I, 2A Tennis Class 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 loss-

Eggleston opened with a 4-6, 6-2, 6-2 win over Tahoka's Lesley Chapa before being eliminated 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 Heather Hise dropped a 6-1, 6-4 match Canadian's Anna Jessica Isaacs and 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 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 Bearkats' 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 twoof-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

DALLAS (AP) - Michael Finley saw what was happening across the NBA. Teams were wasting homecourt 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.

also got a boost from its two lateseason 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 environment. We've got to keep our

The league's highest-scoring team Angeles. The Celtics and Lakers composure.' 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

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



Big Spring's Jamie Long (4) sildes safely into second base during the Lady Steers' win over San Angelo Lake View's Maldens 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 Coronade High School. Game 2 of the best-of-three series will be at noon Saturday.

# Kelly embraces Bledsoe into the Buffalo scheme

(AP) — In the five seasons since he retired, Jim Kelly waited for the Buffalo Bills to find someone capable of replacing him at quarter-

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, feelings toward his former tickets since the trade.

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.

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. briefly, Alex Van Pelt failed 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 While Bledsoe held no ill have lined up to buy season

# Palmiero, Rogers key Rangers' 3-2 win over Jays

ARLINGTON (AP) - TheTexas Rangers might have a chance to recover from a wise," Rogers said. "I just terrible start if their pitch- know how to pitch better ing stays like this.

Kenny Rogers, coming off a five-hit shutout at Seattle, threw seven solid innings Wednesday night, and Rudy Seanez and Hideki Irabu both pitched perfect innings as the Rangers beat the Toronto Blue Jays 3-2.

"Tonight was the way it was planned and drawn up ... the blue print," Rangers manager Jerry Narron said. "Kenny has been outstanding all season. And then we had a clean eighth and ninth inning.'

Rafael Palmeiro hit his 452nd career homer, a tworun shot, and Alex Rodriguez had an RBI single the Rangers won their first one-run game. They had lost their first five one-

really hit and the pitching has been overshadowed because we have lost some games we haven't scored," Palmeiro said. "This was the ideal game. We got a good start from the starter, good relief from the bullpen. It wasn't much hitting, but just enough."

The Rangers, who are 6-14 for the first time since 1982, are playing without two of their biggest bats: two-time AL MVP Juan Gonzalez (thumb) and 10-time All-Star catcher Ivan Rodriguez (back).

Gonzalez is eligible to come off the disabled list but still isn't able to work out with his right hand, He was to see a doctor Thursday. Rodriguez has a herniated disc and is out at least 4-to-6 more weeks.

"Our pitching is what really gives us a chance to really turn it around," said Narron, whose staff has an ERA of 4.72, after a majorsworst 5.71 last year.

Rogers, a 37-year-old left hander who had season-ending surgery last year, is 2-0 with a 1.91 ERA. He hasn't allowed more than two runs in any of his five starts.

"I didn't feel like I was great out there at all stuffthan I did early in my career, find out what I have and work myself through the game."

Last year, Rogers was 5-7 in 20 starts, his fewest games and wins since becoming a starter in 1993.

After he started to lose feeling in his hand and strength in his arm, doctors determined he had a circulatory problem caused by a rib pinching nerves and arteries. He had surgery in July and went on the disabled list for the only time in his career.

"Kenny is throwing the best he has in the last four or five years," Narron said. "Obviously, the surgery has given him the ability to do that again."

After Rogers gave up a "It's just that we haven't solo homer to Raul Mondesi in top of the first, Palmeiro hit a two-out, two-run homer in the bottom half to put the Rangers ahead to stay.

Rogers gave up two runs and five hits in seven innings. He struck out six and walked one.

"He makes you swing at the ball a couple of inches off the plate. He knows how to pitch," Toronto center fielder Vernon Wells said.

Luke Prokopec (1-2) allowed three runs on five hits over 6 2-3 innings. He had four strikeouts and one

Tom Wilson hit a sacrifice fly in the fifth for the other Toronto run.

Notes: Irabu has two saves in three chances. ... Carl tied Palmeiro Yastrzemski for 25th on the career home run list with his fifth this season. ... Palmeiro is 3-for-6 in his career against Prokopec, all the hits being homers. ... Mondesi's sixth homer snapped an 0-for-11 slump before he struck out his next two at-bats against Rogers. ... Toronto has allowed a first-inning run in 14 of its 19 games.

# 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 offseason. "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 open-er 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 7-4, Los Angeles beat Pittsburgh 5-1 Anaheim won at Seattle. in 2000 and finished second last sea-

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.

"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

His double broke a 5-5 tie in the

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

and San Diego topped Philadelphia

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 fullcount 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 for the first time in seven games against the AL Westleading Mariners this season. The Angels broke a four-game losing streak and ended Seattle's fourgame 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.

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Boston.

