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Positively ...

Big Spring Early deadlines observed by Herald today

So that our employees might enjoy as much of the Memorial Day holiday as possible, the Herald observed early deadlines today.

Our circulation office will be open from 1-5 p.m., while all other departments will remain closed today.

We will resume normal hours of operation on Tuesday.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

- Gold Star Chapel dedication, Vietnam Memorial, 11 a.m.
- Hangar 25 Air Museum dedication, Hangar 25, East Flight Line, 1:30 p.m.

TUESDAY

- VFW Post No. 2013, VFW Hall, 7 p.m.
- Big Spring Chapter No. 67, Order of the Eastern Star, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 219 Main.

WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room
- Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.
- Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

THURSDAY

- Gideons International, 7 a.m., Hermans.
- Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classes, 9:30.
- Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.
- Genealogical Society of Big Spring, 7:15 p.m., Howard County Library.
- Masonic Lodge No. 1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster.

WEATHER

Today:



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KBST 'Splash-In' opens city pool today

HERALD Staff Report

SPLASH-IN 1999

WHAT — The last "Splash-In" of the Millennium.
WHERE — Big Spring City Pool, Comanche Trail Park.
WHEN — 1-5 p.m. today.
COST — Free

"We are offering two programs this year," said Devon Swafford, pool manager. "One program is normal swim lessons, and the other is for more advanced swimmers."

Basic swim lessons begin Tuesday. They are from 10 to 11 in the morning and from 6 to 7 in the afternoon. The lessons are available to ages 4 and up.

Students will be taught four

basic strokes by certified American Red Cross Lifeguards, along with basic pool safety and diving.

"The second program is new for ages 8 to 12, called Junior Rescuers," said Swafford. "In Junior Rescuers we teach them everything they need to know about lifesaving skills."

The program is designed for students who can already swim, and is more advanced than the basic swim lessons.

Junior Rescuers teaches advanced swimming techniques to students, along with initial CPR training and safety skills.

The Junior Rescuers program will last eight weeks. Students will attend sessions lasting from 10 to 11 a.m. twice a week. Also included in the program, the students will have the chance to sit in on a shift with a lifeguard, and to compete against each other.

For more information, contact Swafford at the municipal pool.

FLY YOUR FLAG!



MEMORIAL DAY 1999

11 A.M.

• GOLD STAR CHAPEL DEDICATION, VIETNAM MEMORIAL, CORNER OF SWORDS AND RACKLEY.

1:30 P.M.

• HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM DEDICATION, FLIGHT LINE, McMAHON/WRINKLE AIR PARK.

Thousands expected to attend dual dedications



Tending to last-minute details was the order of the day at both the Vietnam Memorial and the Hangar 25 Air Museum in preparation for today's dual dedication ceremonies. In the photo at left, Gary Osburn positions a letter on the new Gold Star Chapel while Roger Holmes and Gene Wilson mark off the locations of other letters. In the photo at right, Hangar 25 Air Museum Committee member Bob Lewis wipes away a hand print on the T-33A "Shooting Star" on display at the museum. Dedication ceremonies got under way at 11 at the Vietnam Memorial and were to be followed at 1:30 by the museum dedication.

By JOHN H. WALKER
 Managing Editor

Members of the Vietnam Memorial Committee (VMC) worked to attach lettering to the Gold Star Chapel and tie up other loose ends on Sunday in preparation for today's chapel dedication.

VMC members have positioned photos and other materials in the display cases inside the chapel and late last week, finished erecting a new flag pole by the chapel. Texas and United States flags flown during the ceremony were provided by State Sen. Robert Duncan and U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm.

Col. Jay Breland, USAR, was to deliver the keynote address for the dedication, scheduled for an 11 a.m. start.

The Chapel takes the Memorial, still less than a decade old, to within the final few steps of being completed.

The chapel will hold a display case where Bibles from local and area churches will be displayed. Several Bibles have already been received by the VMC, including the first one, which was presented by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Joining Col. Breland, a veteran of Vietnam and Desert Storm, in the ceremony will be Chaplain Smith Swords,

IV, last year's keynote speaker and the son of Col. Smith Swords, III, whose name is listed on the memorial's F4E-II Phantom and is still listed as MIA.

Also participating in the ceremony will be State Rep. David Counts, who will offer a time of reflection.

The formal dedication of the chapel will be done by Sara Bernasconi and Mel Prather.

Bernasconi is the vice chair of the POW/MIA Committee for the Vietnam Veterans of America. The name of her husband, Tommy Gist, is also on the Phantom. Gist is still listed as MIA.

Prather, a Vietnam veteran, is vice president of tourism for the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and previously served as chairman of the Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB).

Chaplain Dean Thomas will deliver the invocation, while Swords will offer the benediction. Religious music will be sung by Jim Pope and Jim Abernathy. Pope will also sing patriotic songs.

The wreath will be laid by the Gold Star Mothers. Flynn long will play "Amazing Grace" on bagpipes, Midland's 104th Quartermaster Corps will fire a 21-gun salute and Dianne Livengood and Jose Gonzales were to lead the ceremony with the playing of "Silver Echo Taps."

By BILL MCCLELLAN
 News Editor

Several hundred chairs lined the floor at Hangar 25 Saturday as committee members made final preparations for today's dedication ceremonies of the air museum.

Bob "Tumbleweed Smith" Lewis, master of ceremonies, checked out the sound system one final time.

"We hope it's standing room only," he said with a grin. "We think it will be. We're looking forward to this."

The long-awaited ceremony — the Hangar 25 project began in 1995 — was due to get under way at 1:30 p.m. today, following dedication of the Gold Star Chapel at the Vietnam Memorial. The two events were expected to draw thousands of people to the community.

Guest speaker retired Maj. Gen. Burton Moore arrived in Big Spring over the weekend. The decorated pilot received his training at Webb Air Force Base and has fond memories of Big Spring.

"The best thing I got from pilot training at Webb was my wife, the former Iameta Carr," said Moore. She planned to accompany him to the dedication ceremony, which was to begin with a pre-

sentation of colors by the Big Spring Police Department Color Guard. Stan Hanes, music minister at First Baptist Church, was to sing the national anthem.

Because of the conflict in Kosovo, Dyess Air Force Base wasn't able to make a planned B-1 bomber flyover for the Hangar 25 dedication, but something that fit the occasion well was planned.

"The world situation didn't make room for Big Spring, but we have something I think may be even better," said Smith. "We got notice that an AT-11, an actual plane that was stationed here in 1943, will do the flyover for us."

The AT-11 was to make its pass immediately following the national anthem. Eddie Tubbs, First Baptist Church pastor, was to give the invocation and assistant city manager Emma Bogard was to read a proclamation.

Jerry Worthy, president of the Hangar 25 Air Museum Committee, planned to make the formal dedication. Fr. Jim Leggett of St. Mary's Episcopal Church was to present the benediction.

A reception with ice cream and soft drinks was planned afterward.

Available at the dedication were memberships, plaques, T-shirts, caps and watches depicting the old World War II hangar.

TWC officials hope StarTek call onslaught will continue

By JOHN H. WALKER
 Managing Editor

After receiving nearly 500 calls through Friday afternoon, Texas Workforce Commission employees in Big Spring are bracing for an onslaught when they open Tuesday morning.

That's because Moore Development for Big Spring, in an effort to attract StarTek USA to the community, placed ads in both the Herald as well as surrounding newspapers on Sunday.

TWC Area Manager Virginia Belew said she is hopeful for a continued heavy response.

"The response has been overwhelming, and we are optimistic that we will have double or triple this amount after the advertisements Sunday," Belew said.

StarTek USA, a Colorado-based computer software support company, is considering locating a customer service center in Big Spring, possibly in

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A member of the Boy Scouts of America assists Gold Star Mother Mrs. Odell Turner in the laying of the wreath during ceremonies Sunday afternoon at Trinity Memorial Park. Looking on is park manager Phillip Welch.

HERALD photo/John H. Walker

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OBITUARIES

Tony Stevenson

Service for Tony Stevenson, 35, of San Springs was at 2 p.m. today at Myers and Smith Chapel with Dr. Donald Valenta officiating. Mr. Stevenson died Friday, May 28, 1999 at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

He was born Jan. 7, 1964 in San Saba, Texas and was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. A resident of Howard County for the past 10 years, he had been shop foreman at Riley Drilling and later at Del Mar Drilling.

Survivors are his wife, Brenda Stevenson, of Sand Springs; one son, Bryan Stevenson of Denison; one daughter, Alicia Stevenson of Denison; two stepdaughters, Michael and Donnie of Sand Springs; his father and step-mother, Tom and Jo Stevenson of Big Spring; his mother and step-father, Rachel and Eddie Howell of Fort Worth; two brothers, Butch Stevenson of Tye and David Stevenson of San Saba; two sisters, Ginny Feaster of Abilene and Erin Rodgers of Fort Worth and one grandson, Alan Stevenson of Denison.

