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Port-to-Plains subject of two public meetings

The Texas Department of Transportation will conduct meetings today and Thursday on the Ports-to-Plains Corridor.

The meetings will include a feasibility study of the purpose and objective of the corridor as well as evaluation criteria for alternate route alignments. The public will have an opportunity to make comment on the alternate routes being considered.

Today's meeting will be held at the TxDOT office in San Angelo, 4502 Knickerbocker Road. Thursday's meeting is set for the Lubbock Civic Center in Lubbock, 1501 Sixth St. Both will begin with an open house at 6 p.m., followed by the public meeting at 7 p.m.

Sands pre-K, K registration slated Monday

Sands Elementary pre-K and kindergarten registration will be Monday from 1:40 to 2:20 p.m.

At this time, Sands Elementary will be registering prekindergarten and kindergarten students for the 2000-2001 school year. Parents need to bring immunization records, social security numbers, and birth certificates.

For more information, contact Zeldia Bilbo at 353-4314.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

□ Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 West Third.

THURSDAY

- Gideons International, Big Spring Camp No. U42060, Hermans, 7 a.m.
- Big Spring Senior Citizens Center Art Classes, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 55 and older.
- Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.
- Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association, 5:30 p.m., RSVP offices, 501 Runnels.
- American Legion Post 506, 6 p.m., call, 263-2084.
- Rackley-Swords Chpt. 379, Vietnam Veterans of America, 7 p.m.

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Big Spring, Howard County fall just short of census mail back goals

By **BILL MCCLELLAN**
News Editor

Big Spring and Howard County fell just short of their Census 2000 mail back goals, but did receive a better response than in 1990, according to a community partnership specialist.



WURTZ

"We did really well. We did

fall a little short, but only a little," said Charlene Romero Wurtz, area Census 2000 specialist.

The goals are tied to a Census Bureau campaign challenge called How America Knows What America Needs, or HAKWAN.

Howard County had a HAKWAN goal of returning 61 percent of the census forms received in the mail. The Census Bureau received 60 percent back. Big Spring had a goal of 62 percent and had a 59 percent return rate.

"That's just on the mailout ballots," Wurtz noted. "Now the challenge is going out to the homes."

Wurtz noted that the county rate of 60 percent is almost 4 percent higher than the number returned in 1990, and the city's 59 percent rate is 2 percent higher.

There were 13,893 census forms mailed out and 8,003 of those had been returned by the HAKWAN return deadline of April 12.

Wurtz noted that in 1990, some 11,374 forms were mailed

out, a difference over 10 years of 2,519.

"We're optimistic about the growth we're seeing," said Big Spring City Manager Gary Fuqua.

"The increase in mailouts, plus the fact that we have more than 2,200 prison beds, plus the recent jobs Big Spring has attracted give some hope that our population is showing growth over that time.

"It looks like we are headed in a positive direction," Fuqua added.

In addition to making for a

healthier economic atmosphere, an increase in population would make Big Spring eligible for additional federal funding.

"We encourage anyone who has not returned their census form to do so. It is important that our community be counted," said Fuqua.

Meanwhile, the census tally continues.

"We'll have census workers going door to door through July 9," said Wurtz.

Final results of Census 2000 will not be available until April 1, 2001.

Food program

Big Spring ISD will offer summer free lunch program for children 18 and younger

By **GINA GARZA**
Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent School District will offer its free summer lunch program beginning June 1.

"We offer this free summer lunch program to any child 18 years old and younger," said Joann Smoot, Big Spring ISD director of food services. "The kids don't even have to be enrolled in our school district. It's just open to anyone."



SMOOT

There is no registration and no proof of income needed.

"This program is part of the Texas Department of Human Services and is offered to all kids during the summer," she said.

There will be three schools offering the lunches: Goliad, Marcy and Bauer elementary campuses.

"We try to spread out the schools so almost all of the areas of town are covered," said Smoot.

The free lunch program started because of summer school and the need to feed the kids taking those classes. It has been successful for the past nine or 10 years.

"We've kept it going because

we think it's great for the kids who are out of school and it helps out their parents trying to feed the kids all summer," she said.

Smoot added that many organizations around town have used the summer lunch program for their benefit.

"We encourage organizations to bring their kids out to lunch," she added. "We've had the YMCA bring their kids, the West Side Community Center as well as churches having Vacation Bible School bringing their kids here before they take them home. It helps them on what to do for their kids at lunchtime."

Smoot also said that if anyone needs transportation, they will try to accommodate.

"We know some of the kids do not live in the area where the lunches are, and that can pose a problem of how to get to the school," she said. "We will try to work out transportation if need be, but there needs to be at least 10 kids a day needing rides."

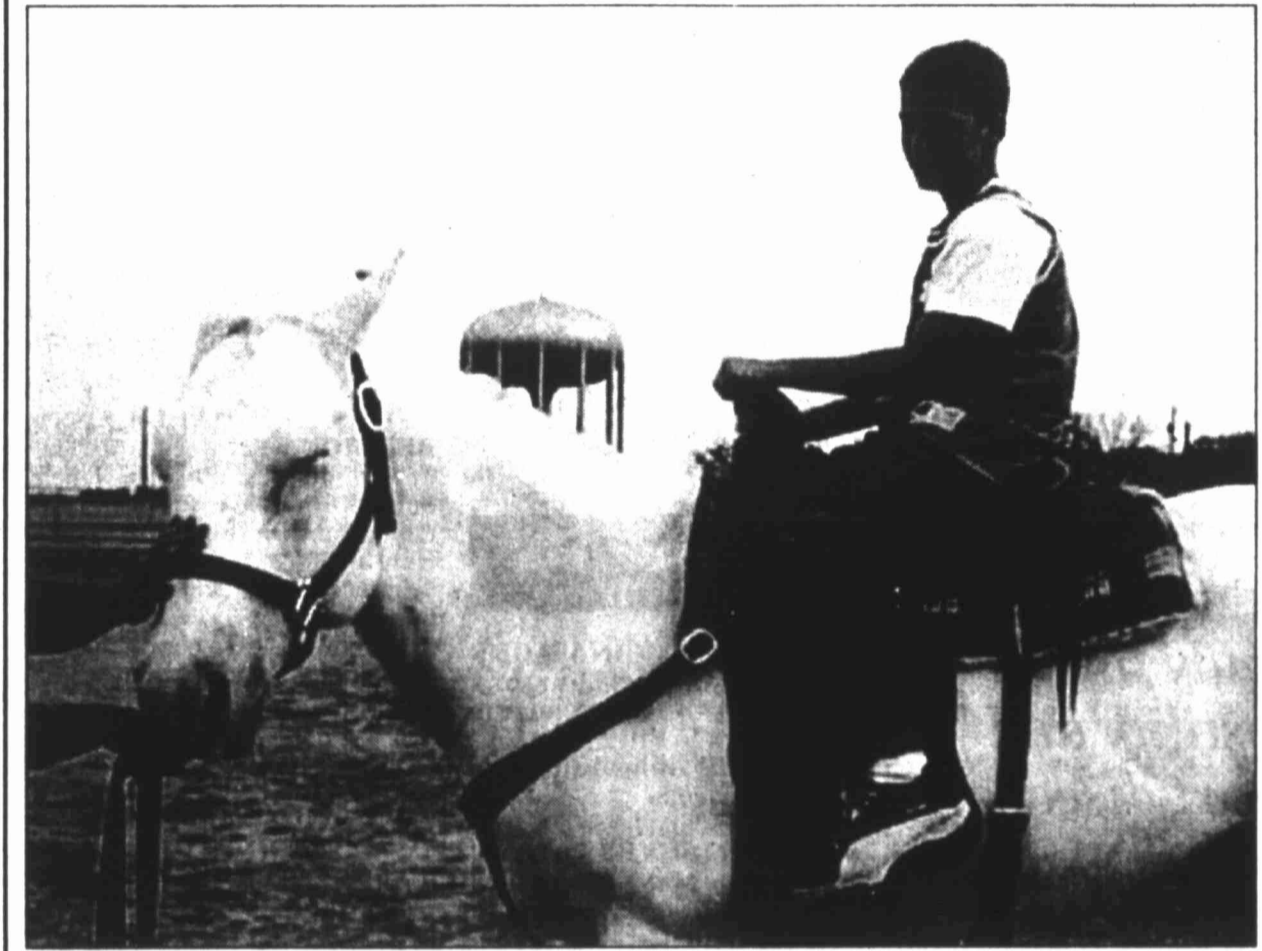
There is a summer menu for the program, which runs through July 28.

