

TUESDAY

May 4, 2004

**WEATHER**

Tonight:



**CLEAR**  
TONIGHT 55°-57° TOMORROW 86°-88°

**BRIEFLY**

**BSISD kindergarten roundup this week**

The Big Spring Independent School District will hold its kindergarten roundup from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Friday.

Parents should bring their Social Security card, an immunization record, and a birth certificate to the school in their attendance zone.

**Chamber to sponsor Business After Hours**

Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce will sponsor Business After Hours from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Rip Griffin's Truck/Travel Center.

Door prizes will be awarded and refreshments will be provided.

Business After Hours is a program specifically designed to encourage networking and to showcase sponsors. There is no charge to attend. Merchants are encouraged to attend and exchange business cards.

**Kilgore to perform during fund-raiser**

J Gale Kilgore will be performing his one man band country show at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Municipal Auditorium.

The concert is free. Donations will be accepted for veterans' families in the Big Spring area, or checks should be made to "Veterans' Families" and sent to P.O. Box 3358, Big Spring 79721-3358.

The concert is sponsored by the Eagles Lodge.

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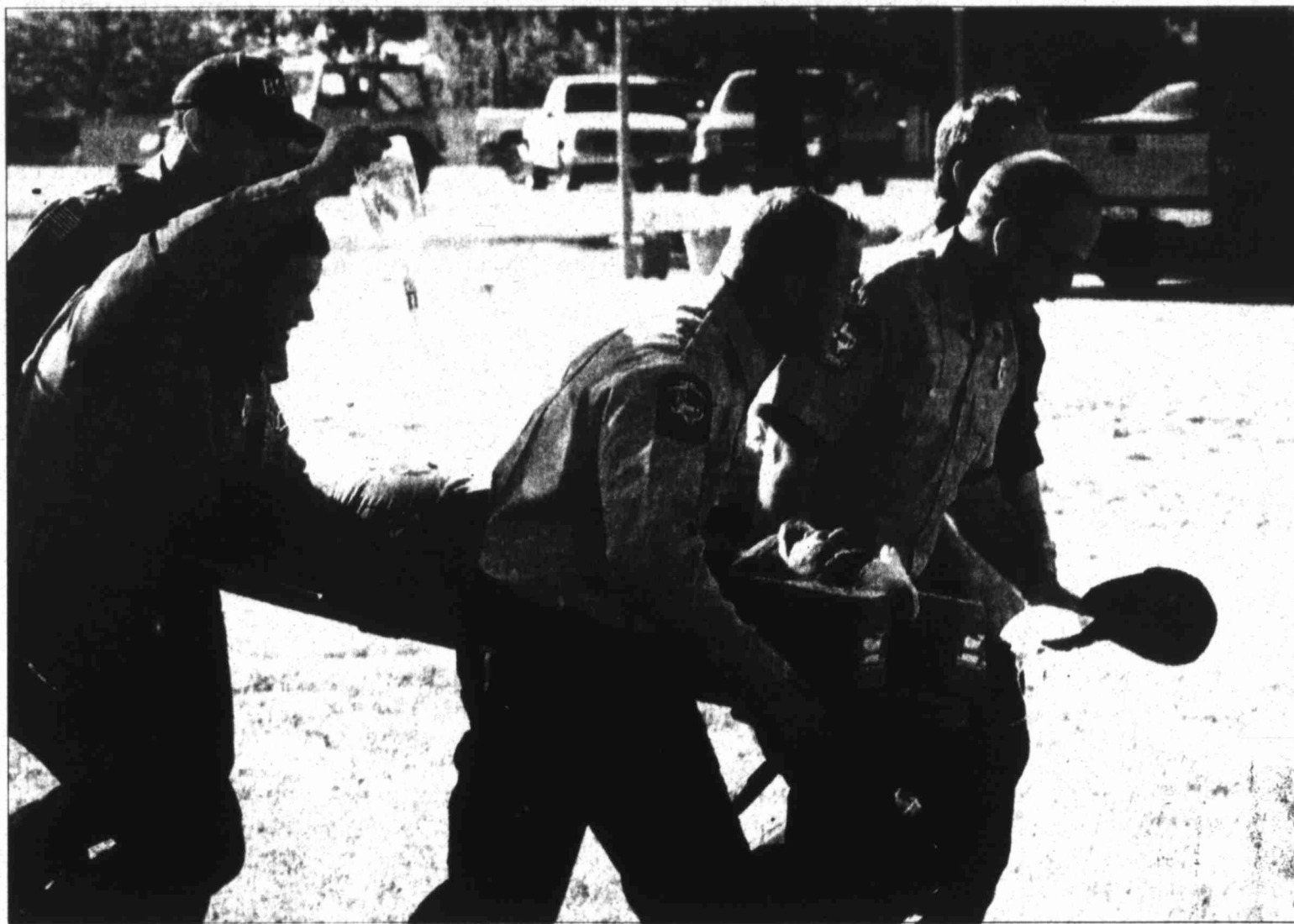
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Big Spring Fire Department paramedics play their role to the hilt Monday during the Shattered Dreams program held at Forsan High School, as they rush Coahoma High School senior K.K. Kellar to an awaiting critical care helicopter. Students from both schools participated in the annual program.

## Consequences of DWI hit home

*Shattered Dreams touches students at Forsan, Coahoma*

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

It's a scenario no one wants to think about: Teens indulging in alcoholic beverages and getting behind the wheel of a motor vehicle — effectively

turning an everyday mode of transportation into a lethal weapon.

One group goes a step beyond just thinking about it. They plan it, choreographing everything from law enforcement response to emer-

gency medical flights from the "scene" of a staged accident. Then they show it to local students in an effort to "shock" them into not drinking and driving.

Shattered Dreams, a program originally intro-

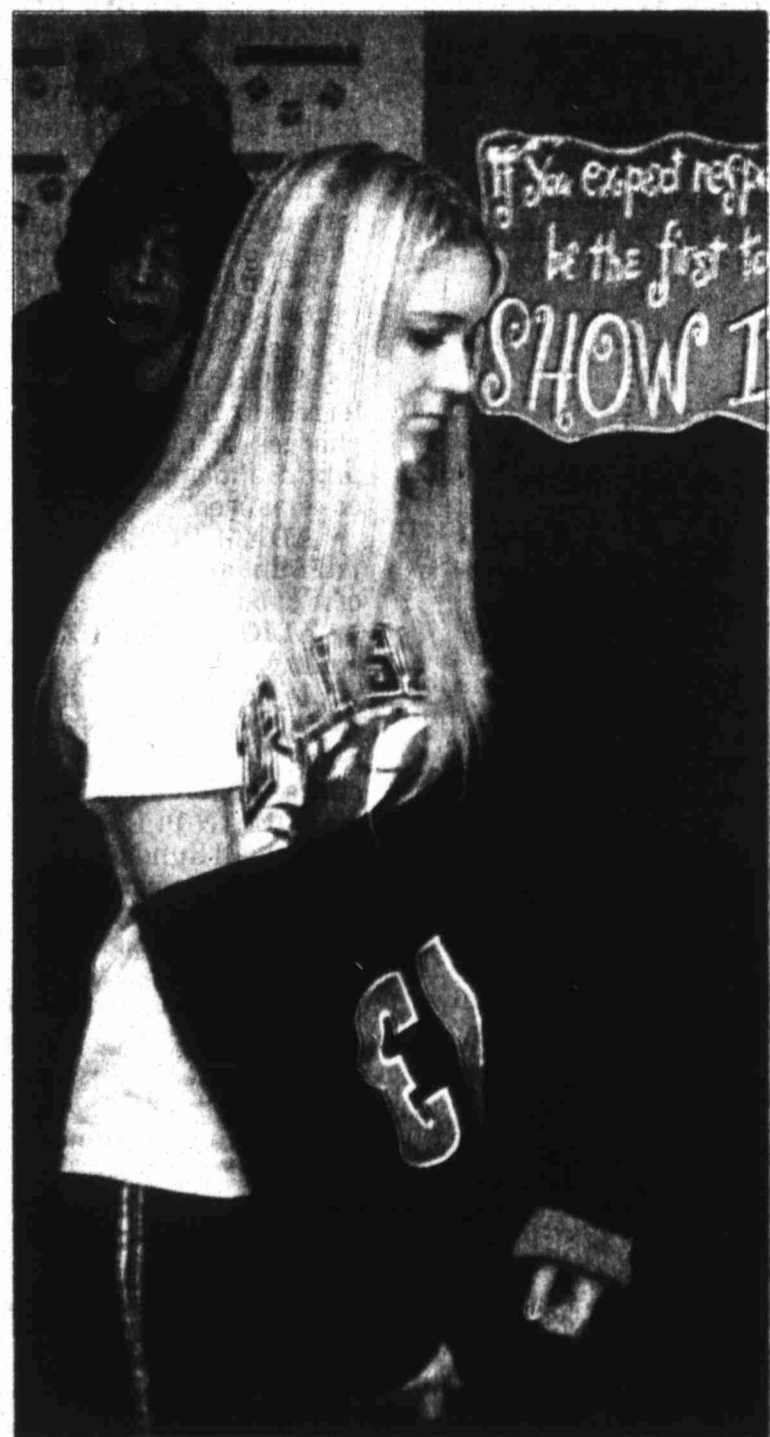
duced around the state by the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, held its fourth annual "mock accident" at Forsan High School Monday morning, and according to FISD Superintendent Wayne Rotan the project had an impact.

"Even though it's a fictitious scenario or situation it still hits home," said Rotan. "You feel like those are your own kids

lying there on the ground. I've known the kids that are involved with this program today since they were in the fifth grade, so it's reality. It's a great program because kids are able to see the reality of drinking and driving, and the consequences involved with it."

The ladies at Victim Services do a great job," Rotan added. "I really don't know how they get all of this done. It's been a lot like it was two years ago, when it didn't seem like anything was coming together and then it all went off like clockwork. My hat's off to Linda Perez and Denise

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Left, Forsan High School senior Josh Helmstetler escorts Hillary Burks, a junior, from her class during Monday's Shattered Dreams program. A student was removed from the classrooms every 15 minutes to signify the national average, which shows that an American student is injured in an alcohol-related accident every 15 minutes. Right, Nalley-Pickle & Welch funeral directors Danny Flenniken, left, and George White, along with Myers and Smith funeral directors Bill Myers and Scott Greenfield, load Forsan junior Trey Paradez, who played a fatally injured student during the program, into a hearse for his final ride.

**"As students they think things like this never happen to them or any of their friends, and hopefully it will hit home that this is reality."**



Terry Chamness



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

## BSHS debate team sending five to national meet

HERALD Staff Report

The Big Spring High School Speech and Debate Team did something that it has never done in the past — send five students to the National Forensic League National Tournament which is June 13-18.

In the process, the team won the NFL District Speech Tournament Sweepstakes award. "We are very excited," said Jennifer Adams, BSHS speech and debate coach. "We were hoping to add to the two students we already had going, but to be able to take five students to nationals

is just amazing." Students advancing from the Tall Cotton NFL District Tournament to nationals from BSHS include Tapley Holgin in dramatic interpretation, Manoj Thangam in foreign extemporaneous speaking and Sarah Vela in humorous interpretation.

Corey Green, who was the NFL student congress alternate, moved up in position to qualify for the national tournament along with Logan Churchwell, who had already qualified in student congress.

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## House finance plan finds resistance

By APRIL CASTRO

Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN — Texas House members are preparing for what could be days of extensive floor debate on their plan to overhaul the way the state pays for educating children.

The 150-member House was scheduled to take up the bill on Tuesday. It would eliminate the franchise tax and instead impose a 1.25 percent payroll tax on businesses, capped at \$500 per full-time employee.

If it passes, the plan then goes to the Senate for consideration. Both chambers would work out their differences in a conference committee before a plan could be sent to the governor's desk.

On Monday, Gov. Rick Perry said he wouldn't support the proposal but stopped short of saying he would veto the bill.

"As the Texas House debates a school finance plan, I want them to hear publicly what I have already told Speaker (Tom) Craddick and many legislators privately: I cannot support placing a higher tax burden on Texas workers and their wages," he said. "The only permanent solution to school finance is job creation."

Both Republican and Democratic legislators have voiced concern about the plan, which was drafted by the 29-member House education committee.

The bill also proposes to cut school property taxes by 30 percent, from \$1.50 to \$1.05 per \$100 in appraised land value. That money would be replaced with a variety of new taxes and increases, including the payroll tax.

The sales tax would be increased to 6.75 from 6.25 percent. Billboard advertising, bottled water and drinks at establishments that hold mixed drinks licenses also would be included in the sales tax base. Taxes on motor vehicles and boats would be increased to 7.75 percent, up from 6.25 percent.

Craddick defended the bill and urged critics to remember the significance of the issue.

"Our vote on this bill might be the most important one we cast as legislators because funding our schools is the most important thing we do as

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PERRY



CRADDICK



Obituaries

Geraldine Hancock Register Dean



Geraldine Hancock Register Dean, native of Sebring, Fla., and Chattanooga area resident of 42 years, passed away Saturday, May 1, 2004, in Summerville, Ga.

