

TEXAS BRIEFS

Duncan discussed worries with Enron

HOUSTON (AP) — The day after the former Arthur Andersen LLP partner who admitted to illegally shredding documents learned that the Securities and Exchange Commission was looking into then-client Enron's books, he informed his superiors that they needed to get their accounting in order.

The partners in Houston and Andersen's Chicago headquarters did not, however, talk about destroying documents in that hastily arranged Oct. 20 conference call.

"I don't recall anyone bringing that up on the 20th," David B. Duncan testified Tuesday during Andersen's obstruction of justice trial.

That came in a meeting of Enron's audit team on Oct. 23, 11 days after in-house Andersen lawyer Nancy Temple in Chicago sent an e-mail to the Houston office reminding workers of the firm's document retention policy.

Duncan said he discussed the policy at the meeting, implicitly encouraging his staff to shred Enron-related documents because he believed lawsuits were likely and that the SEC planned an investigation.

According to Duncan's testimony, he didn't bluntly order shredding or tell workers what to destroy.

But he and other members of the audit team agreed before the meeting that Enron was under pressure for murky financial disclosures after announcing the previous week a \$618 million third-quarter loss and a \$1.2 billion writedown in shareholder equity.

Fallen energy giant to remain in tower

HOUSTON (AP) — Despite the pending foreclosure of its downtown headquarters, former energy giant Enron Corp. has reportedly negotiated a deal to stay in the 50-story tower until next April.

The building, noted for its tilted "E" in front that has become a reminder of the energy trading company's fall into bankruptcy, is owned by partnership Brazos Office Holdings, which in turn leases the larger building to Enron.

The company's largest creditor, J.P. Morgan Chase & Co., acts as the agent for a syndicate of lenders in Enron's lease.

The 1.2 million-square-foot building was scheduled for foreclosure on June 4 at the Harris County Family Law Center, unless the lender elects to delay the legal action or the borrower and the lender reach an agreement.

The tower is secured by the building's owners with a \$276 million note. J.P. Morgan Chase Bank is the lender, according to Ralph Murdock of Foreclosure Listing Service, which monitors foreclosure filings.

Amid Enron's Chapter 11 bankruptcy reorganization in federal court, there have been reports the company would be evicted from the building at 1400 Smith if a foreclosure occurred. However, Enron cannot be forced to vacate because of an agreement reached Tuesday.

"There was an agreement reached with them today to keep us in there until April 1 of next year," Enron spokesman Mark Palmer told the Houston Chronicle in Wednesday's editions.

DFW Airport hits own all-time record

DALLAS (AP) — Air traffic controllers say renewed vigilance and a strong education push helped the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport avoid close calls on its runways for almost nine months, an all-time record.

National aviation officials have singled out DFW Airport in the last year for being the site of the two worst close calls between planes.

"It has never happened in recent history that we have gone this length of time without a pilot error or a controller error," said Mark Mulder, president of the Dallas-Fort Worth chapter of the National Air Traffic Controllers Association.

A drop in air traffic since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks also is a factor in the drop in near-misses, which are officially called incursions.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, May 16:

You might want to be more forthright about what you want this year. Others respond positively to your inquiries and questions.

You have a manner about you that draws others to you. You learn to ask for what you want, though often it is given to you through a friendly smile.

Work on your communication, making new friends wherever you go. If you are single, your ability to communicate will draw much more of what you want.

You will enjoy the closeness of a relationship. If you are attached, your relationship will flourish, as you seem to enjoy your life even more. Your attitude proves to be contagious. CANCER loves hanging out with 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) **** Optimism surrounds your home life. Accept a gift or someone's offer to make your life easier. This person's offer touches you in multiples. Reach out for others, giving them the benefit of the doubt. Tonight: Lie low.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***** Phone calls keep you busy. Others want to discuss their ideas and would like your suggestions. Listen more carefully to feedback from others. Brainstorming could be beneficial for everyone involved. Swap ideas. Schedule meetings. Tonight: Hang out with your friends.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) **** What seems to be enough financially might not stretch far enough for your extravagance. You might not realize what is going on immediately, but you'll get slapped by financial reality soon enough. Walk a conservative course. Tonight: Keep on smiling.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** Your smile makes you a sure winner. You might not be sure of what is going on with a loved one or friend. Loosen up and make decisions just for you. Others seem to draw on your energy and enthusiasm.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) *** You might want to pull back, especially after a somewhat frenetic pace. Take your time and, if you can, call in and take a personal day. You profit in your free time and really enjoy yourself. Do for you. Use your sixth sense, and you'll succeed. Tonight: Where your friends are.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) **** You gain through others. Meetings prove to be effective and important. Opportunity comes from where you least expect it. Remain upbeat and go for what you want. Success naturally follows you if you just go with the flow. Aim for more of what you want. Tonight: Reach high.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** You're in the limelight. Touch base with others who might be vital to your well-being. A boss restores your image of him or her. You now feel as if communication's finally flowing. Others look to you for leadership. Know that you can do it. Tonight: A