"We will be closed on July 3 and 4 because of the holiday," said Smoot.

Adults can also eat with their children at a cost of \$2.30.

"We are real proud of our summer lunches," she said.

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Taylor Parks, a fifth grader at Baur Magnet School, rides Silver King this morning. Baur students have been reading books by William O. Beazley, a retired Hardin-Simmons University professor. Beazley writes individual tales about each white horse used to help carry the state flags for the Hardin-Simmons' band.

Blood drive set Saturday at Big Spring Mall

HERALD Staff Report

United Blood Services will bring its bloodmobile to the Big Spring Mall Saturday.

The blood drive will be held from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m.

"We have missed our mall donors," said Johanna Pevey, community relations representative for UBS. "It is great to be back at the Big Spring Mall. Please come out and help us in

our quest to provide the best service possible to patients in need of blood products."

Donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh more than 110 pounds and be in good health.

"We also ask that you have proof of identification and know the names of any medication you may have taken in the past 30 days," said Pevey.

United Blood Services is the area's not-for-profit provider. In order to supply the 12 area hos-

pitals, UBS must collect more than 300 units of blood each week, said Pevey. Blood products have a shelf life of five to 42 days.

"We need your help. If possible, try to make an appointment for Saturday's drive. It will help you get in and out in a timely manner," said Pevey.

To make an appointment, call Kathy Lusk at 267-3853.

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Jury considers testimony in case of man charged with burglary, assault

By **CARL GRAHAM**
Staff Writer

A six-man, six-woman 118th District Court jury today began deliberating the fate of a Big Spring man accused of a Sept. 19 burglary and subsequent assault.

Both the prosecution and defense rested their cases Tuesday in the trial of David Heredia Nieto, 27. Nieto is accused of a burglary and assault of a Sand Springs

woman.

Among the several witnesses called by District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson Tuesday was 62-year-old Wilma Dorsey.

Dorsey testified to the terror she encountered when she found herself face to face with an intruder the morning of Sept. 19.

She said that when she tried to run for help, the intruder chased her down and beat her up, breaking one of her wrists and severely injuring the other wrist in the process.

Jameson Ward, a first-year engineering student at Texas Tech, testified that he was staying at his grandmother's residence when he heard cries for help.

Ward said he jumped into his clothes and went to render aid, at which time the intruder fled on foot. Ward said he was unable to recognize Dorsey because her face was covered in blood, gravel and asphalt from the driveway.

Ward's grandmother, Betty Jean Cooper, was also called to

testify. Cooper positively identified the intruder that night as Nieto after the defendant was asked in court to remove his glasses. Under cross-examination by Richard Cooper testified she was able to make a positive identification due to the fact the area was well lit with a security light outside her residence.

Also testifying for the prosecution was Howard County Deputy Sheriff Cliff McCartney, who was called out to investigate the incident that morning.

McCartney was dispatched to another attempted burglary in the Sand Springs area that morning, supposedly another attempt by the defendant after he fled the previous residence.

Taking the stand for the defense was Nieto's brother, who testified that they had been together that evening and were not involved.

Final arguments began at 9 a.m. this morning.

If convicted, Nieto faces a sentence of 15 to 99 years in a Texas correctional facility.

TAAS results give Coahoma ISD officials areas in which to focus

By **GINA GARZA**
Staff Writer

According to Bill Kingston, Coahoma Independent School District superintendent, the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills



KINGSTON

(TAAS) scores for Coahoma students are about the same as last year's. "We are about the same as we were last year," he said. "But we have found some areas that need work."

The TAAS consisted of the math and reading portions, and eighth graders had to also take social studies and science tests. Third grade students had a 94 percent passing rate in reading and an 87 percent rate in math.

Fourth graders had a 78 percent passing rate in reading, 85 percent in math and 87 percent in writing, while fifth graders had 93 percent in reading and 91 percent in math.

In the sixth grade, 88 percent of the students passed the reading and 92 percent passed math. Seventh grade students had an 81 percent passing rate in reading and a 92 percent rate in math.

Ninety-four percent of the students passed the reading portion in the eighth grade, while 96 percent passed math and 88 percent passed writing.

Tenth graders had a 95 percent passing rate in reading and math, and 97 percent in writing.

"We did identify some areas where we need improvement and will work on those areas in the coming year," said Kingston.

"Overall, we felt the scores

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Veterans Administration employees, from left, Alonzo Landin, RN; Mary Torres, LVN; and Patty Alvarado, nurse's aide, were awarded the Secretary Award for Excellence in Nursing during recent ceremonies.

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House lawmakers defeat measure that would have changed budget process

WASHINGTON (AP) — House lawmakers agree that the current budget process is in disarray, but have stepped back from a bill to bring about fundamental changes in the way they decide how the nation's money will be spent.