Mrs. Dean was born Dec. 16, 1930, to parents James and Aliph Hancock in Sebring, Fla. She was predeceased by husband, D.L. 'Al' Register, daughter, Jeannette Register, husband, Gerald Dean and grandson, Damon Moore.

Geri, a registered nurse, retired after many years at Erlanger North Hospital in Red Bank, is survived by daughters and sons-in-law Vivian and John Gordon of Big Spring, Deborah and Chuck Moore of Summerville, Ga., and Barbara and Greg Land of Atlanta, Ga.

She is also survived by granddaughters Kristi Dunlap of Lubbock; grandson and granddaughter-in-law Brian and Leah Gordon of Big Spring, grandson David Moore of Atlanta, Ga.; and granddaughters, Serenity and Jessie Land of Atlanta, Ga.; and three great grandchildren.

Geri is also survived by a sister, Jeanette Twitty of Lake Placid, Fla., and a brother, Elmer Hancock of Fort Pierce, Fla., several nieces and nephews and stepchildren, Lora, Jerry, Cindy and Tracie Dean.

The funeral will be 1 p.m. today at St. Peter's Episcopal Church with the Rev. Carter Paden officiating. Interment will be at 2:30 p.m. today at Chattanooga National Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Book of Remembrance, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 848 Ashland Terrace, Chattanooga, Tenn. 37415.

Arrangements by Lane Funeral Home, Coulter Chapel, 601 Ashland Terrace, Chattanooga, Tenn.

*Paid obituary*

Frances Irene Reeves

Frances Irene Reeves, born in Big Spring on April 3, 1920, to former Howard County Sheriff Walter Wilson Satterwhite and Lula Campbell Satterwhite, passed away after a lengthy illness the morning of May 2.

Frances had been a resident of Corpus Christi and a member of First United Methodist Church for 65 years.

Frances is survived by her beloved husband, Tommy, of 66 years, and by her three children, her sons, Tom and Jim Reeves of Dallas, and daughter, Linda DiFeo of Houston. Frances is also survived by four grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Her son, Robert Alvis Reeves, and her daughter, Patti Kirkpatrick, preceded their mother in death.

Frances loved her church and contributed her talents to the church throughout her 65 years of membership. She taught Sunday school for many years and was very active in the junior and senior high departments. Her piano playing was enjoyed by many groups in the church during her years of service.

In 1954, Frances and her husband began the Christian Adventure Camp program for junior and senior high school church members. For 50 years, many boys and girls have enjoyed a Christian camping experience held each summer at the HEB Foundation Camp in Leakey.

Frances also took part in numerous community activities. She was president of the Insurance Women of Corpus Christi and was elected president of the Federation of Insurance Women of Texas for 1981-82. She was a member of the Kiwanis Club of Corpus Christi and enjoyed playing the piano for club members. Frances also sold real estate in Corpus Christi for many years and was a member of the Corpus Christi Real Estate Association.

A memorial service will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 5, 2004, in the First United Methodist Church, Corpus Christi. A reception will follow the service in the Fellowship Hall.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in the memory of Frances to the Tommy and Frances Reeves Christian Adventure Camp Trust Fund, First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1838, Corpus Christi, 78403.

*Paid obituary*

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night: Winning numbers drawn: 5-15-20-29-34. Number matching five of five: 0. Matching four of five: 139. Prize: \$497. Matching three of five: 4,646. Prize: \$11. Matching two of five: 45,707. Prize: \$2. Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 4-4-7

Weather

Tuesday night...Clear. Lows in the upper 50s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.  
Wednesday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 80s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.  
Wednesday night through Friday...Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 60s. Highs in the upper 80s.  
Friday night and Saturday...Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 60s. Highs in the upper 80s.  
Saturday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 60s.  
Sunday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 80s.

The Rev. Russell Arthur Schultz

The Rev. Russell Arthur Schultz died Sunday night, May 2, 2004, in the Otto Kaiser Memorial Hospital in Kenedy. He had been in residence at the John Paul II Nursing Home in Kenedy since July 1999.

Fr. Schultz was born in Chicago on July 9, 1940. His parents, who preceded him in death, were Russell Lawrence and Sally Schultz. His brother, Larry Schultz, and sister, Sharon Leff, survive him.

Fr. Schultz was ordained a priest in March 26, 1966, by Cardinal Ritter in St. Louis. His assignments in the San Angelo Diocese were Parochial Vicar at the Cathedral Church of the Sacred Heart in San Angelo from Sept. 14, 1966, to Sept. 6, 1966; study at Fordham University in New York City from Sept. 5, 1968, to Aug. 25, 1971; Parochial Vicar of Sacred Heart Church in Abilene from Aug. 26, 1971, to March 29, 1972; Pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Menard from May 30, 1972, to Jan. 15, 1975; Pastor of St. Margaret Church in San Angelo from Jan. 16, 1975, to March 20, 1979; Pastor of St. Joseph Church in Odessa from March 21, 1979, to June 1, 1981; and Pastor of St. Lawrence Church in St. Lawrence from June 2, 1981 to June 28, 1983.

Fr. Schultz was on medical leave from Aug. 1, 1983, to July 31, 1988. He was then assigned as Priest-in-charge of St. Joachim Church in Clyde from Aug. 1, 1988, to March 1, 1990.

Prior to entering the John Paul II Nursing Home, Fr. Schultz was in residence in several nursing homes in south Texas, beginning with Padua Place in San Antonio from 1994 to 1998.

Massie Funeral Home of San Angelo is handling the funeral arrangements. A Rosary and Wake Service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 6, at the funeral home. Bishop Pfeifer will celebrate the Mass of Christian Burial with priests of the Diocese concelebrating at the Cathedral Church of the Sacred Heart at 10 a.m. Friday, May 7. Burial will be next to his mother in Calvary Cemetery.

Family and friends are invited to a reception at Christ the King Retreat Center after the burial.

*Paid obituary*

Judy Gibbs

Judy Gibbs, 65, of Big Spring died on Sunday, May 2, 2004, in a Midland hospital. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, May 6, 2004, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Monroe Teeters, pastor of Salem Baptist Church, officiating. Graveside services will be at 4:30 p.m. Thursday at the Pleasant Valley Cemetery in May, Texas.

She was born on Feb. 19, 1939, in Alpine, and married John E. Gibbs on Aug. 25, 1962, in Midland.

She had lived in Big Spring for the past 21 years. She was a member of Salem Baptist Church and a member of the Big Spring Art Association.

Survivors include her husband, John Gibbs of Big Spring; her son and daughter-in-law, James "Chuck" and Lindie Gibbs of Sugar Land; three sisters, Donna Storm and Patsy Phillips both of Carlsbad, N.M. and Sue Mosher of Oklahoma City, Okla.; one brother, Odis Word of Roswell, N.M. and three grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Jane and Katherine.

The family will receive friends from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

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

J. T. Williams

J. T. Williams, 89, passed away at 6:05 a.m. on Tuesday, May 4, 2004, at the Hospice Home in Odessa. Services are pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Police blotter

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

- KENDRA HARRISON, 33, of 2911 W. Highway 80, was arrested Sunday on a charge of theft.
- STACI LLOYD, 26, of 800 E. 18th Street, was arrested Monday on two local warrants.
- JUAN MENJAREZ, 47, of 1506 Wood, was arrested Monday on a charge of displaying a fictitious inspection certificate and two local warrants.
- KATHERINE SCAGGS, 33, of 3304 W. Highway 80, was arrested Monday and held for the HCSO.
- ELLESE HICKMAN, 45, of 510 S. Lancaster, was arrested Monday and held for the HCSO.
- BRANDI HUTCHESON, 19, of 316.5 Davis Road, was arrested Monday and held for the HCSO.
- RUNAWAY was reported:
  - in the 1100 block of Gregg Street.
  - in the 1400 block of Sixth Street.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported:
  - in the 1100 block of Gregg Street.
  - in the 1400 block of Bluebird.
  - in the 200 block of Sixth Street.
- THEFT was reported:
  - in the 1100 block of Lamesa.
  - in the 400 block of Birdwell.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF/IMPAIRING PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS was reported:
  - in the 1400 block of Bluebird.
  - in the 1400 block of Bluebird.
- CRIMINAL TRESPASS was reported in the 400 block of Fourth Street.

Sheriff's report

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

- ANDREW SEBASTIAN ISON, 21, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on charges of sexual assault of a child and a motion to revoke probation for possession of a controlled substance.
- ALEX GUTIERREZ, 29, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on charges of credit card or debit card abuse, theft by check and two counts of issuance of a bad check.
- NOEL ORTEGA, 27, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated-second offense and a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated.
- SANDRA RAMIREZ, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on motions to revoke probation for two counts of driving while license suspended and two charges of driving while license suspended/invalid, one of which is enhanced.
- ALICE CARASCO SMITHWICK, 27, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of credit card or debit card abuse.
- TOMMY ANDREW GONZALES, 32, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for possession of a controlled substance and a charge of failure to identify as a fugitive from justice and intentionally giving false information.
- BETHANY ROBBINS, 28, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of theft by check.
- JENEVA MIRELES, 37, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of theft-more than \$20,000 less than \$100,000.
- MANUEL REY CHAVARRIA, 21, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while license suspended and a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid.
- JANIE G. MOLINA, 32, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on charges of issuance of a bad check and theft-more than \$1,500 less than \$20,000.
- MARIA DEL CARMEN CERVANTES, 27, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of theft-more than \$20 less than \$200.
- CECELIA MENDEZ, 27, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid.
- DAVID JUAREZ, 28, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid.
- JIMMY LEE HAWKINS JR., 23, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- JENNY JUAREZ, 19, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for failure to stop and give information.
- HECTOR SANCHEZ CASTRO, 35, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for bailman off of bond and driving while intoxicated and charges of criminal mischief and criminal trespass.
- MELISSA GAY BRADBERRY, 34, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on charges of contempt of court and possession of marijuana-2 ounces or less.
- JANIS ELAINE BROWN, 48, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended.
- KENNETH LLOYD TALBOT, 39, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated-second offense.
- MICHAEL JUNIOR MARTINEZ, 27, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of theft-more than \$50 less than \$500.
- MATTHEW CLINT COLLINS, 22, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana-2 ounces or less.
- RICHARD HARRISON PRICE, 42, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of no valid driver's license, violation of a promise to appear and driving while license suspended-enhanced.
- ADAM VILLA, 19, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of consumption of alcohol by a minor-third offense, enhanced.
- ALICE RIOS GUZMAN, 31, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid-enhanced.
- JADE ALEXANDRA COWDERY, 20, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid.
- JULIAN P. RAMIREZ, 38, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of assault with intent to cause bodily injury.
- JASON LEE BROWN, 26, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for possession of marijuana-less than 5 pounds more than 4 ounces.
- JUAN ROBERTO MENJAREZ, 47, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of displaying a fictitious/counterfeit inspection/insurance document.
- JESSE NUNES TORRES, 46, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of burglary of a habitation with intent to commit other felonies.

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# Understanding terminology as it's related to the Internet

I recently received a call from an older gentleman that was having some problems with his PC, and having recently read this column he decided to put my knowledge of the Internet to the test. While this happens quite often, this gentleman reminded me of a very important point I want to discuss.



THOMAS JENKINS

Once he described his problem to me, I began asking questions. "Is the page you're viewing in HTML or flash?" "Have you cleaned out your cookies recently?" "What ISP do you use?"

In a gentle and grandfatherly voice the man reminded me of something those of us involved with the Internet often forget. "Boy, I don't know what in the world you just asked me. If you want an answer, you're just going to have to speak plain old English," he said. Plain old English.

Often times when I'm talking to someone about the Internet or writing one of these columns, I make references to things, and if someone doesn't ask me what HTML or Flash is, I keep right on going. So this week I figured it would be a good time to take a look at some of the jargon involved with the Internet.

**HTML...** If you can remember what HTML (Hypertext Markup Language) stands for, you're doing better than me. It's a standardized language of computer code, imbedded in "source" documents behind all Web documents, containing the textual content, images, links to other documents (and possibly other applications such as sound or motion), and formatting instructions for display on the screen. When you view a Web page, you are looking at the product of this code working behind the scenes in conjunction with your browser. Browsers are programmed to interpret HTML for display.

HTML often imbeds within it other programming languages and applications such as SGML, XML, Javascript, CGI-script and Macromedia Flash.

Ever wonder just what HTML looks like? You can see it in Internet Explorer (IE) by clicking the view option, then choosing "view source code."

**BROWSERS...**

Browsers are software programs that enable you to view Internet documents. They "translate" HTML-encoded files into the text, images, sounds, and other features you see. Microsoft Internet Explorer, Netscape, Mosaic, Macweb, and Netcruiser are examples of browsers that enable you to view text and images and many other Internet features. They are software that must be installed on your computer.