asm. Trust what is happening. Tonight: It's your call.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) **** Reach out for someone at a distance. Your imaginative side emerges when dealing with those at a distance and when absorbing the facts that are dropped on your plate. How another presents the facts might have nothing to do with what is going on. Tonight: Do your own fact-finding.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** Someone cannot do enough for you. Smile away and understand that you're being doted on. Have you been putting off a discussion about a sensitive topic? Now is the time to proceed. You're more than likely to get a "yes." Tonight: Let another ask for what he or she wants.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** Allow another to listen more carefully. What he or she shares with you makes it more than possible to open up. Realize how much this person might be rooting for you. Smiling and good humor mark your many interactions. Tonight: Try some-

thing different.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) **** Take it easy and relax with others. Good will surrounds whatever you put your mind to. Launch a project and make the most out of a special opportunity. Listen to another who might be pointing his or her finger in the direction of success. Tonight: Off to the gym.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** Let romance build and don't cut off your options just yet. Stay centered, knowing full well what it is you want. Lighten up about a problem. Express your loving attitude and funlike nature. You feel like you can do nothing wrong, and you nearly can't. Tonight: Spice up your life!

BORN TODAY Singer Janet Jackson (1966), gymnast Olga Korbut (1955), actor Pierce Brosnan (1953)

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As part of the total Big Spring ISD Summer School Program, the district will offer Spanish Summer school for Spanish speaking children entering Kindergarten or Grade 1 in 2002 - 2003. This program is designed for Spanish speaking Kindergarten or grade 1 students in need of language arts/math instruction in Spanish.

Dates: Wednesday, June 3, 2002 - Friday, June 28, 2002
Times: 8:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
Place: Moss Elementary

The regular Optional Extended Year Summer School program will run concurrently to this program.

For registration information:
Call Administration Office,
Mr. Richard Light, Bilingual Director
Phone: 264-3600

Como parte del programa escolar de verano, El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Big Spring ofrecerá la Escuela de verano en Español para los niños que hablan español y que ingresaran a el Kindergarten o el Primer grado en el año escolar 2002 - 2003. Este programa esta diseñado para los estudiantes que hablan español y van a ingresar a Kindergarten o a el primer año. El programa ayudara a los estudiantes a desarrollar destrezas en Espanol en las materias de language y de matematicas.

Fecha: Miercoles 3 de Junio, 2002
A el Viernes 28 de Julio, 2002
Horario: 8:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

Lugar: Escuelas Primaria Moss

El programa regular de Escuela de Verano, de Año Extendido se llevara a cabo al mismo tiempo que este programa.

Para informacion de matriculas favor de llamar a el Senor Light, Directora del Programa Bilingue.
Telefono: 264-3600.

Howard County Library will be closed for Memorial Day and to begin seal coating

Sometime in the next few weeks, the Library will be closed on Saturday.

We are in the process of seal-coating the handicapped parking lot and the entrance to the Library and have tentatively scheduled the work to be done on during the Memorial Weekend Holiday.

The Library will be closed on Saturday, May 25, Sunday, May 26 and Memorial Day, Monday, May 27.

We will reopen on Tuesday, May 28. Please bear with us as we try to solve our water problem in our basement.

The American West has long inspired intrigue and violence, everything from gunfights at the OK Corral to modern-day murders.

Earl Murray's collection of short stories, "On Treacherous Grounds" takes on the West in all of its treacherous guises.

You will meet Joaquin Murietta, the real-life inspiration of Zorro to modern day Montana, where one man's wealth takes him into the dark corners of the

illegal art-facts trade.

You will find this book on our New Book shelves.

Anita Shreve's (an Oprah author) latest book is "Sea Glass."

The year is 1929 and Honora Beecher and her husband, Sexton, are just settling into a new marriage and a cottage on the coast of New Hampshire.

While Honora fixes up the derelict house and searches for bits of sea glass on the beach, Sexton risks everything they own to buy the house they both love.