The House on Tuesday defeated, 250-166, a far-ranging measure that would have made the president a participant in the process earlier to avoid year-end showdowns, put the budget on a two-year cycle and effectively ended the possibility of government shutdowns.

Opponents argued that the bill would shift too much power to the executive branch, that the two-year budget undermined the ability of Congress to react to economic changes and that the real problem was not in the process but the people.

The proposals, said Rep. David Price, D-N.C., were fixes "for what is mainly a failure of political will and responsibility."

The last major reamping of the budget process was in 1974. Pressure for reform has grown as Congress repeatedly failed to finish its 13 spending bills on time, leading to all-night, closed-door negotiations with the White House to determine billions of dollars in spending and, on several occasions, government shutdowns.

The main element of the legislation would have changed the nature of the budget resolution Congress draws up every year as an outline for later spending bills.

It would have gained the stature of a law that must be signed by the president, forcing earlier negotiations with the president and ideally avoiding the standoffs that occur when the Oct. 1 start of the fiscal year arrives with the White House and Congress still fighting over budget levels.

The biennial budget, offered as an amendment, was defeated 217-201. Supporters argued that finishing the budget and passing the spending bills in the first year of a two-year session would allow lawmakers to spend the second year overseeing programs to make sure they work.

"It makes the budget process more rational, it improves accountability and it strengthens enforcement," said Rules Committee Chairman David Dreier, R-Calif.

He noted that President Clinton and his Republican predecessors have supported the idea. But critics said they would be turned into fiscal lame ducks the second year. Rep. Nick Smith, R-Mich., said a two-year budget would be inadequate in situations such as has occurred in the past two years, when Congressional Budget Office estimates changed from projections of a \$70 billion federal deficit in fiscal 2000 to current estimates of a \$200 billion surplus.

Women less often victims of violence by husbands, boyfriends

WASHINGTON (AP) — The rate at which women were attacked or threatened with violence by husbands and boyfriends declined 21 percent during the mid-1990s, and the number of men murdered by wives or girlfriends plunged 60 percent from 1976 through 1998, the Justice Department reported today.

In a report on "Intimate Partner Violence," the department's Bureau of Justice Statistics described a widespread decline, with a few exceptions, in both lethal and nonlethal violence among husbands and wives, boyfriends and girlfriends that mirrors the general decline in serious crimes nationwide since 1992.

For murder by spouses, the decline began even earlier — in the 1970s.

"We have made significant increases in providing shelters, hot lines and restraining orders to protect battered spouses and mandatory arrest for domestic violence incidents," said

Professor James Alan Fox of Northeastern University in Boston. "And the largest beneficiaries have been men. The biggest drop is in women killing husbands."

"We've given wives alternatives to feeling like they have to pick up a loaded gun to kill their loaded husbands," Fox said. "Divorce is easier."

The number of intimate partner homicides has declined substantially since 1976 for every race and gender group except white women, the bureau said, citing FBI data on homicides. Intimate partners committed fewer murders each year during 1996, 1997 and 1998 than in any other year since 1976.

In 1998, 1,320 women were murdered by intimates, but only 510 men. In 1976, women had accounted for just over half of the 3,000 men and women killed by intimates.

For black men, intimate murders declined by 74 percent from 1976 through 1998. For black women, the number of

murders was down 45 percent. For white men, it declined 44 percent.

"White females represent the only category of victims for whom intimate partner homicide has not decreased substantially since 1976," the bureau said. Between 1976 and 1993, the number of white women killed by intimate partners was fairly stable, usually rising slightly, but such murders declined by 23 percent between 1993 and 1997.

Then in 1998, they shot up 8 percent, leaving the total 3 percent above the 1976 figure.

But, citing interviews with crime victims, the bureau said black women were far more likely to report such violence to police than white women — 67 percent of the time for black women, compared with 50 percent for white women.

Overall, the percentage of women who reported intimate violence to police rose from 48 percent in 1993 to 59 percent in 1998.

Among men, 46 percent reported intimate violence to the police, with next-to-no difference between races.

Counting both deadly and lesser violence and threats of violence, attacks on women by intimate partners fell from 1.1 million in 1993 to 876,340 in 1998. This decline sent the rate of violent victimization for women by partners down from 9.8 attacks per 1,000 women per year to 7.7 attacks.

The rate at which men were attacked by wives or girlfriends remained stable during this period, but at the much lower level of 1.5 attacks per 1,000 men in 1998. That translated to 160,000 attacks on men in both 1993 and 1998.

Even with the decline in such attacks on women, they remained five times more likely than men to be attacked by intimate partners.

Two-thirds of all intimate attacks were simple assaults, the least serious form of violence studied.

Big interest rate boost shows new aggressiveness

WASHINGTON (AP) — In opting for a more aggressive half-point increase in interest rates, the Federal Reserve started a new phase in its 11-month campaign to hold economic growth to a more sustainable level.

Tuesday's action marked the sixth time the Fed boosted interest rates since last June. The five other increases were by a quarter point.

"In a tennis game, if your volleys are predictable, your opponent can kill you, so you need to vary the volley and I think that is exactly what Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan is trying to do," said Sung Won Sohn, chief economist at Wells Fargo in Minneapolis.

In this case, the opponent is an economy that Greenspan and his Fed colleagues fear is growing at a too-rapid pace that probably can't be sustained without sparking inflation.

In going with the bolder, half-point move, the Fed "put away the popgun and brought out the big cannon," said economist Joel Naroff of Naroff Economic Advisors in Holland, Pa.

While many economists believe the latest rate increase won't be the last, they also argue that the central bank may be losing patience just before the fruits of its slow-

down battle start to appear.

Economists note that Fed rate increases normally take a year before they start to have a significant impact on economic activity. Given the Fed began raising rates last June 30, that would imply that it will be after June of this year before activity really begins to slow.

Many analysts believe that is just what will happen. While the overall economy, as measured by the gross domestic product, roared into the new year at a 5.4 percent rate, they believe growth in the second half of 2000 will slow to around 3.5 percent.

The central bank's half-point move, pushed the target for the federal funds rate — the interest that banks charge each other — to 6.5 percent, the highest level in nine years.

In response, commercial banks nudged up their prime lending rate — the benchmark for millions of consumer and business loans — by the same half point.

Those increases left the prime at 9.5 percent, its highest level since January 1991, when the country was in its last recession.

The Fed also increased its largely symbolic discount rate, the interest it charges for direct loans to banks, by a half point to 6 percent.