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

SENIOR CITIZENS WHO HAVE witnessed the effects of childhood diseases are needed to staff a new volunteer program that will promote immunizations.

Volunteers 55 and older are sought for the effort, to be known as the Seniors for Childhood Immunization Program. RSVP volunteers will visit new mothers at Scenic Mountain Medical Center and remind them of the importance of the immunizations.

To find out more about the program or to volunteer, call 264-2397.

SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH, 1209 Wright, has free food for the area needy from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday.

STARTEK

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the old Kmart building on FM 700 near Big Spring Mall.

Locating the customer service center in Big Spring will mean about 375 jobs for local residents, with a starting wage of \$6.50 and an average wage of \$8.50 to \$9 per hour.

"They will be hiring all types of employees, trainers as well as supervisors and managers and customer service representatives. There will be a lot of positions," Belew said.

The key to StarTek locating in Big Spring will be a strong response to the ads and job workshops, scheduled for Thursday and Friday.

The workshops will give potential employees an opportunity to review the company, and allow StarTek USA to market the applicant pool available in Big Spring.

The success of the workshops and locating a viable labor force is the pivotal point for the company opening a center in Big Spring.

Belew said she has been in communication with StarTek officials, an international company.

"They seem very serious and organized, very structured with a system that applies to everyone. They have wonderful benefits and are taking this workshop very seriously," she said.

Those interested in applying for a position and attending a workshop should call the Texas Workforce Commission at 267-7437.

"We've received calls from people out of town, and even one from someone out of state. Keep the calls coming in. We need hundreds of people to apply," she said.

REUNIONS

THE CLASS OF 1949 will be having its 50th class reunion on Oct. 14-16.

The following is a list of missing classmates: John Brinkaefer, Roy Burke, Beverly Campbell, Winona Fincher, Helen Eubanks Harris, Irvin Hurt, Myrl Lou McGuire, Rodman Roberts, Vonia "Scottie" Scott, Jean Seiler, Jo Ann Tanner, and Jean (Waldrop) Womac.

If you have any information of these classmates, please contact Katie Jones Cathey at 263-4611 or Jane Stripling Jones at 263-3078.

THE CLASS OF 1954 is having their 45th class reunion, Oct. 15-16. We have been unable to locate the following class members:

Martha Buford, Norma Burns, Rebecca Chadwick, Viola Chandler, James Day, Glenda Drennan, Angel Franco, Wayne Lankford, Donald Malone, David

McNeely, Kim Milling, Arlene Mitchell, Lewis Newll, Wanda Rouse, Shirley Spero, Joy Towery, Jack Wactendorf, Don Washburn, and Mike Williams.

If you can help us with an address or phone number for one of these class members, please call 267-6400.

THE CLASS OF 1959 at Big Spring High School will have a 40th reunion Oct. 15-16. We need the address for the following people: Carol Aston, Jerry Baird, Karen Baldwin, Dorene Bledsoe, W.L. Brown, Warren Boyd, Nancy Branch, Charles Briggs, Lewis Burns, Shirley Burns, Charlene Campbell, Brent Clark, Linda Conwell, Bill Cooper, Jeanette Culwell, Joe Davis, Nancy Eldridge, Cliff Epps, Austin Ferguson, Vincent Friedewald, Beatrice Gonzales, Marilyn Hall, Jimmy Harris, Joan Heise, Rosie Hinojos, Jo Ann Lane, David Leppert, Joe McCowan, Larry McNeill, Joe McWilliams, Don Payne, Don Pederson, Ross Plant, Betsy Pool, James Pujo, Don Richardson, Dorothy Robinson, Tommy Roger, Amelia Rosas, Irene Rudd, Marvin Simmons, Bessie Smith, Lougenia Smith, Sylvia Valdez, Thomas Williams, Charlene Williams, Carol Ann Wilson.

Please Call Toni at 267-7737 if you have any information about these '59 graduates.

THE CLASS OF 1969 will be having a class reunion on Oct. 15-16. We are searching for the following graduates:

Steven Aubrey Austin, Ruth Bailey (Collins), Douglas Ball, Rhonda Barger, Warren Bell, Jessie Ladd Bennett, Linda Gail Benson, Brenda Bradbury, Dwight Brown, James Brown, Kenny Brown, Mike Brumley, Sherry Buford, Allen Bunn, Mary Beth Burcham, Bobbie Beatrice Byrd, Allen Carlile, Candace Carothers, Jimmy Ray Carter, Robert Michael Carter, Yvette Casillas (Padilla), Lucy Cervantes, Mary Lucy Cervantes (Sotello), Ema Chavez, Tim Childress, Gwen Clark, John Douglas Cockerham, Elodia Corrales (Cherry), Kathryn Crenshaw (Milch), Benjamin Rush Crocker, Joann Davis, Alanda Deans, James Dement, Robert Christy Deming, Glenda Kay Digby, Robert Domino, Janie Duke, Rodney Dunman, Callan Elliott, Debra Miller Erhardt, Michael Evans, Clifton Ray Fidler, Pattie Lue Finke, Marva Elizabeth Foster, Debbie Fritz, Larry Froman, Dicky Wayne Gibson, Wanda Sue Gipson, Kerry Gunnels, Nancy Jo Hall, Thomas Ham, Theresa Heard, Bill Henry, Selestino Hernandez, David Hilario, Iascuila Hilario, Luis Hinojos, Arthur Huse, Carlton Campbell Jackson, Johnny James, Doris Ann Jenkins, Deborah Ann Jensen, Nancy Kasch, Juanice Ann Key, Linda Key, Charles Kimble, Bertha Kirk, Victoria Lynn Knoepfel, Susan Lawhon, Mary Francis Lee, Joy Legg, Kenneth Charles Le Roy, Barbara Long, Roberta Hazel Marks, Juanita Mata, Gerald Matin, Carolyn McMurtrey, Wanda Jane Mesimer, Gene Willard Meyers, Earsie Jean Miller, Thomas Molina, Carolyn Ann Montgomery, Karen Marie Moore, Irene Munoz (McCurdy), Sherry Muse, Coleman Nalls, Garland Newton, Larry Newton, Doris Virginia Noble, Jane Ovalle, John Pannel, Ralph Passmore, John Patton, Richard Barry Payne, Roger Dale Peacock, Tony Perez, Janet Lee Perry, Alan Lee Peters, Angelina Carmen Phillips, Cynthia Jane Pinson, Sara Elizabeth Pohl, Cathy Poole, Arthur Porras, Paula Ramirez, Mary Rhodes,

Bank robber who escaped jail headed back to prison after turning herself in

HOUSTON (AP) — One night in November 1997, Alice McConnell bundled up some belongings from her cell at a minimum-security prison near Bryan where she was serving time for bank robbery, scaled a 6-foot fence and walked away.

She wound up in El Salvador, where she had grown up and where her elderly father had suffered a disabling heart attack.

When she learned U.S. marshals were looking for her, McConnell phoned the marshal's office in Houston and explained where she was and that she was taking care of her father.

After he died — in her arms, her attorney said — McConnell did the unthinkable for most escapees: She bought a one-way ticket back to Houston and met the marshals at the airport.

This week in a Houston courtroom, a judge struggled with sentencing McConnell.

"It's an amazing story. This case is clearly different from any other escape case anyone has ever heard of," defense attorney Thomas Berg said, the Houston Chronicle reported.

When McConnell, then 29 and

servicing a nine-year sentence for bank robbery, learned her father was in a coma, she called her mother and said, "Tell dad, 'Just hold on. I'll be there.'"

Her escape started a yearlong odyssey from Bryan to Laredo to San Salvador, before returning to Houston last December, 13 months after walking out of prison.

McConnell was living in Florida in 1992 when her boyfriend robbed a bank and she was the getaway driver. She was sent to prison in Florida, then moved in August 1997 to the camp in Bryan, which has no armed guards.

Her lawyer said McConnell believed she was the only person who could look after her father because her mother was arthritic and her sister "had no stomach for the nursing care."

After walking away from the prison, McConnell hitchhiked to Laredo and crossed into Mexico, then on to El Salvador.

McConnell became her 85-year-old father's around-the-clock nurse, according to Berg, her lawyer. He has photographs of her bathing him, tending to his bed sores, changing his diaper and feeding him.

McConnell learned from her sister that U.S. marshals were looking for her. She arranged to surrender in Houston after her father died.

In February, she went on trial for escape.

"She did what was legally wrong and morally right, to go take care of her dying father," her lawyer said.

