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## St. Mary's sets stage for BSHS band concert

St. Mary's Episcopal Church will host the Big Spring High School honor band in concert at 12:05 p.m. on Thursday.

The band will play several pieces from its upcoming contest performance including "March of the Belgian Paratroopers," "Shenandoah" and Robert Jager's "Third Suite."

Also featured will be several smaller ensembles including a trumpet quartet and a saxophone quartet.

Admission is free and everyone is invited to bring a sack lunch to eat in the Parish Hall immediately following the performance.

Coffee, tea and desert will be provided by the church at 10th and Goliad.

## HGVFD-to host awareness event Thursday, Friday

The Howard County Volunteer Fire Department will be hosting an inservice training class titled "Radioactive Awareness" at the Coahoma Community Center on Thursday and Friday from 6 p.m. until 10.

Interstate 20 is the route that radioactive waste products will be shipped by truck to the new dumpsites in West Texas and New Mexico.

The training will better alert those attending to the dangers of the products and to familiarize them on the types of materials, and the methods of transport.

The course will be a total of eight hours.

For more information or to register for the training, call Kelly Overton at 394-4278 or Tommy Sullivan at 267-1900.

## WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

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## College slates recital Thursday

By LYNDEL MOODY  
Staff Writer

Howard College will hold a musical recital on Thursday. Those who attend can also view artwork created by the students.

"We are going to feature students that are music students or students taking applied lessons," said music instructor Adolph L. Labbe.

More than 100 people are expected to attend the

recital, which will be held at 7 p.m. in the Fire Place Room located in the Student Union Building on campus.

Performing as individuals and in small ensembles, students who have taken lessons from faculty members Labbe or Linda Lindell will perform instrumental, vocal and piano pieces.

The night doesn't end with music as attendees are encouraged to view the artwork display currently being shown at the Anthony

Hunt Library on the campus.

"People can view the artwork prior to 7 p.m. or after the recital is over," said Labbe.

The artwork was submitted by Howard College students for the upcoming "Thistles" magazine and is being judged by category, Labbe mentioned.

According to Labbe, the art ranges from cartoon subjects through more serious pieces.

## Howard College honors its best

By LYNDEL MOODY  
Staff Writer

Two Big Spring students and a student from Duncanville received top honors

Tuesday at the Howard College Awards Convocation held at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

"As I look at the list of those being honored tonight, I am amazed and proud at all the accomplishments you all have preformed," said Javier Flores, assistant dean of students.

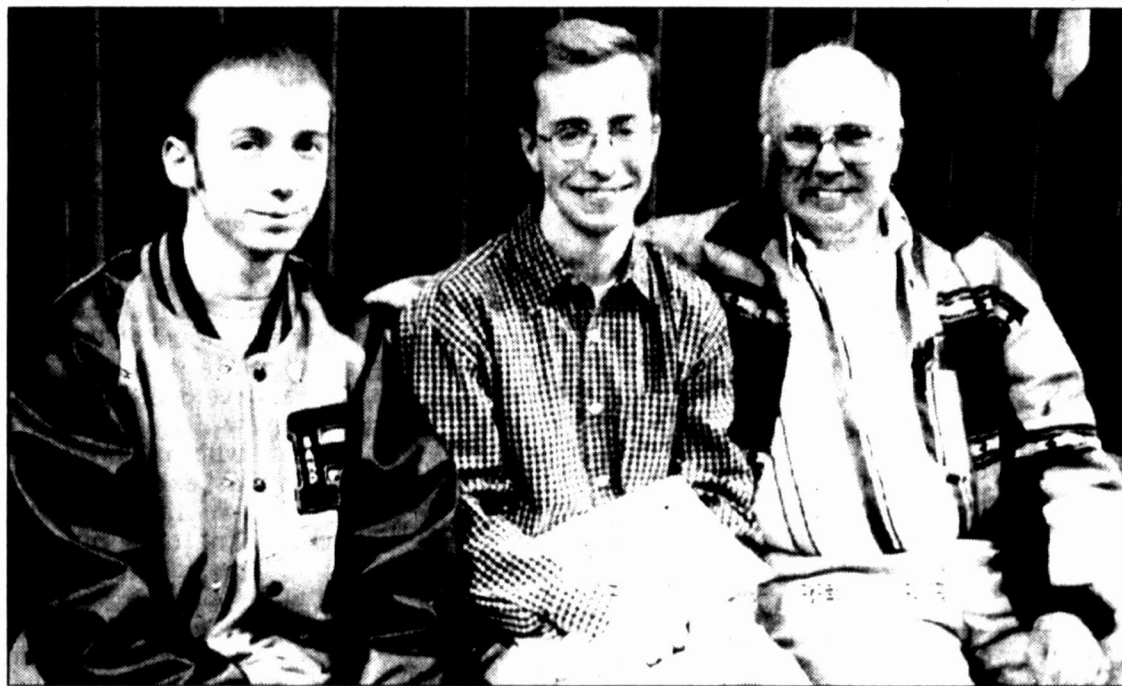
"We are all proud of you," he continued. "You make Howard College look good in all your dedication and work."



HARRINGTON



MUSGROVE



Courtesy photo

Josh Hadley, center, was one of two American Legion Citizenship Award recipients during Howard College's Awards Convocation Tuesday. He is pictured with his brother, Michael, a student at Big Spring High School, and their father, Leonard.

Several hundred people attended the awards ceremony that honored Howard College students for their work ranging from academics to school life participation.

Andy Harrington, a sophomore from Duncanville, received the college's most prestigious award, the Presidential Award. The award was selected on the bases of academic excellence, participation in student life, leadership qualities and overall college spirit.

Harrington has been a

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## Rutledge selected Educator of the Year

By LYNDEL MOODY  
Staff Writer

A long-time Howard College instructor was awarded the Outstanding Educator of the Year at the college's awards convocation on Tuesday.



RUTLEDGE

"If you were to ask my students, they would tell you I am rarely at a loss for words but this is one of those times," said Tommy Rutledge, business instructor who received the award. "This award is especially meaningful to me because the students choose the recipients. I want to thank them for the honor."

"I have done nothing in my life more rewarding or more fulfilling than teach-

ing," he continued. "I enjoy my work."

Rutledge is a native of Big Spring. He attended Howard College and finished his education at North Texas State University where he earned both his bachelor's and master's in business administration.

He began his teaching career at Howard College in 1967 as the business instructor and dorm supervisor. He volunteered to

coach the golf team in 1969.

Deciding he needed both more experience in business and to earn more money, Rutledge left teaching in 1974 to return to the oil industry.

"My main impetus for leaving was to find out if the things I was teaching out of the books were true," he said in an earlier interview.

Rutledge was one of the

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## City council approves dual slide for swimming pool

### Hansen to fill vacancy on development board

By BILL MCCLELLAN  
News Editor

Water, water and more water.

Whether it be slides for the swimming pool, drag boat races at Moss Creek

Lake or a proposed fountain at Comanche Trail Park Lake (see related article), Big Spring City Council waded right in Tuesday night.

Those weren't the only issues approved or discussed by the council — a vacancy was filled on the Moore Development for Big Spring board, for

instance — but they were the most entertaining.

First approved was a dual swimming pool slide with a canopy for Comanche Trail Park Pool, which is undergoing extensive renovation this spring. The colorful blue and red tube slides, from a company called "Splastacular," will be the latest to a more than \$100,000 project, which will include an umbrella fountain and other features.

Council members — six of the seven, anyway — approved a bid of \$48,030 for the slides, which will be placed at the deep end of the pool.

Councilman Greg Biddison voted against the expenditure.

"I don't understand how we are spending the money we are spending if we are trying to save," said Biddison. "I'm not against the slides; I just think that since they are not budgeted, this should be in next year's budget."

Biddison voted against a used motor grader — \$37,500 from Asco of Odessa — for the same reason earlier in the

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## City to pay for upkeep if fountain project flows successfully

By BILL MCCLELLAN  
News Editor

If you'll build it, the city will pay for the upkeep.

That seemed to be the message Big Spring City Council gave Charles Beil on Tuesday, as he laid out an idea for a water fountain at Comanche Trail Park Lake.

The decision didn't come without some concern on both the part of both parties, however.

Beil, a former councilman and local businessman, outlined plans to

purchase and install a fountain in the lake, visible from all sides of the park as well as U.S. Highway 87. One supplier, according to Beil, could provide a lighted fountain that would feature a 35-foot geyser of water at the middle with a 55-foot outward flow at the base. Estimated cost would be between \$9,000 and \$10,000. The original plan, he said,

dates back some 20 years during a centennial celebration of the railroad through Big Spring. It was suggested at that time, perhaps by Bob Lewis, that funds left over might be used for a lighted fountain. However, the project was never accomplished and the funds were apparently spent for chamber of commerce activities, Beil said.

"To me, it would be a real asset, a real benefit, a real attraction to our community," Beil told council members Tuesday night. He added that the council might want to put forth \$5,000 as a challenge to other entities, groups and individuals to help raise the rest of the necessary funds.

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## Police continue investigation into early Saturday shooting

HERALD Staff Report

An investigation continues into a Saturday morning incident in which a man was shot in the mouth.

Police are investigating the case as an attempted murder. The shooting took place in the early morning hours at a business in the 400 block of Gregg Street.

The assailant, described only a Hispanic male, is still at large, according to Big Spring Detective Lupe Liedeker, who is in charge of the investigation.

The victim, whose name has been withheld by police, was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center and later transported to Shannon Hospital in San

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## Vote

Early balloting begins today in May 5 city, school elections

HERALD Staff Report

Early voting in the May 5 school board and city council elections began today in Howard County and across much of Texas.

On the Big Spring Independent School District board, five candidates will square off for the three at-large trustee positions which are currently held by Steve Fraser, Al Valdes and Mike Dawson.

All three incumbents are seeking another term and are joined by Phillip Furquerson and Kent Sharp. Early voting is being held at the county clerk's office in the Howard County Courthouse from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

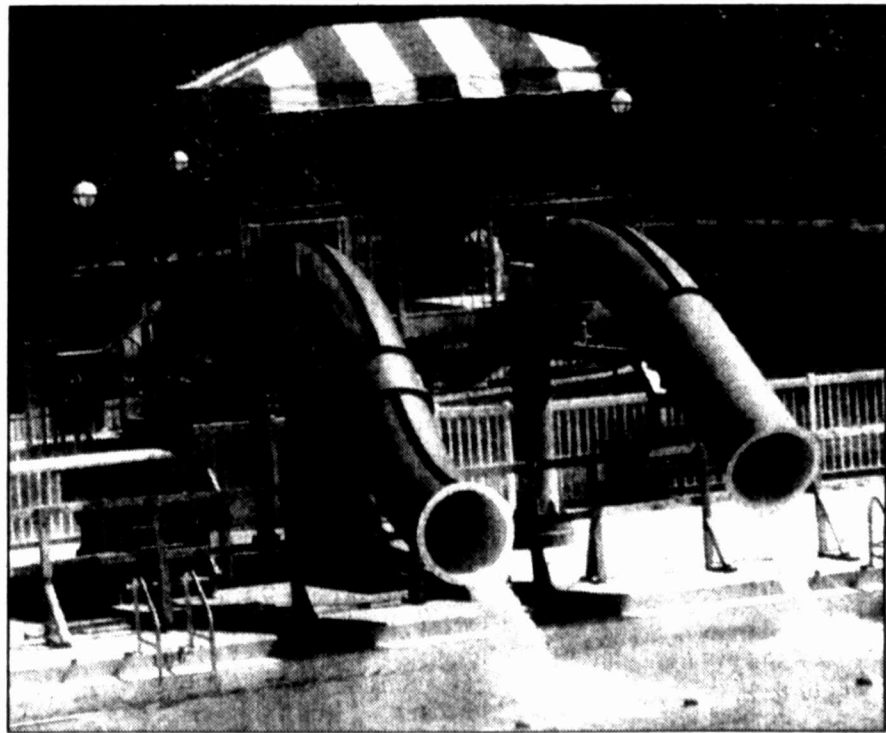
Six candidates are running for the two at-large positions on the Forsan ISD board of trustees.

Tom Bill Kuykendall, Michael Forshee, Robert Stapp Jr., John Spence, Allen McDowell and incumbent Debbie Burt are all in that race.

Early voting is being held at the Forsan school district superintendent's office on the high school campus from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For Coahoma ISD, six candidates — Sissy Wells, Ronnie Hipp, Eddy Corse, Beth Bowling, Don Ewing

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Courtesy photo

Big Spring City Council members on Tuesday approved \$48,030 for a Splastacular dual slide and canopy which will be erected at the city pool at Comanche Trail Park.