AOL offers free service to schools; critics raise concerns

SPRINGFIELD, Va. (AP) — America Online Inc. says it is offering free service to schools nationwide to make it easier for students and teachers to use the Internet in the classroom.

But critics said the venture may not be as altruistic as it appears. They contend it could be an eventual cash cow for the online giant because it will help build brand loyalty and perhaps create a generation of future AOL customers.

AOLSchool, to be launched today, will have separate portals for elementary, middle and high school students that will help pupils reach the best educational Web sites, company officials said.

Students will see no ads — other than the AOL logo — will not be able to purchase goods online and will be blocked from accessing pornography or other offensive material. Students will be able to send e-mail and instant messages to encourage group online activities or to establish pen pals at distant schools.

No marketing information would be gathered on students because they only use their first name and a password to access the service, AOL said.

The only revenue, which will not cover the cost of providing the service, will be from ads targeted at teachers and administrators in separate areas inaccessible to students, according to the company, which is based in Dulles, Va.

"We don't think of this as a business opportunity," said chief executive Steve Case, who declined to give the cost of building and providing the service.

Case described the effort as a contribution to the nation's schools. Others said the initia-

tive sounds good but raises concerns.

"I'm suspicious," said Andrew Hagelshaw, executive director of the Center for Commercial-Free Public Education, based in Oakland, Calif.

Schools spend vast sums on supplies, textbooks and other goods, so a company like Amazon.com or an office supply

chain could negotiate exclusive rights to market their goods to school administrators, he said.

"I would tell school boards: Before you sign up for this, make sure to approve a commercialism policy that lays out what activities are acceptable," he added.

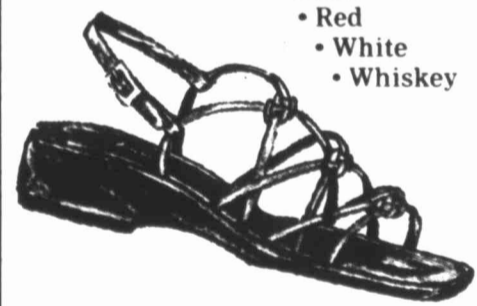
Alex Molnar, head of the Center for the Analysis of Commercialism in Education at

the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, said AOLSchool sounds like an improvement over ventures such as Channel One, which provides free television service to schools by featuring ads targeted at youths.

"The fact they have made a decision to keep it clear of ads is good," he said.

"But we'll have to keep our eyes on this."

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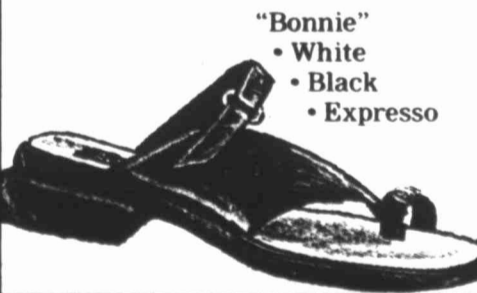
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Closing arguments in serial killer trial slated for today

HOUSTON (AP) — The fate of admitted serial killer Angel Maturino Resendiz could come down to which psychoanalysts did a better job of dissecting his state for mind to a jury.

Closing arguments were expected to begin today in the Mexican citizen's capital murder trial for the death of a Houston researcher. The panel then will decide whether he is guilty or innocent by reason of insanity.

Maturino Resendiz, 40, would receive either life in prison or lethal injection if found guilty.

Each side presented a psychiatrist and a psychologist who interviewed and tested Maturino Resendiz.

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OUR VIEWS

Bulldogettes deserve great state send-off

The ritual continues. After having taken on all comers from West Texas in claiming a Region I, Class 2A championship, Coahoma's Bulldogettes are again headed to Austin for the University Interscholastic League (UIL) state championships.

The Coahoma softball program has enjoyed nothing short of phenomenal success.

For a third straight season, the Bulldogettes are headed to Austin, their sights set clearly on returning to the throne they claimed in 1998 and fell just one win short of a year ago.

The Bulldogettes will board a bus and head for Austin at 8:20 a.m. Thursday.

At 1 p.m. Friday, the Bulldogettes will play a state semifinal game against Troy's Lady Trojans, but not surprisingly, their sights are clearly focused on reaching Saturday morning's Class 2A championship game at the Pleasant Valley Sportsplex.

And there's no question they would clearly like to face Alto, the team that usurped their throne a year ago, at the University of Texas at Austin's Red McCombs Field during that title game.

Alto, however, will have to beat Collinsville to reach the title game.

Bulldogettes head coach Robert Royer and his players say they are not so focused on playing Alto that they'll overlook a Troy team whose fans will only have to drive 100 miles or so to attend Friday's semifinal.

That does not mean the Bulldogettes will be playing before a hostile crowd. In fact, if recent trends continue, and there's no reason to believe it won't, Coahoma's girls will find a formidable following in the stands at the Pleasant Valley Sportsplex.

The Bulldogettes' fan following that is nothing short of fanatical.

The support Coahoma teams receive is literally storied, one of the reasons the Bulldog baseball team always finds itself playing regional quarterfinal play-off games at the same time the Bulldogettes are in Austin.

We here at the Herald offer our congratulations to the Bulldogettes on their third straight trip to the state championships and wish them the best of luck in their bid for a second state title.

And whether or not you'll be able to make the trip to Austin with them, we encourage fans to be on hand at Coahoma High School Thursday morning, and give the Bulldogettes the kind of send-off they deserve.

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Education: Some model programs to study

We've all heard the excuses as to why schools attended by mostly poor, black and Hispanic children fail to measure up. There's not enough money. There aren't enough good teachers. There isn't enough time in the seven-hour school day to undo the influence of chaotic families and dangerous neighborhoods. Et cetera. But not everyone is making excuses.



LINDA CHAVEZ

The Heritage Foundation in Washington, D.C., has established the "No Excuses" campaign to mobilize public pressure on behalf of better education for the poor. The campaign has now produced a small book by Samuel Casey Carter, "No Excuses: Lessons from 21 High-Performing, High-Poverty Schools."

The one thing that all of these schools have in common — in addition to low-income student populations — is a strong principal committed to educational excellence. The principal is generally the lynchpin in any school. A mediocre or bad principal can ruin a

good school. But by the same token, a great principal can sometimes overcome even the worst obstacles, as this book proves.

Take Nancy Ichinaga, who became principal of Andrew Bennett Elementary School in Inglewood, Calif., in 1974. When she took over the school, 95 percent of her elementary school students were illiterate. Within four years, she raised school-wide reading scores from the 3rd to the 50th percentile. In 1992, the school merged with another elementary school attended by low-income students, many of them non-English speaking. Today, the median school reading score for Bennett/Kew Elementary is at the 62nd percentile, and the math score is at the 74th.