Despite the motive, said Assistant U.S. Attorney Cedric L. Joubert, "A crime was committed, and we had a responsibility to try the case." A jury convicted her.

At sentencing Friday, U.S. District Judge Melinda Harmon called the case difficult.

"I don't want to send to other prisoners the signal that you can just walk away. But she did come back from El Salvador voluntarily. She came back to accept the rest of her sentence," the judge said.

The maximum penalty for escape is five years. The judge sentenced McConnell to six months, to be added to the remainder of her bank-robbery sentence.

"I'm cutting you a break, against my better judgment, probably," Harmon said.

BRIEFS

A BENEFIT FUND HAS been established for newly diagnosed six year old leukemia patient Blake Brorman at Northwest Bank. Checks can be mailed to: P.O. Box 3070 Attn: Tricia Vess.

JUNE IS PROSTATE CANCER Awareness Month. A free blood test screening will be offered at Scenic Mountain Medical Center Home Health, in the Big Spring Mall Thursday, June 17, 7-9 p.m.

In addition, free narration or video programs are available for men's groups in the community. Call Pam Stephens, Senior Circle Advisor, 268-4721 to arrange Dr. Clark McDaniel to speak.

Bill Birrell is Howard Glasscock Chapter American Cancer Society prostate cancer awareness chairman.

CELLULAR ONE IS COLLECTING toys to send to victims of the Oklahoma tornado. Local residents can participate by bringing a new toy by the office at 501 Birdwell Lane, or call 264-0003 for information.

GOOD SHEPHERD FELLOWSHIP CHURCH, 610 Abrams, 7 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays, and 9 a.m. Sunday. Everyone welcome to come. For more information call 267-5936.

THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, also known as Meals on Wheels, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, we need you. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

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Tony Stevenson, 35, of Sand Springs died Friday. Services will be 2:00 PM Monday at Myers and Smith Chapel.

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SUPPORT GROUPS
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*TOPS Club (Take off pound sensibly), weigh-in 5 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m., Birdwell Lane Church of Christ
*Project Freedom, Christian support group for survivors of physical/emotional/sexual and/or spiritual abuse. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241 for dates/times of upcoming groups.
*Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.
*Encouragers Support Group (formerly Widow/Widower support group) will meet Monday, May 3, at 6 p.m. at Santa Fe Sandwich Shop in the Big Spring Mall. They will also meet Monday, May 17, at 6 p.m., at the First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Rannels (enter through the north door), for a covered dish dinner. Andrea Earle of the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce will be speaker. For more information call 398-5522.
*Association of Retarded Citizens of Howard County meet 7 p.m. the first Monday of each month at 806 E. Third Street, the HARC bingo building. Call 264-0674 for more information.

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School funding bill reaches compromise that also includes property tax relief

AUSTIN (AP) — Teachers would get a raise, property taxpayers relief and education programs more money under school funding bill topping \$3.8 billion agreed to Saturday night by legislative negotiators.

The deal followed a day of tense negotiations between House and Senate leaders — including an effort to spur agreement by Gov. George W. Bush, a leading GOP presidential contender.

The way was smoothed for compromise after extra money was freed up for school funding, lawmakers said. They said about \$60 million came from an agreement on a separate bill on the lottery, with proceeds going to education.

"I believe we have a plan that is going to well serve the state of Texas," said Republican Lt. Gov. Rick Perry.

Perry announced the deal with House Speaker Pete Laney, D-Hale Center; Senate Education Committee Chairman Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo; and House Public Education Committee Chairman Paul Sadler, D-

Henderson. The plan includes a \$3,000 across-the-board pay raise for teachers and at least \$1.2 billion school property tax cuts that will average 6 cents per \$100 property value statewide, lawmakers said.

It also includes funding for early education and "second-chance" high school programs. The amount of the pay raise and property tax cuts, along with the targeted education programs, all were part of the plan approved by the Democratic-controlled House.

Because that chamber passed its bill later than the Senate, it was able to incorporate a higher state revenue estimate for the two-year budget period.

The compromise plan also includes a Republican-controlled Senate proposal that sets up separate funding formula specifically for school construction. Senators said that would provide more permanent local tax relief than other state funding increases.

The mechanism had been a sticking point because it originally would have required

reducing the amount of discretionary funding available to school districts.

The House had balked at the swap, but the problem was solved when the extra funding was identified.

The deal was made after a series of closed-door meetings. Perry earlier in the day said it would be difficult to deliver \$2 billion in total tax relief sought by senators, including school property taxes and consumer and business levies. But he said that's not as important as getting a proper school funding plan.

Coupled with \$506 million agreed to by lawmakers for consumer and business tax breaks over two years, the \$1.2 billion would give Bush bragging rights to a \$1.7 billion tax relief package.

Bush originally targeted \$2.6 billion in cuts. Perry on Saturday night said final figures were being awaited on the funding bill and added that depending on what is counted toward the tax-relief total, it could be more.

The school funding bill is SB4.

Discovery's astronauts wrap up eight hour spacewalk on Sunday

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Discovery's astronauts wrapped up an eight-hour spacewalk early Sunday, outfitting the new international space station with cranes and tool bags needed for future assembly and maintenance missions.

Astronauts Tamara Jernigan and Dr. Daniel Barry floated back inside the shuttle at 5:51 a.m. CDT, reluctant to leave behind the spectacular view.

"You can't be telling me we're almost done?" Barry said as the outing — the only one planned for the 10-day mission — neared an end. "Wow. It feels like we just walked outside."

"The whole flight is as if we blinked," Jernigan agreed.

The pair began their tasks late Saturday night. They attached a 6-foot, extendible crane and pieces of a second crane to the exterior of the out-

post. Future spacewalkers will use the booms to move large items around the station.

Working 240 miles above the Earth, the astronauts also hung three tool bags, installed two foot restraints and placed a glare-reducing mask over a docking target.

The spacewalk had been intended to last about six hours but lasted longer because the astronauts performed some extra tasks, such as covering an exposed pin and photographing the outside of the seven-story station.

There were only a few minor hiccups: Jernigan had to use extra tools, and extra muscle, to loosen bolts that held the second crane down in the shuttle, and a new communications system dropped out periodically.

With their work on the exterior of the station done, Discovery's astronauts were

ready to turn their attention to the interior. The seven-member crew was scheduled to venture inside the station Sunday evening to begin some repairs and start transferring 3,620 pounds of supplies into the outpost.

Discovery will remain docked to the 77-foot, 70,000-pound space station until Thursday night. The shuttle is due back June 6.

In order to allow Herald employees to enjoy time with their families on Memorial Day, early deadlines were observed. Regular deadlines will be observed Tuesday.

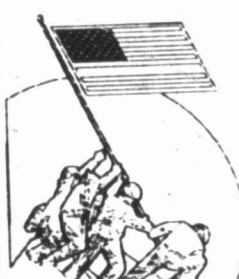
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Remember The Reason For Memorial Day

by Butch Miller
Memorial Day is the day we remember and honor those who lost their lives fighting for our nation. The men and women we remember on Memorial Day demonstrated the highest form of faith in the triumph of good over evil. Just as they had a mission, we, too, have a mission: To teach the young people of today to respect America's values.

History teaches us that our faith in freedom—readily backed up by our resolve to defend freedom—has made America—and the world—a better place. Today, 179 of the world's 193 sovereign states elect their lawmakers. That means the earth is covered by democracy in greater proportion than water; it's covered by 93 percent democracy. Clearly, those who made the Supreme Sacrifice for freedom did so for a victorious cause.

History teaches us that the world will never run out of threats to freedom. Hitler is no more. We won the Cold War. But our world must contend with Milosevic in Kosovo and Hussein in Iraq. China has an up side and down side—a growing appreciation for the free market, but a disturbing aspiration for nuclear and strategic supremacy. Clearly, future generations may be called upon again to sacrifice for freedom.

If we teach young people correctly, they will willingly serve in the U.S. armed forces, the defense of freedom will continue and democracy will flourish worldwide.

I often tell others about Danny Flynn, a young Marine. His story helps me reaffirm a young person's faith in the perseverance of a free people. Private First Class Flynn drove a personnel carrier during the War in Vietnam. He had been in Vietnam for 19 days when he volunteered to take a sick buddy's tour of duty. On that fateful night, May 25, 1968, a Cambodian rocket killed Flynn. He was 20 years old.

Flynn was a native of Kings Park, New York. He was buried with full military honors at Pinelawn Cemetery there. He was awarded the Purple Heart posthumously. A Kings Park baseball field was named in his honor. But the most important tribute to Flynn is carried out by a local middle school. They keep hope alive by teaching young people how important Memorial Day is.