Along with millions of other Americans, he is blindsided by the stock market crash and finds himself penniless.

The only work he can find is in a nearby mill, where a labor conflict is

erupting into violence. Shaken by forces they scarcely understand, Honora and Sexton try to build a marriage and a home while overwhelmed by passions of every kind.

Writing with the power and immediacy that have made her novels best-sellers, Shreve unfolds interlocking lives, each with its own share of love, loss, and challenge.

This is a gripping and unforgettable story of the human heart.

P. T. Deutermann's latest is a topnotch topical thriller bursts with the expected expertise and insider knowledge he picked up as a Navy captain and arms control specialist.

It's also something else — an unexpectedly resonant portrait of people, good and bad, who have been chewed up and spit out by military bureaucracies.

Both the hero (an unlucky military investigator named David Stafford, whose career has been short-circuited by whistle-blowing and whose person-

al life is a disaster area) and the heavy (a career Army bean counter and petty thief, Wendell Carson, who suddenly gets the chance to move up and almost blows it at every occasion) are carefully drawn and fully credible.

You have the FBI agents and local lawman, each with their own agenda. Stafford is trying to track down a container of deadly biological nerve gas that Carson has stolen from an Army base in Georgia.

They cross paths with a young girl who seems to have psychic powers.

In less skilled hands, this kind of rogue element could send a vehicle skittering.

But Deutermann keeps on track to an explosive finale. I stayed up reading "Zero Option" and there are few books that interest me that much.

The Library has "Sweepers" and "Official Privilege" by Deutermann.

Other new books that we have received are "Shaq Impag" an unauthorized bio of Shaquille O'Neal;

"The Last Chance Café" by Linda Lael Miller; and "Henry's List of Wrongs" by John Scott Shepherd.

New Mysteries on hand are Marian Babson's "The Cat Next Door"; "The Queen's Cure" by Karen Harper; and "Not Guilty" by Patricia MacDonald (this is one is exceptionally good).

Our Non-Fiction collection is also growing!

Check out "When Montana and I Were Young" by Margaret Bell; "Cooking with Regis and Kathie Lee"; "The Truth About Hormone Replacement Therapy" by the National Women's Health Network and "War on Terror: Unfolding Bible Prophecy" by Grant R. Jeffrey.

When it is too hot to cook, check out Better Homes and Gardens "Salads."

They have compiled over 250 new salad combinations for you to experiment with.

The Howard County Library is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday to Friday and from 10 a.m. until 5

p.m. on Saturday. Children's Story Time has been discontinued until September.

Please be on alert for the Summer Reading Program sign up times.

Karen will be visiting the schools to kick off "Read Across Texas" our theme for the summer.

If you would like to suggest a book, video, audio book, please give us the name of the book and we will try to add it to the collection.

If we cannot purchase it in a timely manner, check with Vera and perhaps it is available through inter-library loan.

The Library is located at 500 Main St.

Our phone number is 264-2260. Website is www.howardcounty.lib.tx.us; our email address is howardcounty@hotmail.com.

Hollis McCright, library administrator at the Howard County Library, writes a regular column for the Herald.

HOLLIS McCRIGHT

Romance blossoms into marriage after chilly encounter at New York's ground zero

NEW YORK (AP) — It all started with a Christmas Day massage at ground zero.

Now, Dawna LoPiccolo, who soothed exhausted firefighter John Mraz amid the debris of the Sept. 11 terror attacks, is planning their wedding.

"I met John in a 20-by-12 wood shack at ground zero. He was the last man I massaged that day," said LoPiccolo, a massage therapist who had volunteered to help rescue workers after the attacks.

LoPiccolo, the single mother of a 2-year-old girl, and Mraz, the widowed father of a 7-year-old boy, want to exchange vows under the cross-shaped metal beams pulled from the debris.

After volunteering her massages for months wherever they were needed in the devastated city, she asked to go to ground zero again in December.

"I was driven. I said, 'I want to go back to ground zero on Christmas.' Something kept pulling me," she said.

As LoPiccolo walked past the debris on Christmas Day, she recalled, she saw Mraz "sitting there, taking a break from raking through the rubble."

Having lost 25 firefighter friends, he was in a lineup of rescue workers waiting for a massage. "It was cold, and I rubbed his shoulders, his hands. I said, 'Don't worry, sweetie.'"

Then, before returning to work, "he gave me this hug that knocked my socks off!"

He scribbled on her hardhat, "It was worth the wait," and signed it "John, Engine 248."