Ronald Williams, principal of Newberry Elementary School in Detroit, performed similar miracles. Most of the kids who attend Newberry come from families where no one works. The school itself is situated in the middle of a barren landscape of vacant lots and boarded-up houses in southwest Detroit. But in 1998, the Newberry fourth-grade class scored at the 80th percentile in reading and the 82nd in math in the Metropolitan-7 achievement tests.

Portland Elementary School in rural Arkansas experienced

a similar turnaround under the leadership of Ernest Smith. When Smith came to this remote area of the Mississippi Delta farmland five years ago, half of the students in the fourth, fifth, and sixth grades were scoring two years or more below grade level. Today, 100 percent of the students are at grade level or higher. Last year, the first- and second-graders scored at the 78th percentile in math, and sixth-graders scored at the 72nd percentile in reading and at the 84th percentile in math.

These principals seemingly share little in common; they come from different parts of the country. One is Asian-American, another African-American, another white. Even their education theories and strategies differ. Williams says, "If a child can't learn the way I teach, then, I must learn to teach the way she learns." Smith, on the other hand, uses a highly structured teaching method known as "direct instruction," which sorts students into small, homogenous groups based on skills levels. Ichinaga uses the "Waterford Early Reading Program," a multimedia program that attempts to compensate for the pre-reading experiences most poor children lack; and she gives the neediest children an extra year of kindergarten before promoting them to first

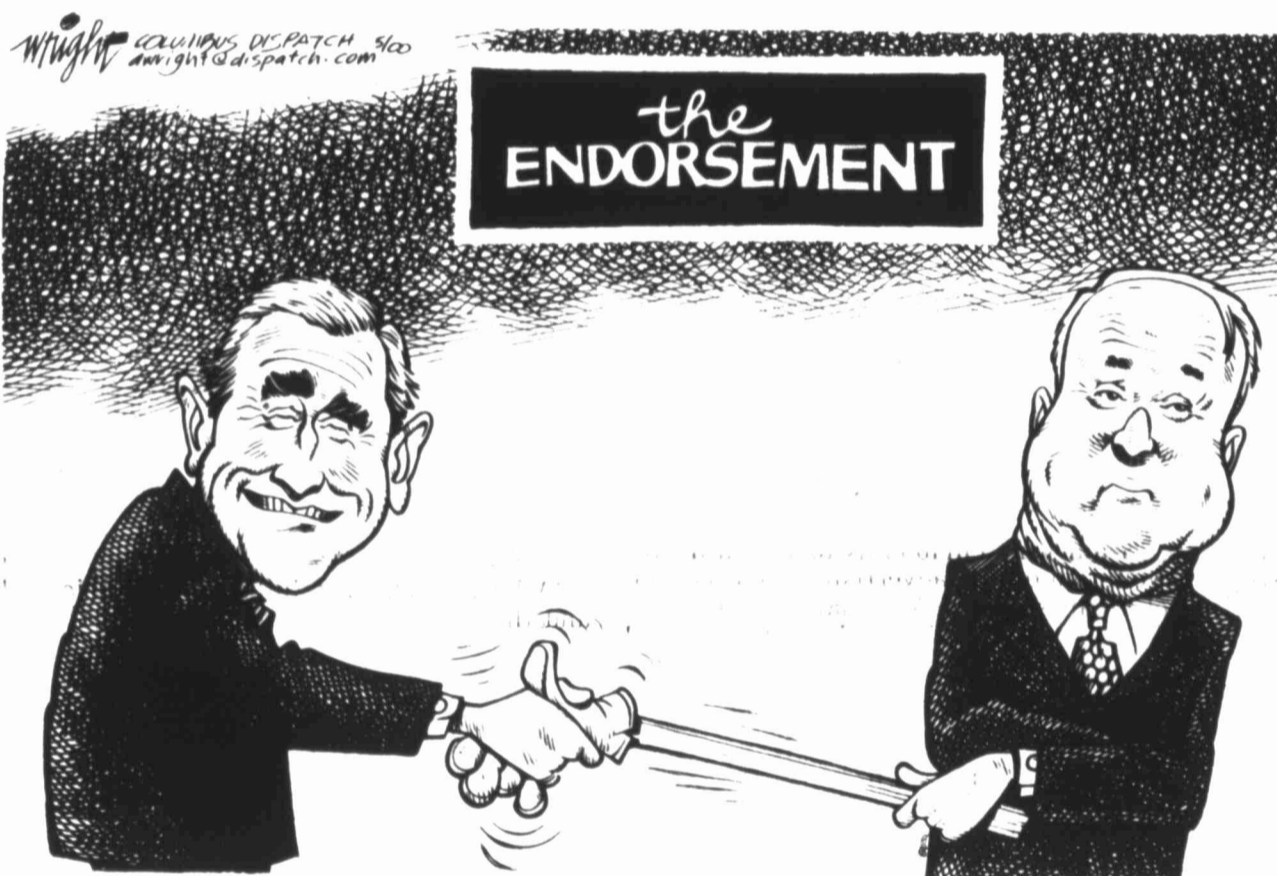
grade. Nonetheless, "No Excuses" author Carter believes he's found seven traits that all 21 schools and their principals share. Among them: Principals themselves must be free to decide how to spend their money, whom to hire, and what to teach. Principals must set measurable goals and hold teachers accountable to meeting them. Principals must scour the country for the best teachers, and then, design school curriculum around these teachers' strengths. Principals must ensure regular testing of all students, and personally monitor and hold teachers accountable for the results. Principals must set an example that self-esteem anchored in achievement are the means to success. Principals must work with parents to encourage them to check their children's homework, read to them, and help turn their homes into centers of learning. Finally, principals must demand that students work hard; knowing that time on task is the key to success in school.

"No Excuses" is short on frills and jargon but rich in experience.

Parents and educators looking to turn failure into success might begin by modeling their efforts on the schools described here.

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An airplane ride like no other

It started out nicely. We got on the plane at Midland and flew all the way to Las Vegas without a bobble. We sat in the very front of the plane, which was roomy because the two seats facing us were unoccupied.

The stewardesses were most accommodating and kept cracking jokes all the way to Las Vegas. There everything changed.

The stewardesses told us the plane would be full all the way to Los Angeles. Every seat was sold. We knew we would have people sitting in the seats facing us.

The stewardesses seemed to shift from their friendly, West Texas attitude to a more business-like frame of mind. No more jokes. The new passengers streamed by us on their way to the rear of the plane. The two seats across from us remained vacant for a long time.