Every year, 5th and 6th graders write letters to Flynn's mother. Through the battlefield death of Danny Flynn new generations are learning about patriotic values. Their notes to Flynn's mother are short, but poignant. "When I say the Pledge of Allegiance, I will remember Danny Flynn," writes one student. "Bringing books to the Kings Park Library will help me focus on the sacrifice Danny Flynn made for me," reflects another.

The children of that middle school wouldn't understand Memorial Day if someone hadn't taught them that freedom isn't free. They continue to learn that America's fallen heroes expressed their faith in democracy by committing the most selfless act of all.

Each of us must instill in young people the importance of Memorial Day. We should also ask God—in our daily prayers—to continue to bless America. If we do these things, America's faith in freedom, justice and democracy will remain intact. So, too will the blanket of freedom that our honored dead bequeathed to us.

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OUR VIEWS

Chapel, Hangar dedications will help ensure we never forget our defenders

As is the case most years, the calendar lists two Memorial Days: May 31, Memorial Day (observed) and May 30, the "real" Memorial Day.

The observance was unofficially started by a group of Confederate mothers, wives and daughters at Friendship Cemetery in Columbus, Miss. on April 25, 1866.

The story goes that the group of women had gone to the cemetery to place flowers on the graves of their loved ones, as well as other Confederate war dead.

While placing flowers, they discovered a group of graves without flowers in the corner of the cemetery. They were graves of fallen Union soldiers.

The women were thankful that even though their loved ones were dead, they were close to home. Thinking about how the loved ones of the Union soldiers must feel, perhaps not even knowing where their fallen were buried, the women decided to place flowers on the graves of all of those killed in the Civil War — both Blue and Gray.

At that time, the observance was known as Decoration Day.

In 1868, Gen. John Logan, commander of the Union Army veterans organization, formalized the custom by setting May 30 as the day to decorate the graves of the war dead with flowers and flags. Many Americans of a certain age still think of it as Decoration Day, especially in the Deep South.

In our pursuit of three-day weekends, however, we moved Memorial Day to the last Monday in May. Some veterans organizations later regretted their support for the switch because the day seemed to lose some of its solemnity.

In truth, Memorial Day weekend has assumed a role in our lives far from its original purpose: It is the kickoff to summer, the time when swimming pools open, a time for graduation and the end of school, the running of the Indy 500 and a time for garage sales and cook-outs.

While sunburns and barbecues are not what either the Confederate women or Union general Logan had in mind, the secular cheerfulness of Memorial Day weekend is not at all unfortunate. For the fact is that Memorial Day has always been observed most solemnly and seriously when the grief of war was fresh and painful, and for more than two decades, the United States has largely been at peace.

The hazards to our military come in their honorable and necessary role as peacekeepers in troubled lands that need our help.

The enjoyment of this weekend was brought to you by a long line of Americans, almost 1.2 million of them, who died in service of this country dating back to the eight Patriots who fell at Lexington in 1775.

Today, we have the opportunity to salute our own veterans not once, but twice, by attending the dedication of the Gold Star Chapel and the Hangar 25 Air Museum.

But whether you attend the dedications or simply take a moment to bow your head and silently give thanks for the freedoms we enjoy because of their sacrifices, remember our fallen.

And let them never, ever be forgotten.

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Some things in life will make you feel very old

Remember sessions when a group of old friends, perhaps from high school or college, get together to reminisce?

And remember the things we've forgotten about or things we've discussed that our kids don't understand?

Well, each year of the staff at Beloit College in Wisconsin puts together a list to try to give the faculty a sense of the mindset of the year's incoming freshmen.

Here's this year's list:
1. The people who are starting college this fall across the nation were born in 1981.
2. They have no meaningful recollection of the Reagan Era and did not know he had ever been shot.
3. They were prepubescent when the Persian Gulf War was waged.
4. Black Monday 1987 is as significant to them as the

Great Depression.

5. There has been only one Pope. They can only really remember one president.

6. They were 11 when the Soviet Union broke apart and do not remember the Cold War.

7. They have never feared a nuclear war. "The Day After" is a pill to them, not a movie.

8. They are too young to remember the space shuttle blowing up, and Tiananmen Square means nothing to them.

9. Their lifetime has always included AIDS.

10. They never had a polio shot, and likely do not know what it is.

11. Bottle caps have not only always been screw off, but have always been plastic. They have no idea what a pull-top can looks like.

12. Atari predates them, as do vinyl albums.

13. The expression "you sound like a broken record" means nothing to them.

14. They have never owned a record player.

15. They have likely never played Pac Man and have never heard of Pong.

16. Star Wars looks very fake to them and the special effects are pathetic.

17. There have always been

red M&M's, and blue ones are not new. What do you mean there used to be tan ones?

18. They probably have heard of 8 tracks but chances are they probably never have actually seen or heard one.

19. The Compact Disc was introduced when they were 1 year old.

20. As far as they know, stamps have always cost about 32 cents.

21. They have always had an answering machine.

22. Most have never seen a TV set with only 13 channels, nor have they seen a black and white TV.

23. They have always had cable.

24. There have always been VCRs, they have no idea what BETA is.

25. They cannot fathom not having a remote control.

26. They were born the year that Sony introduced the Walkman.

27. Roller-skating has always meant inline for them.

28. The Tonight Show has always been with Jay Leno.

29. They have no idea when or why Jordache jeans were cool.

30. Popcorn has always been cooked in a microwave.

31. They have never seen Larry Bird play, and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar is a football player.

32. They never took a swim and thought about Jaws.

33. The Vietnam War is as ancient history to them as World War I, World War II, or even the Civil War.

34. They have no idea that Americans were ever held hostage in Iran. Or that the Desert One failure ever happened.

35. They can't imagine what hard contact lenses are.

36. They don't know who Mork was or where he was from.

37. They never heard the terms: "Where's the beef?", "I'd walk a mile for a Camel," or "de plane, de plane!"

38. The do not care who shot J.R. and have no idea who J.R. is.

39. The Titanic was found? I thought we always knew where it was.

40. There has always been MTV.

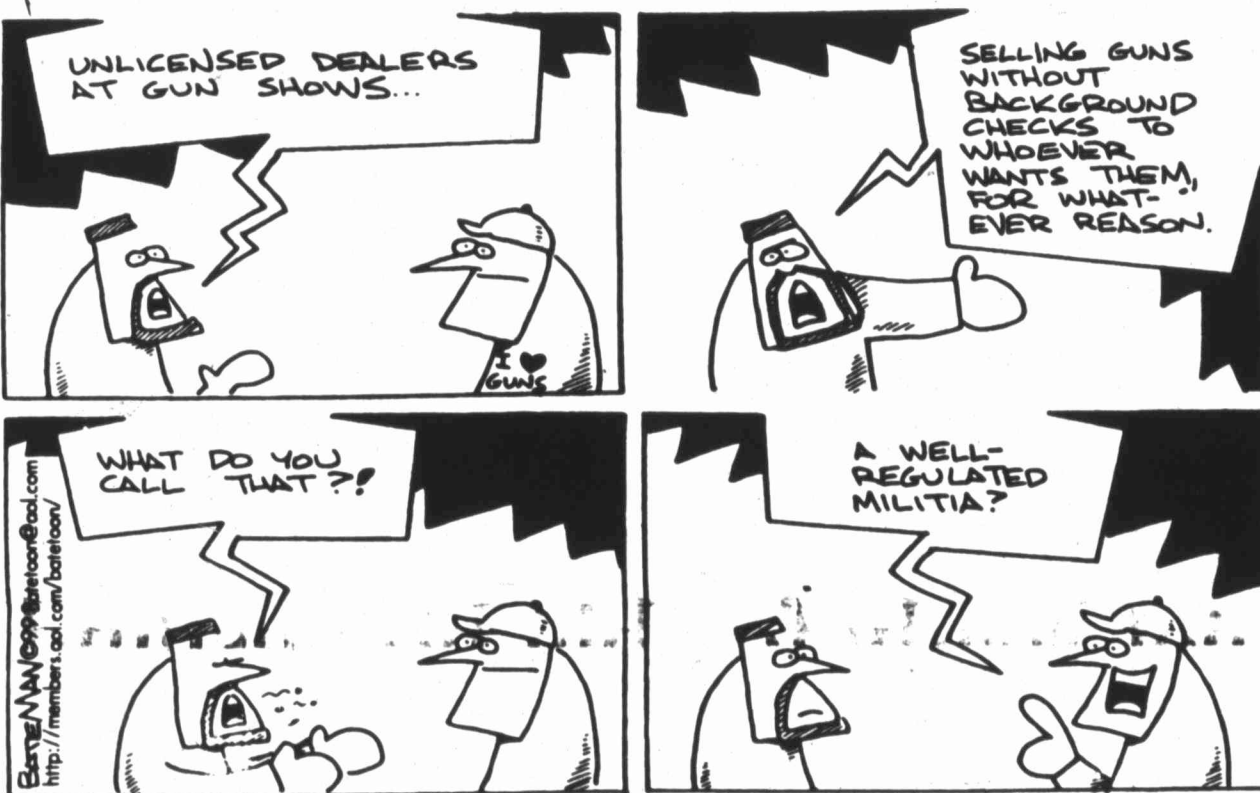
41. Kansas, Chicago, Boston, America, and Alabama are places, not groups.