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

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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 THSB Magazine. Rankings are through Monday, April 22:

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**TRANSACTIONS** 

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OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Recalled RHP Mike Fyhrie from Sacramento of the PCL.
TEXAS RANGERS—Optioned LHP John Rocker

to Oklahoma of the PCL. National League FLORIDA MARLINS—Placed RHP Julian

Tavarez on the 15-day disabled list. Called up RHP Hansel Izquierdo from Portland of the Eastern League.

NEW YORK METS—Purchased the contract of RHP Pete Walker from Norfolk of the International League. Optioned RHP Tyler Yates

to Norfolk.
SAN DIEGO PADRES—Designated LHP Juan Moreno for assignment. Purchased the contract of RHP Matt DeWitt from Portland of the PCL.

NATIONAL BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
NBA—Suspended Atlanta Hawks G Jason

Terry and Orlando Magic FC Don Reid for one game and fined Terry \$10,000 and Reid \$7,500 for fighting in an April 16 game.
ORLANDO MAGIC—Placed C Patrick Ewing on the injured list. Activated G Jeryl Sasser from the

PHILADELPHIA 76ERS-Placed F Corie Blount on the injured list. Activated F Damone Brown from the injured list. SACRAMENTO KINGS—Placed G Bobby

Jackson on the injured list. Activated G Brent Price from the injured list. National Football League
BUFFALO BILLS—Agreed to terms with LB

Eddie Robinson on a two-year contract.

CAROLINA PANTHERS—Sign CB Fred Vinson Waived RB Terrell Willis.

DETROIT LIONS—Signed TE Mikhael Ricks.

ST. LOUIS RAMS—Agreed to terms with P

Mitch Berger on a one-year contract.

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS—Agreed to terms with TE Ken Dilger and WR Karl Williams on three-year contracts. Released WR Drew O'Connor, WR Frank Rice, C Elmer Bench and LB HOCKEY

Johnson and D Bill Houlder to contract exten-

### COLLEGIATE BASEBALL

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

 Rice
 Alabama 4. Stanford 5. Wake Forest South Carolina Mississippi B. Texas 9. North Carolina 10. Florida State 11. Florida 12. Houston 13. Georgia Tech 14. Wichita State Nebraska 26-14 Oklahoma State

Cal State Fullerton 29-11 27-12 18. Baylor 19. Texas A&M Florida Atlantic : Richmond : Long Beach State 24-16 24. South Alabama

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### BASEBALL AMERICA

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The top 25 teams in the Baseb | America poll with records through April 21 (voting by the staf of Baseball America)

	Record
1. Clemson	34.5
2. Rice	35-8
<ol><li>Wake Forest</li></ol>	33-6
4. Stanford	27-10
<ol><li>South Carolina</li></ol>	31-9
Mississippi	32-9
7. Alabama	34-7
8. Florida State	38-12
9. Texas	34-10
10. Houston	29-12
11. Cal State Fullerton	27-12
12. Florida	30-12
<ol><li>Wichita State</li></ol>	27-10
14. Georgia Tech	32-8
15. Long Beach State	25-12
16. Baylor	29-14
17. Florida Atlantic	34-7
18. East Carolina	29-10
19. North Carolina	28-14
20. Nebraska	26-14
21. Richmond	35-6
22. Texas A&M	31-15
23. Cal State Northridge	29-13
24. South Alabama	28-11

### DIV. II BASEBALL POLL

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

information directors): . Delta State Central Oklahoma
 Central Missouri State Cal State Chico Kennesaw State Columbus State North Florida 37-10 35-9 30-10 38-12 30-13 35-12 27-16 Florida Southern 9. Alabama-Huntsville Georgia Coli. & St. North Alabama 13. Tampa 14. Grand Canyon S.C.-Alken
Southern Arkansas
Mansfield 18. Ashland 19. Mesa State Rollins

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

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25. Concordia, N.Y.

.667 .636 Boston New York 14 Tampa Bay Toronto 10 11 12 .474 .421 .400 **Central Division** L 7 .667 .619 .571 Chicago Minnesota 8 9 12 16 Cleveland Kansas City .368 .200 9 1/2 5 10 14 14 Oakland 11 .524

Wednesday's Games
Kansas City 8, Detroit 2
Baltimore 5, Boston 3
Chicago White Sox 9, Cleveland 2
Tampa Bay 9, Minnesota 1 Texas 3, Toronto 2 Anaheim 10, Seattle 6

N.Y. Yankees 8, Oakland 5
Today's Games
Chicago White Sox (Garland 2-1) at Cleveland
(Drese 2-1), 12:05 p.m.

Minnesota (Lohse 1-1) at Tampa Bay (Sturtze 0-2), 1:15 p.m.
Boston (P.Martinez 3-0) at Baltimore (Maduro

1-1), 2:05 p.m. Toronto (Halladay 1-0) at Texas (Burba 1-0), N.Y. Yankees (Mussina 3-0) at Oakland (Zito 0-1), 2:35 p.m.

