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**WEATHER**

**Tonight:**



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**BRIEFLY**

**CONGRESSIONAL RUNOFF**

Voters in Howard County and throughout the 19th Congressional District go to the polls today to determine a runoff between a pair of Republicans seeking the seat in Congress vacated by retiring U.S. Rep. Larry Combest, R-Lubbock.

Polls opened at 7 this morning and will remain open until 7 p.m.

The runoff pits Randy Neugebauer of Lubbock against Mike Conaway of Midland.

In the May 3 general election, 17 candidates vied for the position.

Registered voters can cast ballots at one of five polling places, depending on what precinct they live in.

Residents in precincts beginning with a "1" vote at the North Side Fire Station; those in Precincts 202, 203, 204, 205 and 208 vote at Washington School; voters in Precincts 207, 405, 407, 408 and 409 vote at the Coahoma Community Center; those in Precincts 302, 303, 304 and 305 vote at Goliad Intermediate School; and voters in Precincts 401, 402, 403, 404, 406 and 410 vote at the Big Spring High School Library.

Those wishing to vote should bring their voter registration card or another form of identification.

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## College Prep 101: Begin studies early

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
Staff Writer

A contingency of Texas Tech

University and Howard College representatives answered questions and offered an overview

Monday of options and programs for area students during "College Prep 101."

Planning for college should begin early, as early as junior high school, said Dr. Donald Harrigan, Texas Tech interim president.

"You can't start planning too early for college because the core courses that you need to take really starts in junior high," Harrigan said. "If you don't, it simply means you're going to have to take them before you are accepted to college."

"That's one of the biggest problems we're faced with," Harrigan continued. "Students decide that they really want to come to the university late in their high school career and they look back and discover they've taken the



Jobie Martinez of the Texas Tech University admission office answers questions about the school from potential students.

HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

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## Truck relief route forum slated tonight

HERALD Staff Report

Howard County residents are invited to review alignment alternatives for a proposed truck reliever route in a meeting hosted by the Texas Department of Transportation tonight.

The meeting will be held at the Dora Roberts Civic Center, 100 Whipkey Drive. Registration starts at 6:30 p.m., with the meeting to begin at 7 p.m.

Under TxDOT's plan the route would come off U.S. Highway 87 north of Big Spring and run along the west

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## BSHS STUDENT EARNS HONOR

### Melody McDaniel chosen for youth orchestra

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
Staff Writer

A Big Spring High School junior has been chosen to be a member of the Lubbock Youth Symphony Orchestra.

Melody Ayn McDaniel of Big Spring earned a chair on the youth orchestra after competing against flautists from the South Plains and the Midland/Odessa areas.

"It is a great honor and thrill," said McDaniel.

During the audition, McDaniel was required to perform five musical selections and a sight reading arrangement chosen by the orchestra selection committee.

Her first official performance with the orchestra will be at the Fourth on Broadway celebration set for July 4. Approximately 60,000 people are expected to attend the grand spectacle that includes a fireworks show.

This latest achievement is another mark on a long list of honors the Big



Courtesy photo

Melody Ayn McDaniel, a Big Spring High School junior, has earned a chair on the Lubbock Youth Symphony Orchestra. The Big Spring teen has been actively involved with music since the age of four.

Spring teen-ager gathered

In April, McDaniel received a superior rat-

ing at the National Federation of Music Clubs Regional Pastoral Competition. Her perfor-

mance qualified her for the state contest, where

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## Dog bite lawsuit dismissed

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
Staff Writer

A Big Spring woman has suffered a setback in her lawsuit against the city of Big Spring and Big Spring Animal Control to claim damages for a pit bulldog attack that occurred in 2002.

Based on the city's argument of "sovereign immunity," 118th District Judge Robert Moore III signed an order of dismissal Monday morning in the lawsuit filed by Mary Churchwell and her husband, David, against the city and the animal control department.

Mary Churchwell was attacked by a pit bull named Fatboy in January of 2002.

The plaintiffs alleged the city should have known of the dog's vicious tendencies because the dog reportedly attacked an infant shortly before the attack on Churchwell. Instead of euthanizing the dog, animal control released it back to the dog's owner, Bo Payne. The Churchwells also named Payne in the lawsuit.

Moore explained city and county governments fall under the doctrine of

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## BSSH's Taylor keynotes VA Salute to Liberty

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
Staff Writer

With persistence, self-determination and drive, Ming Taylor proves obstacles can be overcome and dreams can become reality.

Taylor, an advanced practice nurse for the Big Spring State Hospital, was the keynote speaker Wednesday at the West Texas VA Health Center Salute to Liberty appreciation luncheon.

The luncheon was held in honor of Asian/Pacific Islander month. Entertainment was provided by Big Spring residents Gabriele and Margarita Durand-Hollis, who sang several Spanish love songs. Violeta Slone of Abilene performed a traditional Philippine dance, "Pandaggo sa Ilaw," the

Dance of Light.

A native of Taiwan, Taylor was 21 years old when she immigrated to the United States.

"In 1972, I fell in love and married my son's father," Taylor said. "I moved to the United States hoping to have an everlasting happy life. In the spring of 1983, my dream was shattered. I was alone with my son and I spoke very little English."

Taylor was left without a college degree or marketable job skills, but a friend, her son's baby-sitter, encouraged her to obtain her GED and seek out vocational training.

The single mother decided to pursue a long-time dream and was accepted into a licensed

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Ming Taylor



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Violeta Slone of Abilene performs a traditional Philippine dance, Pandaggo sa Ilaw, the Dance of Light, during the West Texas VA Health Care System Salute to Liberty luncheon on Wednesday. The luncheon was held to honor Asian/Pacific Islander Month.

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# A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

## Obituaries

### W.C. Clanton



W.C. Clanton, 86, of Elbow died Monday evening, June 2, 2003, at his home.

Funeral service will be at 4 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel, with the Rev. Derrick Looney, pastor of First Baptist Church of Ackerly, officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Mr. Clanton was born Feb. 8, 1917. He had farmed all of his life in Howard County. He was a member of the Central Baptist Church of Elbow.

He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Ruby Clanton; three daughters, Betty Skeen and her husband, Charles, of Houston, Judy Park and her husband, Steve, of Forsan and Janice Hopper of Big Spring; his mother, Eula Clanton of Mineola; eight grandchildren, Shane Clanton and his wife, Catherine, Dave Park and his wife, Stacey, Cade Park, Jenny Sayles and her husband, Shane, JaCoby Hopper and his wife, Stephanie, Jarrett Hopper, Carrie Heinrich and her husband, Mark, and Cindy Ateek; eight great-grandchildren; four brothers, Murl Clanton, Gerald Clanton, Riley Clanton and Danny Clanton; and five sisters, Delora Scarbrough, Alveta Szitar, Clydean Echols, Wilma Jean Alley and Wanda Gourtney.

He was preceded in death by two sons, Weldon Clanton and Carl Wayne Clanton.

Pallbearers will be Shane Clanton, Dave Park, Cade Park, JaCoby Hopper, Jarrett Hopper, Shane Sayles and Mark Heinrich.

Arrangements are by Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

### Katherine Elizabeth Smith



Katherine Elizabeth Smith, 83, of Tyler, formerly of Coahoma, died Friday, May 30, 2003, at the University of Texas Medical Center in Tyler.

Graveside service was at 10 a.m. today, Tuesday, June 3, 2003, at Coahoma Cemetery with the Rev. Dan Dale, pastor of the South Seminole Baptist Church, officiating.