**CACHE...** A cache temporarily stores web pages you have visited in your computer. A copy of documents you retrieve is stored in cache. When you use GO, BACK, or any other means to revisit a document, Netscape first checks to see if it is

in cache and will retrieve it from there because it is much faster than retrieving it from the server. If memory allocated to cache in your computer becomes full, most browsers discard older documents.

**COOKIE...** Like to see someone try to dunk these in milk! A cookie is a message from a Web server computer, sent to and stored by your browser on your computer. When your computer consults the originating server computer, the cookie is sent back to the server, allowing it to respond to you according to the cookie's contents.

The main use for cookies is to provide customized Web pages according to a profile of your interests. When you log onto a "customize" type of invitation on a Web page and fill in your name and other information, this may result in a cookie on your computer which that Web page will access to appear to "know" you and provide what you want. If you fill out these forms, you may also receive e-mail and other solicitation independent of cookies.

**DOWNLOAD...** Downloading simply means to copy something from a primary source to a more peripheral one, as in saving something found on the Web (currently located on its server) to diskette or to a file on your local hard drive.

**EXTENSION or FILE EXTENSION...** In Windows, DOS and some other operating systems, file extensions are one or several letters at the end of a filename. Filename extensions usually follow a period (dot) and indicate the type of file. For example, *mydocument.txt* denotes a plain text file, and *mysite.htm* or *mysite.html* denotes an HTML file. Some common image extensions are jpg, pdf, gif, zip and rar.

**IP Address or IP Number...** You've probably heard the term IP (Internet Protocol) address a hundred times. It's a unique number consisting of four parts separated by dots, for example, 165.113.245.2

Every machine that is on the Internet has a unique IP address. If a machine does not have an IP number, it is not really on the Internet. Most machines also have one or more domain names that are easier for people to remember.

**ISP or Internet Service Provider...** A company that sells Internet connections via

modem (AOL, MSN, Cox Communications, Crestar Communications, DD Raytech, Apex 2000, etc.). Faster, more expensive Internet connectivity is available via cable, DSL, ISDN, or satellite. Often these companies also provide Web page hosting service (free or relatively inexpensive web pages — the origin of many personal pages).

**URL...** Uniform Resource Locator. This is the unique address of any Web document. If someone asks you for the URL to a Web site, they are asking for the domain name, such as *www.mysite.com*.

**PLUG-IN...** Nope, it's not that thing you plug into the wall to freshen up a room! Plug-ins are applications built into a browser or added to a browser to enable it to interact with a special file type, such as a movie, sound file, Word document, etc.

**SPIDERS...** Creepy crawlies! 'Fraid not folks. In Internet lingo, spiders are computer robot programs, referred to sometimes as "crawlers" or "knowbots" that are used by search engines to roam the World Wide Web via the Internet, visit sites and databases, and keep the search engine database of web pages up to date. They obtain new pages, update known pages, and delete obsolete ones. Their findings are then integrated into the "home" database.

Most large search engines operate several robots all the time. Even so, the Web is so enormous that it can take six months for spiders to cover it, resulting in a certain degree of "out-of-datedness" (link rot... there's another term for you) in all the search engines.

While search engine spiders make life better for us Internet surfers, many less-than-reputable (that's a pretty name for hackers) programmers use the same type of technology to gather e-mail addresses and other information from sites on the Web. It's the old double-edged knife.

I hope these definitions helped to answer a few of your questions, although something tells me they might create more questions than they answer. Either way, log on to the Internet and surf away!

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## DREAMS

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Hester and everyone else at Victim Services for doing such a great job putting this together. The kids and their parents play a really big role in this as well. The parents have been meeting one night each week since late December to coordinate all of the different aspects of this."

Rotan said he hopes having the program happen weeks before Forsan graduation ceremonies will discourage area teens from getting behind the wheel if they have been drinking.

"That's a big part of the program," said Rotan. "With prom season and graduation right around the corner, unfortunately, that's when a lot of alcohol-related accidents occur across the U.S. Hopefully this will help plant the idea that there can be very severe consequences for drinking and driving."

The program is coordinated by Big Spring's Victim Services, and according to spokesperson Linda Perez, is a group effort that wouldn't be possible without the participation of many different agencies, both state and local.

"The support from the local law enforcement agencies is great," she said. "This program could not be done without the teamwork. Our team consists of the Howard County Sheriff's Office, Big Spring Police Department, Department of Public Safety and the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission. We also have the hospital involved, the funeral homes — this is a community project that everyone involved really believes in."

Lt. Terry Chamness said he and the Big Spring Police Department are happy to help make Shattered Dreams such a success, and although it's not 100 percent effective in preventing students from drinking and driving, it has certainly had an impact on area teens.

"When the program is completed, we'll make a video out of it," said Chamness. "The day of the wreck we shoot around six to seven hours of video tape, using two and three cameras on each scene. That's then given to our editor, who will stay up all night editing the film and getting it down to a final version for the school. The juniors and seniors from the high school will then sit down and watch the finished version of the Shattered Dreams video during an assembly."

"This program is basically set up on a shock value," he said. "It's time for graduations and we

want this on the kids' minds. We know we can't stop the kids from drinking. But we hope to stop them from drinking and driving. We want them to be thinking about that so they either get a designated driver or they don't drive at all."

"Is it 100 percent effective? No, but no program is. We don't expect it to be, but we look at it from the perspective that if we can keep just one kid from going out and drinking and driving, then we've done our part. We've had a great deal of success with the program so far."

Shattered Dreams doesn't end with the mock crash scene. According to Chamness, the program takes a stab at what students see as the most unlikely target — themselves.

"We have children at the school that are called the 'living dead,' because every 15 minutes a teen is injured in an alcohol related accident," said Chamness. "When a 'living dead' student is taken from the classroom, we'll do some make-up work on them, and then they will go back. They can't talk to anyone for the rest of the day. They're in school, and they have to do their school work, but they can't talk to anyone."

The "living dead" are collected from the classroom by the Grim Reaper, portrayed by Forsan High School senior Josh Helmstetler, who said the hardest part of his job is keeping a straight face.

"It's exciting but at the same time it's crazy because it's so hard to keep a straight face in front of everyone," said Helmstetler. "When you go into the classroom to pull one of the students out, you hear a few snickers and you want to laugh but you can't. I think it's a great program because it shows what can happen if you do that kind of stuff."

Perez said this year's scenario involved several intoxicated students rolling their vehicle only feet from Forsan High School after hitting a student that was walking to school.

"The scenario we used

is a situation where some kids were partying the night before in Coahoma," said Perez. "A few of the kids stayed over and they had to bring one of the Forsan kids, Trey Paredes, back to school. They were highly intoxicated, and when they turned the corner outside the school, they hit one of the Forsan students that was walking to school."

Complete with special effects make-up and props ranging from body bags to an overturned car, Chamness said the program follows the scenario through to the end.

"We do a full blown version of the program, which includes the party scene, where the alcohol is being consumed, all the way to the trial of the intoxicated driver," said Chamness. "We do death notifications to the parents and the DWI offender is actually taken through the booking process at the PD. We try to catch every aspect of the process before the wreck, during the wreck and after the wreck."

Rotan said he hopes the program gets its point across.

"I hope they see there are consequences to drinking and driving," he said. "As students they think things like this never happen to them or any of their friends, and hopefully it will hit home that this is reality. It can happen to you and it can happen to people that you know. That's the great part of this program. It's as real as it can be and it sends a message to kids that there are very serious consequences for drinking and driving and it can happen to you."

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## OUR VIEWS

On Thursday,  
we'll see you  
'After Hours'

**B**usiness After Hours is a chamber-sponsored program that brings together local merchants several times a year. We think it is a worthwhile activity that allows the business community to meet, get to know each other and share ideas.

The general public is invited as well, and for them, it's an opportunity to get to know more about a local business.

Thursday's Business After Hours will be held from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the newly renovated Rip Griffin's Truck and Travel Center at the intersection of Interstate 20 and U.S. Highway 87. If you've not yet seen what all has been done to this facility, now is a great time. The entire restaurant — featuring that great all-you-can-eat buffet — has been redone, as has the convenience area, which boasts an expanded gift shop.

Business After Hours is an informal, come-and-go event. There are no programs; it is simply a time to get acquainted. Refreshments will be served.

We encourage you to drop by Rip Griffin's this Thursday evening. Put on by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, it's a good opportunity get to know other merchants and learn more about the businesses themselves.

## YOUR VIEWS

## TO THE EDITOR:

If you've ever been concerned about the condition of our community or the trend of our society and wondered what can be done to help, then this Thursday night's National Day of Prayer observance is your answer.

Church historians agree that every 'society-changing' spiritual awakening in history has been preceded by corporate, united fervent, prolonged prayer. And without that kind of prayer, there never has been a spiritual awakening that changed society.

Our founding fathers united their faith and proclaimed it publicly in our Declaration of Independence. Then they went on to defeat the most powerful military force on the planet at that time, the British. And we subsequently became the most powerful, prosperous, creative and free nation in the history of mankind.

One night of prayer won't overcome every problem. But this Thursday night's pro-

gram is designed to inspire and equip everyone to pray "the prayer that God 'loves' to answer!" and thereby equip each of us to recruit others to pray more effectively, because people continue to pray when there're receiving exciting answers to their prayers.

This is open invitation to those who feel that now is the time to implement a plan for change that has the greatest track record of success, by uniting our faith in prayer, with the same expectation of divine intervention for our community and today's society, as was experienced by our founding fathers.

This is not only the most effective solution to our problems. It is something that everyone can do. Invite your friends to join you at the Municipal auditorium, this Thursday 7 p.m. for The National Day of Prayer observance and a society-changing experience that can last eternally!

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

You love us, Lord, beyond our comprehension.  
Thank you. Amen

## Sinners of Texas unite! Perry and sin tax

**S**inners of Texas, unite! We have nothing to lose but our vices! In case you hadn't noticed, our only governor, Goodhair Perry, is fixing to tax the bejeezus out of us. It's not as though the state's toppers, gamblers and smokers aren't already putting in well more than our fair share. And do we get any recognition for it? Do we get any respect? We do not! All we get is a bunch of Baptists telling us we're going to hell. As we lift our heavy glasses in bars from El Paso to Corpus, as we puff poison into our lungs from Amarillo to Laredo, nobly sacrificing our health for the sake of better education, we are despised and scorned. If it weren't for sinners, this state would be broke already. Now the man wants to pile even more taxes on us. We have to draw the line somewhere: I want to make it clear that much as I support public education, I will not go to topless bars for the sake of the schoolchildren of Texas.

What a way to finance public schools. The state is now in the position of encouraging sin in order to tax it. Where are the Baptists when we need them? If this keeps up, they'll be encouraging us all to frequent burlesque joints just so they can keep the school doors open. They're not taxing sin. They're taxing addiction. Why don't they tax lust, greed and gluttony? Why don't they tax hypocrisy, venality and usury? Why don't they tax pollution, fraud, fat and idiots in public office? Mah fellow sinners, we need ourselves a lobby.

Sheesh, what a state. Serve them

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all right if all the sinners took to AA and Gamblers Anonymous in droves. Our taxes are so heavy now, half of us are in Debtors Anonymous already.

OK, enough complaining. If we want good schools, we ought to pay for them. That means you, me, businesses, corporations, lawyers and doctors. There are two simple rules of taxation: First, put the taxes where the money is. You think Exxon/Mobil, which isn't paying any taxes anyway, can't afford a hit better than some schnook who buys a lottery ticket every week because it's the only hope he'll ever have of getting rich? Second, the fairest form of taxation ever devised by man is the graduated income tax. How we Texans ever managed to convince ourselves different is a source of continuing amazement to me. The rules of fair income taxation are pretty simple, too: It shouldn't even go into effect on anyone who isn't making a living wage. B. Rapoport of Waco makes \$1 million a year. He pays \$400,000 in taxes, and that leaves him \$600,000 to live on. He says, "You gonna feel sorry for me? You think I'm suffering?"

David Cay Johnson of the New York Times wrote last week, "The trend toward raising sin taxes, and allowing more behavior that brings in such taxes, comes as elected officials are under pressure to sign pledges that they will never vote to raise taxes. Such pledges are being promoted by anti-tax groups like the Club for Growth, which have worked to make 'tax' a word so vile that many officials would rather make gambling as convenient as buying gasoline and have the state keep count of topless-bar customers rather than consider fundamental changes in its tax structure."

Here's the trick President Bush and all the rest of these

Republicans are running on you. They tell you they're giving you a big tax cut, but all that happens is they cut taxes on rich people and throw more and more of the tax burden back on the middle class. You get a hundred bucks back, B. Rapoport (who doesn't need the money) gets back \$60 grand, and they tell you to be grateful for your big tax cut. They cut the taxes on dividends, which is money people don't work for, and increase taxes on the money you do have to work for. I've been watching the Texas Legislature for 35 years, and I know why our tax system is so screwed. It's because big corporate interests and special interest lobbyists pony up the campaign contributions for politicians to run on. So when the pols get in office, they owe lumber, interests and insurance, oil, banking and chemical. They're supposed to represent you, the people of this state, but they don't, they represent their campaign contributors. And you can't imagine how many slick ways the lobbyists dream up for letting those big contributors off the tax hook. For the big corporate interests, even a huge campaign contribution is just pennies on the hundreds of millions they buy themselves in tax breaks.