We thought just maybe there had been a mistake. The plane would not be full and the two seats would remain unoccupied.

No such luck. The last two people to board took those two seats. One was a friendly man who took the aisle seat. The other was a woman who weighed about 300 pounds and was in a wheelchair. She was holding a barf bag and using it when we first saw her getting wheeled onto the plane.

She maneuvered herself into the window seat and immediately started asking for ice chips. The stewardess had seated herself for take-off and couldn't accommodate the woman right then. She got angry and asked me to get her a pencil and paper from one of the five or six small heavy bags she had with her. As she was writing she told us she wrote down all the times people treated her badly.

As the plane took off, she screamed loud enough to drown out the plane engines. She asked me to get her an aspirin from another of her bags.

I opened the package and handed her two aspirin. She took one and dropped the

other. We looked all around the area for that aspirin, but could not find it. I suggested she take another from her aspirin box.

It was nowhere to be found. That little tin box just seemed to disappear. We spent several minutes looking everywhere without success. She discovered the aspirin box in her left hand where it had been all the time.

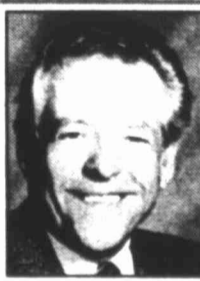
She used three more barf bags enroute to LA. When she wasn't throwing, up she was talking. And she talked in a very loud voice. She talked and threw up all the way to Los Angeles. Sitting right across from me.

Soon after the plane reached cruising altitude we heard a ruckus about mid-plane. A passenger had put his seat all the way back and this bothered the person sitting behind him. A fight ensued.

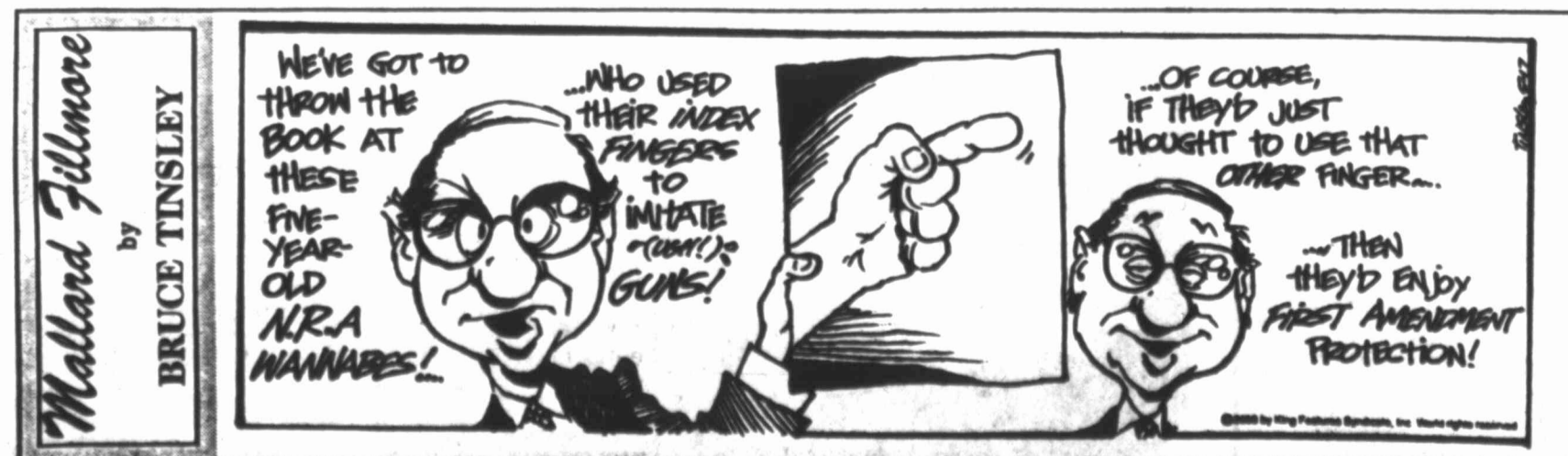
The stewardesses told the men to settle down, that she was calling the Air Marshal to be waiting for them when the plane landed.

The woman across from me screamed when the plane touched down in Los Angeles. We were glad that flight was over.

We deplaned quickly.



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Howard College honored its 2000 graduates of the school of nursing with a pinning ceremony Friday. Ladona Cook, director of the ADN program, conducted the ceremonial pinning of the graduates. The ceremony included the lighting of Florence Nightingale lamps, remembering the founder of nursing.

Protect the value of your auto investment

Owning and operating an automobile can be expensive. However, there are several things that consumers can do to help reduce those costs and stretch those transportation dollars, according to Sue Lynn Sasser, Extension family economics specialist.

"We need to realize that our car is an investment," Sasser said. "Even though it may depreciate in market value, it still needs to be taken care of. Otherwise, we are having to pay big dollars for major repairs or pay to replace it with another vehicle."



DANA TARTER

Those costs are definitely higher than providing regular maintenance," she continued. "Saving money on expensive repairs or another car gives you more money to pay on your current bills, instead of adding to them."

Following are some tips to help make your car run smoother and prolong the life of your automobile:

- Fix small problems immediately. Little problems can become big problems if not repaired as soon as possible. And, big problems are more expensive to repair.
- Budget for maintenance and repairs. Having the money set aside each month to maintain your car is much easier than trying to find the money to make repairs when necessary. It also provides the money needed for regularly scheduled maintenance, which keeps your car operating efficiently and helps detect potential problems sooner.
- Check hoses and belts regularly. Belts and hoses have a way of snapping at the wrong time, leaving you stranded—and adding to your stress and expense of repairs. Checking once every three months will help reduce your chances of being caught unaware.

- Keep a record of your miles per gallon. If you notice an increase in the amount of gasoline your car is using, it can indicate inefficiencies such as a clogged fuel filter, a dirty air filter or other more serious problems. The sooner you have these problems checked and repaired, the less damage they will cause.
- Fix exterior scratches with touch-up paint. Car dealers and automotive stores carry small bottles of touch-up paint that are the exact match for your car. Covering those small scratches keeps them from rusting and creating major problems on the exterior of your car. Most people want to buy cars that look good, and fixing exterior problems protects the value of your vehicle.
- Keep the interior of your car clean. Cleaning the inside of your car regularly and replacing torn mats, broken door handles and other problems also protects your investment. You may even want to check the local wreckage yard for new interior pieces such as dashboards and seats in order to keep your vehicle looking and feeling new.
- Avoid using heavy key chains. Putting a lot of extra keys and weight on the key chain that hangs from your ignition causes additional wear and tear on the switch, causing more problems in the future.
- Turn the radio off during the first few minutes you drive. Eliminating the noise of the radio allows you to hear any abnormal sounds that your car is making. Those abnormal sounds indicate a problem that needs immediate attention, and they may not be loud enough to hear when the radio is on.
- Be kind to your doors. Slamming doors and trunks is hard on your vehicles and the hinges that hold them in place. Keep them lubricated regularly to avoid squeaks and grinding noises. Hard slams can also shake the vehicle, creating additional problems under the hood and inside the car itself.