Mrs. Smith was born on Dec. 14, 1919, in Alamogordo, N.M. She was the daughter of Henry and Annie Tanner. She and her husband, Raymond Wayne Smith, were long time Sweetwater residents before coming to Coahoma in 1982. Mr. Smith preceded her in death in 1986.

Mrs. Smith moved to Tyler one year ago to live with her son. She was a homemaker and a seamstress at Walls Industries in Sweetwater for 25 years. Her hobby was bowling.

Mrs. Smith is survived by one son, Raymond Smith and his wife, Lyndia, of Tyler; four daughters, Betty Estey of Pecos, Glenda Franke of Klamath Falls, Ore., Charlotte Liles of Snyder and Clara Smith and her husband, Leon, of Coahoma; three sisters, Lucille Donaldson of Oklahoma, Julia Parshall of Missouri and Helen Rose Wilgest of Oklahoma; 18 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by one daughter, Bonnie Sue Smith; one brother, James Tanner; one sister, Shirley Doughert; and two grandchildren.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:  
Winning numbers drawn: 15-18-23-27-30.

Number matching five of five: two.

Prize per winner: \$24,974.

Winning tickets sold in: Plano, Dickinson.

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night:  
5-3-3

## Weather

Tonight Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of thunderstorms. Locally heavy rainfall possible. Lows in the upper 60s. Southeast winds 10 to 20 mph.

Wednesday Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs near 90. Southeast winds 10 to 20 mph.

Wednesday night Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s.

Thursday Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs near 90.

Friday Mostly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s. Highs in the upper 80s.

Saturday Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s. Highs in the upper 80s.

Sunday Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s. Highs in the upper 80s.

Monday Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s.

### E.R. "Pancho" Lozano



E.R. "Pancho" Lozano, 70, of Big Spring died on Saturday, May 31, 2003, in an Odessa hospital. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 4, 2003, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Pastor Ken Davis with the Seventh Day Adventist Church officiating. Interment will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Mr. Lozano was born on Jan. 24, 1933, in Kerrville. He married Carlota DeLeon on July 30, 1955, in Lamesa. She preceded him in death on Nov. 21, 1995. He then married Gladys Kenney on April 14, 1997, in Big Spring.

Mr. Lozano came to Big Spring in the early 1960s. He had resided in San Angelo; Lamesa; Alamogordo, N.M.; and Odessa for short periods of time, but had always returned to Big Spring. He had worked for Gandy's for nine years, for 7-11 for 14 years and for Wal-Mart for six years. He was a jack of all trades, but basically worked as an electrician and a refrigeration technician. He was an artist and a golf fanatic.

He was a member of Seventh Day Adventist Church and had served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict.

Survivors include his wife, Gladys Kenney Lozano of Big Spring; one daughter, Dora L. Day and husband, Dennis, of Forsan; three sons, Joe Lozano and wife, Millie, of Belton, Mo., Daniel Lozano and wife, Diane, of Brandon, S.D., and Dago Lozano of San Angelo; a step-daughter, Debra Rademacher and husband, Kenneth, of Pocatello, Idaho; one brother, Rafael R. Lozano and wife, Rosa, of Sonora; 19 grandchildren, four great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

He was also preceded in death by his parents, one son, five brothers, three sisters, one step-daughter and a grandson.

The family suggests memorials to: American Heart Association, 3205 W. Suthbert, Suite A-8, Midland 79701.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

### Clara Smith

Clara Smith, 60, of Coahoma died on Monday, June 2, 2003, in a Midland hospital.

Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

### William E. Harrell

William E. Harrell, 91, of Stanton died Sunday, June 1, 2003, in a Stanton nursing home.

Services are pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton.

## Bulletin board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald Features Desk at 263-7331, ext. 238 or email [jmoseley@crcom.net](mailto:jmoseley@crcom.net).

### TUESDAY

Intermediate Line Dance Class, 9 a.m., Spring City Senior Citizens Center, Industrial Park, 267-1628.

Coahoma Senior Citizen's luncheon, 11 a.m., Coahoma Community Center.

Big Spring Rotary, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Alzheimer's Association Greater West Texas chapter, 2 p.m., Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

Gospel Singing, 7 p.m., Kentwood Activity Center in Kentwood, guest singers from Midland and Colorado City.

VFW Post 2013, VFW Hall, 7 p.m., 500 Driver Road.

Howard County Sheriff's Posse, 7 p.m., meets at clubhouse on Andrews Highway.

American Red Cross, 7 p.m., South Canterbury, 1600 Lancaster.

Big Spring Chapter 67, Order of the Eastern Star, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 219 Main.

### WEDNESDAY

Senior Circle Stretch and Tone, 10 a.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center, 1601 W. 11th Place.

Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Downtown Lion's Club, noon, Howard County Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Line Dancing, 1 p.m., Spring City Senior Citizen's Center, Industrial Park, 267-6966 or 267-1628.

Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Big Spring Country Club.

### THURSDAY

Gideon International, B.S. Camp U42060, 7 a.m., Herman's Restaurant, 1601 Gregg St.

Coffee Club, 10 a.m., Gale's Sweet Shoppe, 1712 E FM 700.

Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane, 267-6479.

Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Big Spring Country Club, Driver Road.

Genealogical Society of Big Spring, 7 p.m., Howard County library, 500 S. Main St.

Masonic Lodge 1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster.

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from 8 a.m. Monday until 8 a.m. today:

• **BRENDA PUGA**, 27, of 501 E. Eight St. was being held at the city jail Monday for the Howard County Sheriff's Office.

• **DALLAS JORDAN**, 33, of 1906 Marijo was arrested Monday for 17 local warrants.

• **DEANGELO GRAY**, 18, of 3304 W. Highway 80 No. 41, was arrested Monday on a charge of theft, less than \$50.

• **MARCUS HATTENBACH**, 31, of 1806 E. 15th was arrested Monday on a charge of driving while intoxicated, third or more.

• **DEBRA MATHES**, 43 of 100 Brokenbow Road was being held at city jail Monday for the Howard County Sheriff's Office

• **HELEN BORNE**, 35, of Arizona was being held at the city jail today for extradition to Sunbelt.

• **ROBBERY** was reported at a discount store in the 500 block of south Birdwell where \$28.50 worth of merchandise was reported stolen.

• **DISORDERLY CONDUCT/OBSCENE GESTURES** was reported in the 2500 block of Wasson.

• **ASSAULT/CLASS C** was reported at a residence in the 1100 block of north Gregg.

• **GRAFFITI** was reported in the 1400 block of Nolan Street.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF, less than \$1,500, interruption of a public service** was reported at a residence in 500 block of north San Antonio.

• **FRAUDULENT USE OF IDENTIFYING INFORMATION** was reported at a department/discount store in the 700 block of Gregg.

• **HARASSMENT** was reported in the 2600 block of

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• **BURGLARY of a HABITATION** was reported in the 2200 block of Warran where a door jamb received \$100 worth of damage, electrical equipment worth \$1,200, computer hardware/software worth \$75, a 3 by 16 inch throw blanket worth \$50 and \$20 in cash were reported stolen.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1900 block of Wasson Road, in the 400 block of State St.

• **THEFT, more than \$1,500 but less than \$20,000** was reported at a convenience store in the 800 block of west Interstate 20.

• **BURGLARY of a BUILDING** was reported in the 800 block of Starlight Drive where structures received \$600 in damages.

## Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity:

• **RECKLESS DRIVER** was reported at the 181 mile marker of Interstate 20.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 200 block of Little Road.

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## NEWS BRIEF

### Judge reunites

HOUSTON (AP) — A judge who was reunited with his children after being sentenced to prison for child abuse, was reunited with his children after being sentenced to prison for child abuse.