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OBITUARIES

Lorene Hodges

Graveside service for Lorene Hodges, 85, of Big Spring, will be 2 p.m., Friday, April 20, at Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel with the Rev. Douglas Shelley, pastor of East Side Baptist Church and the Rev. Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating.



Mrs. Hodges died Tuesday, April 17, following a short illness.

She was born on Feb. 1, 1916, in Temple. She married Alvis Clayton Hodges on April 21, 1934, in Merkel. He preceded her in death on May 6, 1993. She had lived in Big Spring since 1942. She was a member of East Side Baptist Church and was a homemaker.

Survivors include one daughter, Marie Daniels of Big Spring; one son, Harlan Hodges of Midland; one sister, Jean Skeen of Tye; two brothers, Bert Harris of Merkel and Bo Harris of Abilene; six grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Myrtis Burdett

Funeral service for Myrtis Burdett, 81, of Big Spring, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Mrs. Burdett died Wednesday, April 18, at a local nursing home.

Edna Cook

Funeral service for Edna Cook, 91, of Big Spring, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Mrs. Cook died Tuesday, April 17, at a local nursing home.

Antolina Paredez

Funeral service for Antolina Paredez, 94, of Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Mrs. Paredez died Tuesday, April 17, in a local hospital.

SHOOTING

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Angelo. According to Liedecke, the shooting victim has already been released and was going to be

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Antolina Paredez, 94, died Tuesday. Services are pending.

**MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL**  
24th & Johnson 267-8288  
Billy Mac (Bill) Sheppard, 66, died Sunday. Funeral services will be 1:30 PM, Wednesday at St. Mary's Episcopal Church.  
Santos Lopez Lujan, 79, died Monday. Funeral services will be 10:00 AM, Wednesday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Burial with military honors will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

**BY THE HOUR PHOTO DEVELOPMENT**  
Evenings and Sunday, \$8.65 monthly; \$93.42 yearly (includes 10% discount for yearly).  
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questioned by her this morning as to exactly what transpired.

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member of the Howard College baseball team, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, an intramural director, a member of Student Government Association and assisted with the Elbow Elementary M&M mentor program.

He has been selected to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges and plans to attend Texas A&M University in the fall.

The American Legion Citizenship Award was presented to one male and one female who exhibited the most outstanding leadership, character and citizenship qualities.

Lochie Musgrove, a sophomore from Big Spring, was the female recipient. She has been involved as a Howard College Diplomat, a M&M Mentor at Elbow Elementary, Student Government Association secretary-treasurer, member of the Howard College Agriculture Judging Team, a member of the Phi Theta Kappa and recently selected to 2000-2001 Who's Who. Lochie will continue her education at Tarleton State University.

The male recipient was Josh Hadley, a sophomore from Big Spring. He has been a Howard College Diplomat, a member of Rotaract and Baptist Student Ministries and involved in several Howard College and Community Theater productions.

Hadley was selected to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges and is a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. He plans to attend Angelo State University.

Departmental awards were presented by the faculty of each department. They included:

- Accounting: Kristi Hobbs, Big Spring.
- Agriculture: Jill Gladden, Enochs; Justin Weinheimer, Stonewall.
- Anatomy and Physiology I: Kyndra Batla, Big Spring; Theresa Porras, Big Spring.
- Biology: Leslie Hicks, Big Spring.
- Business: Andy Harrington, Duncanville; Rusty Rainbolt, Sweetwater.
- Chemistry: Justin Ball, Big Spring; Casey Morton, Lubbock.
- Child Care: Irene Flores, Big Spring; Alicia Porras, Big Spring.
- College Preparatory Education: Chris Acker, Fontana, Calif.; Yari Demeny, Big Spring; Maria Valdez, Sterling City; Andre Wright, El Paso.
- Computer Maintenance: Patricia Rangel, Big Spring.
- Computer Networking: Billy McMahon, Big Spring.
- Computer Science: Latisha Dockery, Colorado City; Suzanne Reed, Big Spring.
- Cosmetology: Kami Merket, Lamesa; Loraine Sullivan, Sterling City.
- Criminal Justice: Judy DeLeon, Big Lake; Melissa Kukoly, Big Spring.
- Drafting: Susan Gaston, Forsan; Carlos Vicra, Big Spring.
- Dental Hygiene: Shannon Hall, Midland; Hillary Miller, Odessa.
- Economics: Kristi Nelson, Big Spring; Chris Olson, Big Spring.
- English: Alicia Phifer, Big Spring; Emily Ward, Big Spring.
- Government: Lori Stewart, Rusk; Windy Wentz, Big Spring.
- History: Will Hartnett, Kenney; Patricia Rosas, Coahoma.
- Information Management: Patricia Rangel, Big Spring.

Kinesiology) — Emphasis in Athletic Training: Joshua Young, Houston. Math: Josh Hadley, Big Spring; Zach Smiley, Big Spring.

Music: Dane Richardson, Big Spring; Andrew Rodriguez, Big Spring.

Nursing: LVN: Anne Fielder, Big Spring; Melody Spradling, Stanton; ADN: Jennifer Bullis, Snyder; Tammy Pointon, Big Spring.

Office Administration: Corlene Biddle, Big Spring; Monica Sanchez, Big Spring.

Phychology: Patrick Bell, Colorado City; Miranda Bond Moughan, Big Spring.

Sociology: Shannon Lance Mitchel, Eldorado; Tracy Wilson, Coahoma.

Spanish: Winnie Turney, Big Spring.

Speech: Ava Marie Martin, Big Spring; Logan Stanley, Big Spring.

Theatre: Dusty Osborn, Big Spring.

Wall Street Journal Award for WorkForce Education: Dathan Mullins, Big Spring.

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founding members of Fiberflex, a fiberglass sucker rod manufacturing business, that grew into an international company.

He returned to Howard College in 1990 and is a favorite among students because of his sense of humor and ability to relate to individuals of all ages, said Tonya Brooks, student government association president.

"I enjoy associating with the students, and I love to see the light come on in their heads when I pass on correct information that I have learned not just with education but also with experience," Rutledge said in an earlier interview.

"I have a personal interest in teaching," he continued. "I want my students to succeed, and I learn to care about them."

VOTE

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and Brandon Luce — are running for the two at-large positions. Early voting is being held at the CISD administration office, located at 600 N. Main near the high school campus, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Early voting in the both the Coahoma mayoral and city council races also began today at city hall.

Mayor Bill Read and Randy Overton, Coahoma Volunteer Fire Department chief, are making a race for the mayor's office.

Seven people have decided to run for the two city council seats up for election in Coahoma this year. Those seats are currently held by Warren Wallace and Bruce Allen. Neither incumbent opted to seek re-election.

Jackie Hill, Don Hogan, Don Nell Luce, Ricky Stone, David Elmore, Guy Prater and Debra Sullivan are all seeking a term on the city council. Voting is held at city hall from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Early voting continues through May 1.

POOL

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meeting.

"It's not in the budget," he said.

Mayor Russ McEwen countered that it was impor-

BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

tant to showcase the reopening of the pool.

"I'm really optimistic that we're going to see a dramatic increase in use of the pool," McEwen said.

There was also some discussion of fees at the pool. The Parks and Recreation Department is expected to make a recommendation to increase the fee to \$2 per person, up from \$1.50. Council members batted the issue around briefly, with several saying that a fee of \$2.50 to \$3 might not be out of line. That issue will come up at another council meeting.

During discussion items, City Manager Gary Fuqua got the go-ahead to lease Moss Creek Lake to the International Hot Boat Association for drag boat races on May 12-13. The lease will be \$350 a day for three days, including a setup day on May 11.

Fuqua said some 50 to 70 Division II boats would be competing at speeds of 170 to 200 miles per hour.

In other business, the council appointed Terry Hansen, executive vice president of Howard College, to serve out a term on the Moore Development board. Hansen will replace O.L. Cooper, who resigned his position as executive vice president of the First Big Spring Banking Center to become president of State National Bank of West Texas is Azel. Also nominated was Wells Fargo President Duane Thomas. The council selected Hansen by a 5-2 vote.

The council also unanimously approved the following:

- a bid of \$105,000 from Laredo Paving of Big Spring for 4,200 cubic yards of aggregate for seal coating;
- a bid of \$103,779 for 130,000 gallons of asphalt from Alon for seal coating;
- permission to advertise for bids for a forklift;
- an ordinance approving the final replat of Lot 1, Block 4 in the Lockhart Addition;
- a contract with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to remove asbestos from the Wilderness Camp building at the airport;
- payment of dues for the TXU steering committee;
- an ordinance declaring unopposed candidates — Mayor McEwen and Councilman Joann Smoot — as elected to office;
- and an ordinance amending purchasing minimums by city officials.

The council tabled two items — an ordinance that would have allowed Emergency Medical Services to charge a fee of \$30 from anyone wanting copies of medical records, and the sale of city property at 800 Victory.

SUPPORT GROUPS

**TODAY**  
• Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. 12 and 12 study.

**THURSDAY**  
• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

• Al-Anon support group, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activities between 8 a.m. Tuesday through 8 a.m. today:

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Lottery numbers are unofficial until confirmed by the state lottery commission.

• DAVID MORGAN WILKINSON, 41, of Colorado City, was arrested on a charge of driving without a valid license. (BSPD)

• BURGLARY was reported on Highway 350.

• DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported on the north service road of Interstate 20.

• MINOR ACCIDENT was reported on Hilger Road.

"I'd like to hear from the council. Previously, some people (on the council) indicated to me they were not interested," McEwen said.

Councilman Tommy Tune said he would consider the city taking on the utility costs — estimated to be between \$1,500 and \$2,000 annually — "if there was a show of interest from the community." Councilman Stephanie Horton concurred.

"I have a problem taking on anything new when we are already so burdened," said Councilman Cawthon. "We are always stepping on projects like this and we have to stop doing that. We need to do more things to beautify our city," said Horton.

McEwen said he did not object to the annual upkeep, but doesn't believe the city should fund an additional \$5,000 toward the project.

"I'd like to see the citizenry come up with the capital expenditure for it, and the city can pay the upkeep of it. I think it's a worthwhile thing," said McEwen.

Beil said providing the \$5,000 start-up cost would be a "good faith" gesture.

"Charles, over a 10 year period, utility costs would be about \$20,000. I think that's more than good faith," said McEwen. "I'd like to see it be done by citizens. I think the citizens were proud of the fact, for instance, that no governments were involved in putting windows in the Settles. That (the Settles project) was something the citizens can be proud of, and I think they like that."

When discussion concluded, McEwen said that a consensus of the council was obviously in favor of moving forward with the project, with the city promising to pay utility costs. Beil said he would spearhead a fundraising effort to get the project under way.

• ROSENDO FRANCO, 18, of Cedar Park, was arrested on a charge of escape from custody.

• MANUEL LOPEZ, 22, of 1100 Rannels, was arrested on local warrants.

• CLASS C ASSAULT was reported in the 2900 block of W. 8th.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1400 block of Scurry.

• BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 500 block of Abrams.

• DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 900 block of S. Rannels and in the 1400 block of Sycamore.

RECORDS

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BY LYNDEL M Staff Writer

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## Coahoma, Forsan bands earn honors in concert contests

By LYNDEL MOODY  
Staff Writer

Both Coahoma and Forsan high school bands took home honors from Class 2A University Interscholastic League (UIL) concert and sight-reading contests last week.

Forsan's band earned the UIL concert and sight-reading contest sweepstakes trophy on April 10.

"This is the band's fourth sweepstakes award in a row and all six judges gave us a Division I," said Jim Rhodes, Forsan band director. "One of the judges commented that this is the best of the class today."

The band earned the award by receiving a Division I in both the concert and sight-reading contest and at the marching contest in the fall, Rhodes said.

Under the direction of Rhodes and Tony Lucas, FHS band performed three pieces — the "Bonnie Annie Laurie March," "West Highland Sorjoran" and "Sinfamia VI."

The competition, which was held in Crane, included three Class 2A schools and Forsan was one of the largest bands present with 110 students.

The FHS band will take

its award-winning concert on the road for a spring trip to San Antonio May 10-12 to perform at the Alamo Showcase of Music Festival.

Coahoma's band earned a Division I on its concert section of the contest held in Anson on April 11.

"This is the best band I have put on stage as far as concert performance," said Coahoma director Jerry Barker. "I was very pleased with their performance over all."

"Highlander regiment," "Pavane" and "Knights of Dunvegan" were the pieces performed by the CHS band during concert.

The 60-student band was awarded a Division II for the sight-reading portion of the concert.

Coahoma also earned a Division I in marching contest during the fall.

The CHS band recently returned from a trip to Disney World in Orlando, Fla., where it led the Electric Light Parade.

"Around 10,000 bands apply for this march and only 300 are chosen to perform," Barker said, noting that the chance to perform at the amusement park was a tremendous honor for his students, as well as an exciting trip.