42. McDonald's never came in Styrofoam containers.

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Clinton - and Democrats - frustrating GOP in Congress

By **WALTER MEARS**
AP Special Writer

WASHINGTON — Second-term headaches are chronic for presidents in their last, lame-duck years in the White House. And President Clinton dug the sex scandal pitfalls that made his worse.

It is the Republican Congress that seems to be sputtering and defensive at this point. Not the Democrats, or the president who was impeached and acquitted for deceptions in the Monica Lewinsky sex scandal, and later held in contempt of court.

That would have seemed to invite an opposition Congress to seize the offensive and dominate the agenda. Instead, the minority Democrats are not only fending off GOP plans, they are getting their way on issues such as gun control and have the pressure on for measures including a minimum wage increase, patient's rights legislation in dealing with managed health care, possibly campaign finance reform.

Not that those measures are going to pass on Democratic terms. But Republicans have

been outmaneuvered, especially on gun control measures pushed through the Senate after the Littleton, Colo., school shootings, with impetus added by the episode in Conyers, Ga.

House Republican leaders are supporting the Senate measures, Speaker Dennis Hastert calling them "common sense legislation." In the Senate, it was shaped by Republican concessions and retreat.

There are other GOP problem issues in the House, where they have only a five-seat margin, and can't afford constant collisions with the Democrats. Conservative Republicans have been stalling House action on appropriations, forcing votes on minor amendments to press their complaint that there is no GOP strategy on an overall spending plan.

They are wary of another late-session budget contest with Clinton, who has fared well in prior ones — the government shutdown struggle of 1995 and early 1996 boosted him politically, and he got \$21 billion in what was labeled emergency spending in 1998, a deal that angered conservatives.

Republicans intend to pass a tax cut, but it will be far less

ambitious than the 10 percent their leaders sought. Prospects for long-term Social Security financing reform are fading if not gone.

They have passed a bill seeking deployment of a missile defense system, and a measure to give states more leeway in spending their federal education aid.

A GOP-pledged measure to make it more difficult for the government to spend Social Security surpluses was overwhelmingly approved. It's billed as a "lock box" to protect Social Security funds, although the legislation does leave ways to open it.

A week before, Congress completed, and President Clinton signed an emergency spending bill for the air war over Kosovo, disaster aid and other programs — \$13 billion out of the same surplus. Another \$2 billion in home state projects and favors will have to be offset in the regular appropriations process.

Clinton signed the measure, more than twice what the administration proposed, saying that he's vetoed money bills before and is "fully prepared to do so again."

All of this has stirred conserv-

ative complaints about lax leadership and a lacking agenda. That's become a target for GOP presidential campaigners on the right. Former Vice President Dan Quayle said congressional Republicans should concentrate on tax cuts, school choice, defense and strict spending discipline. "This is our agenda and it's barely being talked about on the Hill," he said.

The numbers put GOP dominance beyond reach. They have 55 votes in the Senate, but it takes 60 to force action, so Democrats can bar the way until they get concessions. With their narrow House edge, they have to bargain their, too.

That works to Democratic advantage, and to Clinton's, despite his scars and the pattern of waning influence and troubles that have hit other presidencies at this point.

"I'm very mindful of history's difficulties and I'm going to try to beat them," Clinton said after winning his second term. Instead, he deepened them. And having escaped the Republicans in impeachment, he's still frustrating them in Congress.

(Walter R. Mears is vice president and special correspondent for The AP.)



Mallard Fillmore by BRUCE TINSLEY

IN I

Country club tourney for

The Big Spring Club has rescheduled its tournament with play beginning at 7 p.m. shotgun.

Originally scheduled for 6, the event's 18 players playing low ball, six hole shot and six hole play each day.

Fees for the event are \$65 per player. Entry mulligan and following play.

For more information, contact the club's pro.

BSST swim to begin long

Summer meets will begin with long course swim and member Spring Swim Team practices Thursday at the Pool located at Trail Park.

Those six years younger must be at least one level to qualify for the meet.

Monthly fees for members are \$20. Members will receive a year or older younger.

For more information, contact the YMCA at 264-5040.

Howard College boys' basket

Howard College will hold its summer ball camp for Dorothy Garrett.

Howard head coach Tom Ball joined by his selected high school and Hawks players.

Fees for the camp are \$100 per youngster. Tuition, equipment, shirt and a noon meal are included each day of the camp.

Sessions are scheduled for 4 p.m. Monday through Wednesday and noon on Thursday. For more information, contact 264-5040.

Spring City Open scheduled for

The first Spring City Open golf tournament is scheduled for Sunday at the City Golf Course.

Stated as a fundraiser for the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, the tournament will be a four-day event.

Entry fees will include team and individual prizes and pin prizes. Private welcome.

The deadline for entries is Friday. For more information, contact Jack Birdwell or Lenita Everton at 264-5040.

Deadline extended for Steers hoc

Jimmy Avery Spring High School coaching staff has their first Basketball Camp in Steer Gym.

The camp, open to students in the eighth grades will be held with sessions at 8 a.m. and noon through Friday.

A fee of \$45 per player covers instructional shirt and certification. The deadline for submissions has been extended to the opening.

For more information, contact Jimmy Avery at 264-3640.

ON THE

Television

MAJOR LEAGUE
6:35 p.m. — Colorado at Atlanta Braves
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IN BRIEF

Country club reschedules tournament for June 19-20

The Big Spring Country Club has rescheduled its 6-6-6 tournament for June 19-20 with play beginning with a 1 p.m. shotgun start both days. Originally slated for June 5-6, the event's format will have players playing six holes of low ball, six holes of alternate shot and six holes of scramble play each day. Fees for the tournament will be \$65 per player plus cart rental. Entry fees include a mulligan and barbecue dinner following play on Saturday. For more information, call the club's pro shop at 267-5354.

BSST swimmers slated to begin long course work

Summer marks the start of long course swimming season, and members of the Big Spring Swim Team will begin practices Thursday at the City Pool located in Comanche Trail Park.

Those six years of age and younger must be able to swim a least one length of the pool to qualify for the team.

Monthly fees for swim team members are \$20 for full members of the YMCA, while basic members will pay \$27 if 11 years or older and \$20 if 10 or younger.

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

Howard College slates boys' basketball camp

Howard College has scheduled its summer boys' basketball camp for June 7-10 at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Howard head men's basketball coach Tommy Collins is the camp director and will be joined by his assistants, selected high school coaches and Hawks players on the camp staff.

Fees for the camp are \$95 per youngster and will cover tuition, equipment, a camp T-shirt and a noon meal during each day of the camp.

Sessions are set for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Wednesday and from 9 a.m. to noon on Thursday.

For more information, call 264-5040.

Spring City Open toumey scheduled for weekend

The first Spring City Open golf tournament has been scheduled for Saturday and Sunday at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Slated as a fundraiser for the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Sports Committee, the tournament will be a four-person scramble.

Entry fees will be \$160 per team and include green fees, tee prizes and closest to the pin prizes. Private carts are welcome.

The deadline for entries will be Friday.

For more information, call Jack Birdwell at 264-2366 or Lenita Everton at 264-9134.

Deadline extended for Steers hoops camp

Jimmy Avery and his Big Spring High School Steers coaching staff have scheduled their first ever Steers Basketball Camp for this week in Steer Gym.

The camp, open to youngsters in the second through eighth grades will be conducted with sessions between 9 a.m. and noon Tuesday through Friday.

A fee of \$45 per camper will cover instruction, a camp T-shirt and certificate.

The deadline for application submissions has been expanded to the opening day of camp.

For more information, call Avery at 264-3641.

ON THE AIR

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
6:35 p.m. — Colorado Rockies at Atlanta Braves, TBS, Ch. 11.
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NHL PLAYOFFS
6:30 p.m. — Eastern Conference Finals, Game 5, Buffalo Sabres at Toronto Maple Leafs, ESPN, Ch. 30.

Rangers surprise with win over Twins in low-scoring affair

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Texas Rangers are breaking new ground for themselves.

Usually a team that needs a bunch of runs to win, the Rangers beat the Minnesota Twins 3-2 Sunday in an atypical game for Texas.