Friday's Games
Tampa Bay (Wilson 1-1) at Boston (Burkett 1-0), 5:05 p.m. nnesota (Reed 2-1) at Detroit (Cornejo 0-2). 6:05 p.m. Cleveland (Finley 1-2) at Texas (Davis 2-1),

Baltimore (Johnson 1-3) at Kansas City (Reichert 0-3), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (Carpenter 0-1) at Anaheim (Appier 1-1), 9:05 p.m.

, 9:05 p.m. N.Y. Yankees (Clemens 2-2) at Seattle R.1. Tallices (Clernons 2-2) at Seattle (Baldwin 2-0), 9:05 p.m.
Cnicago White Sox (Rauch 0-0) at Oakland (Lidle 0-3), 9:05 p.m.

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division				
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Montreal	13	8	.619	-
New York	11	10	.524	2
Atlanta	11	11	.500	2 1/2
Florida	10	11	.476	3
Philadelphia	8	13	.381	5
Central Division				
	w	L	Pct	GB
Pittsburgh	12	7	.632	_

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Wednesday's Games Atlanta 4, Arizona 3 Nontro 4, Artzona 3 Houston 7, Riorida 4 Montreal 5, Milwaukee 4, 15 Innings Los Angeles 5, Pittsburgh 1 San Diego 7, Philadelphia 2 Cincinnati 4, Colorado 3 St. Louis 4, N.Y. Mets 2

Chicago Cubs 10, San Francisco 4 oday's Games Los Angeles (Nomo 2-2) at Pittsburgh (Fogg 2-0), 11:35 a.m. San Francisco (L.Hernandez 4-0) at Chicago Cubs (Lieber 2-0), 1:20 p.m.
San Diego (Jones 1-1) at Philadelphia (Padilla 2-2), 2:05 p.m.
Houston (Reynolds 2-2) at Florida (Burnett 2-

2), 6:05 p.m. tee (Quevedo 1-1) at Montreal (Armas Jr. 2-2), 6:05 p.m. Colorado (Neagle 2-1) at Cincinnati (Hamilton

1-1), 6:10 p.m. St. Louis (Pearce 0-0) at N.Y. Mets (Trachsel 1-3), 6:10 p.m. Arizona (Helling 2-2) at Atlanta (Maddux 2-0), 6:35 p.m.

Los Angeles (Perez 2-1) at Chicago Cubs Wood 2-1), 2:20 p.m. San Diego (Tomko 1-1) at Pittsburgh (Villone 2-2), 6:05 p.m. Arizona (Johnson 5-0) at Florida (Olsen 0-1),

St. Louis (T.Smith 0-0) at Montreal (Pavano 2-2), 6:05 p.m. Milwaukee (Rusch 1-1) et N.Y. Mets (Estes 0-2), 6:10 p.m. San Francisco (Ortiz 2-1) at Cincinnati (Dessens 1-3), 6:10 p.m. Houston (Redding 0-1) at Atlanta (Glavine 3-1),

Philadelphia (Adams 0-2) at Colorado (Thomson 2-2), 8:05 p.m.

### AL LEADERS

BATTING—Sierra, Seattle, .393; Lofton, Chicago, .392; Thunter, Minnesota, .383; Soriano, New York, .379; Fick, Detroit, .371; Durham, Chicago, .371; Konerko, Chicago, .360, RUNS—Lofton, Chicago, .26; Ordonez, Chicago, .20; Lawton, Cleveland, .20; Cameron, Seattle, .20; Damon, Boston, .20; Soriano, New York, .18; CGuillen, Seattle, .18; Thunter, Minnesota, .18; MRamirez, Boston, .18. RBI—Konerko, Chicago, .26; Hillenbrand, Boston, .20; ARodriguez, Texas, .20; MRamirez, Boston, .20; Thome, Cleveland, .18; 6 are tied with .17.

with 17.

HITS—Soriano, New York, 36; Konerko, Chicago, 31; THunter, Minnesota, 31; Lofton, Chicago, 31; Suzuki, Seattle, 28; JJones, Minnesota, 28; Burks, Cleveland, 28.

DOUBLES—Soriano, New York, 13; R?elmeiro, Texas, 11; Ordonez, Chicago, 9; Mientkiewicz, Minnesota, 8; Randa, Kansas City, 8; GAnderson, Anahelm, 8; 5 are tied with 7.

TRIPLES—Suzuki, Seattle, 4; Catalanotto, Texas, 3; Vizquel, Cleveland, 3; Beltran, Kansas City, 2; CGuillen, Seattle, 2; NPerez, Kansas City, 2; Damon, Boston, 2; Tucker, Kansas City, 2; Clayton, Chicago, 2.

City, 2; Damon, Boston, 2; Tucker, Kansas City, 2; Clayton, Chicago, 2.