Children's Protection Services said that the judge, who was reunited with his children after being sentenced to prison for child abuse, was reunited with his children after being sentenced to prison for child abuse.

However, neither the judge nor the children are aware of a condition that would allow the judge to be reunited with his children after being sentenced to prison for child abuse.

"I've never seen my children since they were taken from me," Barba said about a parole hearing that would allow the judge to be reunited with his children after being sentenced to prison for child abuse.

## COLLEGE

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wrong route to school to qualify for university."

Getting into universities in Texas is becoming extremely competitive.

"It's getting doubly competitive where," Harris said. "We're really now at Texas Tech of the top students in the state."

High academic scores are not enough to get into universities in Texas, seeks in its state.

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**NEWS BRIEFS**

**Judge reunites children with abusive mom**

HOUSTON (AP) — A judge's decision that a group of children be returned to the custody of their mother, who was recently paroled after serving a jail sentence on injury to a child charges, has sparked outrage from the foster parents who've been taking care of the kids.

Children's Protective Services had advocated termination of all parental rights for Catherine Rene Kegg from Liberty, but visiting senior Judge David Dunn of Orange sided with the mother and her attorney.

However, neither the judge nor CPS was apparently aware of a condition of Kegg's parole that bars her from unsupervised contact with children, the Houston Chronicle reported Monday.

"I've never seen it happen since I've been in this position," Barbara Shinall, CPS's program director, said about a parent with such a parole stipulation getting back custody of her children. The state agency will continue to monitor the children at home. Kegg

will remain under the parole stipulation until at least April.

**Texas: Land of pledges, higher tuition**

AUSTIN (AP) — Welcome to Texas, Joe Six-pack.

It's a land where your children must pledge allegiance to the American and state flags. You soon may play a new lotto game, and if you're pulled over while driving your kids to school or rushing to buy that Powerball ticket, it's going to cost you more than ever before.

While the state budget is the only bill that must be passed, legislators can't help but tinker with myriad issues over 140 days of meetings, debates and votes on bills that affect Texans in every corner on the state.

From insurance to college tuition to abortion, big changes are in store.

In a legislative session when politicians vowed not to raise taxes, they chose instead to look at fees, college education and the lottery as ways Texans can contribute extra money to the state on their own initiative.

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wrong route in high school to qualify for the university."

Getting into major universities in Texas is becoming extremely competitive.

"It's getting tremendously competitive everywhere," Harrigan said. "We're really recruiting now at Texas Tech some of the top students in the state."

High academic and test scores are not the only qualifications Texas Tech seeks in its students,

Harrigan said.

"What we like to do is measure the best we can what the potential of the student is for doing well in the university and that's really the major admission requirement," he said. "We use test scores because that's one way we can help judge how a person is doing and we use performance in high school but there are some students who are just late bloomers so anybody that wants to attend Texas Tech in the summer and demonstrate they can perform at the college level can enter Texas Tech University," he said.

The undergraduate student is Texas Tech's top priority, Harrigan added.

"I think that there's no question that Texas Tech cares about undergraduate students," he said. "That's No. 1 on our priority list."

The college offers a wide diversity of programs and campus activities.

"I don't care what a person wants to major in, it's all there on a single campus, including law school, medical school and nursing school," Harrigan said. "We're sort of a family. There are so many places where a student can get involved at Texas

Tech.

"I tell freshmen all the time it's extremely important that when they select a school they want to go to they need to realize it's not just going to be a place where they go to school and go to class, it's going to be a place where they are going to live."

College Prep 101 was sponsored by Howard College and the Big Spring Chapter of the Texas Tech Alumni Association.

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vocational nursing program.

"The year in LVN training was filled with tribulation, self-doubt, self-determination and a year that was filled with God's miracles," she said. "I was a single mother with a 7-year-old son. I did not have any money and on top of that my English was lousy."

The plethora of medical terminology scattered about her textbooks presented a problem.

"There would be at least 20 to 30 new words on each paragraph in the anatomy and physiology textbook," she said. "I constantly had to look to the medical dictionary for definitions."

And then even the words in the definitions

could be confusing.

"The definition of the word I was looking for also had many new words with different meanings that were new to me," she said.

Taylor and her friends came up with an idea to fix the problem.

"These friends and I came up with a new learning method," she said. "They would record the definition of the terminology on the audio tape for me. For the entire LVN school year, everywhere I went in the car, I listened to those tapes over and over and over again."

She graduated LVN school and began working at the Big Spring State Hospital but her educational pursuits didn't end. Taylor earned her associate's degree in nursing from Howard, then her bachelor of nursing degree from Texas Tech

University and a master of science degree from the University of Texas at El Paso.

After those accomplishments, the ever-determined nurse broke ground again. In September 2001, she became the first clinical nurse specialist—advanced practitioner at BSSH.

Taylor handles a case load of 15 to 20 chronic positions. She evaluates the patients' psychiatric conditions and writes prescriptions under the direction of clinical director Dr. Ba Ha.

"Since I've assumed this position the outcome has been great," she said. "By utilizing the medical model in conjunction with nursing perspective, I am able to have a good rapport with my patients and am able to convince them to utilize diagnostic

or medical procedures they usually refused."

Taylor encourages others to stay faithful to their dreams.

"With persistence, self-drive and self-determination, have faith in God and follow his lead, everybody can achieve whatever he or she sets his or her mind to," she said. "I am very fortunate to have the privilege to work with a group of fine Christians and that also makes a lot of difference in a work environment."

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**ROUTE**

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ern edge of the city, rejoining U.S. 87 south of the city — a total distance of about 12.5 miles. The first phase of the project, expected to cost about \$16 million, is scheduled to begin in 2008. The entire project is expected to cost more than \$50 million.

During tonight's meeting, TxDOT officials will display exhibits showing the proposed project locations, potentially impacted properties and proposed construction. These include acquisition of right-of-way, roadway construction, drainage and bridge structures at State Highway 176, Interstate 20 and the Union Pacific Railroad.

Following the presentation, those attending will be allowed to ask questions and make comments.

It is the last meeting scheduled by TxDOT on the route, which has been the source of some controversy. Proponents of the route west say it's needed to relieve congested traffic on Gregg Street and keep hazardous truck cargo away from population centers. Opponents of the route claim it is a bypass which will divert travelers — and dollars — around Big Spring.

Written comments will

also be accepted at the meeting and for 10 days thereafter.

Those not able to attend the meeting can mail comments to Texas Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 511, Big Spring, 79721, attention Roy Dill, P.E.

**McDANIEL**

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she earned another superior rating for her flute solo.

A multi-talented musician, McDaniel earned a Division I rating for her piano solo at the University Interscholastic League contest in February.

McDaniel began an active interest in music at the age of 4 when she began taking private piano lessons. She began playing the flute at the age of 8.

In addition to her musical activities, McDaniel is a well-rounded student,

involved in the Key Club, French Club and the high school yearbook staff. She also serves as a student athletic trainer.

Her academic honors include being selected for the National Honor Roll and she is a member of Who's Who Among American Students.

After high school, McDaniel plans to continue her music career at Texas Tech University and major in music performance. She eventually plans to become a lawyer and specialize in the entertainment field.

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**SUIT**

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sovereign immunity which protects the entities from being sued. Sovereign immunity can be waived in some cases depending on certain activities.

The city filed a motion to dismiss the case under a sovereign plea to the jurisdiction. Moore ruled in favor of the city's motion Tuesday, May 27, finding the alleged actions in the suit did not fall under those limited activities that would waive the city's immunity.