The 42-year-old firefighter, who lost his wife of 19 years last May, said he "wasn't out looking for anybody." But he couldn't forget the woman who had warmed his aching muscles on that winter day.

Three days later, he phoned another firefighter who knew LoPiccolo. Within 10 minutes, not knowing he was looking for her, she called the same firefighter, "and I said, 'Do you remember that guy John from Christmas?'"

Their first date, just after New Year's, lasted 11 hours.

Instead of the planned dinner at a Long Island hotel, LoPiccolo said, "we sat at the bar from 7 to 1:30. Then we went to the lobby and sat there talking till 6:30 in the morning."

Said Mraz: "It was like I knew her my whole life, like I knew her from a past life. She is my angel of the ashes."

Last month, LoPiccolo moved into the Brooklyn firefighter's home.

With a September wedding in mind — a Roman Catholic ceremony under the ground zero cross, they hope — he decided to give her an engagement ring.

But the 35-year-old woman who grew up on Long Island, didn't want a diamond. Instead, her ring is set with a gold-charm Maltese cross — the badge emblem of the New York Fire Department — and Mraz's four-digit badge

number.

The debris at ground zero is almost cleared now, with the last bodies of victims being buried and Mraz "raking the last of the rubble," said his fiancée.

"We want to share our story because we want to show people that something good came out of the terror," she said. "In the darkest of places, we received such a wonderful gift for Christmas."



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COLLEGIATE BASEBALL

The top 25 teams in the Collegiate Baseball poll with records through May 12 (voting by coaches, sports writers and sports information directors):

Record list for Collegiate Baseball from 1. Clemson (42-9) to 25. Cal State Fullerton (34-17)

DIV. II BASEBALL

The top 25 teams in the Collegiate Baseball Division II poll with records through May 12 (voting by coaches, sports writers and sports information directors):

Record list for Div. II Baseball from 1. Central Missouri State (48-5) to 25. Carson-Newman (39-17)

NCAA SOFTBALL

NCAA Division I Softball Regionals

Double Elimination

Seed 1 Regional

At Columbia, S.C. Thursday, May 16 Game 1 — UCLA (50-6) vs. Liberty (28-31), 10:30 a.m. Game 2 — Georgia (57-15) vs. Maryland Baltimore County (46-19), 1 p.m. Game 3 — South Carolina (43-18) vs. Eastern Kentucky (36-12), 3:30 p.m. Game 4 — Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 6 p.m.

Seed 2 Regional

At Minneapolis, Minn.

Thursday, May 16 Game 1 — Arizona (48-10) vs. Boston University (28-21), Noon Game 2 — DePaul (46-9) vs. Penn State (32-24), 2:30 p.m. Game 3 — Minnesota (35-19) vs. Princeton (34-16), 5 p.m. Game 4 — Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 7:30 p.m.

Seed 3 Regional

At Lafayette, La.

Thursday, May 16 Game 1 — LSU (53-9) vs. Northwestern State (45-23), Noon Game 2 — Arizona State (49-18) vs. Mississippi State (35-29), 2:30 p.m. Game 3 — Louisiana-Lafayette (49-11) vs. Massachusetts (52-11), 5 p.m. Game 4 — Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 7:30 p.m.

Seed 4 Regional

At Fresno, Calif.

Thursday, May 16 Game 1 — Cal State Fullerton (50-11) vs. Evansville (34-25), 2 p.m. Game 2 — Stanford (43-18) vs. Pacific (42-15), 4:30 p.m. Game 3 — California (48-19) vs. Fresno State (49-18), 7 p.m. Game 4 — Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 9:30 p.m.

Seed 5 Regional

At Norman, Okla.

Thursday, May 16 Game 1 — Texas (46-11) vs. Army (30-17-1), Noon Game 2 — Oklahoma (44-14) vs. Utah (30-34), 2:30 p.m. Game 3 — Texas A&M (38-16) vs. Arkansas (32-26), 5 p.m. Game 4 — Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 7:30 p.m.

Seed 6 Regional

At Ann Arbor, Mich.

Thursday, May 16 Game 1 — Washington (43-16) vs. Oakland, Mich. (24-35-1), 10:30 a.m. Game 2 — Michigan (48-9) vs. Carlsburg (33-14), 1 p.m. Game 3 — Ohio State (53-12) vs. Central Michigan (38-14), 3:30 p.m. Game 4 — Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 6 p.m.