HOME RUNS—ARodriguez, Texas, 8; Gibbons, Baltimore, 7; Echavez, Oakland, 7; Thunter, Minnesota, 7; CPena, Oakland, 6; MRamirez, Boston, 6; Mondesi, Toronto, 6; Thome, Cleveland, 6; Ventura, New York, 6.

STOLEN BASES—Lofton, Chicago, 11; Knoblauch, Kansas City, 8; Mora, Baltimore, 7; Jeter, New York, 7; Soriano, New York, 6; Damon, Boston, 6; Durham, Chicago, 6.

PITCHING (3 Decisions)—Hasegawa, Seattle, PITCHING (3 Decisions)—Hasegawa, Seattle, 3-0, 1.000, .00; Byrd, Kanses City, 4-0, 1.000, 2.22; Osuna, Chicago, 3-0, 1.000, 6.75; Mussina, New York, 3-0, 1.000, 2.54; DWells, New York, 3-0, 1.000, 4.24; Buehrle, Chicago, 4-1, .800, 2,12; 5 are tied with 750.

STRIKEOUTS—Clemens, New York, 34; OHernandez, New York, 30; Halladey, Toronto, 28; Thudson, Oakland, 27; Sabethia, Cleveland, 25; Ritchie, Chicago, 24; PMartinez, Boston, 22; Mussina, New York, 22.

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SAVES—Guardado, Minnesota, 8; MRivera, New York, 7; Urbina, Boston, 7; Sasaki, Seattle, 6; Wickman, Cleveland, 6; Foulke, Chicago, 5; Koch, Oakland, 4; Yan, Tampe Bey, 4.

### NL LEADERS

BATTING—Bonds, San Francisco, .404; Barrett, Montreal, .382; Nevin, San Diego, .373; Uribe, Colorado, .370; Spivey, Arizona, .370; Lowell, Florida, .369; VGuerrero, Montreal, .365. RUNS—Bergeron, Montreal, 21; Pujols, St. Louis, .20; Vidro, Montreal, .18; VGuerrero, Montreal, .18; SSose, Chicago, .18; Bonds, San Francisco, .18; Uribe, Colorado, .17; Rolen, Philadelphia, .17; Royd, Florida, .17. RBI—Berkman, Houston, .24; VGuerrero,

RBI—Berkman, Houston, 24; VGuerrero, Montreal, 24; Hidelgo, Houston, 19; Pujols, St. Louis, 18; Sexson, Milwaukee, 18; Barrett, Montreal, 17; JEncarnacion, Cincinnati, 17; Rolen, Philadelphia, 17; Bonds, San Francisco, 17.

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HITS—Lowell, Florida, 31; VGuerrero, Montreal, 31; Uribe, Colorado, 30; Spivey, Arizona, 30; Vidro, Montreal, 28; Nevin, San Diego, 28; Ward, Houston, 27.

DOUBLES—Spivey, Arizona, 10; Lowell, Florida, 10; Rollins, Philadelphia, 9; Ward, Houston, 9; Vidro, Montreal, 9; Rolen, Philadelphia, 9; 6 are tied with 8.

TRIPLES—Uribe, Colorado, 4; Furcal, Atlanta, 4; Patterson, Chicago, 3; LCastillo, Florida, 3; 12 are tied with 2.

HOME RUNS—Berkman, Houston, 10;

St. Louis, 6.
STOLEN BASES—Bergeron, Montreal, 8;
PrWilson, Florida, 7; Pierre, Colorado, 6;
Patterson, Chicago, 6; LCastillo, Florida, 6;
Rollins, Philadelphia, 5; Furcal, Atlanta, 5;
Marrero, St. Louis, 5; Vina, St. Louis, 5; EYoung,
Milwaukee, 5.
PITCHING (3 Decisions)—Ishii, Los Angeles,

FIRST ROUND

mday, April 21. Boston 92. P on 92, Philadelphia 82, Boston leads

Dallas 101, Minnesota 94

Utah 93, Sacramento 86, series tied 1-1

Dellas 122, Minnesota 110, Dellas series 20

\*Thureday, April 25

Philadelphia at Boston, 7 p.m.

Portland at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

Priday, April 26

New Jersey at Indiana, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 27

Charlotte at Orlando, 11:30 a.m.

Sacramento at Utah, 2 p.m.

San Antonio at Seattle, 4:30 p.m.

Detroit at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.

Bonds, San Francisco, 8; Alones, Atlants, 7; Floyd, Florida, 7; SSesa, Chicago, 7; Sexson, Milwaukee, 6; Hidalgo, Houston, 6; Edmonds, St. Louis, 6.