The only way to fix this is to fix the way campaigns are financed. The public needs to pay for political campaigns. The oldest saying in politics is: "You got to dance with them what brung you." We need to fix the system so that when people get elected, they don't owe anyone but us, the people.

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## Presidential elections substance or fluff?

**T**here is no law that says elections have to be about anything important.

Most would agree that the presidency is a significant job — since Sept. 11, 2001, our president is now also viewed as Protector of the Homeland — and we would like to believe that the way we elect presidents is significant, also.

But if modern presidential elections have taught us anything, it is how trivialized the process has become. Not every presidential election has to be about war or peace, prosperity or poverty, leadership or drift.

But I would like to think a presidential election is about something.

The election of 1988, one of the worst elections in modern history, was about nothing — nothing that mattered anyway. It was about flag factories and Willie Horton and the Pledge of Allegiance and who really was the wimp.

It was so bad that George H.W. Bush felt he had to promise "a kinder, gentler nation" if he won.

Bush's media adviser, Roger Ailes, described his theory of dealing with the media during that campaign this way: "You try to avoid as many mistakes as you can. You try to give them as many pictures as you can. And if you need coverage, you attack, and you will get coverage."

Judy Woodruff, then with the "MacNeil/Lehrer NewsHour," responded, "So you're saying the notion of the candidate saying, 'I want to run for president because I want to do something for this country,' is crazy."

"Suicide," Ailes replied. As David Von Drehle of The Washington Post wrote this Sunday, our nation is not sharply divided today by accident. The presidential candidates, he writes, no longer are trying to unite Americans but are trying to divide them.

"Occasionally, speeches may pay homage to broad, unifying themes," he writes, "but the campaign day to day seems intended to deepen, rather than erase the rift."

Nor is that the only problem.

While hot-button issues (abortion, affirmative action and so on) are often used to divide people, at least those issues are about something.

As 1988 shows, campaigns don't have to be about anything at all, and there are signs the 2004 campaign is heading in the same direction.

The John Kerry campaign had to spend precious time last week defending Kerry against charges that the first Purple Heart he was awarded in Vietnam (he ended up with three, as well as Bronze and Silver Stars) was for a trivial rather than a serious wound.

Even though there is nothing funny about Purple Hearts, I had to smile when I first heard that accusation. As anyone in the military can tell you, Purple Hearts have over the years been awarded for all kinds of reasons.

My father, a combat veteran of the Pacific in World War II, received a number of medals including a Purple Heart. The Purple Heart was the only one he would talk about. "We were unloading sides of beef off a ship," he told me, "and there was an air raid, and some jerk let go of his rope, and the side of beef fell right on top of me. When I woke up in the hospital, an officer was going down the rows handing out Purple Hearts to everyone. So that's how I got my Purple Heart."

According to the Associated Press: "Kerry got his first Purple Heart after he got shrapnel in his left arm above his elbow. Kerry's third Purple Heart came from an incident on March 13, 1969, when a mine had exploded near Kerry's swift boat. A small piece of shrapnel lodged in his left upper buttock. He was treated with a tetanus shot, topical dressing and an ace bandage. Kerry also was wounded by a piece of shrapnel on Feb. 20, 1969, on his left thigh. Doctors decided to leave the shrapnel in place rather than make a wider opening to remove it."

So here is a guy still walking around with shrapnel in his thigh that he got while serving his country in combat, and he has to defend himself against charges that his first wound wasn't big enough?

Which leaves me with two questions: One, how many of those who are questioning his service in Vietnam served in Vietnam at all? And, two, who the hell cares

about how big his wounds were? What's the standard? The bigger the wound, the more qualified you are to be president?

Because if that is the standard, then George W. Bush is in big, big trouble.

That was last week. This week began with another Vietnam accusation. Monday, Kerry was accused of contradicting himself as to whether he threw away his combat medals when he returned from Vietnam or his combat ribbons.

Kerry has said frequently that he threw away his ribbons. But a TV network found a tape of Kerry in 1971 saying he threw away his medals.

Got that? This whole story hangs on whether it was medals or ribbons. Do you know the difference? Do you care?

Kerry says that he and the military make no distinction between medals and ribbons, but in any case, he is sticking to the story that he threw away his ribbons. And he snapped back that this "comes from a president who can't even (provide evidence) whether or not he showed up in the National Guard."

Perhaps Americans are bored with discussions of Iraq, terrorism, jobs, health care and schools. But are we really going to spend the next seven months talking about medals, ribbons, shrapnel and the National Guard?

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., put it this way: "I'd like to see us put the war that was over more than 30 years ago behind us. I've spent the last 30 years trying to heal the wounds of the war. ... We have enormous challenges facing America. I believe that President Bush served honorably in the National Guard. I believe that John Kerry served honorably, and I wish we would move forward and face the challenges that lie ahead of us. I don't think most Americans are enjoying this."

Well, they may not be enjoying it, but, boy, oh boy, are they going to be getting it.

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lawmakers," he said. "In working through this process, it is important that we not assign evil motivations to the bill's authors."

Another part of the House proposal would legalize state-taxed video gambling at horse and dog racing tracks.

A group of Republicans released a letter signed by 25 legislators Monday, saying they won't vote for the plan as long it includes video gambling as a revenue source.

"While we understand and appreciate your comprehensive efforts in providing as

many options as possible for review during the special session, any plan that includes VLTs (video lottery terminals) will not have our support and we respectfully request that you withdraw this idea from consideration," according to the letter to Perry, Craddick and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst.

On the other side of the aisle, Democrats released numbers they say proves the plan favors the wealthiest Texans.

"The truth is, they have used our children as cover to give another huge tax break to the top 3 percent of Texans," said Rep. Jim Dunning, a Waco Democrat who serves as House Democratic Leader.

The House Democratic

Caucus asserts that the plan only benefits Texans who earn more than \$181,711, when all parts are taken into consideration. The 97 percent of Texans who make less than that, end up paying more in sales taxes to offset the property tax cuts, according to the handful of Democrats who joined Dunning.

Their numbers are based on the assumption that the payroll tax is passed on to the employee.

Meanwhile, the League of United Latin American Citizens urged legislators to vote against the bill, and called its effects "harmful."

An education lobbyist derided the plan for not giving more money to schools.

"The minimal amount of

funding for schools in the House plan does little to help our children learn and it looks as though our state leaders equate cutting taxes to improving academic achievement," said Brock Gregg, a lobbyist for the Association of Texas Professional Educators. "Without substantial new funding for our schools, students may continue to lack basics like up-to-date textbooks, and schools will continue laying off teachers and cutting academic programs."

A newly crafted distribution plan in the House bill claims to give all schools a minimum of 2 percent in addition to what they already receive.

DEBATE

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The Big Spring High School Speech and Debate Team competes in the Tall Cotton National Forensic League district against schools from Amarillo, Midland, Odessa and Abilene.

"It's a testament to the students' dedication, the administrations belief in a top program, and parental cooperation that we have been able to do as much as we have," Adams said "We would like to thank everyone for their support of this program."

The National Tournament will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah, where 15,000-20,000 of the nation's best will gather to test their skills in a week of competition.

Students earn the opportunity to compete in the qualifying tournament by earning points at invitational tournaments throughout the year.

"We have had a fantastic season," Adams said, "and we are not finished yet!"

Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY JOYCE JILLSON

This lunar eclipse, the sun and full Scorpio moon face off across the sky, daring one another to draw first. Will emotions get the best of us, or will the ego be stronger, refusing to give in to feelings? The Taurus sun is as stubborn as the full Scorpio moon is seductive. For certain, it's an intense day when internal forces cause us to reveal more.



Joyce Jillson

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're steeped in fun -- is it possible to have too much? No! You may be engaged in an activity that would normally be called "fun" but doesn't feel that way. Hint: It has to do with the company you keep.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Unusual proposals change your direction; the world is opening up to you. Catch up on phone calls this afternoon, and you'll be in the know about social activities. Tonight, a struggling relationship finds its feet again.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your attention to money matters will get you off to a powerful start -- at other times in your life, you would have buried your head in the sand, hoping it would all go away. But now, you're present, focused and ready to handle it all.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Potential sweeties consider you to be a challenge and a puzzle, which is a fine thing! After all, nobody wants to pursue a meaningful relationship with someone who comes across as available to anyone.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).

Friendships play a significant role in your relationship, as they influence you to behave in a certain manner toward your mate. Separate what is genuinely you from the character you're just trying out. Experimenting isn't bad a thing!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Energy waxes and wanes, and so does your stamina. Physical limitations could prompt you to depend on other strengths you have in order to get the job done. Open up your creativity! Take chances! Increase your chi!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). At work, concentrate on the process rather than the final product. An unsatisfactory romantic situation will turn around -- all you have to do is release the need to be right. Your new attitude attracts storybook romance!

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov.

21). If you don't make decisions that honor your values, you'll soon find yourself doing someone else's bidding. It's your choice, but rethink it! You're the headliner of your life, so why take a back seat to the peripheral players?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You don't have to try to make moments special -- they just are. People don't need a reason to like you and work well with you -- you are enough just how you are. Believe this, and your interactions will

click. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Wherever possible, make the first move. You'll do important preparations for activities that blossom later in the week. Tonight, remember that everyone wants the same thing: to be accepted.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Emphasizing independence and originality will attract romantic luck. Someone previously indifferent takes interest! Resist manipulation -- from salespeople, children, bosses, anyone!

Some will give an ex-love one more shot.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're impatient with the process of change, and you're probably getting ahead of yourself. Take steps to return to your usual grounded state! A Taurus will help. When you're in the moment, your timing is always perfect.

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# Bluebonnet Book Review

**Introducing special Bluebonnet book reviews written by local elementary school students**

Big Spring ISD is proud to introduce our newest authors, 25 students who have written reviews of books nominated for the Texas Bluebonnet Awards.



DONNA AMONETT

The students, selected by their school librarians or classroom teacher, each read one of the 20 books on the nomination list for 2004.

After discussing reviews by Herald columnist Pat Williams published in the newspaper, the students were eager to try their own hands at this endeavor.

Beginning today and continuing throughout the summer months, readers of the *Big Spring Herald* will have the unique opportunity of reading reviews written by local third and fourth grade students.

While they are not professional-quality reviews, they do provide an interesting, child's-eye view of the books being presented.

The project, a collaborative effort between the school district, the Howard County Library and the *Big Spring Herald*, was designed to encourage students to read high quality children's books.

Each year, the Texas Library Association publishes a list of 20 children's books nominated for the Texas Bluebonnet Award. Children in grades three through six have the opportunity to vote for their favorite, after having heard or read at least five of the books on the list.

More information about the program, including an interactive "Just for Kids" site, is available online at <http://www.txla.org/grou>

ps/tba/index.html. Although no Big Spring library is registered to participate in the official Bluebonnet voting, local students will still have the opportunity to cast a ballot for their favorite.

Karen McIntyre, Howard County children's librarian, has compiled a list of the nominated books on a ballot available at her desk at the library.

Third through sixth grade students may vote for their favorite after reading (or hearing) 10 of the books on the list.

Mrs. McIntyre will count the votes at the end of January and compare Howard County's choice to that chosen by official student voters throughout the state of Texas.

We couldn't have accomplished this project without the help of the librarians at each school who recruited students, managed the books, assisted in the writing of the reviews, and collected the finished products.

Thank you Roxie Belew (Moss Elementary School), Kelley Fuqua (Kentwood Elementary School), Kelley Howell (Bauer Elementary School), Amy Ingram (Marcy Elementary School), and Amy Perez (Washington Elementary School), as well as Linda Long, classroom teacher at Bauer.

We also appreciate the teachers who were willing to "lend" their students and assist them in the writing of the reviews. (Their names are listed in parentheses after their student writers below.) Watch for reviews of the following books throughout the summer.