## Roads: Committee considers borrowing money

AUSTIN (AP) — It's one of the most divisive issues: whether to allow the state to go into debt to pay for more road projects sooner, or to sputter along with the time-tested pay-as-you-go system that some say is leaving Texans stuck in traffic.

Two bills to allow the state to use bonds slid through the Senate, but they have been met with skepticism in the House Transportation Committee chaired by Rep. Clyde Alexander. Alexander supports raising the fuel tax to

pay for new projects but adamantly opposes some "risky" forms of bonding. He remained relatively silent as a deluge of witnesses supporting the bonding proposals flowed forth late into Tuesday night, all of them arguing that unclogging the state's highways requires a faster, more risky form of funding that can be used to pay for projects at today's prices.

The two bonding measures by Sens. Florence Shapiro, R-Plano and Eddie Lucio, D-Brownsville, require voter approval to

alter the Texas Constitution and become law.

Shapiro's bill sets up the Texas Mobility Fund through which the state could sell bonds to get money for roads. Loans would be paid back with money from the state's main pocket, the general revenue fund.

Lucio's bill lets the state issue bonds of up to \$1 billion, using future federal highway funds as collateral. This type of bonding is called GARVEE bonds, or Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicle bonds. GARVEES

were shot down by lawmakers last session and rejected again by the House interim transportation report.

The bills were expected to be left pending. Whether they use bonds or another method, lawmakers know they must do something about transportation this session.

More Texans are languishing in traffic. The Texas Department of Transportation has the money to fund only 36 percent of projects. Texas highway spending per capita has fallen about 34 percent since 1980.

## House to take up hate crimes bill ahead of plan

AUSTIN (AP) — Two months ago, Rep. Senfronia Thompson said the House would wait for the Senate to vote on the hate crimes bill before it took its own vote.

Now, with a month and a half left in the session, and no vote in sight from the Senate, the House is set to forage ahead on the issue Wednesday.

"My job is to pass it in the House and that's what I intend to do," Thompson, D-Houston, said Tuesday, dodging questions about why the bill has stalled in the Senate.

Thompson has faith that the Senate sponsor Rodney Ellis, who holds much political clout as chairman of the finance committee, will succeed in getting the bill through the Senate.

The House led the way on

the issue last session as well, passing the hate crimes legislation which enhances penalties and protections for gays and lesbians. In the last days of the 1999 session, the measure died in the Senate when critics complained it created unnecessary distinctions for homosexuals.

The bill, called the James Byrd Jr. Hate Crimes Act, is named for the black man who was dragged to death behind a pickup truck in East Texas in 1998.

Thompson's bill and the Senate version by Ellis, D-Houston, would make crimes motivated by the victim's race, ethnicity, sex, disability, religion or sexual preference a hate crime.

Thompson and Ellis say the law which punishes crimes committed with bias

or prejudice as a motive is not strong enough.

But the bill faces the same uphill battle in the Senate that it faced last session, lawmakers say. All 15 Senate Democrats have pledged support for the bill, but Ellis has not been able to round up the Republican votes he needs to bring it up for debate.

At least one Republican has indicated that the measure would have a better chance of getting to the Senate floor if Democrats helped pass a bill preventing Texas from recognizing same-sex unions, including those formed in other states.

Ellis says the two issues should be considered separately, but added compromise is part of politics.

Two years ago, former Gov. George W. Bush

refused to offer his support for the hate crimes bill, arguing that all crimes are hate crimes.

Gov. Rick Perry has not offered his support of the new bill, saying that current Texas law adequately protects all victims of crime.

Ellis, who sponsored the measure in 1999, says Texas law already protects several "classes" of victims, such as children and police officers.

Both Ellis' and Thompson's proposals would assign a hate crimes prosecutor in the attorney general's office and assist counties with prosecution.

Thompson said her version differs slightly in that it requires a jury to find beyond a reasonable doubt that crime was motivated by hate.

## Amendment would add DOE waste to site affected by Duncan's bill

AUSTIN (AP) — An amendment approved Tuesday in the Senate Natural Resources Committee would allow the U.S. Department of Energy to ship low-level radioactive waste to a proposed dump in West Texas.

Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, pushed through the amendment to a proposal by Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, that would have set up a dump in agreement with a compact involving Texas, Maine and Vermont.

"The reality of this issue is that a compact waste site is not economically viable on its own," Bivins said, explaining why his amendment added the federal agency.

"You've got to have a greater waste stream," Bivins' amendment calls for the federal site to be separate, at least a quarter-mile, from the compact site.

"The responsible thing to do is have a compact site," Duncan said. "Members will have to make a decision whether we actually need this federal waste to make the compact work. I believe we don't. There are those who believe we do."

"We entered the compact many years ago for the purpose of limiting" the amount of waste, Duncan said. He said the amendment "opens the door to not limiting it."

Bivins said his proposal allows the importation of low-level radioactive waste. Duncan said the amendment would allow hazardous waste and low-level radioactive waste.

Bivins' amendment specifies that the Texas Natural

Resource Conservation Commission would decide on limits for the federal waste, taking into consideration such factors as risk to humans and the environment.

Bivins said the risk from the federal waste could be no greater than the risk from the compact waste.

"The problem is that compact waste in many cases is

very compact and pretty highly radioactive," Bivins said. He said "a great majority of the DOE waste is dirt that is very low in radioactivity."

"My goal has been simply to provide a compact waste site because that takes care of all of our problems in 1985 and it honors our commitment to Maine and Vermont," Duncan said.

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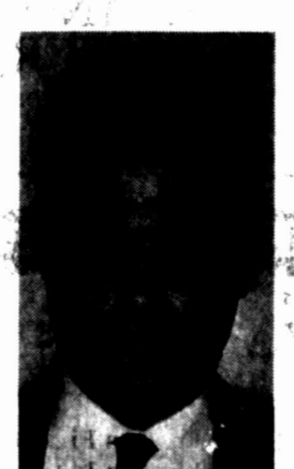
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## OUR VIEWS

# Why not take on the 'mountain?'

Up for a walk? There's none more scenic than the "Master the Mountain" Fun Walk/Fun Run, which takes place Saturday at Big Spring State Park.

The event is held annually in conjunction with the Health Fair.

"Master the Mountain" activities include a 5K fun walk, a 5K fun run and a 10K race. That means there's something for everyone, from the casual stroller to the more serious competitor.

The cost is \$13 to participate and you can register the morning of the event. Preregistration begins at 8; the events follow at 9.

Big Spring State Park is a favorite spot for walkers year-round, but especially in the spring through the fall. Its uphill, winding roads make for a challenging experience, but it's the panoramic view that keeps walkers and runners coming back.

The park will be the scene of another event on Saturday morning — the kickoff of the "Walk Across Texas" program. Eight person teams are pitted against each other in a friendly competition, recording the number of miles they walk each week. Like the "Master the Mountain" events, "Walk Across Texas" promotes fun and a healthy lifestyle.

"Walk Across Texas" also begins at 9 a.m., and you can join by registering just before the event.

For more information on "Master the Mountain" an event sponsored by Scenic Mountain Medical Center, contact Lauri Phillips at 268-4581. Your contact for "Walk Across Texas" is Dana Tarter. Call her at 264-2236. It is sponsored by the Texas Agriculture Extension Service.

If you're up for a good walk, or maybe some competitive fun, consider making your way to Big Spring State Park on Saturday morning. It's good, healthy, family fun.

## YOUR VIEWS

### TO THE EDITOR:

The column in the Herald on Wednesday, March 28, written by Linda Chavez was brought to my attention by one of the members of International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE) Local 351, Alon USA, Big Spring Refinery.

It is plain to see that she does not know the inner workings of a union. A union does have a system of checks and balances that consist of an executive board elected by the dues paying members of the local union. This board meets quarterly to discuss the issues that are pertinent to the operation of our local union. We have a guideline to follow during our meeting and one of these items is the quarterly budget report presented by the business manager. We have an annual budget that is approved by the board and is also audited

annually. The board and our members can see the income coming in, the expenditures and the balance of the total dues paid.

I can assure you that our union dues are not used in any way for political issues. Yes, our dues are tax deductible if you have enough deductions to itemize above the standard deductible.

The state of Texas is an open shop state where you cannot be forced to join a union. Those who do not join also get the same benefits as the dues paying members who fought for them. As a result, company personnel, nonunion members and unrepresented groups have benefited from the negotiated contracts that our local unions have bargained for.

E. J. SELF  
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# Chinese inadvertently did us a big favor

The Chinese military inadvertently did us a big favor when they decided to harass American spy planes flying over international waters off the coast of China. Hard-liners in China may have thought they could intimidate the United States, but instead they have awakened American public opinion to the dangers of assuming China is just another market for U.S. goods.

The hope of 1.2 billion new customers for American products and services has all but dominated U.S. relations with China in recent years, causing us to turn a blind eye toward human-rights abuses in the People's Republic and to downplay the communist government's aggression toward Taiwan and its potential threat to its other neighbors. But the events of the last two weeks have made it crystal clear that China is no mere trading

partner, but a potential and dangerous adversary.

Conventional wisdom in American foreign-policy circles has tended to regard China as less problematic than the former Soviet Union. Not only was the Soviet Union more powerful militarily, posing a direct threat to the United States, but it was clearly expansionist, as well. The Soviets conquered eastern Europe, invaded Afghanistan and dispensed troops as far away as Africa, Asia and the Caribbean. China, most experts contend, has never posed the same degree of threat either to its neighbors or to the United States. But that appraisal may well deserve some rethinking in light of China's recent actions.

Even before the Chinese sent F-8 fighters to intercept American EP-3E spy planes flying over international waters, the Chinese have been making increasingly provocative moves. Chinese submarines have ventured ever closer to Japan in what some analysts deem an effort to assess how quickly Japan's defensive forces can respond. China routinely tries to intimidate Taiwan with live-fire exercises, and in 1996 used short-range

missile tests north and south of Taiwan in an effort to frighten Taiwanese voters from electing a pro-independence prime minister. And late last year, China conducted a series of long-range missile tests meant to discourage the United States from selling weapons to Taiwan.

But the Chinese may have miscalculated in their most recent belligerence. Already, members of Congress on both sides of the aisle seem ready to teach China a lesson. Sen. Jon Kyl, a Republican member of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence urged this weekend that the United States send "a strong signal to China that it cannot continue to engage in belligerent activity toward Taiwan and toward the United States and expect to have the kind of relationship with us that we had thought that it wanted to have." On Sunday, Rep. Henry Hyde, the Republican chairman of the House International Relations Committee, warned on "Meet the Press" that he may not vote for permanent trading status for China when it comes up later this year.

But the harshest rhetoric of all came from Democrat

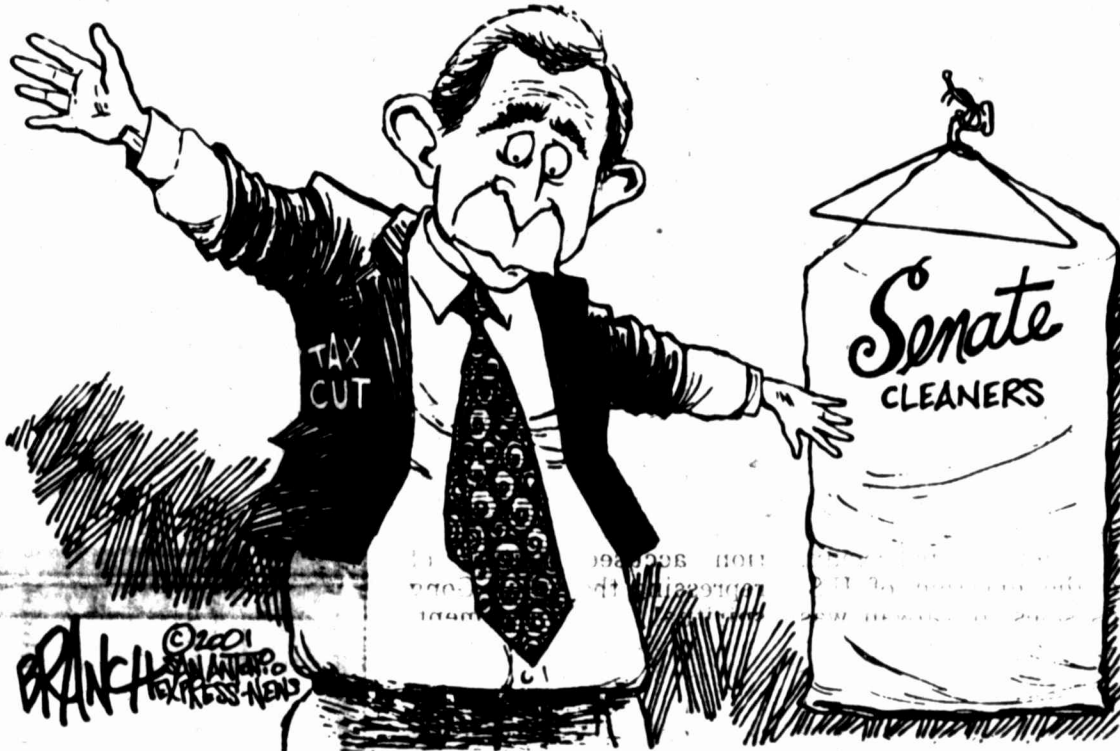
Sen. Robert Torricelli, who accused China of challenging America's credibility. "Relations cannot continue on the current basis," he said over the weekend, noting that he will vote against most-favored nation status for China. "There's got to be retribution."