PITCHING (3 Decisions)—Ishii, Los Angeles, 4-0, 1.000, 3.57; Oswelt, Houston, 3-0, 1.000, 1.91; VNunez, Floride, 3-0, 1.000, 2.57; LHernandez, San Francisco, 4-0, 1.000, 2.03; Deal, Los Angeles, 3-0, 1.000, 1.31; RJohnson, Arlzona, 5-0, 1.000, 1.38; Morris, St. Louis, 4-1, .800, 3.00; Schilling, Arizona, 4-1, .800, 2.68. STRIKEOUTS—RJohnson, Arlzona, 5-1; Schilling, Arlzona, 48; Oswelt, Houston, 36; Clement, Chicago, 36; Morris, St. Louis, 33; Duckworth, Philadelphia, 31; Leiter, New York, 30.

SAVES—Gagne, Los Angeles, 8; MiWilliams, Pittsburgh, 8; Graves, Cincinnati, 7; Smoltz, Atlanta, 7; Hoffman, San Diego, 6; Mesa, Philadelphia, 6; Benitez, New York, 5; Nen, San Erzenten, 6;

### **NBA PLAYOFFS**

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L.A. Lakers 95, Portland 87, L.A. Lakers lead series 1-0 Detroit 85, Toronto 63

Menday, April 22
New Jersey 95, Indiana 79, series tied 1-1
Seattle 98, San Antonio 90, series tied 1-1
Tuesday, April 23
Orlando 111, Charlotte 103, series tied 1-1

Vednesday, April 24
Detroit 96, Toronto 91, Detroit lead series 2-0
Dellas 122, Minnesota 110, Dellas leads

Sunday, April 28
Boston et Philadelphis, 11:30 a.m.
Dallas at Minnesots, 2 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Portland, 4:30 p.m.
Monday, April 29
Detroit at Toronto, TBA, if necessary
Sacramento at Utah, TBA, if necessary
Tueaday, April 30
Charlotte at Orlando, TBA
New Jersey at Indiana, TBA

New Jersey at Indiana, TBA ednesday, May 1

Boston at Philadelphia, 7 p.m., if necessary
San Antonio at Seattle, 7, 8 or 9:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Portland, 8 p.m., if necessary

LA. Lowers of Portland, 8 p.m., if necessary uwraday, May 2 Indiana et New Jersey, TBA, if necessary Toronto at Detroit, TBA, if necessary Winnesots at Delias, TBA, if necessary Uteh at Sacramento, TBA, if necessary Oten at Secremento, 15A, if necessary feley, May 3 Philadelphia at Boston, TBA, if necessary Orlando at Charlotte, TBA, if necessary Seattle at San Antonio, TBA, if necessary Portland at L.A. Lakers, TBA, if necessary

### **NHL PLAYOFFS**

FIRST ROUND

est-of-7) leeday, April 23 Montreal 5, Boston 3, Montreal leads series

New Jersey 3, Carolina 1 N.Y. Islanders 6, Toronto 1 St. Louis 1, Chicago 0, St. Louis leads series

Colorado 1, Los Angeles 0, Colorado leads series 3-1

hos 3.1 Detroit 4, Vancouver 2, series tied 2.2 Idneeday, April 24 Ottawa 3, Philadelphia 0, Ottawa leads series N.Y. Islanders 4, Toronto 3, series tied 2-2

lina 3, New Jersey 2, OT, Carolina le San Jose 2, Phoenix 1, San Jose leads series

San Jose 2, Phoenix 1, San Jose lead 3-1
Thursday, April 25
Boston at Montreal, 6 p.m., Vancouver at Detroit, 6 p.m., Chicago at St. Louis, 6 p.m., Los Angeles at Colorado, 8:30 p.m.
Friday, April 26
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N.Y. Islanders at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Phoenix at San Jose, 9 p.m.
Saturday, April 27
Montreal at Boston, Noon

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Carolina at New Jersey, Noon
St. Louis at Chicago, Noon, if necessary
Colorado at Los Angeles, 5 p.m., if necessary
Detroit at Vancouver, 6 p.m.

nday, April 28 Philadelphia at Ottawa, 2 p.m., if necessary Toronto at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m. San Jose at Phoenix, 9:30 p.m., if necessary

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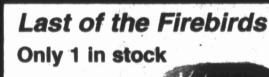
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trotlines baited SWEETWATER: stained; 65 degre bass are fair on c balts and minnov on minnows and j fair on minnows troffines baited w

WHITE RIVER:

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## 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.txfishing.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. Crapple to 14 are good on live minnows and jigs in 3 - 10 feet. Channel and blue catfish

to 5 pounds are good on live min-nows 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; 1016.40'; 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, Crapple are slow on minnows. Change cattlish to 6 pounds nows. 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; 1157.80; 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 striper 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.