Seed 7 Regional

At Iowa City, Iowa

Thursday, May 16 Game 1 — Nebraska (45-12) vs. Illinois-Chicago (42-20), 11:30 a.m. Game 2 — Oregon State (38-23) vs. Wisconsin (31-20), 2 p.m. Game 3 — Notre Dame (41-15) vs. Iowa (35-18), 4:30 p.m. Game 4 — Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 7 p.m.

Seed 8 Regional

At Tallahassee, Fla.

Thursday, May 16 Game 1 — Florida Atlantic (69-11) vs. Chattanooga (40-13), 11:30 a.m. Game 2 — Alabama (46-19) vs. Georgia Tech (47-16), 2 p.m. Game 3 — Florida State (49-17) vs. Auburn (38-25), 4:30 p.m. Game 4 — Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 7 p.m.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division table with columns W, L, Pct, GB for Boston, New York, Baltimore, Toronto, Tampa Bay

West Division table with columns W, L, Pct, GB for Minnesota, Chicago, Cleveland, Kansas City, Detroit

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Friday, May 17
New Jersey at Charlotte, 7 p.m., if necessary
Sunday, May 19
Charlotte at New Jersey, TBA, if necessary

NHL PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS (Best-of-7)

Saturday, May 11 Detroit 4, St. Louis 0, Detroit wins series 4-1
San Jose 5, Colorado 3
Sunday, May 12 Carolina 5, Montreal 1
Toronto 4, Ottawa 3
Monday, May 13 Carolina 8, Montreal 2, Carolina wins the series 4-2
Colorado 2, San Jose 1, OT, series tied 3-3
Tuesday, May 14 Toronto 3, Ottawa 0, Toronto wins series 4-3
Wednesday, May 15 San Jose at Colorado, 8:30 p.m.

CONFERENCE FINALS

Thursday, May 16 Toronto at Carolina, 6 p.m.
Saturday, May 18 Colorado at San Jose at Detroit, 2 p.m.
Sunday, May 19 Toronto at Carolina, 3 p.m.
Monday, May 20 Colorado at San Jose at Detroit, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, May 21 Carolina at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, May 22 Detroit at Colorado or San Jose, TBD
Thursday, May 23 Carolina at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Saturday, May 25 Detroit at Colorado or San Jose, 2 p.m.
Toronto at Carolina, 6 p.m., if necessary
Monday, May 27 Colorado or San Jose at Detroit, 6 p.m., if necessary
Tuesday, May 28 Carolina at Toronto, 6 p.m., if necessary
Wednesday, May 29 Detroit at Colorado or San Jose, TBD, if necessary
Thursday, May 30 Toronto at Carolina, 6 p.m., if necessary
Friday, May 31 Colorado or San Jose at Detroit, 6 p.m., if necessary

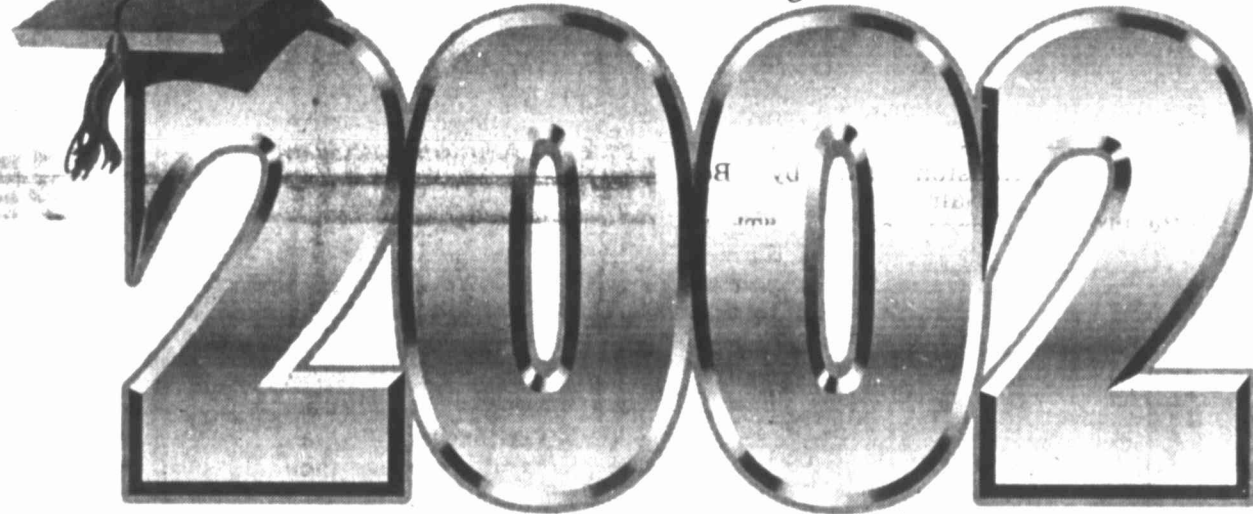
NBA PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS (Best-of-7)