Dana Tarter is Howard County Extension Agent — Family and Consumer Science.

Shopping for surgery

Some consumers using Internet to compare prices, services

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Consumers who like to surf the Internet for good deals now have the chance to shop the Web for surgical procedures — from facelifts and tummy tucks to eye operations and even heart surgery.

While some doctors and patients raise ethical questions about the idea, a handful of companies are setting up shop online to let consumers compare physicians' bids for their business.

Consumers can log on, enter their medical profile and list what procedure they want. The online services match the requests with participating doctors, who submit proposals, including cost, for the patient's review.

Some sites match bids only for elective surgeries. But Kenosha, Wis.-based PatientWise will accept requests for nearly 100 procedures, including hip replacement, heart surgery and brain surgery, chairman Bradley Engel said.

Although PatientWise's online site is up, the company won't be ready to serve customers until later this year, Engel said.

Medicine Online Inc. of San Diego launched its site in March, offering 36 procedures including breast augmentation, nose jobs, liposuction, dental surgeries and laser corrective eye surgery. The company has matched 250 patients with its care providers, said chief executive Kevin Moshayed.

Dawn Buchanan shopped Medicine Online when she was contemplating cos-

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metic eye surgery.

Buchanan, 43, of Orange County, Calif., got five bids from different surgeons, ranging from \$1,500 to \$3,000, to remove bags under her eyes and tighten her brows.

"It's the wave of the future," said Buchanan, who had surgery Monday. "It was like shopping for a car but I didn't have to leave the house."

But Joanne Vaughan of Beaver Dam said she wouldn't trust doctors she only knew from computer profiles.

"I am very curious as to why a doctor would go online advertising for this kind of business," said Vaughan, who has had two wrist surgeries and two abdominal surgeries. "I wouldn't go through surgery and put my life in the hands of somebody I don't know or wasn't referred to me. It's too risky on my end."

Buchanan said she, too, had some reservations.

"I chose the (doctor) with the most credentials and the one who was most highly

recommended by my doctor," she said. "I didn't want to end up a statistic."

The medical establishment has given online doctor-patient matchmaking a cool reception.

"It is irresponsible for surgeons to even discuss the cost before seeing the patient," said Dr. Joseph J. Fins, director of medical ethics at New York Presbyterian Hospital-Weill Cornell Medical Center.

Dr. Donald Palmisano, a New Orleans surgeon, agreed.

"Health care is not a commodity to be traded on the Internet," he said. "Why would you trust your life to the lowest bidder?"

Medicine Online said it does not encourage patients to pick doctors solely on price, while PatientWise's Engel said quality care is the company's goal, not cheap medicine.

"For some, the focus will be on price, but the objective is to give people side-by-side comparisons of statistics on quality," Engel said.

Critics questioned the diligence of such services.

"A lot of people are influenced by price and these services do little to screen the patients or the providers," said Dr. Michael McGuire, president of the California Society of Plastic Surgeons.

McGuire said he joined one site as a psychiatrist and successfully bid to perform a breast implant. The site had a disclaimer saying it could not verify doctors' credentials.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

NEW YORK (AP) — Michael J. Fox has started his own foundation to help speed a cure for Parkinson's disease.

The name — the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research — unnerves him.

"The fact that it's eponymous just freaks me out," he said in this week's Newsweek. "But I understand, from a branding point of view, that it's effective. I get e-mail from people all the time saying, 'I finally found a co-worker that I had Parkinson's, the Michael Fox disease.' That's pretty heavy."

Fox recently taped his last episode of "Spin City." He is leaving the show to focus on family, his health and his foundation work.

"I think at some point I may write a book," he said. "I'm as jaded about celebrity memoirs as everybody else is, so that's not what I want to do. Someone was asking me the other day what would I write? And I said, 'How to lose your brain without losing your mind.'"

LODZ, Poland (AP) — Despite complaints about the sex scandal in his past, Roman Polanski was made an honorary citizen of Lodz on Monday.

Also honored were two World War II heroes with ties to the city: Marek Edelman, the only surviving commander of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising, and Jan Karski, the envoy from Nazi-occupied Poland who informed Western leaders about the Holocaust.

Polanski studied at the Lodz Film Academy and started his career in Poland in the 1960s.

Members of the ruling Solidarity party, which has ties to the Roman Catholic Church, were against honoring Polanski because he pleaded guilty in 1977 to having sex with a 13-year-old girl in the United States.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Lance Bass of 'N Sync is going country.

Bass announced his new Free

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Could candidates' pets help them win votes?

WASHINGTON (AP) — If George W. Bush wins the election, he won't be the only new White House occupant with a presidential pedigree.

Meet Spot Fetcher Bush, the Texas governor's English springer spaniel, daughter of George and Barbara Bush's famous Millie. The younger Bush also has two cats, including six-toed Ernie.

Should Vice President Al Gore win, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue would be home to Daisy, a mixed breed partial to flower beds, and Shiloh, a black Labrador retriever named for the Tennessee town, site of a Civil War battle.

Tough-talking Reform Party candidate Pat Buchanan has a 14-year-old cat named Gipper. He "brings out Pat's softer side," said campaign spokesman Neil Bernstein, who often sees the brown cat perched on Buchanan's lap during staff meetings at the former Republican's home.

Kissing babies and petting puppies has often softened a political image. President

Clinton has been known to arrange Kodak moments with the current first pets, Buddy the dog and Socks the cat.

This election's Democratic and Republican contenders could do the same. After all, the pets in both families have their touching tales.

Gore's son Albert found Daisy during a family vacation to Center Hill Lake in Tennessee. The family called her Inspector Turnip, until Tipper regularly found her sleeping in the daisies and gave her a new name.

Daisy, a gray and white mutt, now lives at the vice president's residence at the U.S. Naval Observatory as does Shiloh.

The Bushes also took in a stray, Ernie, an orange and white kitten that Spot found in a tree. The name comes from Ernest Hemingway, the author who had a cat with six toes, like the kitten.

Ernie and Spot, now friends, reside in Bush's Texas residence with a short-haired black cat named India, aka Willie.

Why Willie? "It's Texas. Everybody has a nickname," said Anne Trenolone from the governor's press office. "The governor gives everybody a nickname, even his cat."