It remains to be seen whether denying permanent trading status to China would be the most effective retaliation for China's reckless actions, but the very fact that the subject is being seriously discussed should cause China concern. The Chinese need U.S. markets now far more than we need theirs. China may present a huge potential market for U.S. goods, but the United States already serves as a huge and growing market for Chinese products. In 2000 alone, China sold \$84 billion more to the United States than we sold to them. Thus, they have a lot more to lose than we do.

Americans don't spend a lot of time thinking about foreign policy — that is until something happens that affects them directly. But when the Chinese decided to jeopardize 24 American lives, they caught our attention. They may soon wish they hadn't.



LINDA CHAVEZ



# Value of precious possessions

I heard about this auction stuff. Where you take things in, get them appraised. The amounts for some items are astronomical.

One question: Who the heck's gonna buy them? So you happen to have a Foujita drawing valued at \$15,000. How do you find a buyer?

I like putting a value on things the old fashioned way: if you like something enough to keep, and it means a lot to you, it's valuable. Someone suggested I visit with a man who had a collection of pocket knives. It was, in my opinion, a modest collection. Just a cigar box full of knives. He wouldn't let me interview him because he thought someone would read about the collection and come steal it.

I ran into the same situation with a woman who had a table she bought in England. It weighs just under a ton. She did let me

interview her, but called back and didn't want me to use her name or where she lived. She thought someone would hear about the table, hunt her house down, break in and take the huge table.

I heard a radio program this past weekend where a couple of guys were appraising books. People came to the live broadcast carrying books that had been in their possession for years. The book guys were knowledgeable, and seemed to really get a kick out of telling someone who was extremely proud of a "first edition Charles Dickens" that it really wasn't a first edition, that it was a second printing and worth only six dollars and 95 cents. The owner, of course had hoped to have it appraised at half a million dollars. On the other hand, a woman brought in a book that she considered worthless and it was appraised at two thousand dollars. Again, is there a big market for an early edition of "The Little Engine That Could?"

There seems to be more and more of this type of programming on weekend

radio. One person had a collection of mustache cups, in fact had written a book on the subject. I think that would be a rare book. People collect everything, I guess. A friend of ours collects eye wash cups. You don't see many of those. That is, unless you're looking for them. Then they turn up everywhere.

A man in Lamesa collects hymn books with shaped notes. Not many of those around today.

Somebody in Woodville collects hornets' nests, the ones that look like small barrels. The only place I've ever seen one of those is in his collection.

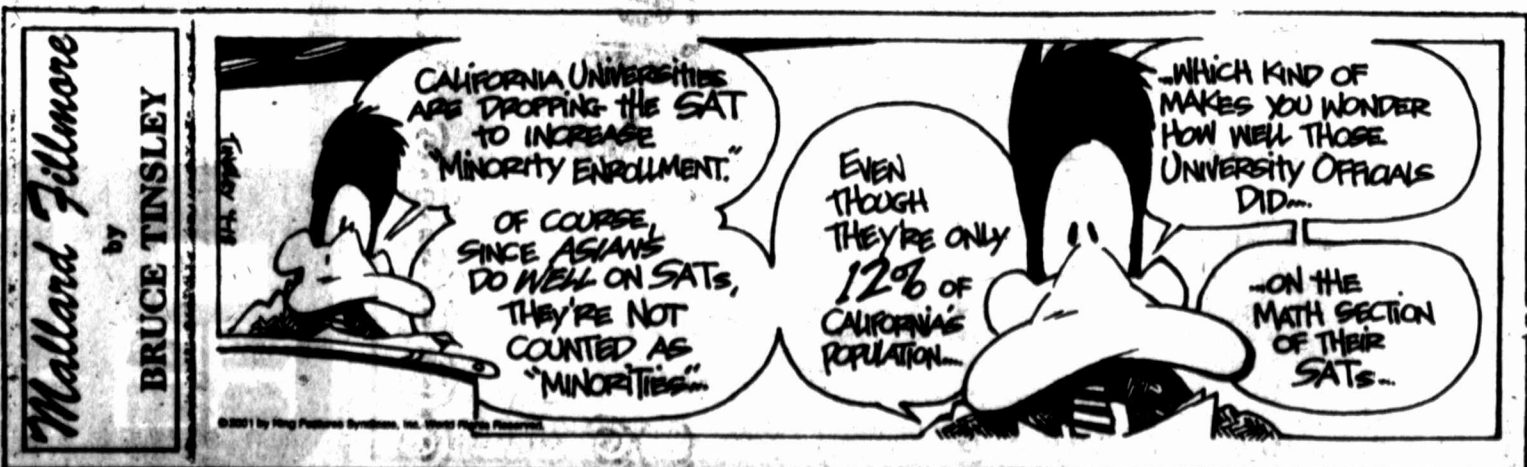
In the regular course of life, you run into people all the time who collect pencils, coins, stamps, records, Edsels, barbed wire or books by H. Allen Smith. You seldom run into someone who collects two story houses. But I know two people to do. They have several of them all lined up on their acreage.

It's a good thing people enjoy their collections because finding a buyer for their stuff would be difficult. Anyway, to them it's invaluable.

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# Mississippi River spilling over, forcing hundreds to flee homes

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The surging Mississippi River forced hundreds of shoreline residents to abandon homes, halted barge and rail traffic and left weary sandbaggers in four states hoping for one thing Wednesday — no more rain.

"Something like this, it might take two weeks just to get down below the flood stage," said Randy Eddy Jr., 34, from his father's home on French Island, Wis., surrounded by water, thousands of sandbags and a half a dozen pumps.

Hundreds of Wisconsin and Iowa residents were chased away from low-lying riverside areas Tuesday, unsure when they would return home.

Sixteen counties in Minnesota declared a state of emergency as did nine in western Wisconsin. A disaster proclamation was in place for 10 Iowa counties as the floodwaters began seep-

ing southeast, toward homes in Hampton, Ill.

Rep. Ron Kind, D-Wisc., and his wife Tawni were among the families driven from French Island as 4 feet of water gushed into their basement.

"If this is the worst thing that happens to me in my life, then I will take it," said Tawni, wearing hip boots and wading through her family's belongings. "Compare it to losing your kids or something like that and it's no big deal."

The latest projection from the National Weather Service showed the Mississippi would crest Wednesday at 16.5 feet at La Crosse instead of 17 feet as predicted earlier, meteorologist Randy Breese said. That compares with the record crest of 17.9 feet in April 1965. Flood stage is 12 feet.

But with scattered showers forecast for later in the week, there was no way to

predict how long it would take for the water to go down.

A 403-mile stretch of the Mississippi from Muscatine, Iowa, to Minneapolis, Minn., was closed to boat and barge traffic Tuesday. Both Amtrak and Burlington Northern Santa Fe shut down rail service between Chicago and Minneapolis-St. Paul because of flood water on the tracks. Some trains face delays of two days.

Updated rain forecasts for Friday through the weekend prompted the weather service in Davenport, Iowa, to up its projections for neighboring Rock Island to a crest of 21.5-22.5 feet, just shy of the 22.63-foot record set in 1993.

"It all depends on where the rain falls, but it's enough to bump these forecasts up a little higher," meteorologist Tom Philip said.

# Bush reportedly advised to hold back elite U.S. radar system from Taiwan

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush's foreign policy advisers have recommended against the sale of sophisticated destroyers to Taiwan, a senior administration official said Wednesday.

The adviser, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Bush has not acted on the recommendation but that a decision will be made public Tuesday after U.S. officials meet with a delegation from Taiwan.

Bush's advisers recommended he allow the sale of other, less-advanced weapons systems to Taiwan, the official said.

The advisers, who met Tuesday to formulate the decision, recommended that Bush defer sales of the destroyers equipped with the Aegis radar and weapons system — leaving open the possibility of future sales as leverage against China as the two nations wrestle with the

ramifications of their 11-day standoff over a U.S. spy plane.

The administration has insisted that the spy-plane incident was unconnected with the decision on whether to sell the destroyers and their weapons systems to Taiwan. Washington's relations with Beijing could be jeopardized if the United States allows the sale.

The Aegis-equipped destroyers head Taiwan's wish list of arms needs, which also includes diesel-powered submarines.

Advisers determined that Taiwan did not have the technical skill to operate the weaponry, which would protect Taiwan from missile attack.

A Pentagon spokesman said the question of U.S. arms sales to Taiwan was not on the agenda for the U.S. delegation in Beijing for talks today on the April 1 collision of a Chinese fight-

er jet with a Navy surveillance plane and China's 11-day retention of the plane's crew.

"You're really talking two different issues there," Quigley told reporters. "The one is driven by recent events and the other has its basis in the law."

The United States is obligated by the 1979 Taiwan Relations Act to sell Taiwan weapons the island needs for its defense.

Tensions with China have also been building on other fronts.

Earlier this month, the United States submitted a resolution criticizing China's human rights record in another bid to have it censured by the United Nations. The resolution accused Beijing of repressing the Falun Gong spiritual movement, increasing restrictions on Tibetans and "harsh sentencing" of government opponents.

# Confederate banner will stay on Mississippi flag

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — The banner that led Confederate troops in the Civil War will remain on Mississippi's flag, as voters rejected warnings the symbol is racist and an obstacle to economic development.

By nearly a 2-1 margin, Mississippi residents voted Tuesday to keep their current state flag, defeating a proposed alternative that would have replaced the Confederate emblem in the upper left corner with a cluster of 20 stars.

"I don't think black people were upset with the flag," said Robert Crook, a former state senator. "There was no hue and cry, no boycotts."

Opponents continued their criticism of the Confederate symbol, which they denounced as racist.

"The flag — outside of a symbol of racism — is an advertisement," said Tony Gaylor, a lawyer who was one of about a dozen people at a post-election party in Jackson. "As long as the state continues to advertise itself as racist, it will be seen as racist."

"We can only hope that one day the state of Mississippi will be dragged into the 21st century, into progress," he said.

The vote was part of a larger debate across the

South about dealing with past racism and facing the future.

In neighboring Alabama, jury selection is under way in the trial of a white man accused in the 1963 bombing of Birmingham's Sixteenth Street Baptist Church. The blast killed four black girls.

In recent years, prosecutors in Mississippi and other states also have dusted off files on old civil rights cases.

In 1994, a jury convicted Byron de la Beckwith of assassinating NAACP leader Medgar Evers in Jackson in 1963. Mississippi Attorney General Mike Moore said he is also pursuing leads in a case against those accused of killing three civil rights workers in 1964.

Other Southern states have also wrestled with

symbols of the Confederacy.

Last year, South Carolina lawmakers removed a Confederate flag from atop the Statehouse dome. In January, Georgia legislators shrank the Confederate symbol that had dominated that state's flag since 1956.

The Mississippi vote was largely split along racial lines. In DeSoto County, an 86 percent white county in the Memphis suburbs, the old flag won by a 6-1 margin. In Hinds, a majority black county that is home to the state capital, went almost 2-to-1 for the new design.

In a few majority-black counties, the vote was surprisingly close. The predominantly black Delta went for the new flag, but not overwhelmingly. Mississippi, with 2.8 million people, is 61 percent white and 36 percent black.