"It's nerve-wracking, but when it's over, it's fun. That kind of a game helped," Rangers manager Johnny Oates said. "Success breeds confidence, and right now, this ballclub is showing a lot of confidence."

The Rangers had lost all 11 previous games this season in which they had scored fewer than four runs. The victory was the Rangers' sixth straight and extended their record over Minnesota to

7-0. Lee Stevens, who made several sparkling plays at first base for the Rangers, extended his hitting streak to eight games with a single off reliever Joe Mays (0-1) that scored pinch-runner Rusty Greer with the winning run in the eighth inning.

"The pitching was good on both sides, and Lee Stevens played outstanding at first base," Oates said. "When you throw strikes, catch the ball and score enough wins, you do well."

The Rangers had their hands full with Twins starter Dan Perkins, who retired 11 straight batters at one point. He allowed only two runs and four hits before leaving with two out in the sixth

inning. "Perkins did a good job and gave us a chance to win," Twins manager Tom Kelly said. "That is two good starts for him."

Perkins contributed to both runs the Rangers scored off him. Luis Alicea scored in the first inning on a wild pitch, and Perkins' errant pickoff throw in the fifth enabled Roberto Kelly to go to second and eventually score on Gregg Zaun's single.

Perkins walked the leadoff batter on four pitches, and later in the first inning, he threw the wild pitch.

"I started thinking too much. ... The wild pitch was a slider. My foot slipped. I'm surprised I didn't toss it in the

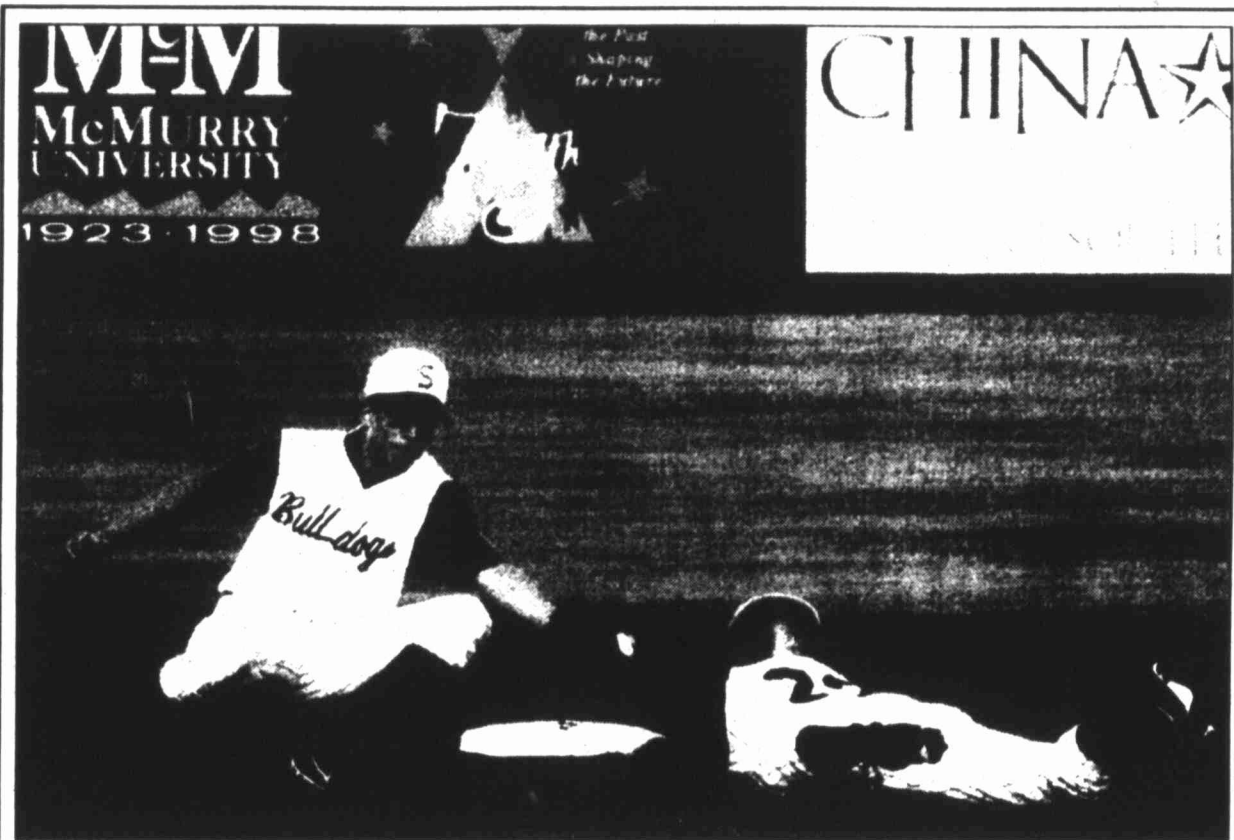
eighth row," he said. Jeff Zimmerman (4-0) pitched the eighth inning for the win in relief of Texas starter Mark Clark. John Wetteland earned his 16th save.

Mays gave up four hits in 1 2/3 innings.

Clark retired 16 of 18 batters from the first through the sixth innings. The Twins' only baserunners in that stretch were consecutive doubles by Brent Gates and Marty Cordova in the fourth that produced a 1-1 tie.

Perkins left in the sixth after giving up a two-out double to Juan Gonzalez, balking and then hitting Todd Zeile.

Cordova hit a leadoff double in the seventh and later scored on Corey Koskie's sacrifice fly, tying it at 2.



Coahoma's Mario Garcia (22) slides in with a stolen base at second ahead of the tag by Stamford shortstop Jason Cantu during the second inning in last week's Class 2A regional semifinal playoff. Garcia would go on to score Coahoma's first run in the 6-3 win. Garcia and his Bulldogs teammates will now face Abemathy's Antelopes for the Region I championship at 7 p.m. Thursday in Snyder. Ticket prices for the rematch of last year's regional title game are \$4 for adults and \$2 for students.

Rice dumps Tech; Aggies, Bears also move on with wins

LUBBOCK (AP) — Will Ford went 3-for-6 with a homer and 4 RBIs Sunday as the Rice Owls beat Texas Tech 15-11 to advance to the NCAA Super Regionals next week.

Earlier, the Owls (56-12) had beaten the Red Raiders 3-1 to force a second regional championship game.

Rice secured its victory early in the second game, putting up 10 runs in the third inning to take a 12-0 lead. Texas Tech (42-17) scored six runs in the seventh inning to pull within 15-11, but Jesse Kurtz-Nicholl and Mario Ramos combined to shut out the Red Raiders in the final two innings.

"That is as tough as it gets," said Rice coach Wayne Graham. "Our kids did a great job with the bats early and Mario Ramos did it for us again on the mound."

Jeff Nichols (14-3) got the victory for Rice, giving up six runs on six hits in three innings. Cade Allison (4-2) took the loss for Tech.

In the first game, Ford hit a two-run homer in the ninth inning, lifting the Owls to the 3-1 victory. Ford went 3-for-4 including his homer off Tech starter Brad Ralston (9-2).

Kurtz-Nicholl (7-1) got the last out of the ninth for the Owls. Rice starter Kenny Baugh gave up a run on four hits with eight strikeouts through 8 2/3 innings.

Rice entered the ninth inning leading 1-0. Tech tied the game when Chris Sampson scored on an error by Owls second baseman Brett Smith.

Texas A&M 9, Long Beach 5
Texas A&M 17, Long Beach 7
COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Steven Truitt keyed Texas A&M's eight-run third inning with a grand slam Sunday as the Aggies advanced to the NCAA Super Regionals with a 17-7 victory over Long Beach State.

Earlier Sunday, the Aggies (50-15) had forced a second regional championship game with a 9-5 victory over the 49ers (35-25).

Truitt started the Aggies' third-inning onslaught with a walk. Shawn Schumacher followed with a single before Daylan Holt's 2-run double. Holt later scored on a single, and Long Beach State walked in a run before Truitt's grand slam.

Texas A&M added five runs in the fifth and two each in the seventh and eighth.

Holt went 4-for-6 with a homer and 4 RBIs and John Scheschuk was 4-for-5 with 3 RBIs.

Chris Russ (12-2) pitched 6 2/3 innings for the victory, while Russel Rohlicek (1-3) suffered the loss for Long Beach.

In the earlier game, Khalid Ballouli pitched his first complete game of the year and Texas A&M came from behind to force the second championship.

Long Beach led 5-4 after six innings, but Ballouli (7-2) shut the 49ers out the rest of the way. Meanwhile, Texas A&M (49-15) took advantage of some Long Beach miscues in the late innings.