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

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

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

**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

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 minnows. Catfish are good 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

OH. IVIE: Water lightly stained; 65 degrees; 20 low; Black bass are good on live bait, dark jigs and water melon green plastics. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs in shallows. White bass are fair on minnows and ilgs. 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 ake. Striped bass to 3 pounds are fair. Catfish are fair on live bait and

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 ligs. White bass and striped bass are fair on minnows. Catfish are fair on trotlines baited with shad and

SWEETWATER: Water lightly stained; 65 degrees; 17 low; Black bass are fair on grankbalts, spinner-SWEETWATER: Water balts and minnows. Crappie are good ori minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on minnows. Catfish are fair on troffines balted with live balt and cut-

WHITE RIVER: Water murky; 67 degrees; 18 low; Black bass fair on minnows and dark crankbaits. Crapple are good near crapple house on minnows and jigs. Walleye are fair on jerkbalts and minnows. Catfish WICHITA: Water stained; 69

are good on minnows and stinkbalt. degrees; Black bass are fair on mins. Crappie are fair. White bass are good on medium minnows. shrimp, and red/white curitail roadrunners or red/green marabou roadrunners in shallows and fished from bank. Hybrid Striped bass are fair on red/white roadrunners and large min-naws. Channel catrish are fair on and shrimp near the dam



**The Constitution State** 

there in 1633. England claimed the

Connecticut was one of the 13

War. Connecticut delegates were

It became the fifth state in the

leaders in the Constitutional

original colonies, and one of the most

important states in the Revolutionary

whole area in 1674.

Convention of 1787.

Union in 1788.

# Connecticut From A to Z



east to west and 55 miles north and south. It is the 29th most-populated state, with about 3,400,000 people. Connecticut's many small towns still It is a leader in industries such as remind us of the state's Colonial histo This Congregational church in Litchfi eld is insurance and transportation-related

manufacturing. American history Algonquian Indian tribes such as owes much to the state. In the Pequot were the first to live in the area. The first European explorer was 1787 the delegates from Connecticut came up with a Adriaen Block, who claimed the area compromise about how many for the Netherlands in 1614. The Dutch and British both settled representatives each state

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Mini Jokes Mini Jokes

All the following jokes have something in common. Can

Max: Why do fish make poor tennis

Connecticut

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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,

Mini Spy and her friends are visiting Mystic, Conn. See if you can find: • golf club • letter A • sleeping cat • heart • fish • ruler

DINOSAUR, WHITNEY, CONSTITUTION, MARINE, JET,

Mimi: Because they don't like to get close

TRY 'N

**FIND** 

word MIN

mushroom

push broom

funny face

exclamation

dolphin

pencil

moon

snake

top hat

ladder

**you guess the common theme or category** 

raising a racket?

George: Can't you play tennis more quietly?

players?

Shirley: How are judges like tennis pros?

Stanley: They both work the courts!

SKIING, LAKE, OAK, ROBIN.

Mini Spy

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to the net!

Gigi: No. How can you play tennis without

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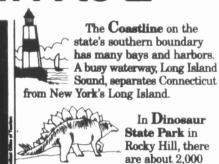
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Constitution State. **Bridgeport** is the largest city, with about 142,000 people. P.T. Barnum, who founded the Barnum & Bailey Ci. cus, was mayor. He helped turn this port into a top transportation center.

could send to the new Congress.

This is one reason it is called the



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.

Gus Goodsport's Report

Birthdate: 9-3-67

Every baseball player dreams of hitting in the winning run to win the World Series. Luis

winning run in the bottom of the ninth inning to

help the Arizona Diamondbacks win the series.

Gonzalez did just that last year. He hit the

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

Luis and his wife, Christine, have triplets, Megan, Jacob

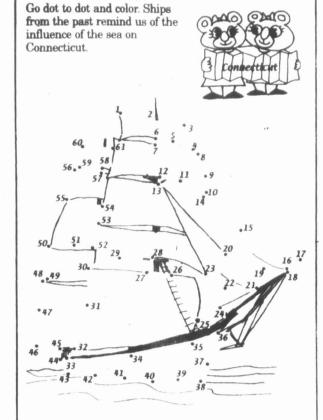
and Alyssa. They live in Scottsdale, Ariz. He volunteers with the Make-A-Wish Foundation and the American Cancer Society.

College: U. of South Alabama

Supersport: Luis Gonzalez

Height: 6-2







• 1 box yellow cake mix

 4 eggs • 1/2 cup vegetable oil

• 1 (15-ounce) can Mandarin orange segments, drained What to do:

1. Combine cake mix, eggs and vegetable oil in a large bowl. Mix until smooth. 2. Stir in orange segments. Mix well.

3. Pour into a greased and floured 9-by-13-inch pan. 4. Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven for 30 to 40 minutes or until done. Frost with vanilla or cream

# **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 "Teamo 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.

# **More About Connecticut**



was .336 in 1999.

Hartford, the state capital, has the oldest statehouse in the U.S. It was built in 1796. Hartford is the second-largest

More than 100 **Insurance** companies have offices in Connecticut. The first U.S. sea shipping insurance was sold there about 200 years ago. The first accident insurance policy in the U.S. was sold in Hartford in 1864.

Jet engine, nuclear submarine and helicopter manufacturing, > plastics, metalworking, electronics and medicines are top industries.