Students who participated are: from Bauer Magnet School: Megan Crane from Linda Long's class who read "Fame and Glory in Freedom, Georgia" by Barbara O'Connor, Sebastian Hernandez (Jill Ware), "Lord of the Deep" by Graham Salisbury, Mercedes Moncada, "The Gorillas of

Gill Park" by Gordon, Amy Breanna Hilario (Ware), "Where I'd Like To Be" by Dowell, Frances O'Roark; from Kentwood Elementary, Kimberly Artounian (Carol Boyd), "Tippy Lemmey" by Patricia C. McKissack, Chelsey Parker (Connie Kennedy), "Locomotion" by Jacqueline Woodson, Autumn Alton (Tonya Graves), "Runaway Radish" by Jessie Haas, Natasha Jobe (Brenda Dunlap), "George Washington's Teeth" by Deborah Chandra and Madeleine Comora; from Marcy Elementary, Seth Yarbar (Joy Armstrong), "Lewis and Clark and Me: A Dog's Tale" by Laurie Myers, Aaron Delgado (Becky Stone), "Any Small Goodness: A Novel of the Barrio" by Tony Johnston, Corey Lopez (Karan Cornett), "Harvesting Hope: The Story of Cesar Chavez" by Kathleen Krull, Jackie Alvarez (Cornett), "Danitra Brown Leaves Town" by Nikki Grimes, Stormy Emery (Armstrong), "A Strong Right Arm: The Story of Mamie "Peanut" Johnson" by Michelle Y. Green; From Moss Elementary, Sean Poffenbarger and Sydney Winters (Linda Hunnicutt), "The Pot That Juan Built" by Nancy Andrews-Goebel, Katie Black and Scarlet Robertson (Jeannine McKimney), "George Washington's Teeth" by Deborah Chandra and Madeleine Comora, Kessie Gross and Mckenzi Metcalf (Shelley Gomez), "Dirty Laundry Pile: Poems in Different Voices" by Paul B. Janeczko, Drew Long and Morgan Slaughter (McKimney), "Arctic Lights, Arctic Nights" by Debbie S. Miller; and from Washington Elementary, Maranada Duchock (Rosie Lain), "Amber Was Brave, Essie Was Smart" by Vera B. Williams, George Galloway (Lain), "Togo" by Robert J. Blake, Kristina Skiles (Debbie Simmons), "My Chimp Friday: The Nana Banana Chronicles" by Hester Mundis, and Kerry Moore (Simmons), "Phineas Gage: A Gruesome but True Story About Brain Science" by John Fleischman.

Donna Amonett is a Lead Teacher for the BSISD and coordinated the Bluebonnet Book Review project.

## Desire to win spelling bee leads to special friendship

By MEGAN CRANE  
Special to the Herald

Have you ever tried to win a prize before?



MEGAN CRANE

That is what happened in this book, "Fame and Glory in Freedom, Georgia." The author, Barbara O'Connor, wrote about two friends who wanted to be recognized by winning the local spelling bee.

Burdette Weaver (known as Bird) is a very bad speller and knows that she will need help to win the spelling bee. She chooses Harlem Tate, an older boy who just moved to the neighborhood, to help her.

They seem to be kindred spirits because no one seems to notice them. They practice studying at Harlem's apartment which is located in the Tatoo Parlor.

Bird wants to be Harlem's friend and finally persuades him to be her partner in the spelling bee.

All of Bird's life she has had two goals: to be recognized and to get to Disney World. Little does she know that both goals could come true.

There are three major characters in this book. Bird is a funny girl. She is a little bit different from everyone else and I think that is why other kids tease her.

Harlem is older and has been held back in school. He is very quiet and really very smart. He needs glasses and does not wear any so when he has a hard time seeing, others make fun of him and think he is dumb.

Miss Delphine is Bird's neighbor. She treats Bird special and makes her feel good. She gives

advice to Bird on how to be Harlem's friend.

I especially liked the character of Miss Delphine in the book. The way the author described her, I could actually picture her. Miss Delphine had a lot of personality and made me want to have a neighbor like her.

I think you should read "Fame and Glory in Freedom, Georgia," because I enjoyed the book. It was interesting the way the two characters became friends.

I know how they felt at the spelling bee because this year I was in the school spelling bee. I would have probably done better and had more

confidence if I had had a partner to study with.

By the end of the book, Bird realizes that having a friend is more important than reaching her two goals. This book made me feel happy that Bird and Harlem became friends.

I especially liked the way the author got them to work together. On a scale of one to 10, I would rate this book a 9. You should read this book because if you are nice to someone, it could mean a lot to them.

Megan Crane is a fourth-grade Bauer Magnet School student in Linda Long's class.

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A TODAS LAS PERSONAS Y ENTIDADES INTERESADAS:

Alon USA, L.P. se ha registrado con la Comision de Calidad Ambiental de Tejas (TCEQ o Texas Commission on Environmental Quality) para el cual autorizara modificacion de un Permiso de Calidad de Aire Num. 9491 el cual autorizara el cual autorizara modificacion de un(a) No. 1 Sulfur Recovery Unit en Big Spring Refinery, Interstate Highway 20 and Refinery Road, Big Spring, Condado de Howard County, Tejas. Informacion adicional sobre esta solicitud puede encontrarse en le seccion de avisos publicos de avisos publicos de esta publicacion.

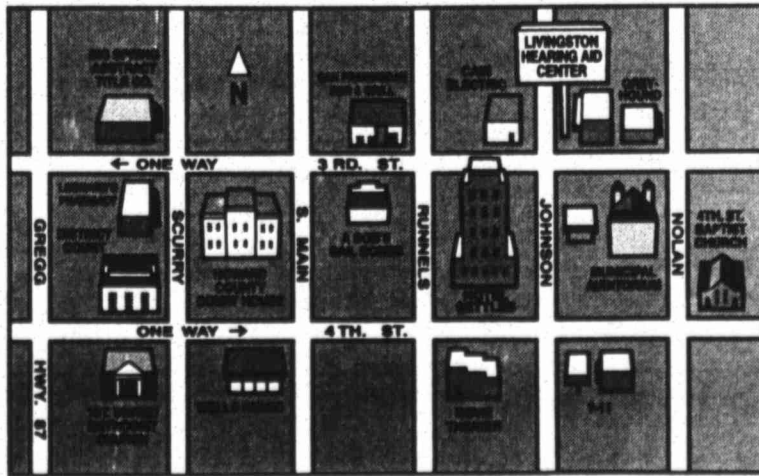


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## IN BR

C.G.A. announces scholarship to

The Chicago Association announced a scholarship to send your child to college.

The scholarship is scheduled for Saturday, May 15, Sunday May 16, and Monday May 17.

The tournament is a two-person event at a cost of \$100 per person. Multi-day events also available for both days for \$150.

There will be a hole-in-one contest for players on holes closed.

For more information call Willie Moore at 267-7977 or Bill Moore at 264-7116 (after 5:00 p.m.). Big Spring Golf Course can be reached throughout the year at 264-2366.

## Seventh-grade ball tryout dates

The Big Spring High will be holding volleyball tryouts on May 17-19 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. each day.

The tryouts will be held at the Junior High Gymnasium. Free to all incoming seventh-graders.

Attendance required at least three days to make the team or prior commitments need to be discussed with Coach She can be reached at 816-9560 or rldaggett@esc.edu

## Lady Steers Banquet announced

This year's Steers Banquet will be held on Thursday at 6:00 p.m. at the Big Spring High Cafeteria.

Tickets are \$10 each and cashed through Cook at the A Flowers or Screen Printing.

Tickets may be purchased by May 5, at 5:30 p.m. The banquet will be held at the Cowboys Field.

Please bring cash checks payable to Steers Boosters.

## Longhorns Tournament

This first Longhorns Tournament will be held at Coma Park Saturday.

The cost of the tournament is \$10 per team. Each team will have five girls age 16 and under.

Contact Sal Hill at 268-4728 or Mike Hill at 6619.

## Howard Colis announces

Howard Colis has scheduled a banquet for at 6:30 p.m. in the Room of Garrett Colis.

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Spurs vs. Lakers, 7:30 p.m.  
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Subjunctives vs. Grace, 8:45 p.m.  
Lady Steers vs. Irvin, 9:00 p.m.



### IN BRIEF

#### C.G.A. announces scholarship tourney

The Chicano Golf Association has announced a golf tournament that could help send your child to college.

The scholarship tournament is scheduled for Saturday, May 15, and Sunday May 16, at the Big Spring Golf Course.

The tournament will be a two-person scramble at a cost of \$75 per person. Mulligans will also be available on both days for \$5 apiece.

There will be free food for players and prizes on holes closest to the pin.

For more information, call Willie Mendoza at 267-7977 or Billy Pineda at 264-7116 (after 7 p.m.)

Big Spring Golf Course can be reached throughout the day at 264-2366.

#### Seventh-grade volleyball tryout dates set

The Big Spring junior high will be holding volleyball tryouts in May. The dates for tryouts have been set for May 17-19 from 4-6 p.m. each day.

The tryouts will take place in the Big Spring Junior High Gymnasium and are free to all incoming seventh-graders.

Attendance is required at least two of the three days in order to make the 2004-2005 team or prior arrangements need to be made with Coach Daggett. She can be reached at 816-9560 or rldaggett@esc18.net.

#### Lady Steers Athletic Banquet announced

This year's Lady Steers Athletic Banquet will take place Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the Big Spring Junior High Cafeteria.

Tickets will be \$10 each and can be purchased through Kay Cook at the ATC, Faye's Flowers or All-District Screen Printing.

Tickets must be purchased by Wednesday, May 5, at 5:30 p.m. The banquet will be catered by Cowboys Restaurant.

Please make all checks payable to Lady Steers Booster Club.

#### Longhorns Ragball Tournament set

This first annual Longhorns Ragball Tournament will be held at Comanche Trail Park Saturday.

The cost of the co-ed tournament is \$110 per team. Each team must have five guys and five girls age 16 years and up.

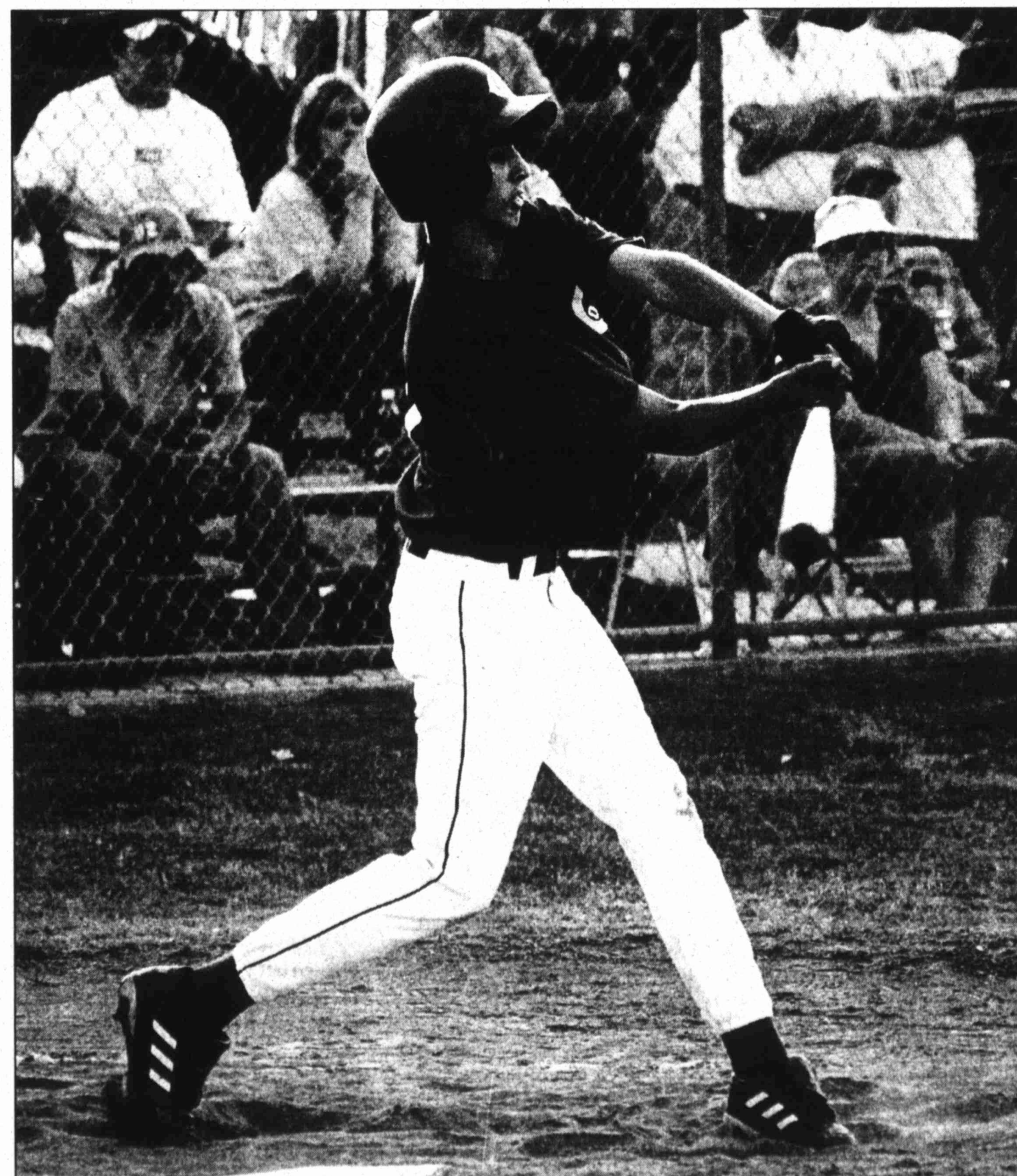
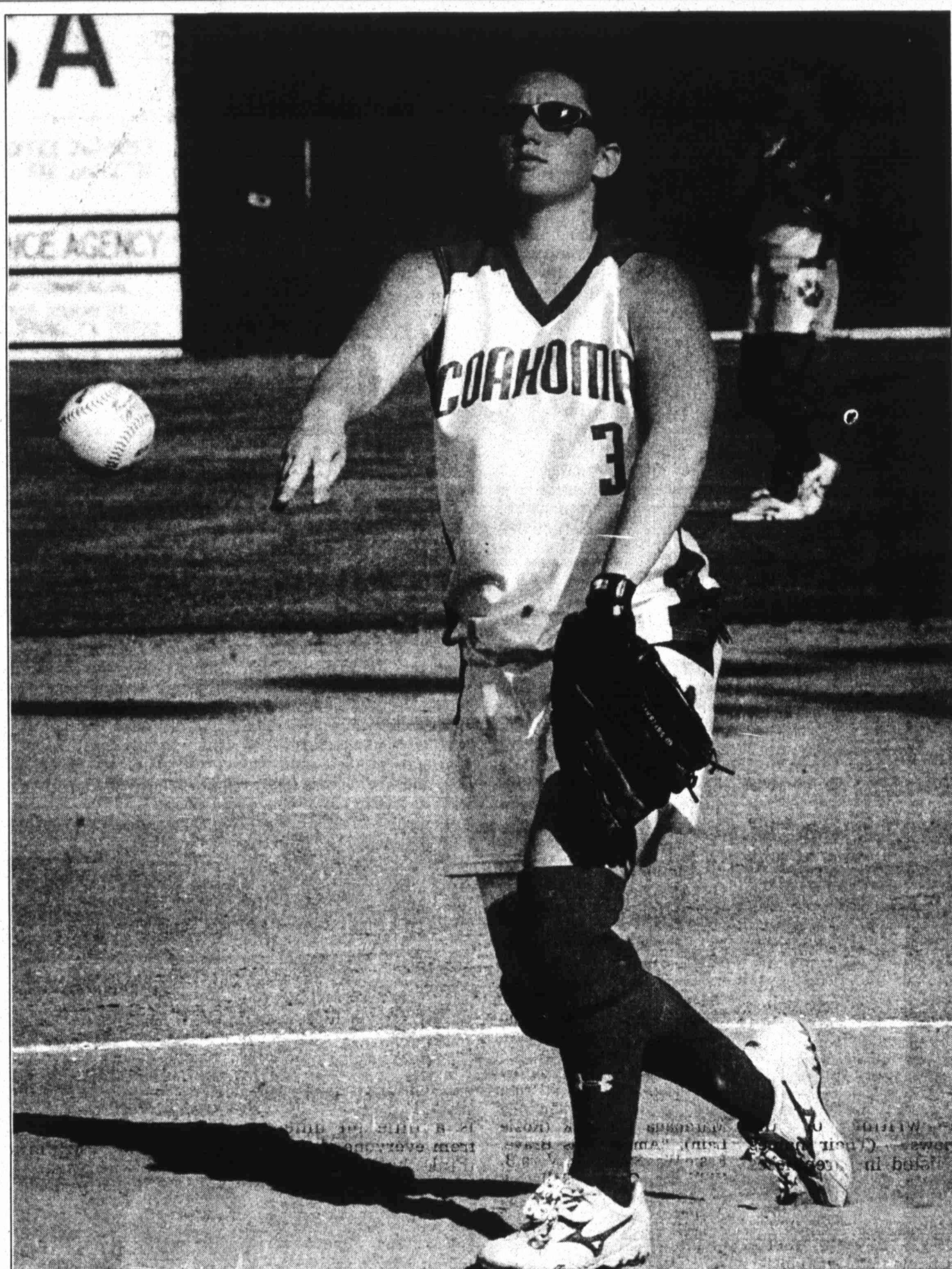
Contact Sally Grant at 268-4728 or 393-5237 or Mike Hilario at 267-6619.