Sunday, May 12 New Jersey 89, Charlotte 79, New Jersey leads series 3-1
Saturday, May 11 Boston 90, Detroit 79
L.A. Lakers 87, San Antonio 85
Monday, May 13 Sacramento 114, Dallas 101, Sacramento wins series 4-1
Tuesday, May 14 Boston 90, Detroit 81, Boston wins 4-1
L.A. Lakers 93, San Antonio 87, L.A. Lakers win series 4-1
Wednesday, May 15 Charlotte at New Jersey, 7 p.m.

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going outside for a cigarette," you could cut the tension with a knife. When I walk out the front door and see them smoking, it is obvious that I disapprove.

My in-laws have avoided all discussion of my wife's lung cancer and the role her smoking played in her illness. I am so fed up with them, I don't think I can keep my feelings to myself any longer.

Dear Husband: Cigarette smoking is highly addictive and difficult to give up. I am certain your in-laws are well aware that smoking can lead to lung cancer, but they may not be strong enough to quit.

Calmly, quietly and gently ask your in-laws to refrain from smoking either inside your house or outside on the porch. Explain how upsetting it is for you to see them destroy their health.

I don't want to upset my wife by confronting her parents. However, when her father announces, "I'm

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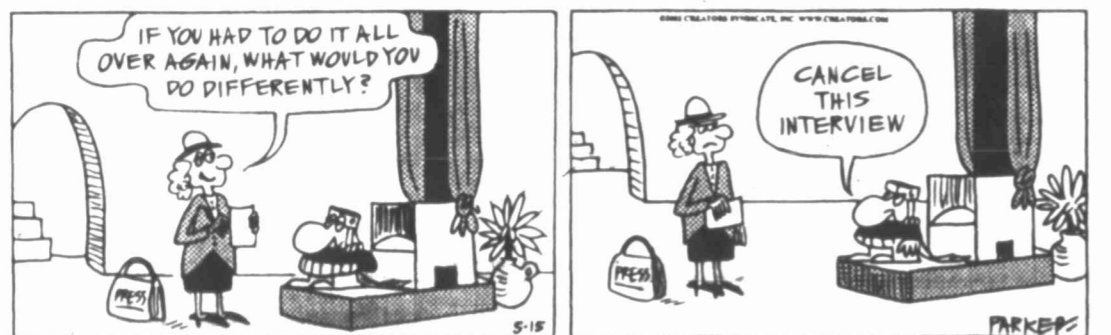
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went on duty aboard a United Airlines flight between San Francisco and Cheyenne, Wyo. In 1940, nylon stockings went on general sale for the first time in the United States. In 1963, U.S. astronaut L. Gordon Cooper blasted off aboard Faith 7 on the final mission of the Project Mercury space program.

and a fresh American astronaut to Russia's orbiting Mir station. Today's Birthdays: Actress Constance Cummings is 92. Singer Eddy Arnold is 84. Actor Joseph Wiseman is 84. Playwright Sir Peter Shaffer ("Equus") is 76. Playwright Paul Zindel is 66. Actress-singer Anna Maria Alberghetti is 66. Counterculture icon Wavy Gravy is 66. Former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright is 65. Singer Trini Lopez is 65. Singer Lenny Welch is 64. Actress-singer Lainie Kazan is 62.

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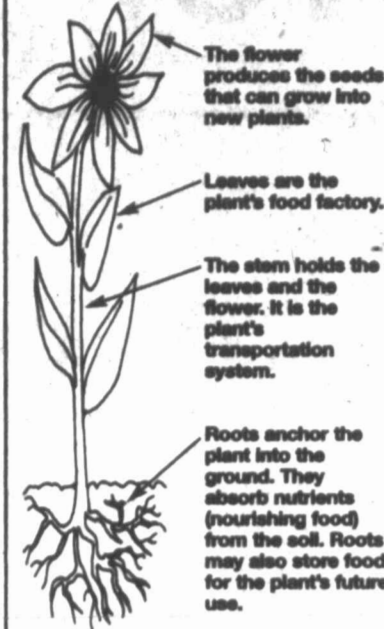
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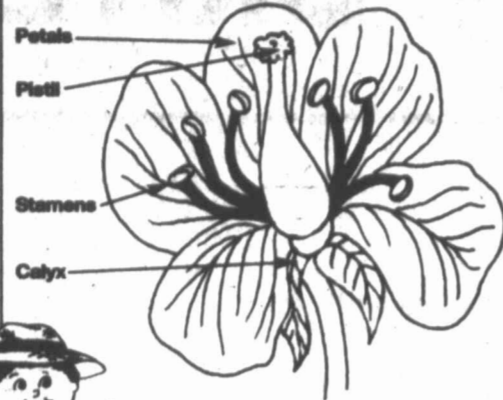
April Showers Bring May Flowers