With two outs in the seventh, Truitt reached and advanced to second on an error by Long Beach third baseman Greg Dobbs.

Sean Heaney followed with an RBI single and advanced to third on Dell Lindsey's single. Heaney then scored on a passed ball to put the Aggies ahead 6-5.

Texas A&M scored twice more in the eighth, including another unearned run after a second error by Dobbs, and added a one in the ninth.

Dan Thomas (0-3) suffered the loss for the 49ers, giving up five runs, including two earned, on six hits in 3 1/3 innings.

Terrmel Sledge went 3-for-4 for Long Beach. Jaeme Leal and Dobbs each had two RBIs.

Baylor 22, Minnesota 6
WACO (AP) — Eric Nelson had five of Baylor's 29 hits on Sunday as the Bears advanced to the NCAA Super Regionals with a 22-6 victory over Minnesota.

The Bears (49-13) went through the tournament undefeated on their home field and scored in every inning of the championship game but the fifth. Every Baylor starter had a multi-hit game.

Jason Jennings and Bryan Loeb each had a homer for the Bears.

Justin Taylor (5-4) pitched six shutout relief innings, giving up five hits and striking out three to pick up the victory.

Starter Mike Kubow (2-1) lasted just three innings for Minnesota, giving up eight runs on 10 hits. Matt Scanlon went 3-for-5 with a homer and an RBI for the Gophers (46-18).

SW Louisiana 19, Houston 8
HOUSTON (AP) — Will Hawkins tied a school record with five hits and Ryan Gill had four hits as Southwestern Louisiana eliminated top-seeded Houston 19-8 Sunday night in a game that took more than eight hours to complete because of weather delays.

The Ragin' Cajuns (41-22) advanced to the Super Regionals.

Hawkins reached six times with four singles, a double and a walk. Gill doubled twice, singled twice and was hit by a pitch and scored four runs.

Yankees rough up Blue Jays, get ready for big homestand

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Once again, the New York Yankees won with David Wells on the mound. Trouble is, he pitches for the Toronto Blue Jays these days.

The Yankees beat their former teammate for the second time this season, with Derek Jeter keying an 8-3 victory Sunday at SkyDome.

"We know Boomer, we watched him pitch great for us last year, and having watched him we took advantage of that," Yankees catcher Joe Girardi said. "We ran on him, we got some big hits and we were able to get to him."

Wells (5-5) gave up eight runs, five of them earned, and walked three in 5 2/3 innings. He left the ballpark without comment, and with a 6.30 ERA.

"He was a little wild early on and we capitalized on his mistakes," said Jeter, who had three hits and three RBIs.

In other American League games, Boston beat Cleveland 4-2, Texas topped Minnesota 3-2, Detroit defeated Chicago 3-2, Oakland beat Baltimore 11-5, Anaheim stopped Kansas City 4-3 and Tampa Bay trounced Seattle 15-7.

In National League games, it was Arizona 10, New York 1; Montreal 6, San Francisco 4; Los Angeles 5, Atlanta 4 in 11 innings. Colorado 1, Philadelphia 0; Pittsburgh 7, Houston 3; Milwaukee 10, San Diego 3; Cincinnati 6, Florida 4; and Chicago 7, St. Louis 4.

Wells went 18-4 for the

Yankees last year, plus 3-0 in the postseason. The World Series champions traded the fan favorite to Toronto for Roger Clemens in a four-player deal in February.

Since the Yankees handed him his first loss on April 23, Wells has struggled. Overall, he's walked 27 in 65 2/3 innings after walking a total of 29 in 214 1/3 innings last season.

"He doesn't have the control that he had last year and I wish I had an answer for that," Toronto manager Jim Fregosi said.

Jeter was 8-for-12 with six RBIs in the three-game sweep. He has reached base by hit or walk in all 48 games this season.

Hideki Irabu (2-3) helped the Yankees improve to 6-0 against Toronto this year.

Now, New York returns to Yankee Stadium for an entertaining week — three games against AL Central-leading Cleveland, then three inter-league meetings with the New York Mets.

Red Sox 4, Indians 2

Rookie Brian Rose retired the first 15 batters at Jacobs Field and Nomar Garciaparra hit his fourth home run in three games for Boston.

The Red Sox completed a three-game sweep, giving Cleveland three straight losses for the first time this season.

Rose (3-0), promoted from the minors on May 19, pitched hitless ball until Einar Diaz doubled with one out in the sixth

inning. Garciaparra hit a three-run homer off Dwight Gooden (2-2).

Tigers 3, White Sox 2

Criticized by manager Larry Parrish a day earlier for lethargic play, Detroit bounced back to win at Tiger Stadium.

Dave Mlicki (2-5) pitched seven scoreless innings and stopped his five-game losing string. Gabe Kapler and Dean Palmer homered for Detroit.

Ray Durham hit three doubles for Chicago. He has five doubles in his last six at-bats.

Athletics 11, Orioles 5

Matt Stairs tripled, doubled and drove in four runs as Oakland beat Baltimore.

Miguel Tejada, who doubled twice, and Eric Chavez each had three hits for the Athletics. The A's got eight extra-base hits in winning for the 10th time in 11 home games.

Ryan Christenson broke an 0-for-28 slump with an RBI single.

Angels 4, Royals 3

Mo Vaughn hit a three-run homer in the fifth as Anaheim beat Kansas City.

Vaughn's homer off Jose Rosado, his 13th, brought the Angels back from a 2-1 deficit. Vaughn has nine homers in his last 18 games and has driven in 25 runs over that span.

Omar Olivares (6-3) gave up three runs on six hits.

while going eight innings for the Angels. Troy Percival pitched the ninth for his 14th save out of 15 chances.

Knicks wrestle homecourt advantage from Pacers with 93-90 win

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — It's becoming a habit for the New York Knicks.

For the third straight series, the Knicks — the eighth seed in the East — wrestled away homecourt advantage by winning an opener on the road. This time it was the Knicks over the Indiana Pacers 93-90.

New York has now won six straight playoff games, a club record, and is definitely not the squad that staggered throughout the regular season, costing general manager Ernie Grunfeld his job.

"It's definitely a different New York team. They have more emotion, they move more in the open court," Indiana's Reggie Miller said.

This was not the way it was supposed

to be.

The white towels were waving in Market Square Arena on Sunday, the decibel level couldn't get much higher. The Pacers were expected to win, especially with the ball in Miller's hands and 15 seconds to go in the opener of the Eastern Conference finals.

Miller was poised to deliver to the Knicks what he has so often in past playoffs — a crushing in-your-face, you're-gonna-lose-again 3-pointer.

This time, as Allan Houston guarded him and Patrick Ewing raced out to rush his shot, Miller went wide left, just hitting the side of the basket.

New York's Chris Childs then made three of four free throws, and when

Indiana's Mark Jackson put up an air ball at the buzzer, the Knicks had the victory.

"We've been dealing with adverse conditions all season," Houston said. "You can't exhale. This is just one game."

The 36-year-old Ewing, with sore knees, a painful Achilles tendon, a pulled rib cage muscle and an aching shoulder, managed to play 40 minutes, scoring 16 points with 10 rebounds and making four key free throws in the final minute.

"I don't think any other body part could hurt him. I don't think there are any left," Knicks coach Jeff Van Gundy said.

Ewing is still trying for his first NBA

title, as is Miller. That's why he was charging out to help defend the Pacers' star in the closing quarter.

Miller's list of Knick-beating shots in the postseason is a long one, none more than memorable than 1995 when he scored eight points in the final 8.9 seconds at Madison Square Garden in his famous staredown battle with film producer Spike Lee.

"Reggie has killed us so many times by hitting the big 3s, and we started trapping him," Ewing said. "If someone was going to beat us, it was going to have to be someone else."

Miller had no excuses and no problem with the 3-pointer that this time didn't go as the Pacers' wanted.