#### Howard College announces banquet

Howard College has scheduled its athletic banquet for Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the East Room of Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

### ON THE AIR

Sports Broadcast Schedule		
Today		
Event	Time	Station
Astros vs. Pirates	6:40 p.m.	1490
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Spurs vs. Lakers	7:30 p.m.	1490
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Event	Time	Station
Bulldogs vs. Grape Creek @Midland	5:45 p.m.	94.3
Lady Steers vs. Iron @Agnave	6:45 p.m.	1490



HERALD photos/Troy Hyde  
The Coahoma softball and baseball teams open up postseason play this week. Above: Sophomore Kall Roberts delivers a pitch to the plate against Big Spring. Roberts and the Bulldogettes play Grape Creek in Midland at Muggs Field Friday beginning at 6 p.m. Below: Sophomore Tad White sends the ball into play during the Bulldogs' loss against district rival Crane. The Bulldogs (10-10) begin bi-district play Thursday in a best two out of three series with New Deal, beginning at 7 p.m. Coahoma will play game two Saturday at 1 p.m. and game three will follow game two, if needed. Each game in the series will be played at Moffit Field in Snyder.

## Cincy defeats Astros, Griffey injured

By JOEL ANDERSON

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON (AP) - Ken Griffey Jr. walked briskly out of the clubhouse without saying a word. The oft-injured center fielder moved without even the slightest hint of a limp.

That was another bit of good news for the Cincinnati Reds on a night when they finally snapped an embarrassing slump.

Backup catcher Javier Valentin hit a two-run homer in the eighth inning and the Reds snapped a five-game losing streak Monday night, beating the Houston Astros 7-5 despite losing Griffey to a stiff right hamstring.

"It's been a long trip. It's nice to get this one and to win it that way," Reds manager Dave Miley said. "We've had some tough losses."

Cincinnati had lost leads in each of its previous five defeats, including a 6-5 loss at Houston on Sunday that particularly dampened the spirits of the team.

Things were so bad in Cincinnati's clubhouse that shortstop Barry Larkin held a players-only meeting in an attempt to bolster the team's sagging morale.

"This win showed a lot of character," said Jacob Cruz, who hit a two-run double. "We could have folded. If we had let this one get away, it would have been tough."

The Reds looked like they might be forced to deal with a loss of a different kind when Griffey left in the third inning after striking out against Roy Oswalt. Griffey was replaced by Jason Romano in the bottom of the third and is day-to-day.

It's the latest setback for the injury-prone star who missed the first two games of the season after straining his right calf while running out a grounder in spring training.

Griffey has really been struggling this season, hitting .228 with three homers and 14 RBI.

After the game, Reds head trainer Mark Mann said Griffey would be evaluated by team doctors Tuesday. Griffey didn't seem bothered by his gimp hamstring at all as he quickly exited the clubhouse.

Valentin put Cincinnati ahead 6-5 with a home run off Brad Lidge (0-1). D'Angelo Jimenez added a solo shot in the ninth for the Reds, who ended Houston's four-game winning streak and went 4-6 on their longest road trip of the season.

Cincinnati had to rally to get this win, especially after starter Paul Wilson stumbled in the sixth.

Raul Chavez doubled in two runs, and Craig Biggio added an RBI single, putting Houston up 5-4.

But Valentin's soaring shot to right-center gave the Reds a 6-5 lead.

Jimenez homered to right field in the ninth, and Danny Graves got three outs for his major league-leading 11th save in 14 chances.

John Riedling (1-0) earned the win, allowing two hits in 1 1/3 innings.

Oswalt was shaky. The right-hander allowed two-run doubles to Sean Casey and Cruz. Oswalt went six innings, allowing six hits and striking out seven. He left trailing 4-2.

"I couldn't find the feel all night," Oswalt said. "The ball was just flying out of my hand."

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By BETTY DEBNAM

Celebrate Mother's Day

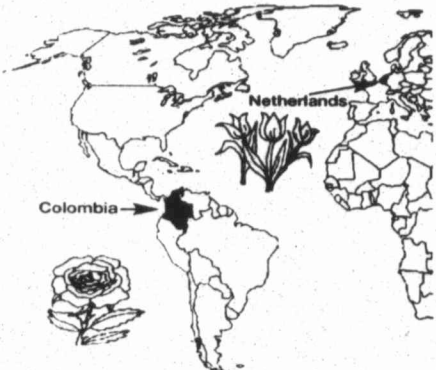
**Flowers Are Top Pick for Mom**

If you are thinking of giving your mom flowers for Mother's Day, you're not alone. Mother's Day is the second-biggest holiday for buying flowers. Many give their moms flowers to plant in the garden. Others give them flowers in pots. But most give them mothers cut flowers.

The most cut flowers are bought for Valentine's Day. The Christmas/Hanukkah season is the third-biggest flower time, with Easter/Passover season right behind that.

**Flying in the flowers**

The flowers you buy for your mom were probably grown in another country. About three-fourths of the cut flowers bought in the United States were grown in other nations.



The Netherlands, famous for its tulips, is the biggest flower exporter in the world. Colombia is the world's second-biggest flower exporter.



This photo is arranged to show a variety of the flowers grown in California, the top flower-growing state. About three-fourths of all U.S.-grown cut flowers come from that sunny state. Some examples of California-grown flowers in this photo include sunflowers, larkspur, delphinium and lilies. The coast is in the background.

**Colombia's flower power**

Colombia, in South America, is the top flower grower for the U.S., supplying more than half the flowers coming into America.

This is partly because Colombia has a warm climate, and flowers can be grown throughout the year.

It is also partly because Colombia is so close to the United States. It is only about a three-hour plane flight from there to Florida.

Before big holidays such as Mother's Day, there might be 35 big planes full of flowers flying from Colombia to Florida each day.

**Everything's coming up roses**

The rose is the top pick for Mother's Day. About one out of three of the flowers bought for moms on that day are roses.

They are the top pick year-round, too. People buy more than 1 billion roses each year.

The rose is the national flower of the U.S. About 35 rose species, or types, are native to the United States.

Roses have been around for at least 40 million years. But there are many more kinds than there used to be. Flower growers are developing new varieties all the time. There are now about 120.

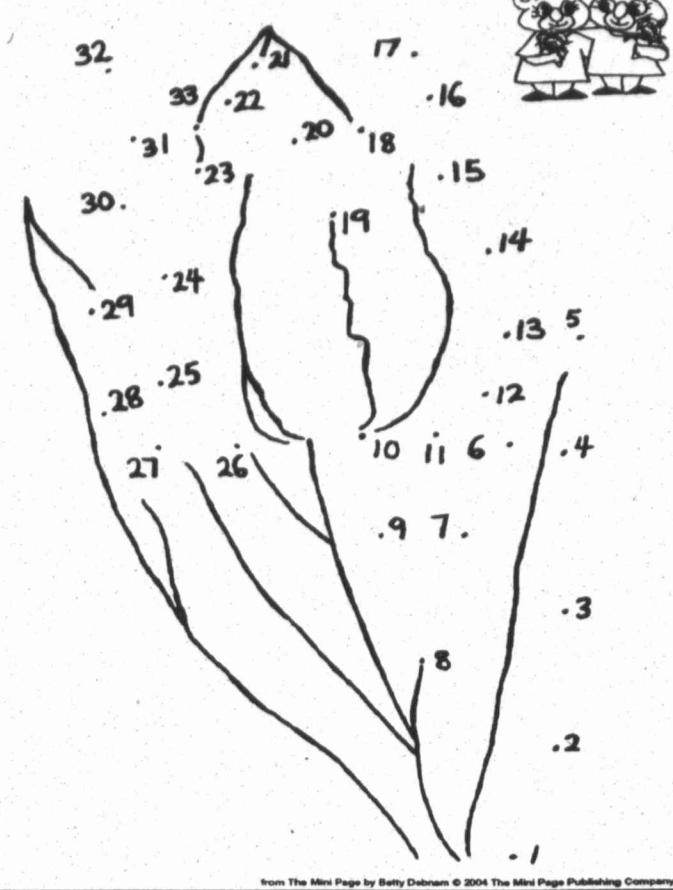
Red is still the most popular color. Pink, yellow and peach are other top sellers. Purple, green, multi-shaded and orange are growing in popularity.

About two out of every three roses bought for Mother's Day will come from Colombia. Most of the rest will come from California.



Florists use a special machine to cut the thorns off roses without damaging the stems. There are even some varieties of roses that are grown without thorns.

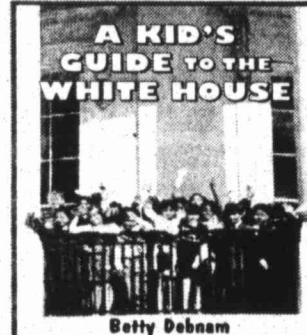
Go dot to dot and color.