Churchwell's attorney, William Ucherek of Sweetwater, said he and his clients are waiting to view the order before deciding on their next move.

"Before I visit with Mary some more, I want to see the language in the order to try to get some idea why the judge ruled the way he did," Ucherek said.

The suit, filed in December 2002 by Ucherek, claimed the city and Animal Control were "negligent in failing to keep Fatboy confined in a safe place after the first attack on the infant, in failing to euthanize Fatboy after the first

attack on the infant and in releasing Fatboy from the Animal Control facility to Bo Payne after the first attack on the infant."

The suit further alleged Fatboy was a "dangerous, vicious dog" and claimed that the city and Animal Control "breached their duty" to make the condition posed by the presence of the animal in the community "reasonably safe."

The order of dismissal does not impact the lawsuit against Payne, who pleaded guilty in August to "attack by a dangerous dog" and was sentenced to the maximum sentence, six months in prison. He served that time concurrently with another sentence in Denton County.

The dog was later euthanized.

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Katherine Smith, 83, died Friday. Graveside Services were at 10:00 AM Tuesday at the Coahoma Cemetery.  
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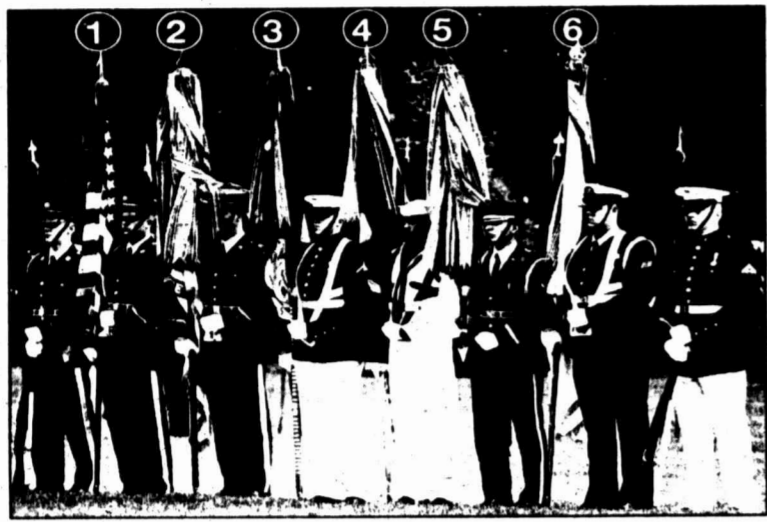


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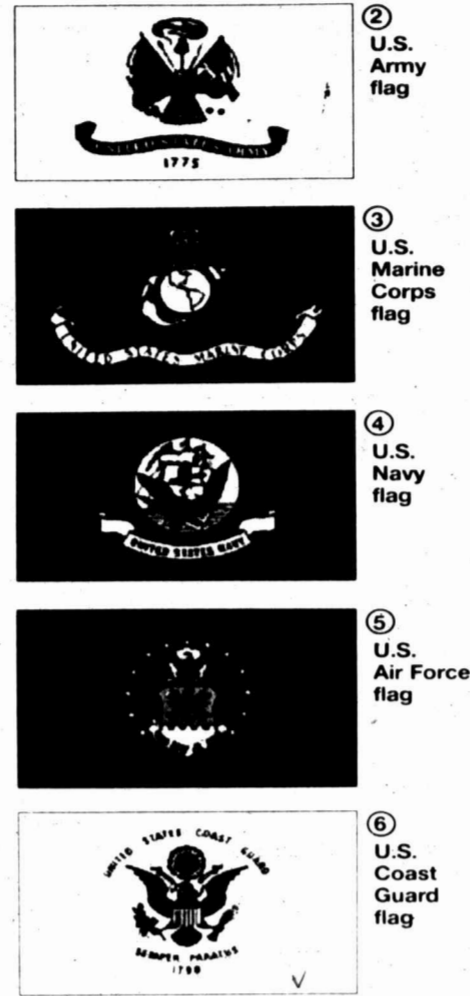
Color Guard

Carrying Our Flags With Honor

This military color guard is called the U.S. Armed Forces Color Team. It has eight members. One carries the American flag and five others carry flags of the five branches of our armed forces. The two members carrying rifles on each side are called flankers.



Flags line up in this order

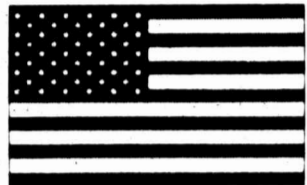


Showing our colors

There are all kinds of color guards. You might have seen a color guard in a parade or at a sports event. In the military, color guards are specially trained members of our armed forces who carry the U.S. flag and other service flags.

The name "color guard" comes from an old military tradition. Armies call flags their "colors." Each army had its own flag so soldiers knew friend from foe. The color guard carried and guarded the flags.

Today, military color guards play an important role in national ceremonies. Seeing the flags they carry inspires us to honor and respect our country and the people who protect it.



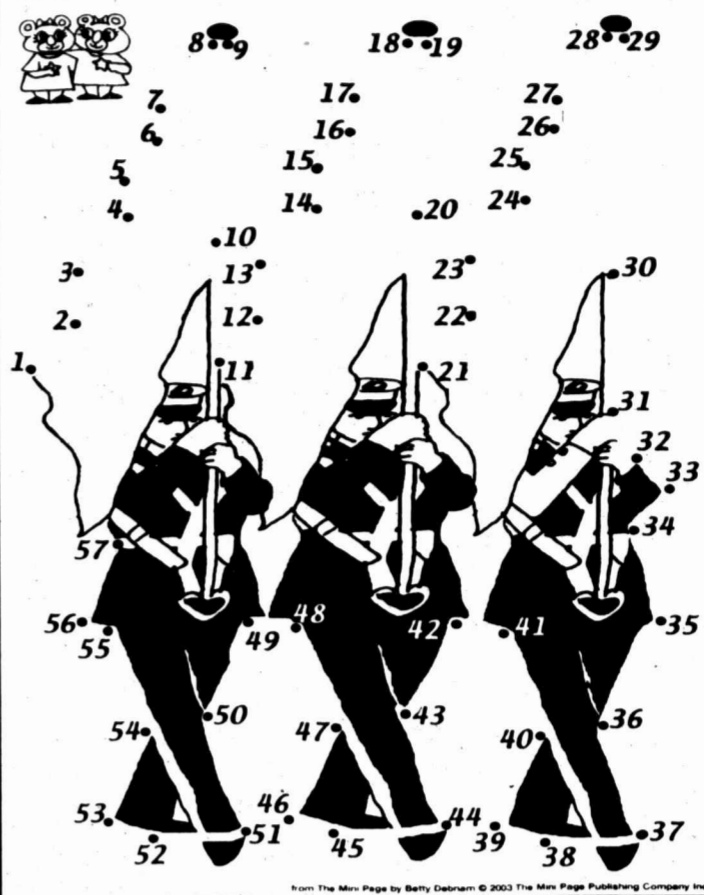
1 The U.S. flag has 13 stripes, for the 13 original states, and 50 stars, for the 50 states.

Celebrate Flag Day

We celebrate the 226th birthday of the American flag this Flag Day on June 14. On that date in 1777, the Continental Congress adopted the Stars and Stripes as our official flag.

Special rules state that the American flag comes first in color guards. Next come military flags based on the years the branches were created. The Coast Guard is last in peacetime and fifth during wars.

Go dot to dot and color.