## HOROSCOPE

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, April 19:

How you deal with issues and the ways in which you approach solutions can spell the difference between success and failure. Reactive behavior will not serve you; well-thought-out responses will. Take your time. Go for a walk when you face challenges. Given time, excellent answers appear. If you are single, you could be overwhelmed by how many people you meet this summer, not to mention the number of potential suitors. If you are attached, you need time alone to relate more fully. This summer, plan a special outing or vacation for the two of you. Communication soars. Confide in PISCES.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) \*\*\* Maintain a low profile, especially if another shakes you up. Your emphasis needs to be on greater financial security. News from a distance activates your mind and your body. Pressure builds around work. Do not listen to hearsay. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) \*\*\*\* A deep friendship is what keeps you from dumping a touchy pal. Keep an even keel, even as this person waffles left and right. With the sun moving into your sign today, you gain. Your instincts guide you with a partner, whom you help to draw out. Tonight: Know what you are doing when you start a discussion.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) \*\*\*\* Take a stand, despite the potential for much flak. Demonstrate who you are. Express your integrity. Another reverses his position and starts working

with you. Make a meeting. Network. Success comes through groups. Don't hesitate to speak your mind. Tonight: Make a must appearance.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) \*\*\*\* Difficulties surround work. Reach out for others and seek out solutions. Your ability to find new resources marks your decisions. Maintain a high profile. Schedule meetings. A friend's request demands thought. Make more time for your pals. Tonight: Rent a movie.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) \*\*\*\* A risk ultimately backfires, be it an emotional, financial or professional risk. Adopt a slow but steady style during the next few weeks. A child or new friend reaches out. Brainstorm and enjoy the repartee. Tonight: What's wrong with adding more fun to your life?

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \*\*\*\* If need be, reverse gears this morning, especially if you're not getting anywhere with present issues. Later, speak your mind and examine what it is you want and expect from others. Deal with a partner or associate on an intellectual basis, and you will get results. Tonight: Sort through the many possibilities, then be spontaneous.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \*\*\*\* You might feel buried in work. Work with someone on a one-on-one level, but be careful — a discussion might blow up. Give this person a few hours to regroup. Use logic here, and take the initiative. Could you be overly emotional or too assertive? Be honest with yourself. Tonight: Put your nose to the grindstone.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) \*\*\*\* Financial matters make you uptight. You could be looking at a potential disaster. The good news

is that if you calm down and work with someone, you will come up with a workable solution. Deal with problems head-on in the next month. Tonight: Go for a fun workout.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) \*\* Recognize that you are out of sorts. You cannot change the inevitable. You could be your own worst enemy, trying to fight the impossible. Don't play superhero. Understand your limitations. Solutions appear. Tonight: Call a loved one.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \*\*\*\* Communication could be off. Stop and focus. A discussion with someone close brings results. Creativity and answers soar during the next month. What a relief. Tonight: Stop at a favorite spot while doing errands.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\*\* You want results, but you could cause yourself a lot of angst if you push someone too hard. Success comes later in the day when you start a purposeful conversation. Deal with fundamentals, which are precisely what are important to you. Win a new friend. Tonight: Treat another to dinner.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) \*\*\*\* Pressure from a boss or authority figure encourages a knee-jerk reaction. Still, a discussion with this person on an intellectual level later in the day paves the way to success. You can work with another. Express your buoyant personality. Tonight: Just ask for what you want.

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### IN BRIEF

#### Auto accident sends students to hospital

A one vehicle accident has left two Howard College students in stable condition at Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo.

Devon Melby, a softball player, and Michelle Mabrey, a trainer, were in a one-car accident on Monday morning that happened eight miles West of Eden, said Dave George, Howard College softball head coach.

Both women were sent to Shannon Medical Center for injuries sustained in the accident. Mabrey suffered a broken leg and nose along with lacerations, George said. Melby received a blow to her head and ankle, he mentioned.

#### Softball tournament to benefit foundation

A recreational softball tournament will be held beginning Friday, April 27, at Cotton Mize Field at Comanche Trail Park.

There is a three-game guarantee and the first eight teams will be taken. The fee is \$110 and the deadline is Friday.

For more information call 264-6129.

#### CGA, HWP schedule tourney for Sunday

The Chicano Golf Association and the Hispanic Women for Progress will hold their annual tournament Sunday, April 22, at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Proceeds will benefit the Hispanic Women for Progress fund. There will be a shotgun start so all participants must sign up by 9:45.

For more information call the clubhouse at 264-2366.

#### Trainers vs. Coaches Benefit softball game

The Howard College student trainers have challenged the athletic coaching staff to a benefit softball game at 5 p.m. Monday.

All proceeds will benefit the memorial scholarship fund, established for the late trainer, Everett Blackburn.

All athletic trainers will be asking for pledges for each run scored.

Admission is free and concessions will be available.

Pledge forms are available. For more information call 264-5040.

#### Howard College will hold sports banquet

The annual Howard College Sports Banquet is set for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Coliseum East Room.

Cost of the meal is \$7 per person. Please RSVP to Betty Reed at 264-5040.

#### Swim lessons being offered at the YMCA

Parents can register their children for swim lessons at the YMCA.

Classes will be held at 6 p.m. and will meet two nights each week.

Beginner and intermediate level classes are open for children age three to five and six and older.

For more information, call the YMCA at 267-8234.

#### ON THE AIR

**Television**  
NHL Playoffs  
Conference Quarterfinals  
6 p.m. — Washington Capitals at Pittsburgh Penguins, ESPN, Ch. 30.

**BASEBALL**  
Noon — Florida Marlins at Atlanta Braves, ESPN, Ch. 30.

**NBA**  
7 p.m. — Miami Heat at Orlando Magic, TNT, 28.

## Bonds hits 500th homer, Bonilla gives up first

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Barry Bonds hit his 500th home run on the same night Bobby Bonilla gave up his first.

Splashing his way into history, Bonds became the 17th major leaguer to hit 500 home runs, hitting a two-run, eighth-inning drive off Terry Adams that went into McCovey's Cove beyond the right-field stands.

The homer overcame a one-run deficit and led the Giants over the Los Angeles Dodgers 3-2 Tuesday night.

"When I hit it, I couldn't believe I hit it. Everything was in slow motion. It looked like it was stopped in midair," Bonds said.

Bonds, who has homered in five straight games for the first time in his career, embraced Rich Aurilia, who tripled to start the inning, and his father, former major leaguer Bobby Bonds. His wife Liz ran to his arms.

Former Giants Willie Mays and Willie McCovey — both members of the 500 club — were on hand to witness the drive off Terry Adams (0-1).

"First of all, I'd like to thank my parents for having me," a breathless Bonds told the crowd. "I want to thank Willie Mays for being here and Willie McCovey. Most of all, thanks to all of you, I love you and I'm proud to be in a San Francisco Giants uniform."

Earlier, in St. Louis, Bonilla made his major league pitching debut and

allowed a homer to his first batter, Erubiel Durazo.

Bonilla, Bonds' teammate on Pittsburgh's division championship teams in the late 1980s and early 1990s, was put on the mound by manager Tony La Russa in the ninth inning of a rout.

Bonilla also gave up an RBI single to Danny Bautista as the St. Louis Cardinals lost to the Arizona Diamondbacks 17-4.

"It wasn't a great situation, or a fun situation for anybody," Bonilla said. "Tony came by and said, 'Bo have you ever pitched before?' I said 'No, but if you need me to do it, I'll do it.'"

In other NL games, it was Colorado 9, San Diego 5; Florida 3, Atlanta 2; Philadelphia 6, Chicago 3;

New York 4, Montreal 0; and Cincinnati 3, Milwaukee 2.

Giants reliever Felix Rodriguez pitched the eighth for the victory, striking out two. Robb Nen got his third save.

#### Diamondbacks 17, Cardinals 4

At St. Louis, Luis Gonzalez hit his major league leading 10th homer and Reggie Sanders hit a three-run shot in the third off Dustin Hermanson (1-1), who gave up eight runs and seven hits in 2 1/3 innings.

Armando Reynoso (1-2) allowed three runs and four hits in six innings. Cardinals reliever Gene Stechschulte pinch hit and became the 82nd player to homer in his first major league at-bat.



Big Spring's Bridget Cain waits for the ball at first base during the Lady Steers' 11-1 win over San Angelo Lake View Tuesday. The win guaranteed the Lady Steers a first place finish in District 4-4A.

HERALD photo/Jim Fiero

## Home finale clincher

By KAMILAH WARD  
Sports Writer

What a way to go. Amy Jackson and Candice Cerda's home finale at the Big Spring ISD Softball Complex couldn't have ended any sweeter.

The seniors picked up their 13th win in district and paved the way for yet another Lady Steer District 4-4A Championship title.

Yep... Tuesday's 11-1 win over San Angelo Lake View's Maidens was a clincher for the Lady Steers who've been the disputed district leaders all season long.

There were a number of plays that made the game but the final play of day seemed to be fitting as Cerda's shot to right field drove in Christina Gwyn for the winning run to win it in six and claim the district title.

Cerda came in for Braxton in the fifth inning along with Nicole Chesworth who replaced Jackson at third base.

The Lady Steers made it abundantly clear that they

weren't going to hold anything back on either end. Offensively, they jumped out to a 5-1 lead after one and just kind of kept swinging.

Leina Braxton's double drove in Jackson for the first run and then rounded the bases along with Erica Stewart and Laura Olague's base hit to right field.

Whitney Hufford drove in Olague with her triple to right field before she rounded the bases on Bridget Cain's double to right.

There were a couple of pitching changes made but not before the Lady Steers could score six more runs, three in the second, two in the third and one in the sixth.

Good defensive play plus pitching topped Big Spring's scoring as Gwyn had another strong appearance at the mound finishing the game in six innings. She struck out 13 batters and gave up two hits.

It was Cain and Hufford to Olague most of the day as the Maidens were limited at the plate. Tracy

Padilla caught the lone shot to center field.

The Lady Steers will be working on a few things before heading to regionals. First baseman Trista Casey is one of three players who have suffered injuries this season.

Casey, who has been playing with a broken thumb on her throwing hand, played the designated hitter Tuesday. The girls are making the necessary adjustments as they have also lost Melissa Ray to an ACL tear. Stewart also suffered a minor injury, taking a shot to the knee in the Levelland matchup.

Of course the Lady Steers still have one more game against Plainview before they can officially wrap up district play.

But with Snyder having lost both games to Big Spring, it's safe to say the Lady Steers will hold on to first place.

As far as regionals goes, Big Spring will draw a bye in the first round and probably play one of the El Paso teams.

The Lady Steers are set to travel to Plainview Friday.

## Sands boys, girls golf teams finish ahead in full swing

HERALD Staff Report

The District 9A golf tournament was held at Comanche Trail Golf course Monday.

Sands finished third in district with a team total of 517. Stacey Bodine led the way for the Lady Mustangs with a 126, followed by Shelli Blagrove and Sheridan Silipo who shot 127. Amber Barkowsky rounded out the team total with 137 and Hollie Gibbs shot 143 in the final round.

Other team finishes were as follows - Dawson carded at 478 led by Jamie Drennan's 100, Jessica Drennan 113, Katie Goode 121 and Megan Moore 144.

Ira's team total of 500 was good enough for second place led by Mikanna Herring 121, Lacie Thompson 123, Tosha Walker 125 and Lindsey Wilson 134.

Amanda Watkins shot 137 and was a medalist for Sands. Other Medalist included Klondike's Tayla Hightower 148, Sunny Addison 129, Lynsey Harris 115 and Borden County's Abby Flannigan 120.

Individual medalists included Jamie Drennan and Jessica Drennan for first and second place, Harris for third, Flannigan for fourth followed by Herring and Dawson's Katie Goode who split for fifth

place.

Sands' boys team carded a 376 for first place, Borden County followed with 379, Next was Ira with 395, Westbrook finished fourth with a 406, Highland finished fifth with a 409 and Grady rounded out the finals with a 459.

Sands' was led by Seth Smithson and C. Grantham with 92, Dusty Floyd followed with a 93, Heath Webb and Chance Nichols both shot 99 for the day.

Individual medalists included Borden County's Griffin who tied with Ira's Fine for first place, followed by Roemisch, Smithson and Grantham split fourth with Johnson.

The junior varsity individual medalist included Dawson's Braxton Gary who shot 89 for first place, Sands's Lee Casas shot 114 and Johnny Chavez shot 119 for third.

Other scores were as follows - Borden County — Tom Griffin 83, Talin Pepper 102, Jerry Hernandez 99, Brionne Jackson 95 and Dan Griffin 102; Ira — Jeff Fine 83, Jerry Jamison 99, S. Nickerson 106, Tyler Frey 107 and Case Hardy 125; Westbrook — Adam Roemisch 85, Chris Matlock 101, Jim Hale 108, S. Burleson 112 and Mike Miguel 126; Highland — Kade Johnson 92.

## Mustangs qualify for regionals

Sands Mustangs boys' track team competed in the Area 9A - 10A track meet in Hamlin and closed out the meet with a number of top four finishers who qualified for regionals.

It seems as though the long distance runners made good strides as Jose Martinez, Emmanuel Martinez and Steven Barraza placed second, third and fourth in the meet. J. Martinez finished in 9:52.16, followed by E. Martinez who finished in 10:15.02 and Barraza posted a time of 10:56.02.

In the 1600 meter run, J. Martinez placed second in 4:36.25 while E. Martinez placed third in 4:46.26. Salvador Martinez was the lone qualifier for the 800 meter run, placing fourth in 2:08.85.