Kayaking, canoeing, hiking are popular outdoor activities

rafting, fishing. biking, skiing and Lake Compounce in Bristol was the first family theme

was built in 1846. The Mountain laurel is the state flower. There are mountains in the northwest part of the state.

Mystic Seaport is a recreation of a shipbuilding and whaling town of the 1800s. Its museum has the largest collection of boats in the world.

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.

state tree. More than 2,000 Puppets from found at The Ballard Institute

The White Oak is the

& Museum of Puppetry in Storrs. Quinnehtucket 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

The American Robin is the state bird

Hartford, grew up along the river.

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Site to see: www.ctbound.org/4kids/ Look through your newspaper for ads about an attraction in your state. Next week The Mini Page is about new iscoveries in space.

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 Americanmade 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.

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# Friday, April 26:

You often feel pulled between two separate interests. You need to juggle home and personal matters. Individuals can often be demanding, making

requests that you feel are out of the ordinary or not called for. Use your diplomatic style to let others know your limits. Extremes punctuate your professional and personal lives. If you are single, others will find you most desirable. Carefully choose your sweetie, as many suitors surround you. If you are attached, you will make decisions that could sometimes antagonize a loved one. Establish your boundaries more carefully. SCOR-

PIO challenges you. 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) \*\*\*\*\* You might be overwhelmed by what another dumps in your lap. Raising the roof simply might not be worth it. Juggling finances could definitely backfire. Make sure everything you do is on the upand-up. Tonight: Dinner for

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) \*\*\* You cannot change another's opinion. Stay focused on what is important to you. You're vulnera-

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Make sure you have all might feel you're on a loose ends tied up at work and financially. Accept an invitation. Give up standing on ceremony."Tonight: The only answer for now is "yes."

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) \*\*\*\* Realize that you cannot always be the focus of attention. Today's Full Moon hits you where it counts. You might have to pick up the pieces for others who decide to head out the door for the weekend. Take your time with details. Tonight: Do errands on the way home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) \*\*\*\*\* Your imagination, when funneled into your work, could make you a leader. This same ingenuity charged into your love life could have passions running high. Use your innate skills to better your life. Someone comes closer. Tonight: Go for an old-fashioned date.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) \*\*\*\* Concentrate on the basics with others. Your ability to get past a problem could relieve you and others again. Though responsibilities call, you know when to call a halt to them and deal with emotional sensitivities, even during work. Another appreciates your efforts. Tonight:

Mosey on home. **VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \*\*\*\*\* Finally, you find ble to another's criticism. that others listen. You

whirlwind ride with information, calls and visitors coming in left and right. Understand that you might need to close your door or screen your calls. Postpone personal matters until later.

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Tonight: Hop out the door. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \*\*\* Finances need to be carefully guarded. You could make a flamboyant expenditure, causing yourself angst later. Check in with a partner or your more-reasonable self. Remember, you have many assets, not necessarily material. Tonight: Pay bills first.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) \*\*\*\* Count on change. A swing comes from behind the scenes to thrust you into the limelight. You could find yourself in a position where you need to decide what your boundaries and limits are. On the other hand, you might be enjoying all the action. Tonight: Go with your impulse.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)\*\* Use the morning to get what you want. You'll discover that pressure mounts as the day ages. Keep your own counsel and don't spill the beans. Subtly stay on top of a problem. Know that someone cares more than you realize. Tonight: Vanish quickly.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \*\*\*\*\* You're on top of a personal matter. Relax and worry less. Maintain a high profile at work. Attend a meeting or get-together later in the afternoon. Get together with others. Don't be all business; allow others to express their sense of fun. Tonight: Join the crowd

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\*\* Make long-distance calls and follow through on priorities. How another handles a change could tell you a lot more about him or her than you previously knew. Pressure builds as you juggle work and your home life. Honor priorities. Tonight: Clear out of work as soon as possible.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) \*\*\*\* Deal on a one-onone level. Stand a partner better by giving this person his or her head. Let this person reveal what might be on his or her mind. Return an important call in the afternoon, even if you find yourself reorganizing your schedule. Tonight: Do something you've always wanted to do.

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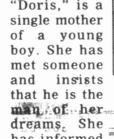
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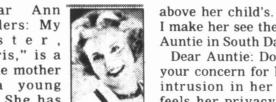
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# Aunt's concern for niece's child unappreciated

Dear Ann Landers: My sister, "Doris," is a of a young and insists



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has informed our family that she'is moving across the country to marry "Mr. Perfect."

My sister has a long history of picking losers. She has lived with several men, and her child thinks each one is his new "daddy." How can I make Doris understand the damage she is doing to her son? When I express my concern, she becomes upset and says she deserves to be happy and this may be her last chance. putting her happiness out.

above her child's. How can I make her see the light? — Auntie in South Dakota

Dear Auntie: Doris views your concern for her as an intrusion in her life. She feels her privacy is being invaded and resents it. I am reminded of that cynical saying, "No good deed will go unpunished."