Rookie Cookie's Recipe Dinner Dish Casserole

You'll need: 3 small white potatoes, uncooked; 1 medium green pepper, diced; 3 stalks celery, sliced; 3 carrots, sliced; 1 small onion, sliced; salt and pepper; 1 pound ground beef, uncooked; 1 (8-ounce) can tomato sauce. What to do: 1. Layer the vegetables, starting with the potatoes, in a 2-quart casserole dish. Sprinkle salt and pepper on top of each layer. 2. Spread out the meat to cover the vegetables. 3. Pour the tomato sauce on top of the meat. 4. Bake uncovered in a preheated 350-degree oven for 1 1/2 hours. Serves 6.

Note: You will need an adult to help you slice the raw vegetables.

The Mini Page Presidents of the United States Poster. Large! 22 1/2" x 28 1/2". Ideal for Classroom or Home. Includes every president in chronological order from George Washington to George W. Bush.

Gus Goodsport's Report Supersport: Kevin Millwood. Height: 6-4, Weight: 220, Birthdate: 12-14-74, Hometown: Gastonia, N.C. When baseball fans talk about Kevin Millwood, they will always reminisce about the night of April 27, 2003.

Meet Shing Ying. Shing Ying gets to play games and star on TV at the same time. That's her job as a member of the cast of "ZOOM!" The PBS show is filled with games and activities for kids, by kids.

Mighty Funny's Mini Jokes. All the following jokes have something in common. Can you guess the common theme or category? Danny: Why was the animal thrown out of the Go Fish game? Denise: Because he was a cheetah!

Flags Show Color and History. First Stars and Stripes. The original American flag had 13 red and white stripes and 13 white stars on a blue background. Meet a color guard. Sgt. Michael Teske, second from left, practices with other members of his color guard. What color guards do. Two of the best-known color guards in the military are the U.S. Armed Services Color Team and the Continental Color Guard.

Color Guard TRY 'N FIND. Words and names that remind us of color guards are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward, both up and down, and diagonally. Some letters are used twice.

Mini Spy... Mini Spy is celebrating Father's Day with her family. See if you can find: hamburger, toothbrush, safety pin, tooth, number 3, snake, knife, kite, pineapple, number 8, letter B, hammer, letter E, letter H, sailboat.

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IN BRIEF

Camp of Champions to get started. The Big Spring School Camp of Champions weightlifting clinic is scheduled to begin June 9. Students in grades 6-12 are eligible to participate in the clinic, which runs through June 26.

Country club will host junior golf. The Big Spring Country Club will be holding a Junior Golf Clinic from today through Friday. The clinic, for boys and girls, ages 5 through 12, will be held daily from 9-10 a.m. Players over 12 will begin at 10 a.m. The cost is \$10 for non-members. Members can play for free.

BSHS tennis camp slated for June. The annual Spring High School Tennis Camp will be returning to the scene in June. The four-day camp for area tennis players is scheduled to begin on June 9 at the FFA Tennis Complex camp, which runs from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. daily, is being coordinated by BSHS coach Sarah Corse and Dennis Smiley.

BSCC to hold parent-child event. The Big Spring Country Club will be holding a parent-child event on June 6. For more information, call 267-5354.

Clarendon College to hold baseball tournament. Clarendon College will be conducting a baseball tournament for high school senior players with junior college eligibility on June 5. The camp will be held at Bulldog and begins with registration at 9 a.m. There is no proration needed. For more information, contact Trent Petrie at 3571, extension 2.

BSCC to hold child golf tournament. The Big Spring Country Club will be holding a parent/child event on June 7. The event will begin with a shotgun start at 7 a.m. Saturday, June 7, and starts at 1 a.m. Sunday, June 8. Entry fee for an open division is \$10 per team, plus \$5 for the cart. Carts are welcome in all divisions in the phy division a 12-15 and 16-18. Entry may play more than one team. The entry fee for a second team is half price. A BBQ dinner will be served on the first day.

Do you have an interesting sports item or story idea? Call Tommy Wells at 263-7331, Ext. 237. Email results to: [jmoseley@crcom.net](mailto:jmoseley@crcom.net)

### IN BRIEF

#### Camp of Champs set to get started June 9

The Big Spring High School Camp of Champs weightlifting clinic is scheduled to begin June 9.

Students in grades 5-8 are eligible to participate in the event, which runs through June 26.

Interested persons should contact Coach Long at 264-3662 for more information.

#### Country club will host junior golf clinic

The Big Spring Country Club will be holding a Junior Golf Clinic from today to Friday.

The clinic, for players, ages 5 through 9, will be held daily from 9-10 a.m. Players 10 and over will begin at 10 a.m.

The cost is \$25 for non-members. BSCC members can participate free.

For more information contact the BSCC Pro Shop at 267-5354.

#### BSSH tennis camp slated for June 9-12

The annual Big Spring High School Tennis Camp will be returning to the local scene in June.

The four-day camp for area tennis players is scheduled to begin June 9 at the Figure 7 Tennis Complex. The camp, which runs from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. daily, is being conducted by BSSH coaches Sarah Corse and Dennis Smiley.

Area tennis players interested in competing should contact Corse at 263-2275, or Smiley at 263-3848.

#### BSCC to hold parent-child event

The Big Spring Country Club will hold a parent-child tournament on June 6-7.

For more info call 267-5354.

#### Clarendon College to hold baseball tryouts

Clarendon College will be conducting baseball tryouts for high school seniors and players with junior college eligibility on June 5. The camp will be held at Bulldog Field and begins with registration at 9 a.m.

There is no pre-registration needed. For more information call Trent Petrie at 806-874-3571, extension 272.

#### BSCC to hold parent-child golf tournament

The Big Spring Country Club will hold a parent/child tournament on June 7-8. The event will begin with a shotgun start on both days, starting on Saturday, June 8, at 9 a.m. Sunday's action starts at 1 a.m.

Entry fee for the Open division is \$80 per team, plus the cost of the cart. Private carts are welcome. Age divisions in these trophy divisions are 5-11, 12-15 and 16-18. A parent may play with more than one child. The entry fee for the second team will be half price.

A BBQ dinner will be served on the course on the first day.

## Expos keep city title hopes in sight

Frankie Reyes drilled a three-run triple to left Tuesday afternoon and helped the Big Spring Expos roll to a 12-7 win over the Big Spring Diamondbacks in the second round of the Little League City Championships.

With the win, the Expos move into the third round of the week-long tournament with a perfect 2-0 record. The Diamondbacks, who upset the Padres in the first round Saturday, fell to 1-1 in tournament play.

The Expos, who defeated the Diamondbacks by a 16-2 count

during the regular season, found their swing early. They used three singles and four walks in their first inning to push across six runs in their initial trip to the plate.

The Diamondbacks, playing without starting pitcher Adam Guzman, drew an early lead. The Snakes tallied two runs in the top of the first on a pair of Expos miscues. Tommy Wells Jr. and Aaron Guzman both scored in the inning, giving the Diamondbacks a 2-0 cushion.

Guzman was ineligible to pitch

Tuesday because he had pitched more than two innings in his team's 14-7 win over the Padres.

The Expos roared back, scoring six times off Wells in the bottom of the frame.

The Diamondbacks, 4-12 overall, rallied to within 6-4 in the top of the second. After Elijah Salazar and Spencer Wells had drawn walks to open the frame, Brett Bethel hammered out a run-scoring sacrifice to cut the Expos' lead to 6-3. Wells followed minutes later with a run-scoring single to left.

The Expos stormed back in their half of the inning. After watching his team load the bases, Reyes ignited a five-run second with his triple. Trey Lowery, Brandon Carruth and Brian Gonzales all scored on the hit.