In the 100 meter dash, Hale Looney won first place in 11.36 as well as second place in the 200 meter dash finishing in 23.58. Dusty Floyd placed third in the 200 meter in 23.75 and was the only qualifier in a field event, winning the discus throw outright with a 142.4 mark.

## Guillen spoils Rodriguez' return to Seattle in game two

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Alex Rodriguez's return to Seattle hit another bump.

Rodriguez made two errors in his second game back to Safeco Field, while his replacement on the Mariners hit a two-run homer Tuesday night in Seattle's 6-4 victory over the Texas Rangers.

Carlos Guillen homered, and Mariners fans again gave Rodriguez a rude reception.

"We didn't execute," said a frustrated Rodriguez, who bolted Seattle for \$252 million from Texas this off-season. "I wasn't happy with the way we played and I wasn't happy with the way I played."

Rodriguez, who hit 189 homers with Seattle, has none in five games against the Mariners, to the delight of the fans at Safeco Field, who lustily booed him for the second straight night.

"It's too bad it has to be like this," said Mariners first baseman John

Olerud, who also hit a two-run homer. "I think they're just frustrated because he's such a great player and they hated to see him leave. But it's been pretty rough. I feel bad for him."

Guillen's homer in the second inning off Rick Helling (0-3) was his first this season.

In other AL games, it was Toronto 6, New York 5; Cleveland 8, Baltimore 1; Detroit 7, Chicago 4; Boston 10, Tampa Bay 0; Minnesota 6, Kansas City 5; and Oakland 5, Anaheim 1.

Ichiro Suzuki, a seven-time batting champion in Japan, went 4-for-4 with a triple and an RBI for Seattle, raising his batting average to .377. The right fielder robbed Rafael Palmeiro of a possible home run in the second, catching a drive at the top of the fence.

Jamie Moyer (2-0) allowed four runs and six hits in 6 2/3 innings to beat Texas for the first time in seven starts since July 10, 1999. He

gave up a two-run homer to Ken Caminiti in the fifth.

"We have to rebound and come up with a crisp performance tomorrow night, like we played in Oakland," said Rodriguez, whose Rangers swept a series against the Athletics before coming to Seattle. "Tomorrow night will be a big game for us."

**Blue Jays 6, Yankees 5**  
Raul Mondesi completed the first straight steal of home in Toronto history, and Alex Gonzalez hit a two-run homer as the Blue Jays handed visiting New York its third straight loss.

Mondesi broke toward home plate just before New York starter Randy Keisler (0-1) started his wind up. Keisler's pitch was high, and there was no tag as Mondesi stole home for the second time in his career.

Esteban Loaiza (3-0) got his second victory over the Yankees, and Billy Koch earned his fourth save. **Red Sox 10, Devil Rays 0**

Tomo Ohka (2-0) pitched seven shutout innings, and Manny Ramirez homered twice to lead Boston at Tampa Bay.

Ramirez hit a 451-foot, two-run homer off Travis Harper (0-2) in the first inning. Brian Daubach hit a two-run shot and Carl Everett finished the early barrage against Tampa Bay's rookie right-hander with a three-run homer that made it 7-0.

**Indians 8, Orioles 1**  
Russell Branyan hit a grand slam, and Dave Burba (1-1) pitched six solid innings to earn his first win this season for visiting Cleveland.

Branyan's second career slam, which traveled about 430 feet, highlighted a five-run sixth inning. It was his fifth homer, tying him with Juan Gonzalez for the team lead.

**Tigers 7, White Sox 4**  
Tony Clark hit a go-ahead, two-run homer in a four-run eighth inning as Detroit handed Chicago its fourth straight loss.

**Monday's Games**  
Boston 4, N.Y. Yankees  
Baltimore 6, Tampa Bay  
Kansas City 5, Minnesota  
Seattle 9, Texas 7  
Oakland 6, Anaheim 3

**Tuesday's Games**  
Toronto 6, N.Y. Yankees  
Cleveland 8, Baltimore  
Detroit 7, Chicago White Sox  
Boston 10, Tampa Bay  
Minnesota 6, Kansas City  
Seattle 6, Texas 4  
Oakland 5, Anaheim 1

**Wednesday's Games**  
Kansas City (5:00 p.m.)  
Minnesota (Redsman 1:30 p.m.)  
N.Y. Yankees (Herman 2:00 p.m.)  
Toronto (Michalak 2:00 p.m.)  
Cleveland (Colon 1:30 p.m.)  
Hergan (0-1), 7:05 p.m.  
Chicago White Sox (B. Detroit (Holt 1:1), 6:05 p.m.)  
Boston (Crawford 1:00 p.m.)  
Lopez 2:11, 6:15 p.m.  
Texas (Davis 1:1) at 5:00, 9:05 p.m.  
Oakland (Lidle 0-1)  
Schroeder 1:1, 6:05 p.m.

**Thursday's Games**  
Cleveland at Baltimore  
N.Y. Yankees at Toronto  
Chicago White Sox at p.m.  
Boston at Tampa Bay  
Oakland at Texas, 7:05 p.m.  
Anaheim at Seattle, 9:05 p.m.

**Monday's Games**  
Pittsburgh 3, Houston  
N.Y. Mets 4, Montreal  
Atlanta 4, Florida 3  
Arizona 2, St. Louis 1  
Philadelphia at Chicago  
**Tuesday's Games**  
Philadelphia 6, Chicago  
Cincinnati 3, Milwaukee  
N.Y. Mets 4, Montreal  
Florida 3, Atlanta 2  
Arizona 17, St. Louis 4  
Colorado 9, San Diego  
San Francisco 3, Los Angeles  
Houston at Pittsburgh

**Wednesday's Games**  
Florida (Dempster 2:45 p.m.)  
Glaive 1:1, 12:05 p.m.  
Montreal (Vaquez 1:10 p.m.)  
Trachsel 0-1, 12:10 p.m.  
Philadelphia (Chen 0-0) at Chicago Cubs (Tapscott 2:0), 2:12:20 p.m.  
Houston (Reynolds 0-0) at (Arroyo 1:1), 6:05 p.m.  
Milwaukee (Wright 1-2) (Harnisch 1-1), 6:05 p.m.  
Arizona (Johnson 2-1) (Kile 1-2), 7:10 p.m.  
Colorado (Hampton 1-0) (Eaton 2-0), 9:05 p.m.  
Los Angeles (Park Francisco (Hernandez 3-0) at San Diego

**Thursday's Games**  
Colorado at San Diego  
Montreal at Florida, 6:15 p.m.  
Los Angeles at San Francisco, 7:05 p.m.

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**  
BATTING—Brosius, 429; Clark, D. M. Ramirez, Boston, 392; Stewart, To. E. Martinez, Seattle, 36. RUNS—Stewart, A. Rodriguez, Texas, 1; Minnesota, 12; Soles, 12; Lawton, Minn. Cameron, Seattle, 12; 11. RBI—Posada, Texas; Ar. Rodriguez, Texas; Toronto, 15; Gonzalez, 15; Quinn, Kansas; R. Palmeiro, Texas, 1; Boston, 13; B. Boone, 5. HITS—Stewart, Brosius, New York.

## Lakers

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The Los Angeles and Miami Heat 1-2 punches in postseason series. Shaquille Kobe Bryant 59 points as champion Denver 108 night, clinch Division title in the West behind San Antonio. "We are when we pl



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**Monday's Games**  
Boston 4, N.Y. Yankees 1  
Baltimore 6, Tampa Bay 2  
Kansas City 5, Minnesota 3  
Seattle 9, Texas 7  
Oakland 6, Anaheim 3

**Tuesday's Games**  
Toronto 8, Yankees 5  
Cleveland 8, Baltimore 1  
Detroit 7, Chicago White Sox 4  
Boston 10, Tampa Bay 0  
Minnesota 6, Kansas City 5  
Seattle 6, Texas 4  
Anaheim 1

**Wednesday's Games**  
Kansas City (Suppen 0-2) at Minnesota (Redman 1.1), 12:05 p.m.  
N.Y. Yankees (Hernandez 0-1) at Toronto (Michalek 2.0), 6:05 p.m.  
Cleveland (Cotton 1.1) at Baltimore (Hentgen 0.1), 7:05 p.m.  
Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 0.2) at Detroit (Holt 1.1), 6:05 p.m.  
Boston (Crawford 1.0) at Tampa Bay (Lopez 2.1), 6:15 p.m.  
Texas (Davis 1.1) at Seattle (Tomko 0.0), 9:05 p.m.  
Oakland (Liddle 0-1) at Anaheim (Schoeneweis 1.1), 9:05 p.m.

**Thursday's Games**  
Cleveland at Baltimore, 2:05 p.m.  
N.Y. Yankees at Toronto, 6:05 p.m.  
Chicago White Sox at Detroit, 6:05 p.m.  
Boston at Tampa Bay, 6:15 p.m.  
Oakland at Texas, 7:05 p.m.  
Anaheim at Seattle, 9:05 p.m.

NL SCHEDULE

**Monday's Games**  
Pittsburgh 3, Houston 0  
N.Y. Mets 4, Montreal 3  
Atlanta 4, Florida 3  
Arizona 2, St. Louis 1  
Philadelphia at Chicago Cubs, ppd

**Tuesday's Games**  
Philadelphia 6, Chicago Cubs 3  
Cincinnati 3, Milwaukee 2  
N.Y. Mets 4, Montreal 0  
Florida 3, Atlanta 2  
Arizona 17, St. Louis 4  
Colorado 9, San Diego 5  
San Francisco 3, Los Angeles 2  
Houston at Pittsburgh, ppd

**Wednesday's Games**  
Florida (Dempster 2.0) at Atlanta (Glavin 1.1), 12:05 p.m.  
Montreal (Vazquez 1.1) at N.Y. Mets (Trachsel 0.2), 12:10 p.m.  
Philadelphia (Chen 0-0 and Wolf 0-2) at Chicago Cubs (Tapani 2-0 and Bere 2.0), 12:20 p.m.  
Houston (Reynolds 0.0) at Pittsburgh (Arroyo 1.1), 6:05 p.m.  
Milwaukee (Wright 1.2) at Cincinnati (Harnisch 1.1), 6:05 p.m.  
Arizona (Johnson 2.1) at St. Louis (Kile 1.2), 7:10 p.m.  
Colorado (Hampton 1-0) at San Diego (Eaton 2.0), 9:05 p.m.  
Los Angeles (Park 2.0) at San Francisco (Hernandez 1.2), 9:15 p.m.

**Thursday's Games**  
Los Angeles at San Diego, 4:05 p.m.  
Montreal at Florida, 6:05 p.m.  
Chicago at San Francisco, 9:15 p.m.

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**AMERICAN LEAGUE**  
BATTING—Brosius, New York, .429; Clark, Detroit, .417; Ramirez, Boston, .396; Konecko, Chicago, .395; Quinn, Kansas City, .392; Stewart, Toronto, .389; Martinez, Seattle, .386.

RUNS—Stewart, Toronto, 15; Rodriguez, Texas, 13; Guzman, Minnesota, 12; Soriano, New York, 12; Lawton, Minnesota, 12; Cameron, Seattle, 12; 6 are tied with 11.

RBI—Posada, New York, 15; Rodriguez, Texas, 15; Delgado, Toronto, 15; Gonzalez, Cleveland, 15; Quinn, Kansas City, 14; Palumbo, Texas, 14; Ramirez, Boston, 13; Boone, Seattle, 13.

HITS—Stewart, Toronto, 21; Brosius, New York, 21; Quinn,

NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE			
Atlantic Division			
W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	55	25	.688
Miami	47	32	.600
New York	47	34	.580
Orlando	43	38	.531
Boston	45	44	.500
New Jersey	26	55	.321
Washington	19	61	.238
Central Division			
W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	52	29	.642
Toronto	45	35	.563
Charlotte	45	36	.556
Indiana	40	40	.500
Detroit	32	48	.400
Cleveland	30	51	.370
Atlanta	24	57	.296
Chicago	13	67	.163
WESTERN CONFERENCE			
Midwest Division			
W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	57	23	.713
Utah	52	28	.650
Dallas	52	29	.642
Minnesota	47	33	.588
Houston	44	37	.543
Denver	39	41	.488
Vancouver	22	59	.272
Pacific Division			
W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	55	26	.679
Sacramento	50	31	.617
Phoenix	50	31	.617
Portland	43	38	.531
Seattle	31	50	.383
L.A. Clippers	17	64	.210

**Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association**  
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The April 15  
ALL-AROUND  
1. Robert Bowers, Brooks, Alberta, \$47,745  
2. Jesse Ball, Camp Crook, S.D., \$45,518  
3. Trevor Brazile, Pueblo, Colo., \$42,088  
4. Cash Myers, Athens, Texas, \$26,795  
5. Scott Johnston, Gustine, Texas, \$24,076  
6. Chad Hagan, Leesville, La., \$23,356  
7. Cody Ohi, Orchard, Texas, \$23,106  
8. Joe Beaver, Huntsville, Texas, \$22,148  
9. Tee Woolman, Llano, Texas, \$19,345  
10. Herbert Theriot, Poplarville, Miss., \$15,162  
11. Bubba Paschal, Laporte, Texas, \$12,954  
12. Shane Hatch, Fruitland, N.M., \$12,051  
13. Bobby Harris, Gillette, Wyo., \$8,530

**BASEBALL**  
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**PITTSBURGH PIRATES**—Placed CF Adrian Brown on the 15-day disabled list. Recalled C Craig Wilson from Nashville of the PCL.