Doris, but use a lighter garage is filled with old touch. It might be more books and magazines. He effective. Instead of criticizing her, be a friend someone to whom she can turn when she needs a shoulder to cry on. Form a bond with your nephew so he will feel your home is warm and welcoming. Keep in touch, no matter what. If she knows you will be there for her without judging, she will be more receptive to what you have to say. I hope, for her son's sake, I think she is being selfish, that this relationship works

# Dear Ann Landers: I have been married for four years

to a wonderful man. The problem is, "Dan" takes on projects and never completes anything. When we first moved into our house, Dan removed the carpets and base molding, intending to replace them. The floors are still bare - three Continue to try to help | years later. Half of our refuses to get rid of a single one until he is finished reading it. I haven't seen him read anything for at least two years.

I cannot get Dan to help with the yardwork or organize his home office. I try to do these things myself. but with a 2-year-old, it is exhausting. It seems to me that Dan has had plenty of time to complete his projects, but when I bring up the subject, he becomes defensive and angry.

We rarely argue about anything else, Ann. Please tell me how I can get him to cooperate. — Crazed in Connecticut

Dear Conn.: You are not going to change this man. so stop arguing and accept his faults. You also might suggest to Dan that he be evaluated for Attention Deficit Disorder. He is displaying some classic symptoms. Meanwhile, save some money, and hire a professional to finish the floors and help with the yardwork. (P.S. The home office is Dan's responsibility. Leave it alone, no mat-

ter what.) Dear Ann Landers: My 19year-old daughter, "Claire," is a sophomore in college. Claire's father and I divorced when she was a preschooler, and my ex-husband paid child support until she turned 18. I am now paying for her tuition, books, room and board, and miscellaneous expenses.

My ex and I have always alternated years when claiming Claire as a dependent on our tax returns. However, after filing my return last month, I told my ex it is only fair that I claim Claire as a dependent from now on, since he no longer contributes toward her support. My ex says, "No way." He believes I should have saved enough from the years of support payments to cover Claire's tuition. What do you say? — Ex-Wife Out East

Dear Ex-Wife: If you are paying all of Claire's expenses, it seems to me you are the only one enti- DICATE, INC.

tled to claim her as a dependent. However, please discuss this with an accountant or call the IRS, and get a professional opin-

Dear Ann Landers: I am a 35-year-old single mother with a teenage daughter and a high-profile job. The problem is my neighbor, 'Ursula." She is a wonderful friend, and I love her dearly, but her intrusive behavior is driving me crazy

Ursula knows when I come and go, and calls the minute she sees someone approaching my house. If there is a car in the driveway and she doesn't recognize it, she phones and asks who is visiting. She will call if she thinks a guest has stayed too long. I feel as if I am being spied on.

I am beyond the age where I require adult supervision, Ann. I know Ursula means well, and she has a heart of gold. Is there any way I can get her to back off without hurting her feelings? - Grown Up in Minnesota

Dear Grown Up: Since Ursula's friendship is important to you, try to think of her intrusiveness as concern for your wellbeing. When she phones, say, "Thanks for watching out for me. I'll call back when I have more time."

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person who has everything? Ann Landers' booklet, "Gems," is ideal for a nightstand or coffee table. 'Gems" is a collection of Ann Landers' most requested poems and essays. Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$5.25 (this includes postage and handling) to: Gems, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562. (In Canada, send **\$6.25.**)

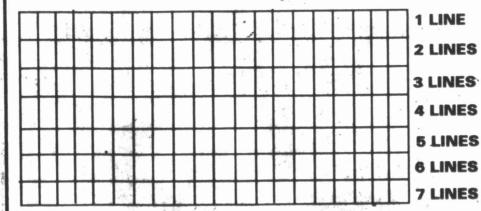
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### **FAMILY CIRCUS**

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Night (CC) Frasier

Do or Die

"If home-schooled kids mess up, can they be expelled from the family?"

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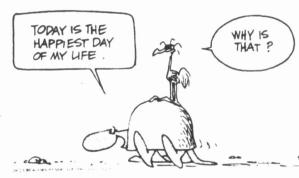
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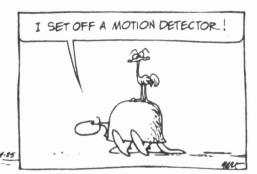






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# THIS DATE **IN HISTORY**

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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.

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.

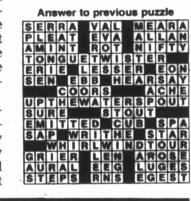
In 1990, the Hubble Space Telescope was deployed from the space shuttle Discovery.

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

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 In 1945, delegates from 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 Harlem Former 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.



### **HI AND LOIS**



## **GASOLINE ALLEY**



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# **Newsday Crossword**

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