**Rookie Cookie's Recipe  
Mother's Day Flower Biscuits**

**You'll need:**  
• 2 1/2 cups all-purpose baking mix  
• 1 cup milk  
• jelly of your choice

**What to do:**  
1. With clean hands, combine the baking mix and milk for dough.  
2. On a floured surface, knead dough about 10 times until smooth.  
3. Roll into 6 marble-sized balls, one a little larger than the others.  
4. On a cookie sheet, make a flower, putting the largest ball in the center.  
5. Push the balls together snugly and gently flatten to stick together. Repeat three more times with remaining dough.  
6. Bake in a preheated 450-degree oven for 8 to 10 minutes until lightly browned.  
7. Place a tablespoon of jelly in the center of the flower and serve. Makes four flower biscuits.  
*You'll need an adult's help with this recipe.*



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**Gus Goodsport's Report  
Supersport: Jimmy Siemers**

**Height:** 5-7 **Birthdate:** 3-24-82  
**Weight:** 140 **Hometown:** Marshalltown, Iowa  
Give him a pair of water skis, and Jimmy Siemers will soar. With a daredevil's nerve and an angel's wings, Siemers recently set the world jumping record by sailing 236 feet. Imagine that splashdown!  
The 22-year-old college student also competes in the slalom and holds a major record in the tricks event. He flips and spins — and dazzles.  
Siemers started skiing at age 4, when most children are trying to learn how to ride a bicycle. He began competing when he was 7 and has won numerous titles, including USA Water Ski Male Athlete of the Year in 1998.  
Jimmy likes land sports as well, especially soccer, basketball and golf. But he enjoys skimming across the water most of all.

**Meet Anthony Anderson**

Anthony Anderson, 33, can act and can make people laugh, too. He became interested in acting in high school when he won an award for a play he was in. This award for his talent and hard work won him an arts scholarship to Howard University in Washington, D.C.  
Anthony got his first acting job in 1996 in the teen show "Hang Time." It was the first of a series of guest-starring roles on other television shows.  
Anthony has been in more than 20 films. Some of his movies include "Kangaroo Jack" and the recent movie with Frankie Muniz, "Agent Cody Banks 2."  
Anthony married his high school sweetheart. They currently live in Los Angeles with their two children.

**Mighty Funny's Mini Jokes**

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

**Gwen:** What does a slice of toast wear to bed?  
**Walter:** Jammies!

**Carrie:** What is the difference between the sun and a loaf of bread?  
**Leslie:** One rises from the east, the other rises from the yeast!

**Ben:** Why did the baker hurl an insult at the bread?  
**Andy:** To get a rise out of it!

**Bassey Brown The News Hound's FLOWERS TRY 'N FIND**

Words and names that remind us of flowers for Mother's Day are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: HOLIDAY, COUNTRY, COLOMBIA, CALIFORNIA, ROSE, CUT, SUNNY, GREENHOUSE, TRUCK, RED, FLORISTS, GROWERS, PLANTS, SCENT, FIELD, SUNFLOWER, BUD, BLOSSOM, CARNATION, DAISY.

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**Mini Spy ...**

Mini Spy and her friends are picking flowers to give to their moms. See if you can find: • word MINI • strainer • key

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**Flowers Flourish With Care**

**Fresh flowers**  
Flower growers are always trying to develop new versions of old favorites. They work to come up with disease-resistant plants, new scents, different colors, and flowers that stay fresh longer.  
Right now bright colors are in style. Orange, burgundy, purple and green blossoms are growing in popularity.

**Fun with flowers**  
You can change the color of flowers in your own home. Put a few drops of food coloring in the water the flower is drinking.  
As the flowers drink, they will usually change color. This is how florists get some bright colors, such as the bright green carnations you buy on St. Patrick's Day.  
This works best with white flowers. But you can change the tints of colored blossoms, too. For example, a few drops of red food coloring in the vase of a yellow sunflower will tint the sunflower with red or purple.

**The Mini Page thanks Kathryn Miele, California Cut Flower Commission, and Jennifer Sparks, Society of American Florists, for help with this issue.**  
Site to see: [www.aboutflowers.com](http://www.aboutflowers.com)  
Look through your newspaper for ads and stories about Mother's Day.  
Next week The Mini Page is all about the Corps of Discovery.  
The Mini Page is created and edited by Betty Debnam  
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**From field to florist**  
Some of the steps in bringing flowers from grower to seller include:  
1. Workers cut most flowers in the fields and greenhouses when the buds are still tightly closed. If these flowers were shipped when the flowers were open, the blossoms would fall off.  
Some exceptions, such as carnations and gerbera daisies, are shipped with the flower blooming. These flowers are placed in special trays with supports for the blossoms.  
2. Flowers are immediately placed in a cool room just above freezing.  
3. They are gathered into bunches of 10 or 25 of the same type of flower, depending on the type.  
4. They are placed in large boxes or in buckets filled with water and special food. Cold air is blown into the boxes with a special machine.  
5. If they are coming from another country, flowers are flown into the United States, usually to Florida or California.  
6. These imported flowers are inspected by the U.S. Department of Agriculture before being shipped around the country.  
7. About four-fifths of flowers are shipped by refrigerated trucks to flower sellers around the country. The rest go by plane.  
8. Florists and other merchants pick up their flowers from the flower dealer in their area.

**Tender loving care**  
Some flowers, such as gladioli, have a special outdoor growing season. In California this growing season may be from April through December.  
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**TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR PERMIT**  
AIR QUALITY PERMIT NO. 9491  
APPLICATION Alon USA, L.P., has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an amendment to Air Quality Permit No. 9491 which would authorize modification to the No. 1 Sulfur Recovery Unit (SRU) at the Big Spring Refinery located at Highway I-20 at Refinery Road, Big Spring, Howard County, Texas. The facility will emit the following air contaminants: organic compounds, nitrogen oxides, carbon monoxide, particulate matter less than 10 microns in diameter, sulfur dioxide, and hydrogen sulfide. This application was submitted to the TCEQ on April 1, 2004. The application is available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Midland regional office, and the Howard County Library, 500 South Main Street, Big Spring, Howard County, Texas. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Midland regional office of the TCEQ. The TCEQ executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application.

**PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING** You may submit public comments, a request for a public meeting, or request a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. The deadline to submit public comments is 30 days after newspaper notice is published.

The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or ask questions about the application. A public meeting about the application may be held if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing. If only comments are received on the application, the response to comments, along with notice of the executive director's action on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application. If a hearing request is timely filed, the executive director will complete the technical review, issue a preliminary decision on the application, and a Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the final deadline for submitting public comments.

**After the final deadline for public comments following any required Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or is on a mailing list for this application.**

**OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING** You may request a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 30 days from this notice, the executive director may approve the application. If no hearing request is received within this 30-day period, no further opportunity for hearing will be provided. A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on those issues raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "(I/we) request a contested case hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the

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facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; and (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility. If the request is made by a group or an association, the one or more members who have standing to request a hearing, and the interests which the group or association seeks to protect, must also be identified. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing within 30 days following this notice to the Office of the Chief Clerk, at the address below. If a hearing request is timely filed, additional notice may be provided. Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, and executive director will forward the application and any requests for contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact relating to relevant and material air quality concerns raised during the comment period. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

**MAILING LIST** In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices for this specific application mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk by sending a written request to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. **INFORMATION** Written public comments or requests for a public meeting or contested case hearing should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TCEQ can be found at www.tceq.state.tx.us.

Further information may also be obtained from Alon USA, L.P., P.O. Box 1311, Big Spring, Texas 79721 or by calling Mr. Weinan Chen, Ph.D., Senior Environmental Engineer at (432)263-9214. Issuance Date: April 15, 2004

**AVISO DE RECIBO DE SOLICITUD E INTENTO DE OBTENER UNA RENOVACION DE PERMISO DE CALIDAD DE AIRE**  
AIRE PERMISO PROPUESTO NUM. 9491  
SOLICITUD. Alon USA, L.P., P.O. Box 1311, Big Spring, Texas 79720, se ha registrado con la Comision de Calidad Ambiental de Tejas (TCEQ o Texas Commission on Environmental Quality) para la renovacion de un Permiso Calidad de Aire Num. 9491 el cual autoriza una modificacion de un(a) No. 1 Sulfur Recovery Unit en Big Spring Refinery, Interstate Highway 20 and Refinery Road, Big Spring, Condado de Howard, Tejas. La instalacion propuesta va a emitir los siguientes contaminantes atmosfericos: compuesto organicos, NOx (oxidos de nitrogeno), CO (monoxido de carbono), SO2 (oxidos de azufre), H2S (sulfuro de hidrogeno), yPM10 (materia en particulas menos que 10 micra en diametro).

Esta solicitud fue sometida al TCEQ en April 4, 2004. La solicitud esta disponible para revisarse y copiarse en la Oficina Central del TCEQ, en la Oficina Regional del TCEQ en Midland, y en Howard County Library, 500 South Main, Big Spring, Howard County, Texas. El archivo del cumplimiento de las leyes de la instalacion, si existe, estara disponible para el publico en la Oficina Regional del TCEQ en Midland. El director ejecutivo del TCEQ ha determinado que la solicitud se halla administrativamente completa y conducira un analisis tecnico de la solicitud. **COMENTARIOS PUBLICOS/JUNTA PUBLICA** Usted puede someter comentarios publicos, solicitar una junta publica, o solicitar una audiencia en controversia sobre esta solicitud a la Oficina del Chief Clerk en la direccion a continuacion. El TCEQ considerara todos los comentarios publicos en el desarrollo de una decision final sobre esta solicitud. El plazo limite para someter sus comentarios es 15 dias despues de la publicacion de este aviso. Despues del plazo limite para los comentarios publicos, el director ejecutivo preparara una respuesta a todos los comentarios publicos relevantes y materiales o de otro modo significativos. El proposito de na junta publica es para proveer la oportunidad de someter comentarios, o hacer preguntas sobre la solicitud. Una junta publica sobre la solicitud se llevara a cabo si el director ejecutivo determina que existe un grado significativo de intres publico en la solicitud o si la solicita un legislador local. Una junta publica no es considerada una audiencia en controversia. Si solo se reciben comentarios sobre esta solicitud, la respuesta a los comentarios, junto con un aviso de la decision del director ejecutivo sobre la solicitud, sera enviada por correo a todos aquellos que hallan sometido comentarios o solicitado que se les incluyera en la lista de correo para esta solicitud. Si la peticion para una audiencia en controversia es sometida a tiempo, el director ejecutivo completara el analisis tecnico, emitira una decision preliminar sobre la

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solicitud y un Aviso de Solicitud y Decision Preliminar sera entonces publicado y enviado por correo a todos los que esten en la lista de correo para esta solicitud. El aviso tendra la fecha final para someter comentarios publicos.

Depues del plazo final para someter comentarios publicos subsecuentes a cualquier Aviso de Solicitud y Decision Preliminar, el director ejecutivo considerara los comentarios y preparara una respuesta a todos los comentarios publicos relevantes y materiales, o significativos. Si se reciben comentarios, la respuesta a los comentarios, junto con la decision del director ejecutivo sobre la solicitud, seran entonces enviadas por correo a todos aquellos que hallan sometido comentarios publico o que esten en la lista de correo sobre esta solicitud.

**OPORTUNIDAD PARA UNA AUDIENCIA EN CONTROVERSI** Usted puede peticionar una audiencia en controversia. Una audiencia en controversia es un proceso legal semejante a un juicio civil en una corte de distrito estatal. En el caso de que una peticion por escrito para una audiencia en controversia no sea sometida dentro de 15 dias despues de la publicacion de este aviso, el director ejecutivo podra aprobar la solicitud. Si no se reciben peticiones para una audiencia en controversia dentro esta periodo de 15 dias, no habra mas oportunidad para peticionar una audiencia en controversia. Una audiencia en controversia solo se otorgara basada enasuntos en controversia que sean relevantes y materiales a la decision de los Comisionados sobre la solicitud. Ademas, la Comision solo concedera una audiencia en controversia en esos asuntos que fueron presentados durante el periodo de los comentarios publicos y que no se retiraron.

Una persona que pueda ser afectado pro las emisiones del contaminates atmosfericos de la instalacion tiene derecho a peticionar una audiencia en controversia. Para solicitar una audiencia en controversia, usted debera proporcionar lo siguiente: (1) su nombre (o, para un grupo o asociacion, un representante oficial), direccion postal, numero del telefono durante el dia, y numero de fax, si hay; (2) el nombre del solicitante y el numero de permiso; (3) la oracion en ingles "I/we request a contested case hearing;" (4) una descripcion especifica de como le perjudicaria la solicitud y las emisiones atmosfericas de una manera que no es comun con los miembros del publico en general; (5) la localizacion y distancia de su propiedad en relacion a la instalacion; (6) una descripcion de como usted usa la propiedad que pudiera ser afectada por la instalacion. Si la peticion es hecha por un grupo o asociaciones, el o la miembro o miembros que tienen derecho a pedir una audiencia en controversia y los intereses que el grupo o asociacion quieran proteger deberan tambien ser identificado. Usted tambien podra someter sus propuestas de ajustes a la solicitud o permiso que puedan satisfacer sus preocupaciones. Peticiones para una audiencia en controversia en controversia deberan someterse por escrito dentro de 15 dias despues de la publicacion de este aviso a la Oficina del Chief Clerk, en la direccion a continuacion.