**BASKETBALL**  
National Basketball Association  
NBA—Announced Eric Fleisher, agent for Detroit Pistons' Joe Smith, has accepted a \$57,000 fine and six-month suspension for negotiating an illegal secret contract with the Minnesota Timberwolves. Announced Hugh Evans, referee, will retire after the playoffs.

**DENVER NUGGETS**—Activated FC Terry Davis and placed G/F Calbert Cheaney on the injured list.

**INDIANA PACERS**—Placed F Sam Cassell and F Jason Caffey on the injured list. Activated C Terry Mills and F-C Bruno Sundov.

**MILWAUKEE BUCKS**—Placed F Sam Cassell and F Jason Caffey on the injured list. Activated G Michael Redd and G Jason Hart to the active roster.

**NEW JERSEY NETS**—Resigned F Mark Strickland.

**PHILADELPHIA 76ERS**—Placed G Allen Iverson on the injured list. Activated F Roshown McLeod from the injured list.

**FOOTBALL**  
National Football League  
DENVER BRONCOS—Signed T Todd Fordham. Waived RB Isiah Stoker.

**JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS**—Agreed to terms with C Jeff Smith on a one-year contract.

**KANSAS CITY CHIEFS**—Signed WR-KR Tony Horne to a two-year offer sheet. Signed DB Taj Allen and TE Mark Thomas to two-year contracts.

**MIAMI DOLPHINS**—Re-signed G Anthony Cesano to a one-year contract.

**HOCKEY**  
National Hockey League  
NHL—Fined Vancouver Canucks coach Marc Crawford \$15,000 for criticizing officials and the team \$10,000 for violating the league's media policy after their game against Colorado on April 16.

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1. Richard Eguren, Jordan Valley, Ore., \$23,548  
2. Steve Williams, Jacksonville, Fla., \$22,603  
3. Frank Graves, Poplarville, Miss., \$22,326  
4. Steve Purcella, Hereford, Texas, \$21,128  
5. Clay Tryan, Billings, Mont., \$19,805  
6. Steve Hurley, Ceres, Calif., \$16,656  
7. Kevin Stewart, Glen Rose, Texas, \$15,679  
8. Travis Tryan, Billings, Mont., \$12,858  
9. Turtle Powell, Alpine, Texas, \$12,266  
10. Matt Tyler, Weatherford, Texas, \$12,258  
11. Jason Stewart, Royal City, Wash., \$12,541  
12. Joe Beaver, Huntsville, Texas, \$11,621  
13. Luke Brown II, Charlotte, N.C., \$11,179  
14. Charles Pogue, Ringing, Okla., \$9,298  
15. Tee Woolman, Llano, Texas, \$10,294  
16. David Motes, Fresno, Calif., \$9,030  
17. Wade Whitley, Stephenville, Texas, \$8,477  
18. Paul Patska, Lexington, Okla., \$8,413  
19. Wade Whitley, Stephenville, Texas, \$8,413

• Team Roping (Healers)  
1. B.J. Campbell, Benton City, Wash., \$23,548  
2. Rick Stilton, Morgan, Texas, \$22,803  
3. Monty Joe Pettska, Burck, Calif., \$21,356  
4. Kory Koontz, Sudan, Texas, \$21,128

Tomlinson ready to live out NFL draft dreams

FORT WORTH (AP) — As a child, LaDainian Tomlinson watched the NFL draft every year and imagined being part of it.

"I dreamed about being in the green room waiting for my name to be called out, be there wearing a suit and then putting on a team's hat," he said.

After leading the NCAA's in rushing the last two seasons and being a Heisman Trophy finalist, Tomlinson will live out that scene Saturday.

The likely first-round pick from Texas Christian is among the players the NFL invited to New York for the draft.

"That it is happening is overwhelming for me," he said.

The last two seasons, Tomlinson overwhelmed defenses, rushing for 4,008 yards and 40 touchdowns. His 2,158 yards as a senior were the fourth-most in NCAA history. As a junior, he gained 1,850 yards, including a Division I-A single-game record of 406.

The 5-foot-11, 220-pound Tomlinson ranks sixth on the NCAA career rushing list with 5,263 yards and eighth with 54 rushing TDs.

"He's got a combination of speed and power," said Jerry Angelo, director of player personnel for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. "And you just can't minimize production. He's been a producer."

Still, some scouts questioned Tomlinson's receiving skills.

Tomlinson answered many of those concerns during Senior Bowl week by catching the ball out of the backfield during practices and in the game. He also helped himself with solid workouts at the NFL combine.

Lakers, Heat at full strength entering playoffs

The Los Angeles Lakers and Miami Heat have their 1-2 punches intact and their postseason seeding in hand.

Shaquille O'Neal and Kobe Bryant combined for 59 points as the defending champion Lakers beat Denver 108-91 Tuesday night, clinching the Pacific Division title and No. 2 seed in the Western Conference, behind San Antonio.

"We are overmatched when we play them with

everybody healthy," said Nuggets coach Dan Issel, who was missing three starters against the Lakers.

"We kept it close for a while."

Alonzo Mourning and Eddie Jones teamed for 48 points as the Heat beat the Central Division champion Milwaukee Bucks 91-89 and secured the No. 3 seed in the Eastern Conference.

"I wish we had another month to get some chemistry solidified," Mourning said. "We've got time work-

ing against us, to tell you the truth."

In other NBA games on the next-to-last night of the regular season, it was Toronto 94, Detroit 92 in overtime; Atlanta 122, Washington 119; Chicago 100, New Jersey 94; Philadelphia 111, Indiana 105 in overtime; Houston 114, Minnesota 87; Utah 97, Los Angeles Clippers 92; and San Antonio 99, Portland 93.

In Los Angeles, O'Neal was perfect on 13 free

throws and finished with 33 points and 13 rebounds, while Bryant added 26 points as the Lakers won their eighth straight game and second consecutive division title.

"It feels good being that you have the home-court advantage against every opponent except for San Antonio," Bryant said. "We want every title, the title that we want is at the end, though."

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**Parent's partiality to son leaves sibling hurt**

Dear Ann Landers: When I read the letter from "Sad in Memphis," I thought I was reading about my own life. She said her ex husband took no interest in his wonderful son. My father was the same way. Dad's new wife didn't want me around because she wanted ALL of his affection, and she considered me to be competition. You're right on target, Ann. He was the loser, not me.



ANN LANDERS

My mother worked three jobs to put me through college. I had a very kind and attentive stepfather, as well as wonderful uncles and male friends of the family. All those male figures made a huge difference in my life. More importantly, I treasure my mother for raising me so well and so selflessly. I stopped all contact with my father when he refused to come to my high school graduation, and hated him for the next 15 years. Eventually, the hate turned into apathy. It was only when he had a heart attack a few years ago that we established a relationship. Although we get along well now, I do not love him. I feel sorry for him. Perhaps someday that will change, but it can never make up for all the time we lost.

Please tell "Sad" that her son will be OK. She needs to forget about her ex-husband and his lack of interest in the boy. If she spends too much time focusing on what is missing in her son's life, it will only fill him with unhappiness and a desperate longing for something he cannot have. The so-called father will regret his absence in the long-run. Others can fill the gap left by this selfish man. I know, because it happened to me. -- Alive and Well in San Francisco

Dear San Francisco: I hope your mother sees this column. You should have it laminated and give it to her. She is the real heroine in this story. The same can be said of many other divorced men and women who raise their children without the help of an ex-spouse. And bless the grandparents, uncles, aunts and family friends who pitch in. They all deserve a standing ovation and a loud round of applause.

Dear Ann Landers: A few years ago, you ran something in your column that I thought was the perfect blueprint for living. I had it laminated and carried it in my wallet. I lost my wallet last week (or maybe somebody lifted it). I could care less about the money. What I want more than anything is that column. It was called "Golden Rules for Living." How about printing it again? -- Ed in Las Vegas

Dear Ed: Those "rules" have been printed in my column many times. Here they are again -- with pleasure:  
Golden Rules for Living by Miriam Hamilton Keare

1. If you open it, close it.
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5. If you can't fix it, call in someone who can.
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10. If it belongs to someone else, get permission to use it.
11. If you don't know how to operate it, leave it alone.
12. If it's none of your business, don't ask questions.

And now, dear readers, this is Ann again. Aren't those great guidelines for a happy and rewarding life?

Dear Ann Landers: Please get this message out to all parents who read your column. It is VERY IMPORTANT.

Yesterday, I went into the dining room to set the table for supper. I left my 13-month-old daughter playing on the floor in the living room. Within 30 seconds, she had unzipped my purse and was happily swallowing several prescription tablets that I had put in a container.

I immediately pulled the container out of her hands and ran into the bathroom to get syrup of ipecac. I phoned the doctor to get the correct dosage and gave my daughter a spoonful. Over the next 15 minutes, she vomited up six barely-dissolved tablets. She was able to avoid a visit to the emergency room because we had the syrup in the house. If I had needed to drive to the pharmacy to get it, it might have been too late. The pills would have entered her bloodstream, and the results could have been disastrous.

Please urge parents, grandparents and caregivers to keep all medications, cleaning solutions and toxic materials locked up or put in childproof containers. Keep the number for poison control next to the phone. Buy syrup of ipecac, and keep it where you will be able to remember where it is in moments of stress. Those precious few minutes could save your child's life. -- Relieved Mother in Texas

Dear Relieved Mother: Your letter could make a world of difference to a great many readers and their children. Thank you for taking the time and trouble to write. It also gives me an opportunity to remind parents once again to lock up cleaning fluids and any and all pills, cough syrup, even mothballs (they look like candy) -- anything youngsters might put into their mouths.

The kitchen and bathroom are the most dangerous rooms in the house for children. Keep medicine cabinets locked. Don't assume things on a higher shelf will be out of reach. Children can climb. And be sure to have syrup of ipecac handy and the numbers for your doctor posted by the phone.

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Was \$8,995 **SOLD** Red Tag Price \$7,995
- 1994 Ford Explorer XLT - Red/black cloth, all power, one owner w/63,000 miles.  
Was \$10,995 **SOLD** Red Tag Price \$8,995
- 1994 Ford Aerostar XLT - Red/black cloth, all power, locally owned w/92,000 miles.  
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- 1999 Ford Taurus SE - Red w/cloth, all power, 24 valve, power driver seat, program car w/23,300 miles.  
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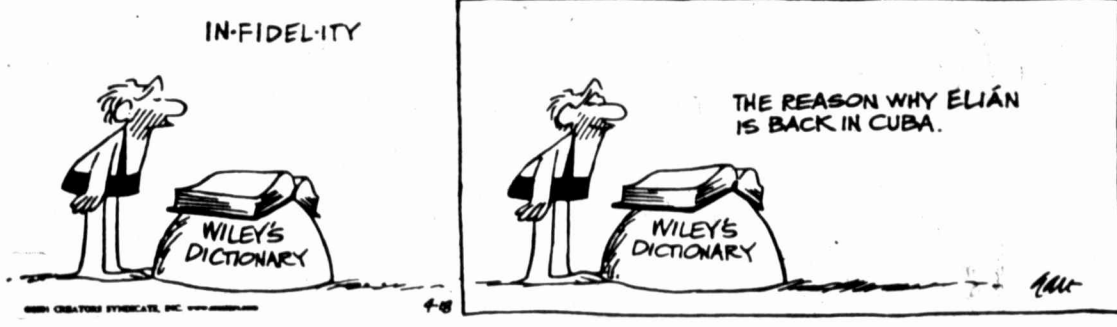
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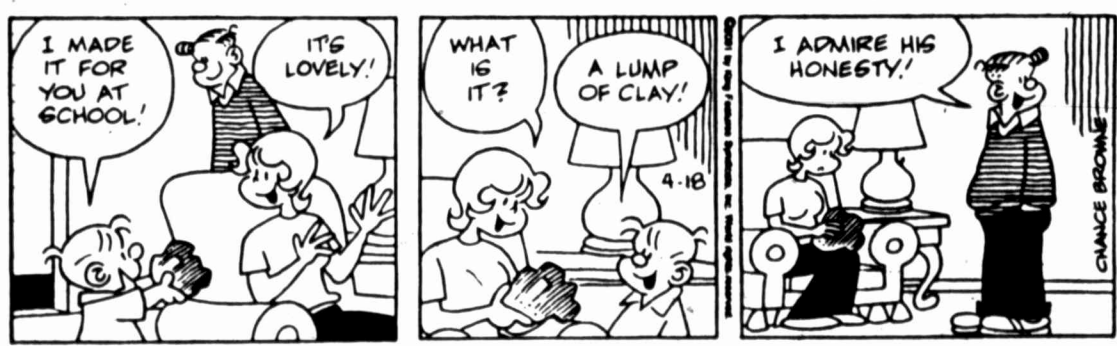
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Wednesday, April 18, the 108th day of 2001. There are 257 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On April 18, 1775, Paul Revere began his famous ride from Charlestown to Lexington, Mass., warning American colonists that the British were coming.