The Snakes tried to rally in the third. They scored three times in the inning. Guzman highlighted the effort with his fifth inside-the-park home run of the year.

City tournament action continues this week at the AL and NL ball parks.

## Rising Stars

### Steers place six on 4-4A second team baseball unit

By TOMMY WELLS  
Sports Editor

The Big Spring Steers didn't record many wins this past season on the baseball field. That doesn't, however, mean they didn't show plenty of talent.

Big Spring, which struggled through a 2-22 season and finished last in the District 4-4A race with an 0-10 mark, had six players named to the 4-4A all-district teams Sunday afternoon. All six BSSH players were named to the second-team roster.

Seniors Dustyn Beauchamp, Andrew Vizcaino, Nathan Clements and Michael Wilson highlighted the Steers' selections. Beauchamp, Clements and Vizcaino were all infield selections. Wilson, along with teammate Lee Gillihan, were among five outfielders chosen.

Beauchamp was one of the team's top offensive players. He was a second-team all-district pick at first base. Vizcaino, who handled most of the Steers' pitching chores early in the season, was named to the squad at shortstop, while Clements gained notice at third base for his efforts.

Wilson, the Steers' centerfielder, and Gillihan joined Lake View's Zach Sewell, Levelland's Eric Perdoz and Daniel Mendoza and Estacado's Jonathan Torres as members of the second-team outfield.

Big Spring junior Michael Ornales highlighted the second-team pitching staff. The soft-throwing hurler starred for the Steers in district play.

Frenship dominated the first-team selections. The Tigers landed seven spots on the squad — including their entire infield.

Frenship standout Kris Kelley was named the district MVP for his efforts in leading the Tigers to the state playoffs. Frenship head coach Tony Thompson shared the 4-4A Coach of the Year honors with Estacado's Hector Limon.

Joining Kelley on the first-team were fellow catcher Jeff Tarlton, Eric Hamilton, Chad Nesteby, third baseman Brady Campbell and shortstop Chris Richburg. Frenship outfielders Cody Fielding and Brad Morris were also first-team picks.

Andrew's sophomore Jeff Kello claimed the District 4-4A Newcomer of the Year accolades this season.



Big Spring third baseman Nathan Clements attempts to field a grounder with his bare hand during recent Steers baseball action. Clements was among six Big Spring players selected to the 4-4A second-team all-district squad last week.

### 4-4A All-District Teams

- SUPERLATIVES**  
MVP — Kris Kelley, Frenship.  
Newcomer of the Year — Jeff Kello, Andrews.  
Coaches of the Year — Hector Limon, Estacado; Tony Thompson, Frenship.
- FIRST TEAM**  
Pitchers — Jessi Rodriguez, Levelland; Jorge Molinar, Andrews; A.J. Ramos, Estacado.  
Catcher — Tanner Richardson, Levelland; Jeff Tarlton, Frenship.  
First Base — Chris Holguin, Estacado; Eric Hamilton, Frenship; Jared Stewart, Andrews.  
Second Base — Chad Nesteby, Frenship; Daniel Barron, Estacado.  
Third Base — Brady Campbell, Estacado; Hector Limon, Estacado.  
Shortstop — Chris Richburg, Frenship; Kelvin Roberts, Andrews; Eric Carranza, Estacado.  
Outfield — Jimmy Rivas, Lake View; Cody Fielding, Frenship; Brad Morris, Frenship; Patrick Haygood, Andrews; Michael Reyna, Estacado; Steven Rodriguez, Estacado.
- Utility — Jeff Trible, Lake View; Cedric Wade, Levelland; Andrew Aguilar, Estacado.  
Designated Hitter — Matt Gardner, Andrews.
- SECOND TEAM**  
Pitchers — Tyler Lyons, Frenship; Michael Ornales, Big Spring; Zeke Franklin, Lake View.  
Catcher — Colter Allison, Andrews; Nathan Mendoza, Estacado.  
First Base — Chad Farr, Levelland; Dustyn Beauchamp, Big Spring.  
Second Base — Brandon Coronado, Levelland.  
Third Base — Nathan Clements, Big Spring; Jeremy Bueno, Andrews.  
Shortstop — Darren Lawless, Levelland; Andrew Vizcaino, Big Spring.  
Outfield — Zach Sewell, Lake View; Daniel Mendoza, Levelland; Eric Purdoz, Levelland; Michael Wilson, Big Spring; Jonathan Torres, Estacado.  
Designated Hitter — Cory Colson, Frenship.

## Black/Gold circuit to make stop at Figure 7

By TOMMY WELLS  
Sports Editor

Tennis action returns to the Big Spring area in full force in the near future when the Black and Gold Tennis Circuit makes its annual stop in Big Spring for tournament action.

The circuit, which winds its way through West Texas and eastern New Mexico through the summer, is slated to be held locally at the Figure 7 Tennis Complex on June 13-14. The event is open to all local tennis players, ranging in ages 12 to adult.

The Black and Gold Tennis Circuit begins this weekend in Midland and then travels to Hobbs, N.M. before making a stop in the Crossroads. The Black and Gold season comes to an end on Aug. 3 in Lubbock.

Locally, players will be divided into five classifications, including 12 & Under, 14 & Under, 16 & Under, 18 & Under and Adult. Mixed doubles will also be played in each classification.

Local tennis enthusiasts will be able to compete in several events, according to tournament director Sarah Corse. Players are eligible to compete in three events in any two divisions. All matches will be decided by a best-of-3 format and will follow United States tennis Association guidelines. Entry fee is set at \$25 for three events.

One pre-tournament favorite could be Westbrook's Trey Chavez. The WHS standout, who recently qualified for the Class A state tennis tournament, participated in the event last year.

For more information about the Black and Gold Tournament contact Big Spring tennis coach Sarah Corse at 263-2275.

## Baseball clinic to be held in Big Spring

The Mickey Owen Baseball School will be holding a week-long clinic for area players from June 9 through June 13 at the National League baseball field.

The clinic will provide training for athletes in the defensive position specialty of each person. The camp will employ specific drills and training techniques to help students become better in throwing and catching.

The camp is open to players from 6 to 12 years of age.

For more information call 1-800-999-8369.



Herald Photo/ Tommy Wells  
Coahoma head coach Robby Dickenson will be holding an all-skills camp for local athletes, beginning June 9 at the CHS field.

## Softball clinic to be held in Coahoma

Softball action will return to Coahoma next week when Bulldogettes' head coach Robby Dickenson hosts the 2003 Coahoma All-Skills Camp.

Dickenson, who guided the Coahoma High School squad to the state runner-up crown last week, is scheduled to conduct a camp for incoming second through ninth graders from June 9 through 12 at the CHS field.

The clinic will help local players develop skills in fielding, throwing, hitting and base run-

ning. Individual techniques and drills will be taught for all positions.

Students wishing to participate in the camp should bring their own bat, glove and other equipment needed for their position.

The cost for the camp is \$50 for players registering prior to June 6. For those registering after June 6, the cost is \$55.

For more information about the Coahoma All-Skills Camp interested athletes should contact Dickenson at 394-4924 or 270-7924.