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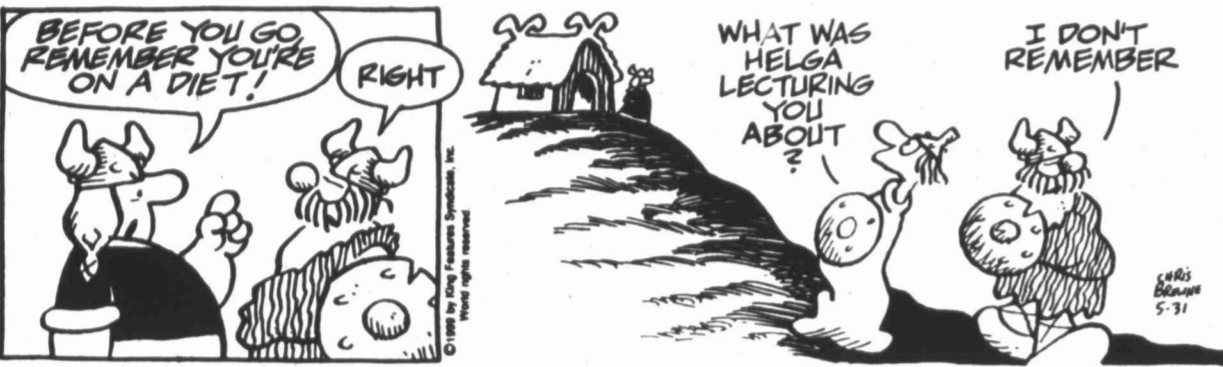
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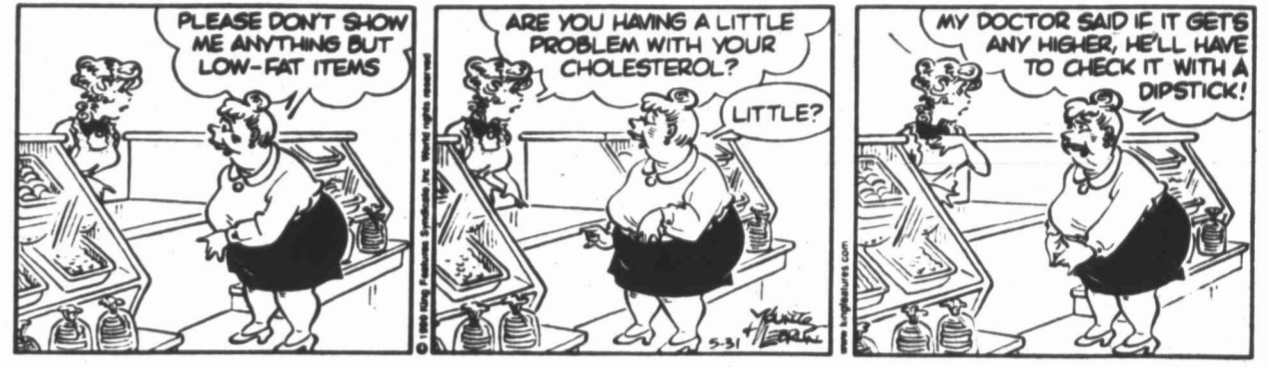
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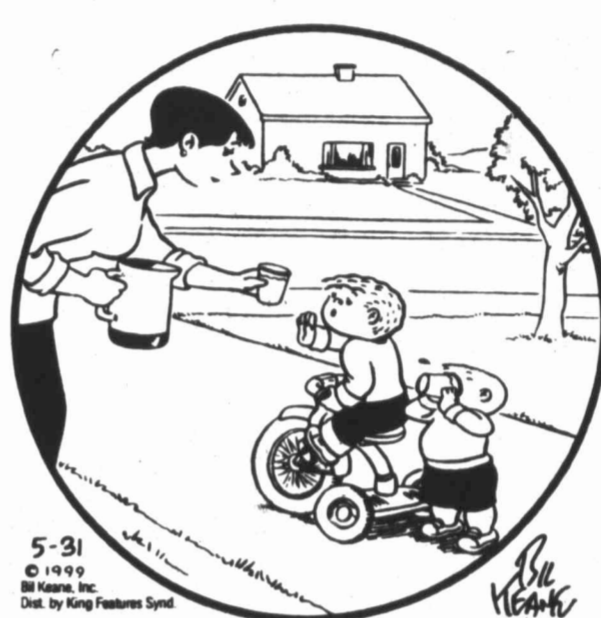
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Joseph Haydn died in Vienna, Austria.

In 1819, poet Walt Whitman was born in West Hill, N.Y.

In 1910, the Union of South Africa was founded.

In 1916, during World War I, British and German fleets fought the Battle of Jutland off Denmark.

In 1961, South Africa became an independent republic.

In 1962, World War II Gestapo official Adolf Eichmann was hanged in Israel for his role in the Nazi Holocaust.

In 1970, tens of thousands of people died in an earthquake in Peru.

In 1976, Martha Mitchell, the estranged wife of former Attorney General John N. Mitchell, died in New York.

In 1977, the trans-Alaska oil pipeline, three years in the making, was completed.

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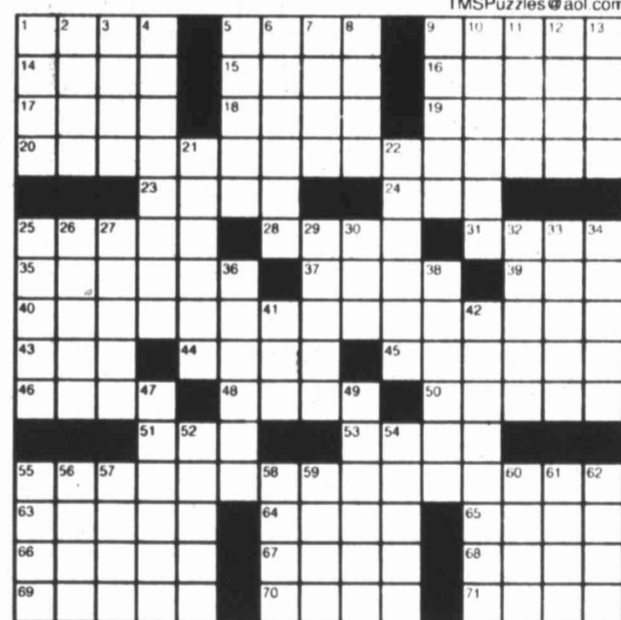
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THE Daily Crossword

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

ACROSS

- 1 Single-handedly
5 Canned-pork product
9 Exhausted
14 Fiery gem
15 Malayan outrigger
16 Stenographer
17 Tight spot
18 Hardwoods
19 Slip away
20 Like a love letter?
23 Prayer ending
24 Volga tributary
25 Colorful chalcedony
28 Exchange
31 Con game
35 Spring harbingers
37 "Typee" sequel
39 Genetic letters
40 Quiz-show chamber
43 CIA's predecessor
44 Setting
45 Engaged in swordplay
46 Destitution
48 Funny Foxx
50 Martin's partner
51 Greek vowel
53 Stratford's river
55 In custody
63 Rock full of crystals
64 Swimming hole
65 Helper
66 Land of the dead
67 Carryall
68 Welsh valley
69 Blackthorn berries
70 Game played with 32 cards
71 Blyth and Sheridan



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Saturday's Puzzle Solved



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- 1 Boo-hoos
2 Sheriff Taylor's kid
3 Turner of "Peyton Place"
4 Long-dead language
5 Trademark fine china
6 Jumbo shrimps
7 Japanese golfer Isao
8 Sail support
9 Move furtively
10 Lively dances
11 Needle case
12 Beatty and Buntline
13 Very French
21 Rewrites
22 Run away like a rabbit
25 Fiery felony
26 Silly fowl
27 Mistreat
29 Courted
30 I love: Lat.
32 Gators' kin
33 Pot starters
34 Islamic messiah
36 Inflationary shape
38 Tiana's man
41 Hwy. sign

- 42 Finger Lakes tribe
47 "Mashed" Potato Time" singer Sharp
49 North or South state
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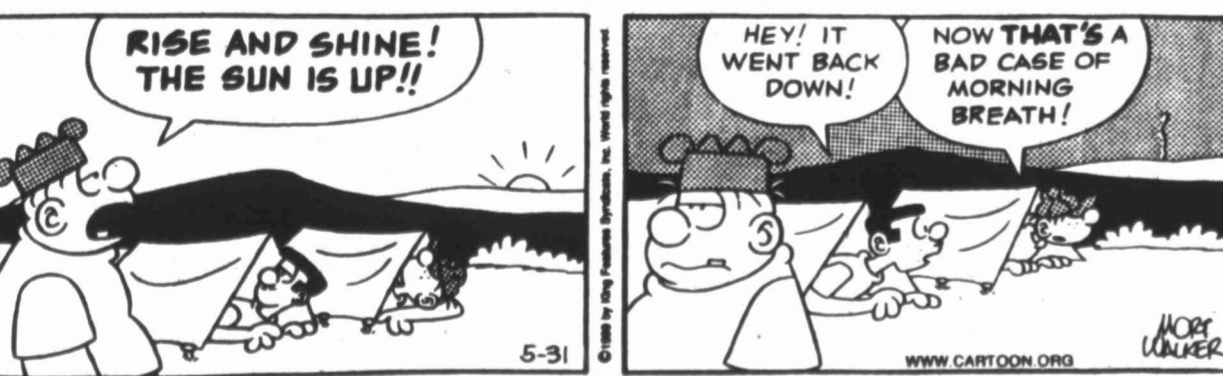
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