On this date: In 1906, a devastating earthquake struck San Francisco, followed by raging fires. About 700 people died.

In 1921, Junior Achievement, created to encourage business skills in young people, was incorporated.

In 1942, an air squadron from the USS Hornet led by Lt. Col. James H. Doolittle raided Tokyo and other Japanese cities.

In 1945, famed American war correspondent Ernie Pyle, 44, was killed by Japanese gunfire on the Pacific island of Ie Shima, off Okinawa.

In 1946, the League of Nations went out of business.

In 1949, the Irish republic was proclaimed.

In 1955, physicist Albert Einstein died in Princeton, N.J.

In 1978, the U.S. Senate voted 68-32 to turn the Panama Canal over to Panamanian control on December 31, 1999.

In 1980, Zimbabwe Rhodesia became the independent nation of Zimbabwe.

In 1994, former President Nixon suffered a stroke at his home in Park Ridge, N.J.; he died four days later at a New York hospital.

Ten years ago: President Bush unveiled his "America 2000" education strategy, which included a voluntary nationwide exam system and aid pegged to academic results. The Census Bureau estimated

its 1990 census had failed to count up to 6.3 million people. Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev ended a summit in Japan without winning the major aid package he'd been hoping for.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Barbara Hale is 80. Blues singer Clarence "Gatemouth" Brown is 77. Actor Clive Revill is 71. Actor James Drury is 67. Actor Robert Hooks is 64. Actress Hayley Mills is 55. Actor James Woods is 54. Actress-director Dorothy Lyman is 54. Actress Cindy Pickett is 54.

Answer to previous puzzle: POOLS FAT CHOP... ISLET ARE DARED... THE FOUNTAINHEAD... WASTING BARONV... OCS FAN... PAMN UNDER BRAS... UNIA SMOOT PEINT... LIVINGOMTHEEDGE... SMELL DOLED GEE... EARL EGRET SILL... AXE EVE... SLUDGE SPIRITZES... PETERGOTTONTALL... ANISE VIA GEMMA... YALIE ARS TREED 4/18/01

Newsday Crossword

RARE HAIR by Bob Lubbers Edited by Stanley Newman

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words. Includes a list of clues and the crossword grid itself.

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**Take the Money**

You can elect to have your retirement plan distribution sent to you. If you do, 20 percent will be sent to the IRS up front and will be applied to your taxes when you file your return. So, if you are in the 28 percent tax bracket, you will owe an additional 8 percent at tax time. On top of that, if you are under age 59 1/2, you may be subject to a 10 percent early withdrawal penalty. An exception to this penalty applies if you are age 55 or older in the year you separate from service.

**Example:**

Mary is 52 and retires from ABC Co. She is in the 28 percent tax bracket. Mary decides to have her 401 (K) balance of \$150,000 sent to her. She will be subject to income tax, 20 percent withholding and the 10 percent early withdrawal penalty.

401 (k) balance \$150,000  
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 Remaining taxes (Mary is in the 28 percent tax bracket) \$12,000  
 10 percent early withdrawal

penalty \$15,000  
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**Example:**

What if Mary instructs her employer to send her 401 (k) balance to her IRA rather than taking the money? Because the money is being sent directly to Mary's IRA (a direct rollover), the employer is not required to withhold federal income tax.

401(K) balance \$150,000  
 Taxes/withholding \$0  
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 Amount available to invest in the IRA \$150,000

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**The Amazon River Basin**



We celebrate Earth Day, April 21, with a story about an amazing part of the world. Our expert for this issue is Dr. Americo Brazil. This is some of what he wants our readers to know about the Amazon River Basin.

We use basins, sinks and bowls to hold things, especially water.

Our planet Earth has basins, too. One of the Earth's largest basins is the Amazon River Basin in South America. Rain falls into rivers that flow through this huge basin. Mountains, hills and plateaus form the rims.

**Size**

The Amazon River Basin covers:  
• more than 2 1/2 million acres.  
This river system flows in seven countries, including about half of Brazil.  
• an area about the size of the continental United States.

Dr. Brazil is a make-believe field biologist created by the Smithsonian Institution's National Zoo. (A field biologist goes into an area and studies the plants and animals firsthand.)

**The Amazon River Basin**

The river and only a few of its tributaries (branches that flow into it) are shown on the map.

The Amazon begins high in the Andes Mountains and flows about 4,000 miles across the continent. Only the Nile River in Africa is longer.

The Amazon River has 1,500 tributaries. Seventeen of these are more than 900 miles long. The Amazon carries one-fifth of all the river water flowing into the oceans of the Earth. The mouth of the river is 200 miles wide where it enters into the Atlantic Ocean.



A boat cruises down a river in Peru. Notice the tropical rain forest that lines the banks.

**The flooded forest**

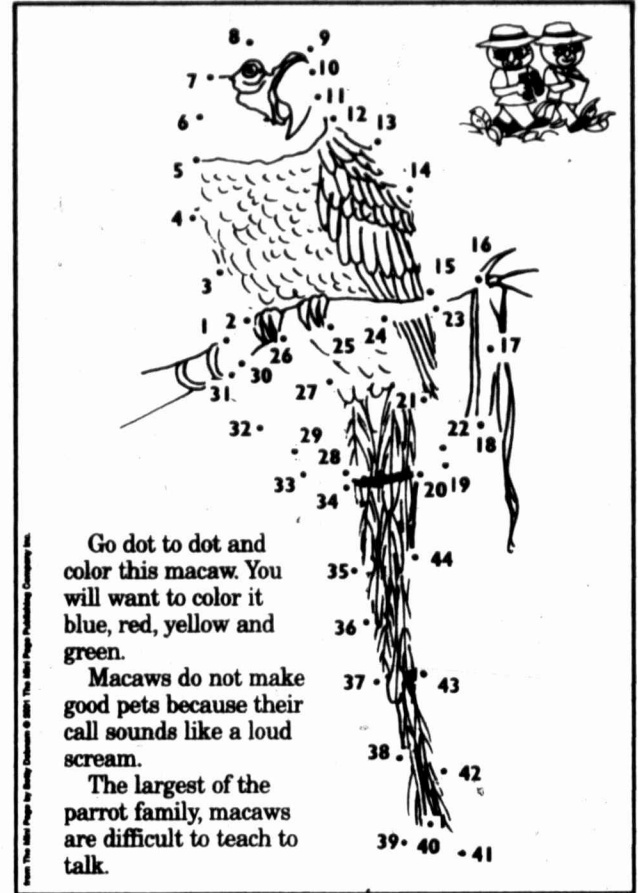


The Amazon furnishes food and transportation for the people who live along it. Houses along the riverbank are built on stilts. Sometimes the waters rise so much that people must move to their roofs.

Each year, for a six-month period, the banks along the Amazon flood. It's amazing how people, plants and animals adjust to these changes. Waters rise from 20 feet to 50 feet and flood an area as far away as 50 miles from the river.

**People**

Today, about 17 million people live in the Amazon Basin. Of that number, about 250,000 are descendants of the native people who have lived there for 20,000 years.



Go dot to dot and color this macaw. You will want to color it blue, red, yellow and green.

Macaws do not make good pets because their call sounds like a loud scream.

The largest of the parrot family, macaws are difficult to teach to talk.

**Rookie's Recipe Black Bean and Beef Casserole**

This is a popular dish in Brazil.  
**You'll need:**  
• 1 celery stalk, chopped fine  
• 2 carrots, chopped  
• 2 onions, chopped  
• 3 garlic cloves, chopped fine  
• 1 bell pepper, chopped  
• 1/4 cup vegetable oil  
• 1 (14 1/2-ounce) can stewed tomatoes  
• 1 pound stew beef, cut into cubes  
• 2 (16-ounce) cans black beans, drained  
**What to do:**  
1. Cook first five ingredients in vegetable oil in a large pot over medium heat for 5 minutes. Stir often.  
2. Add tomatoes and beef. Cover. Lower heat to simmer and cook for 30 minutes. Stir every 5 minutes.  
3. Add beans. Cook uncovered for 15 to 20 minutes. Serves 8.

**Mighty Funny's Funny Phonics**

It's fun to learn phonics, or the way letters sound. This week's target sound is the one made by the EA blend, as in the word bread.

**Mom:** Why didn't you pick up your room like I asked you to?  
**Henry:** It was too heavy!  
**Willie:** Did you know that smart people are going deaf?  
**Wanda:** What did you say?  
**Charlene:** How do you make your hair dance?  
**Ginny:** With a head band!

**Gus Goodsport's Sport Supersport: Bret Hedican**

**Height:** 6-2 **Birthdate:** 8-10-70  
**Weight:** 205 **College:** St. Cloud State  
Bret Hedican is one very fast ice skater. He plays defense for the Florida Panthers ice hockey team. At the All-Star Game, he has competed in the "fastest skater" competition. Before joining the Panthers in 1999, he played for the St. Louis Blues and the Vancouver Canucks. He has played in more than 500 games in his career. At the 1992 Olympics, he played on the U.S. team that came in fourth. Bret is married to skater Kristi Yamaguchi. They live in Fort Lauderdale during the hockey season and also have homes in Oakdale, Minn., and San Francisco. In his free time, he likes playing golf and the guitar. He likes Italian food.

**Meet BBMak**

**Christian, Mark, Stephen**  
One of the biggest songs last year was "Back Here" by the group BBMak. The members are Mark Barry, 22, flute and lead vocals; Christian Burns, 27, guitar; and Stephen McNally, 22, guitar. They are from northern England. They met when they were each playing in different bands. Before the group became successful, Christian sold cars, Mark was studying how to be a firefighter, and Stephen was a security guard. In their free time they like to play pool. Mark's favorite food is Italian, Christian's is Thai, and Stephen's is his mother's cooking.

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**The Amazon's Tropical Rain Forest**

**The soil**  
The falling rain washes nutrients, or plant food, out of the soil. Roots of plants don't go down far but rather spread out along the shallow topsoil. Many plants live on other plants. Vines cling to trees. The whole forest area is supported by a web of shallow roots and vines, mosses, ferns and algae. Whenever anything falls to the ground, it is eaten or quickly decomposes.  
**Biodiversity**  
"Bio" means life, and "diversity" means variety. The biodiversity is probably greater in rain forest areas than anywhere else. Thousands of different animals, including mammals, fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and insects, thrive in the warm, damp climate.  
**Plants**  
Many trees have special trunks with supports that stick out and keep them from falling over.  
The rain forest is very dense. As many as 280 different types of trees might be found in an area the size of two football fields. Some trees, such as the kapok tree, grow to nearly 200 feet high. The kapok grows as fast as 12 feet per year. Many plants of the rain forest are valuable. They produce rubber, cacao beans (used in making chocolate), vanilla, figs and Brazil nuts. Many plants are used for medicines.  
**The jaguar** is one of the 800 or more species of mammals that live in the rain forest. It is the largest cat in the Western Hemisphere.  
**The emerald tree boa** is a constrictor. It coils around prey and squeezes it to death.

**Amazon River TRY 'N FIND**

Words that remind us of the Amazon River are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward. See if you can find: AMAZON, RIVER, BASIN, BRAZIL, ANDES, HUTS, TRIBUTARIES, BANK, FLOOD, RAIN FORESTS, PEOPLE, TREES, PLANTS, VINES, RUBBER, ROOTS, MONKEY, FROG.  
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**Mini Spy ...**

Mini Spy and Alpha Mouse are exploring the rain forest in Brazil. See if you can find:  
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• butterfly  
• flying bird  
• snake  
• number 8  
• word MINI  
• lima bean  
• caiman (like a crocodile)  
• turtle  
• number 2  
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