A Kid's Guide to Flowers

The parts of a plant



The parts of a flower



Most flowers have:

- petals that help attract insects to carry pollen from one plant to another.
- a calyx (ka-licks), or covering, at the bottom of the petals. It protects the flower's inner parts.
- stamens, or the male part of the flower. They make the pollen.
- a pistil, or the female part of the flower. It makes the seeds.

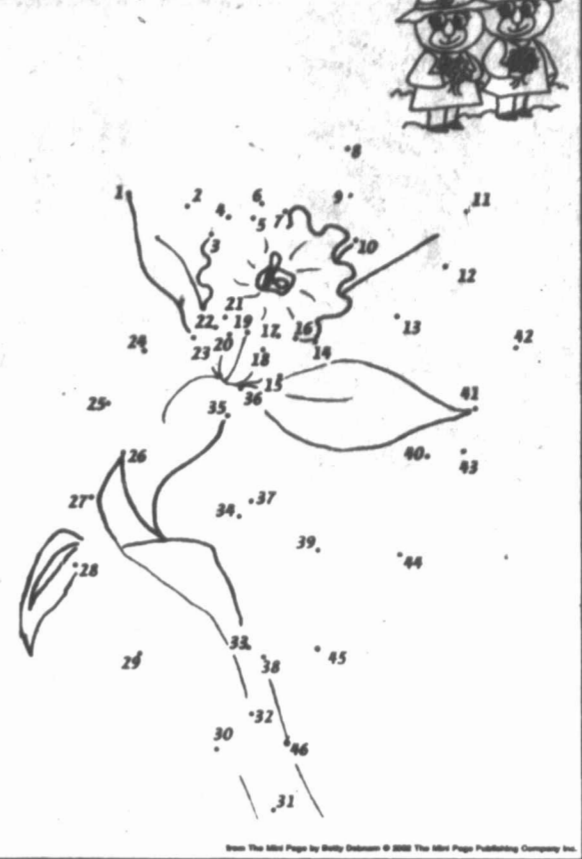


In order for a flower to make seeds, pollen from the male part (the stamens) must reach the female part (the pistil). Some flowers have the male and female parts in separate flowers or separate plants. For example, hollies are either male or female. You have to have both to get the beautiful red berries.



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Rookie Cookie's Recipe Green Casserole

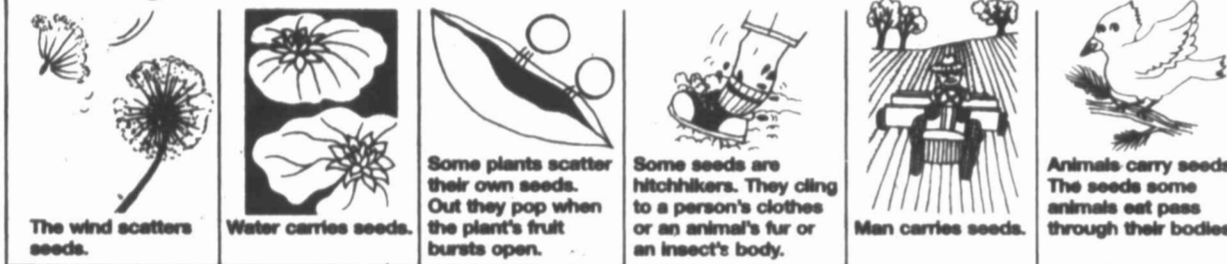
You'll need:

- 3 cups rice, cooked
- 1 (10-ounce) box frozen chopped spinach, thawed and drained
- 1/2 cup almonds, slivered
- 1/4 cup butter or margarine
- 2 teaspoons lemon juice
- 1 egg
- 1 cup milk

What to do:

1. Combine all ingredients, except egg and milk, in a large bowl. Mix well.
2. Combine egg and milk in a medium bowl. Mix well.
3. Stir egg mixture into mixture in large bowl. Mix well.
4. Place in a greased casserole.
5. Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven for 40 to 45 minutes. Serves 8.