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Saturn, the planet of hard lessons, makes a grand entrance into Cancer, the realm of deep emotions. Loved ones want to feel appreciated, as usual, but will expect certain tangible evidence of their value in addition to the normal niceties. It's all about nurturing and being nurtured — an essential part of living. Show your love in unusual ways.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). People are so starved for happiness that if you have it, they just want to be near you. Since your charm is hard to resist, don't lead anyone on! A structured work schedule will give you more money and more free time.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Your sweetie seems to read your mind, and salespeople go for the kill. It's all because you're an open book for the next 48 hours. You're telling the world who you are and who you want to be by how you move.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Take others up on offers that once intimidated you. Techniques practiced by successful people very much in the public eye help you make a fantastic impression. Someone new may even want to hire you based on how you shine.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Advertise your needs. Self-supportive affirmations give you the confidence to ask for a raise or sell a new product. In the friendship sector, you'll

be reimbursed for selfless generosity. Tonight, smoldering passions can't wait.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). This is a lazy, feel-good day, but motivate yourself anyhow. Rewards come from reaching out through conversation, music or anything that shows you've got your finger on the pulse.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (June 3). Your good name and solid relationships bring opportunity throughout the rest of the year. Job changes this month begin a windfall cycle. Your health improves, and your new vitality makes you feel sexy in July — just one of the reasons you attract a Pisces or Taurus to your side. Money for a new car or equipment comes in August. Your lucky numbers are: 13, 2, 39, 28 and 14.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The next three days are as lucky as you are social. Talk about your dreams to friends and acquaintances. And more importantly, listen to the plans of others, keeping in mind how you might fit in.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You charm with humor and humor with charm. Career prospects grow brighter; pursue ambitions fearlessly, and set material goals! But don't forget that it's relationships that make the biggest difference.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). An opportunity opens up as you give in to your generous urges — look into charity work. Be sure co-workers know how much you appreciate them — maybe spring for a pizza to share for lunch.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). When you feel

fantastic about your work, you are ultra-attractive. Artists, entertainers and writers are presented with golden opportunities. On the homestead, applying principles of feng shui benefit your love life.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Show off your best in the workplace, and bask in the "ooos" and "ahhhs." But unless you also make some cash, you're not likely to give a repeat performance. Let others know you're watching the bottom line.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Expectations are toxic to a friendship. Don't do anything you don't want to do, and encourage friends to be honest, too. The afternoon brings a pivotal point in your spending plan.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Your financial state is on your mind. Do something to change it to a more favorable picture. Discipline and wealth go together. If you get to work, the fast results you see will help you sustain enthusiasm.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "I am a Gemini female, born June 13, 1962, but seem to fit much closer to the traits of my rising sign, Cancer, and of my moon sign, Libra. For the past three or four years, I have been close friends with a Capricorn guy, born Dec. 25, 1968. The friendship definitely has had its ups and downs. I know he is the only person I feel a total connection with, even to the point of being able to sense his presence long before I see or hear him, or even have a reason to think he is nearby. Why is this?"

The more time we spend with loved ones, the more we are attuned to their unique astrological energy levels. You truly do feel him more than just in the immediate sense. Your sensory power goes beyond the five normal ones, and accepting that makes you stronger. His Pisces moon makes him very understanding of the way your feelings work, blending your perceptions of life together. He must overcome an internal hurdle this month before he can disclose all of his true feelings to you. Around Aug. 11, your sexual powers are on, and it's time for you to make a bold move.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Alanis Morissette is an open-minded Gemini whose Libra moon tells us she has an easy time getting along with nearly everyone — she could even be asked to keep the peace in a music industry feud. Her intervention could save a load of legal bills! Excellent communication skills will be her key to pleasing everyone. With her Venus in Taurus this year, a new album could break as many records as her first CD.

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Editor's Note: Hundreds of Ann Landers' loyal readers have requested that newspapers continue to publish her columns. These letters originally appeared in 1996.

Dear Ann Landers: What do you think about people who receive calls on their cellular phones in movie theaters?

Last week, a woman seated a few rows in front of me received two calls during a very serious and suspenseful film. At first, I thought the ringing was part of the soundtrack, but I realized my mistake when I saw her take a phone out of her purse and start talking.

I assume the call was not an emergency since she didn't leave the theater. Reporting the incident to the manager would have meant further distraction for me, so I waited until the movie was over. I then went to the woman and told her, "Keep an eye on the Ann Landers column.

When you see a letter about people who receive phone calls at the movies, you will know I'm referring to you."

I realize this isn't one of society's most pressing problems, but it is one of those minor discourtesies that are becoming more frequent in malls, supermarkets, restaurants and theaters. Please, Ann, address it. Thank you. — Disconnected in New Jersey

Dear Disconnected: People who receive cellular phone calls in the theater are in the same class as people who blast their stereos on buses. "Inconsiderate" hardly describes it. They are also showing off.

So are people who make calls on their personal cellphones from planes that are already equipped with phones. Either way, it's disconcerting to be seated next to a person who is carrying on a long-winded conversation while you're trying to work or read. I speak from experience. Enough said.

Dear Ann Landers: I gave birth to my first child last April. "Crystal" was 12 weeks premature and weighed less than 2 pounds. We were afraid

that she would die or have severe handicaps, but we were blessed with good fortune as her only remaining requirement is the extra oxygen she receives through a nasal tube worn 24 hours a day.

Her doctors told us, "Don't let her alter your lifestyle." We took their advice and take Crystal everywhere. She's been to the mall, five restaurants, a small boat harbor and the county fair.

Because the nasal tube makes her look different, I have received a lot of unsolicited and rude comments. People ask, "What's wrong with her? Was she born that way? What's her problem?" I do not wish to discuss my daughter's medical condition with strangers, and considering the handicaps she might have had, my husband and I feel there's nothing wrong with Crystal at all.

Ann, please alert the boneheads out there that if they see a child who is "different," to coo over the baby the way they would a "normal" child. The parents already know their child looks different, and they love the child anyway. The anguish they've already gone through doesn't need to be rehashed to satisfy a

stranger's curiosity. A kind word would make a world of difference. — Grateful Mom in Buffalo, N.Y.

Dear Buffalo Mom: Thank you for speaking up about an intensely personal matter. You have performed a valuable service by sharing your problem with millions of readers today. Many of them will see themselves, and be reminded of your letter when they see a child who is "different."

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7 PM	8 Simple Rules	American Juniors (CC)	Suze Orman: The Laws of (CC)	Movie: Till Dad	AFI's 100 Years... 100 Heroes & Villains (CC)	8 Simple Rules (CC) (DVS)	Dog Eat Dog (CC) (DVS)	Texas Rangers	Rebeca	Star Trek: Next	Movie: Along Came a	Movie: Soldier's Girl (CC)	What Were You (CC)	Movie: The Time (CC)	Booker N. McBride	Biography: Jennifer	New Detectives-	Law & Order (CC) (DVS)	Movie: Annie (CC)
8 PM	Accordng-Jim	Keen Eddie (CC)	Money, The Lessons of	Whose Line? Whose Line?	NYPD Blue (CC)	NYPD Blue (CC)	Seinfeld (CC)	Ver Para Creer	Ver Para Creer	Real TV (CC)	The Waterdance	Longtime Companion	What Were You (CC)	Six Feet Under	Hour of Healing	Third Watch (CC)	New Detectives-	Law & Order (CC) (DVS)	Even Stevens Boy World
9 PM	News Nightline	70s Show Raymond	Farther Along He Touched	700 Club (CC)	News Late Show	News (CC) Nightline	News Tonight (CC)	Movie: Get Carter (CC) (DVS)	Primer Impacto	Real TV (CC)	Blind Date	Blind Date	Mostly True: Urban	Movie: Tin Cup	Update Richman	Biography: Jennifer	Laci Peterson:	X-Files (CC)	Boy World Smart Guy
10 PM	Jimmy Kimmel	Sudden-Susan	Me Gospel-Elvis Presley	Caroline Rhea	(CC) Late Late	Ent. Tonight Jimmy	Late Night (CC)	Todo Sobre Camila	Blind Date	Blind Date	:35 Movie:	:45 Movie:	Mostly True: Urban	Movie: Tin Cup	Update Richman	Biography: Jennifer	Laci Peterson:	X-Files (CC)	Boy World Smart Guy
11 PM	Guthy-Renker	Blind Date Beyond	Dr. Wayne Dyer: There's	Paid Program Paid Program	Show (CC) Street Smarts	Live (CC) Oprah	(CC) Frasier (CC)	12:10 Movie: Cobra (CC)	Highlander (CC)	Dead Man (CC)	Call Me	Crop Circles	Crop Circles	Faye Hardin John Hagee	Cold Case Files (CC)	FBI Files (CC)	X-Files (CC)	Sister, Sister Even Stevens	

**DENNIS THE MENACE**

"PERHAPS" MEANS IT PROBABLY WON'T HAPPEN. A 'MAYBE' IS BETTER."