Si una peticion para una audiencia en controversia es recibida a tiempo, aviso adicional sera dado. Despues de que se cierran todos los periodos aplicables de comentarios y peticiones, el director ejecutivo mandara la solicitud y todos las peticiones de audiencia en controversia a los Comisionados del TCEQ para su consideracion en una junta de Comisionados en su itinerario. Si se concede una audiencia en controversia, el objeto de la audiencia en controversia sera limitado a los asuntos de hecho en disputa relevantes y materiales a la calidad del aire, que hayan surgido durante el periodo de comentarios. Asuntos como el valor de la propiedad, ruido, seguridad de trafico, y zonas municipales estan fuera de lo que la Comision tiene la jurisdiccion de considerar en este proceso.

**LISTA DE CORREO** Usted puede solicitar que se le ponga en una lista de correo para recibir informacion adicional de esta solicitud a la Oficina del Chief Clerk en la direccion a continuacion. **INFORMACION** Comentarios publicos por escrito, peticiones para una junta publica o peticiones para una audiencia en controversia deberan someterse a la Oficina del Chief Clerk, MC-105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Tejas 78711-3087. Para mas informacion sobre esta solicitud o el proceso de permisos, por llame a la Oficina de Asistencia Publica, gratis, al 1-800-687-4040. Informacion general sobre el TCEQ se puede encontrar en el www.TCEQ.state.tx.us. Mas informacion tambien puede obtenerse de Alon USA, L.P. P.O. Box 1311, Big Spring, Texas, 79720 en la direccion escrita anteriormente o llamando al señor Weinan Chen en el (432)263-9214. #4212 May 4 & 5, 2004

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	WFAA (2)	KMID (3)	UNI (4)	KPEJ (5)	KOSA (7)	KTLE (8)	KWES (9)	WTBS (11)	KMLM (12)	KOCV (13)	DISC (20)	AMC (21)	SPIKE (22)	TNT (23)	BET (26)	DISN (27)	ESPN2 (28)	ESPN (29)	TMC (30)
	Dallas	Midland	Spanish	Odessa	Odessa	Telemundo	Midland	Atlanta	Odessa	Odessa	Discovery	Classics	Spike TV	Atlanta	Black Ent.	Disney	Sports	Sports	Premium
6:PM	News (CC)	News Wheel-Fortune	Amar Otra Vez	King of the Hill Raymond	News Ent. Tonight	Pasion de Gavilanes	News Serifield (CC)	Friends (CC) MLB Baseball	Booker John Hagee	News-Lehrer	The FBI Files		Star Trek: Deep Space 9	Law & Order (CC) (DVS)	Live BET com	Sister, Sister Lizzie McGuire	NHL Hockey: Eastern Conf.	Interruption	Playing Poker (CC)
7:PM	8 Simple Rules	8 Simple Rules	Mariana de la Noche	American Idol (CC)	Navy NCIS (CC)	Prisionera	Fraser (CC) Fraser (CC)	San Diego Padres at Atlanta Braves	UpdateIsrael N. McBride	Nova (CC) (DVS)	The FBI Files (CC)	Movie: Urban Cowboy	Star Trek: Next Gener.	NBA Basketball: The Parkers	The Parkers	Movie: Eddie's Million Dollar Cook-Off (CC)	Semifinal - Flyers at Maple Leafs	NHL Hockey: Western Conf.	National Lampoon's Van Wilder
8:PM	Accord-Jim Less-Perfect	Accord-Jim Less-Perfect	Bajo la Misma Piel	24 (CC)	The Guardian (CC)	El Alma Herida	Fraser (CC) Scrubs (CC)	Light of the Southwest	Innovation (CC) (DVS)	Dive to Bermuda			Oblivious Oblivious	Conference Playoffs -- College Hill	Music Special Comicview	Cook-Off (CC)	Leads NHL 2Night	Semifinal - Sharks at Avalanche	Orange County (CC)
9:PM	NYPD Blue (CC)	NYPD Blue (CC)	Al Filo de la Ley	70s Show Dharma-Greg	Judging Amy (CC)	Mujeres Apasionadas	Law & Order: Special Victims	Movie: The	Independent Lens (CC)	Triangle			Oblivious Oblivious	Teams TBA Inside the NBA	Comicview	Sister, Sister Boy World	Karate: ISKA Karate: ISKA	Avalanche Baseball	Movie: Boxing Helena (CC)
10:PM	News (CC) Nightline	News Nightline	Primer Impacto Noticiero Univ.	70s Show Raymond	News Late Show (CC)	Noticias Laura	News The Tonight Show (CC)	Glimmer Man (CC)	The Hour of Healing	Charlie Rose (CC)	The FBI Files (CC)	9:55 Movie: The Man From	Great Drivers (CC)	Charmed	Nightly News Proud Family	Kim Possible	Karate: ISKA Karate: ISKA	SportsCenter (CC)	Movie: Boxing Helena (CC)
11:PM	Ent. Tonight Jimmy Kimmel	Extra (CC) Jimmy Kimmel	En las Mejores Familias	Backer (CC) Spin City	The Late Late Show (CC)	Al Rojo Vivo	Show (CC) Late Night (CC)	35 Movie: Desperate Measures	Joe McGee Rabbi Richman	Sign Off	Dive to Bermuda	Snowy River	Bind Date Bind Date	Angel (CC)	Midnight Love	Even Stevens Sister, Sister	NBA Fastbreak Billiards	Outside-Lines Baseball	45 Movie: Instinct to Kill (CC)
12:AM	Live (CC) Oprah Winfrey	Live (CC) Paid Program	Rencor Apasionado	Bind Date Bind Date	Show (CC) Street Smarts	Maria Celeste Corte-Familia	Fraser (CC)	UpdateIsrael Booker		Triangle		12:10 Movie: Urban Cowboy	Real TV (CC) Real TV (CC)	The X-Files	Comicview	Boy World Recess (CC)	Seven-Ball Billiards	SportsCenter (CC)	

**DENNIS THE MENACE**

"YOU MUST BE DENNIS. I'M FAMILIAR WITH YOUR WORK."

**THE FAMILY CIRCUS**

"Jeffy, you have the right to remain silent."

**HAGAR**

FROM NOW ON I'M GOING TO LOOK OUT FOR NUMBER ONE!  
AND FROM NOW ON I'M GOING TO LOOK OUT FOR NUMBER TEN!  
I'VE ALWAYS HAD A BIT OF AN INFERIORITY COMPLEX

**BC**

WHATTA YA GOT THERE?  
IT'S MY PET GROUNDHOG.  
THAT'S A WOODCHUCK!  
WHATEVER! ONE WOMAN'S GROUNDHOG IS ANOTHER MAN'S WOODCHUCK.

**WIZARD OF ID**

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GROW UP?  
A LAWYER OR A THIEF  
YOU WANT IT ALL, DON'T YOU?

**BLONDIE**

HONEY, THE BATHROOM IS WAITING FOR YOU, AND THE CARPOOL IS WAITING FOR YOU...  
ALSO, YOUR BREAKFAST IS WAITING FOR YOU  
THEY WERE ALL THE RIGHT BUTTONS. I JUST PUSHED THEM IN THE WRONG ORDER

**AGNES**

MY FEET ARE NAUSEATED.  
FEET DON'T GET NAUSEA.  
OH YES, THEY DO. PEOPLE JUST DON'T TALK ABOUT IT BECAUSE OF THE HORRIBLE SOCIAL STIGMA ATTACHED TO IT.  
YOU ARE WAY OUT OF YOUR MIND. THAT'S THE SOCIAL STIGMA I'M TALKING ABOUT.

**HI AND LOIS**

OUR KIDS ARE IN COLLEGE!  
WE FIGURE IT'S TIME TO PUT OUR HOUSE ON THE MARKET!  
DO YOU THINK WE CAN SELL IT BEFORE THEY MOVE BACK HOME?

**THE OTHER COAST**

LOOKIT THE MOVIE ON THE DVD PLAYER. A PROCESSION OF FURIOUS, RED-FACED MOTORISTS.  
YOU'RE LOOKING AT THE REAR-MOUNTED, CLOSED CIRCUIT TV CAMERA.

**SNUFFY SMITH**

MY BIRFDAY'S COMIN' AN' I SHORE DO LOVE THAT HAT!! MEBBE YOU COULD HINT TO PAW!!  
SHORE!! DON'T WORRY, I'LL BE SUBTLE!!  
ONLY 3 MORE SHOPPIN' DAYS TO LOWEEZY'S BIRFDAY!!

**BETLE BAILEY**

ER... WE'RE JUST PLAYIN'... WELL, IF HE HURTS YOU, COME TELL ME, BETLE.  
YESSIR  
DOES IT HURT?

**This Date In History**

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, May 4, the 125th day of 2004. There are 241 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**

One hundred years ago, on May 4, 1904, the United States began building the Panama Canal.

On this date:

In 1626, Dutch explorer Peter Minuit landed on present-day Manhattan Island.

In 1776, Rhode Island declared its freedom from England, two months before the Declaration of Independence was adopted.

In 1886, at Haymarket Square in Chicago, a labor demonstration for an eight-hour work day turned into a riot when a bomb exploded.

In 1927, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences was founded.

In 1932, mobster Al Capone, convicted of income-tax evasion, entered the federal penitentiary in Atlanta.

In 1942, the Battle of the Coral Sea, the first naval clash fought entirely with carrier aircraft, began during World War II.

In 1945, during World War II, German forces in the Netherlands, Denmark and northwest Germany agreed to surrender.

In 1961, a group of Freedom Riders left Washington for New Orleans to challenge racial segregation in interstate buses and bus terminals.

In 1970, Ohio National Guardsmen opened fire on anti-war protesters at Kent State University, killing four students and wounding nine others.

In 1980, Marshal Josip Broz Tito, president of Yugoslavia, died three days before his 88th birthday.

**Today's Birthdays:** The president of Egypt, Hosni Mubarak, is 76. Jazz musician Maynard Ferguson is 76. Opera singer Roberta

Peters is 74. Jazz musician Ron Carter is 67. Rock musician Dick Dale is 67. Singer Tyrone Davis is 66. Singer-songwriter Nick Ashford is 62. Actor Paul Gleason is 60. Pop singer Peggy Santiglia (The Angels) is 60. Country singer Stella Parton is 55. Actor-turned-clergyman Hilly Hicks is 54. Singer Jackie Jackson (The Jacksons) is 53. Country singer Randy Travis is 45. Actress Mary McDonough is 43. Comedian Ana Gasteyer is 37. Rock musician Mike Dirnt (Green Day) is 32. Rock musician Jose Castellanos is 27.

**Answer to previous puzzle**

MENU	MATH	GROG
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MISS	SPAT	SEAL

**Newsday Crossword** FREE SAMPLES by Sally R. Stein Edited by Stanley Newman

**ACROSS**

- 1 Watch's face
- 5 \_\_\_ an egg (flopped)
- 9 Manufactures
- 14 Exxon, formerly
- 15 Gymnast Korburt
- 16 Suspect's excuse
- 17 Singer Sedaka
- 18 Molecule unit
- 19 Laugh-in cohort
- 20 Walrus relative
- 21 At no cost
- 23 Fruity summer treat
- 25 Itinerary word
- 26 Knocked, as on a door
- 29 Stove chamber
- 31 Actress Gardner Flynn
- 34 Swashbuckler
- 35 Practice boxing
- 36 Spill the beans
- 37 At no cost
- 40 Iowa city
- 41 Competes on a track
- 42 Erie and Superior
- 43 Skillet
- 44 Uses a shovel
- 45 Family room appliances
- 46 \_\_\_ boom bah
- 47 Important periods
- 48 At no cost
- 53 Not imaginary
- 57 Clark's co-explorer
- 58 Trade org.

**DOWN**

- 1 Homes for bears
- 2 Phrase of understanding
- 3 Siberia's continent
- 4 Candies on a stick
- 5 Lounged around
- 6 Female voices
- 7 Composer Stravinsky
- 8 Rhett's last word
- 9 Laugh-in cohort
- 10 51 Down greeting
- 11 New Zealand bird
- 12 Abba of Israel
- 13 Perform carols
- 22 Out in the open
- 24 DNA locale
- 26 Summary
- 27 Pleasant smell
- 28 Press-release writers, for short
- 29 Bets first
- 30 Movers' vehicles
- 31 Share and share \_\_\_
- 32 Gentleman's gentleman
- 33 Bottomless pit
- 35 Overconfident
- 36 Carousel rider's prize
- 38 From Dublin
- 39 Thomas \_\_\_ Edison
- 44 Truck engine
- 45 General drifts
- 46 Partner of rise
- 47 German city
- 48 Ye \_\_\_ Tea Shoppe
- 49 Bookworm, perhaps
- 50 "Terrible" age stage
- 51 Hawaiian island
- 52 Consumer
- 54 Dutch cheese
- 55 M\*A\*S\*H star
- 56 Low-fat

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