Seeds get around



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Gus Goodsport's Report

Supersport: Edgar Martinez

Height: 5-11 Birthdate: 1-2-63 Weight: 175
College: American College in Puerto Rico

One of the best baseball players to play designated hitter is Edgar Martinez. Now in his 16th season, he has spent his entire career with the Seattle Mariners.

Last year he was named Major League's Designated Hitter of the Year for the 10th time. He had a batting average of .306, hit 23 home runs and played in the All-Star Game. He is the Mariners' all-time hits leader.

Edgar was born in New York City and grew up in Dorado, Puerto Rico. He lives with his wife, Holli, and son, Alexander, in Kirkland, Wash.

Meet Caroline Rhea

Actress and comedian Caroline Rhea plays Aunt Hilda on the TV show "Sabrina, the Teenage Witch."

Caroline, 38, was born and grew up in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, with two older sisters.

About 13 years ago, she moved to New York to work as a comedian. She worked for a while waiting tables. After her career took off, she performed for many years in comedy clubs in New York and then began performing around the country.

She got her first part in a TV show in 1995, and since then has been in several TV shows and movies.

After living in New York for seven years, she moved to Los Angeles. Her hobbies include yoga and playing golf.

Mighty Funny's Mini Jokes

All the following jokes have something in common. Can you guess the common theme or category?

Alan: What do you call two bananas?
Ed: A pair of slippers!

Tonya: What does a banana do when it sees a monster?
Louisa: The banana splits!

Pat: What sport do bananas compete in?
Lisa: Track and peel!

Flowers Try 'N Find

Words and names that remind us of flowers are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: FLOWERS, PLANT, SEEDS, LEAVES, STEM, ROOTS, PETALS, STAMENS, CALYX, INSECTS, LILY, POLLEN, PISTIL, BULBS, COAT, FOOD, GROW, PANSY.

WHAT FLOWERS WILL YOU GROW?

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Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy and Alpha Mouse are planting a new flowerbed. See if you can find:

- boat
- submarine
- kite
- alligator
- caterpillar
- mushroom
- peapod
- bell
- star
- trowel
- number 3
- pencil
- word MINI
- ladder
- lion
- arrow

How Does Your Flower Garden Grow?

The lifestyle of plants

Some plants live longer than others. In the flower boxes at the right, we have listed:

A for Annual
B for Biennial
P for Perennial

Annuals live for only one year and produce as many flowers and seeds as they can before they die.

Biennials live for two years. For the first year, they grow only leaves and store food for the next year in large roots. In the second year, they flower, produce seeds, and die.

Perennials can live for many years. They grow flowers after one or more years and produce seeds over their lifetime. Short-lived perennials might live for as long as five years, but some kinds live to be 100 or more years old.

Can you identify these very popular flowers?

Pansy	Zinnia	Petunia	French marigold	Geranium
Poppy	Lily of the valley	Baby's breath	Poinsettia	Daffodil
Hyacinth	Tulip	Crocus	Iris	Queen Anne's lace
Black-eyed Susan	Columbine	Purple coneflower	Shasta daisy	Delphinium

Botanical gardens are museums for flowers

The U.S. Botanic Garden is in Washington, D.C., very near the Capitol Building.

Do you have a botanical garden in your city? Botany is the study of plants. A botanical (buh-TAN-uh-kuhl) garden is a museum for living plants. Some of these gardens are inside glass houses. Others are outside. In these gardens are thousands of plants for people to study and enjoy.

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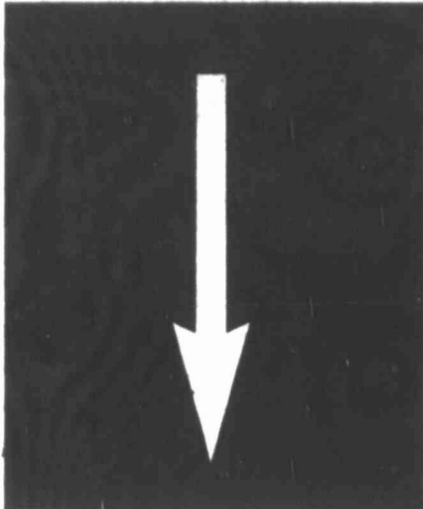
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