**THE FAMILY CIRCUS**

"This doesn't count as watchin' TV. It's a rerun."

**HAGAR**

I HAVE SOME GOOD NEWS AND SOME BAD NEWS... THE BAD NEWS IS I HAVE TO PUT CASTS ON YOUR TWO BROKEN ARMS! WHAT'S THE GOOD NEWS? THIS WILL BE THE PERFECT TIME TO GO ON A DIET!

**BLONDIE**

IT SAYS A MAN WAS CRUSHED BY A GLACIER. HOW CAN THAT HAPPEN? GLACIERS MOVE SO SLOWLY! I CAN'T IMAGINE AND THEY DON'T IDENTIFY THE VICTIM. BUT I'LL BETCHA ANYTHING IT WAS THAT WATER WE HAD LAST FRIDAY NIGHT.

**BC**

HAVE YOU HEARD? YOUR FRIEND FRED SHOT AN EAGLE IN NEWSPER TODAY. NO, BUT HE'S KIDDING. I'VE SEEMED DEAD. MORE THAN LIKELY SHE CLUBBED IT TO DEATH.

**WIZARD OF ID**

I'M YOUR NEW ASSISTANT. WHO HIRED YOU? YOUR WIFE. WHAT'RE YOUR QUALIFICATIONS? I'M UGLY.

**AGNES**

YOU DON'T WANT TO WRITE A COLUMN, AGNES. NO ONE WANTS TO READ ALL THOSE WORDS. THEN MY COLUMN WILL JUST BE SOME FUNNY PICTURES! THAT WOULDN'T BE A COLUMN. COLUMNS ARE SUPPOSED TO HAVE WORDS. FINE. I'LL THROW IN A COUPLE OF LAME JOKES. NOW IT'S A COMIC. DARN! LIKE ANYONE COULD MAKE A LIVING DOING THAT!

**HI AND LOIS**

I'M AFRAID I'LL HAVE TO GIVE YOU A TICKET, M'AM. SORRY, MOMMY, I TRIED TO LOOK AS CUTE AS I COULD!

**MR. HOUSEWIFE**

BOOM! THE WORLD IS IN TROUBLE. WORLD'S GREATEST CHEF.

**SNUFFY SMITH**

THAR MENTORIN'!!

**BETLE BAILEY**

HEEL, OTTO! HEEL! DARN IT! YOU USED TO WALK BEHIND ME INSTEAD OF IN FRONT! YOU HAVEN'T SEEN YOUR BEHIND LATELY, HAVE YOU?

**People In The News**  
By The Associated Press

NEW YORK—Paul Walker stars in the drag racing movie "2 Fast 2 Furious," but there's nothing fast or furious about his social life. "I'm pretty chill. I don't go out that much anymore," the 29-year-old actor tells Cosmo Girl magazine for its June/July issue. "I just hang out with people I grew up with, go camping or have barbecues."

Walker says he spends as much time as he can with his 4-year-old daughter, Meadow, though he admits he was "really freaked out" at the prospect of being a dad. "It's kind of like that Creed song that says, 'I don't know if I'm ready/To be the man I have to be.' Every day you find yourself scratching your head, going, 'Wow, am I really?'"

he said. "I would imagine that even when I'm 40, and I'm looking at her, I'll still be going, 'I'm a dad!'"

"2 Fast 2 Furious," the sequel to the summer 2001 hit "The Fast and the Furious," co-stars Tyrese, Eva Mendes and rapper Ludacris. It opens nationwide June 6.

NEW YORK (AP)—Jazz violinist Regina Carter isn't a fan of the casinos in her hometown of Detroit. "Bringing gambling was not the move," Carter told The Associated Press in a recent interview. "In my mind, it didn't really benefit the city financially."

The first of Detroit's three casinos opened in 1999. Although they've been credited with creating thousands of jobs and generating millions of dollars in revenue, Carter doesn't believe the casinos have improved the city economically. "When you think about gambling in Atlantic City

or in Las Vegas, people are going to those cities. They're going to see the shows. There's more than just the gambling, there's an attraction to those cities," she said. "In Detroit, no one's coming there out of Michigan. The people there who are gambling live in Detroit, and a lot of them there can't afford to gamble, so we're making money off of people that can't afford to lose any."

Although Carter is a Detroit native, she lives in New York City. Her latest disc, "Paganini: After A Dream," was released in April.

Answer to previous puzzle

A	C	T	S	C	O	W	S	S	P	A	T
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**Newsday Crossword** STEP BY STEP by Lee Weaver Edited by Stanley Newman

**ACROSS**

- 1 Marshal Dillon
- 5 Tourist's neckwear
- 11 Playground game
- 14 Biblical brother
- 15 \_\_\_ Twist
- 16 Pub pint
- 17 Leaves slowly
- 19 Do it yourselfer's buy
- 20 Sharp argument
- 21 Salad veggie
- 22 "That's incredible!"
- 23 Go out with
- 25 Acts as the waiter
- 27 Ply a needle
- 30 Goose formation
- 32 Sub's navigation aid
- 34 Fur traders, once
- 37 Snicker sound
- 39 Free from restraint
- 40 Cotton pests
- 42 Two-wheelers
- 43 Abandoned
- 44 Lauder of cosmetics
- 46 Buy a pig \_\_\_ poke
- 47 Summer, in Lyon
- 48 Appoint to an office
- 50 Drink daintily
- 53 Purchase
- 54 Little piggies
- 56 Desert traveler

**DOWN**

- 1 Army chow
- 2 Arthur of tennis
- 3 With no slack
- 4 Cockatoo feathers, e.g.
- 5 Potter's rank on M\*A\*S\*H. Abbr.
- 6 Sir \_\_\_ Guinness
- 7 Treats badly
- 8 Summon up
- 9 Alludes (to)
- 10 Sandy's comment
- 11 Leaves reluctantly
- 12 "I cannot tell \_\_\_"
- 13 Come into possession of
- 18 Enemy
- 22 Swiss city
- 24 Days before holidays
- 26 Casts a ballot
- 27 Ticket piece
- 28 Comedian Kovacs
- 29 Jilts
- 31 Before, to Shelley
- 33 Rent anew
- 35 Verse
- 36 Did a modeling job
- 38 Ancient laborer
- 40 Took the title
- 41 Historic periods
- 43 Graceful skill
- 45 Diner patrons
- 49 Greek letters
- 51 Hockey surface
- 52 Daddies
- 53 Cook cookies
- 55 Editor's notation
- 57 Letters and packages
- 58 Brown shade
- 59 Impolite look
- 60 Mel of baseball
- 61 Mermaid's habitat
- 62 Many mins.

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