To date, the candidates' pets have mostly stayed out of the limelight, though Gore has been photographed running with Daisy.

Unlike Millie, who dictated a book to first lady Barbara Bush, Spot and the cats have no books in the works, Trenolone said.

Spot, however, does have a section on the governor's Web site that includes a reading list for kids.

"Governor Bush's top priority for Texas is to make sure every kid can read by the third grade and continue to get better at reading every year," Spot says on the site.

Presidential pet expert Ron Elmore, an associate dean at Kansas State University's veterinary college, thinks the candidates' pets can be an electoral boon.

During the 1944 campaign, Franklin D. Roosevelt reportedly turned a destroyer around when he discovered his dog, Fala, was left behind on an Aleutian island. Republicans howled at the expense to taxpayers.

"I don't resent such attacks and my family doesn't resent such attacks, but Fala does," Roosevelt said.

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TELEVISION NEWS

NEW YORK (AP) — The workday is about to expand for Katie Couric and Matt Lauer. NBC announced Monday it will expand the dominant "Today" show from two to three hours this fall.

The show will air from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m., starting Sept. 15.

NBC has talked internally about expanding "Today" for about 20 years. But a series of factors, including the show's ratings strength and its immense profitability, made the time right for NBC President Andrew Lack to announce the move to affiliates on Monday.

"It's something we've wanted to do for years," said "Today" executive producer Jeff Zucker. "The 'Today' show has never been stronger."

"Later Today," which airs from 9 to 10 a.m. on most NBC stations, will be pushed back an hour on the 13 NBC owned-and-operated stations.

Couric and Lauer will be part of the extra hour, but the additional time will also give NBC the chance to increase the roles of newscaster Ann Curry and weatherman Al Roker. Both have been eager to do something more.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

VOLUNTEER SEARCH AND RESCUE team will have an organizational meeting from 2 to 3 p.m. Sunday, May 21, at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Board Room.

Anyone interested in serving in any capacity on the team is welcome to attend. People are needed to assist with all aspects of search and rescue especially water rescue, medical personnel, equestrian units and many other volunteer services.

Representatives from local emergency services are invited and encouraged to attend. For more information contact Casey Clark, 264-9623.

THE LAST WORD

Once you've done the mental work, there comes a point when you have to throw yourself into the action and put your heart on the line.

Phil Jackson

For the first four years, no new enterprise produces profits. Even Mozart didn't start writing music until he was 4.

Peter F. Drucker

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SPORTS EXTRA

BASEBALL

ANAHEIM ANGELS—Optional INF Trent Durrington to Edmonton of the PCL. Purchased the contract of INF Keith Luskas from Edmonton.
BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Announced INF Jeff Hannon of Rochester of the International League has been placed on the 7-day disabled list.
TEXAS RANGERS—Named Bobby Jones full-time dugout coach.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Optional RHP Roy Halladay to Syracuse of the International League. Recalled RHP Peter Munro from Syracuse. Announced Pat Kelly, manager of Syracuse, will be reassigned in the organization. Named Neil Queen manager of Syracuse.
NATIONAL LEAGUE
CINCINNATI REDS—Activated SS Barry Larkin from the 15-day disabled list. Optional INF Gabe Kapler to Cincinnati of the Southern League.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Called up OF Emil Brown and RHP Jonny Martinez from Nashville of the PCL. Designated RHP Jose Perra for assignment.
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Activated RHP Mark Thompson from the 15-day disabled list. Purchased the contract of LHP Jose Rodriguez from Memphis of the PCL. Optional RHP Justin Brunette and 1B Larry Sutton to Memphis. Transferred RHP Dan Wess to the 15-day to the 60-day disabled list.
BASETBALL
WASHINGTON WIZARDS—Named Darrell Walker director of player personnel and Rod Higgins assistant general manager.
Women's National Basketball Association
CHARLOTTE STING—Waved G Enca Jackson.
WASHINGTON MYSTICS—Announced the resignation of Wes Unseld, general manager. Promoted Melissa McHenry from assistant coach to general manager. Named Stephanie Rivera assistant coach. Signed Nancy Danesh, coach, to a contract extension through the 2001 season.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
ATLANTA FALCONS—Signed OT Travis Claidge and OT Michael Thompson. Waved G Adam Hernandez.
DENVER BRONCOS—Signed WR Leroy Fields.
GREEN BAY PACKERS—Signed P Tom Hutton.
HOUSTON TEXANS—Named Bobby Griener and Miller McCalmton associate directors of pro scouting.
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Agreed to terms with OL Brad Meester. LB T.J. Slaughter and OL Joe Christy.
MIAMI DOLPHINS—Signed TE Howard City.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Withdraw a qualifying offer to RB/RK Derrick Collier, making him a free agent.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
COLUMBIAN BLUE JACKETS—Signed F Jeremy Reich and D Dan Watson.
FLORIDA PANTHERS—Signed Bryan Murray, vice president and general manager, to a multiyear contract.
ALL LEADERS
BATTING—Erasid, Anaheim, .375; Arduque, Seattle, .371; Rodriguez, Texas, .367; Martinez, Seattle, .360; Segu, Texas, .354; Lawton, Minnesota, .349; Thomas, Chicago, .348.
RUNS—Rodriguez, Seattle, 42; Mondesi, Toronto, 36; Rodriguez, Texas, 36; Cedeño, Toronto, 33; Glaus, Anaheim, 32; Dye, Kansas City, 31; Damon, Kansas City, 31.
RBI—Jagamo, Oakland, 47; Martinez, Seattle, 44; Arduque, Seattle, 42; Rodriguez, Texas, 40; Dye, Kansas City, 38; Martinez, Cleveland, 37; Mihalik, Anaheim, 35.
HITS—Erasid, Anaheim, 63; Rodriguez, Texas, 58; Lawton, Minnesota, 53; M'Sweeney, Kansas City, 52; Cedeño, Texas, 52; Arduque, Anaheim, 49; Mateo, Texas, 49; Arduque, Seattle, 49; Mondesi, Toronto, 49.
DOUBLES—Lawton, Minnesota, 16; Glaus, Anaheim, 15; Dye, Kansas City, 14; Nixon, Boston, 13; Otero, Seattle, 13; Drauch, Boston, 12; Fullmer, Toronto, 12; D'Onof, Detroit, 12; Cedeño, Toronto, 12; Segu, Texas, 12.
TRIPLES—Cuzman, Minnesota, 7; Hunter, Minnesota, 4; Durham, Chicago, 4; Patti, Oakland, 3; Alkenedy, Anaheim, 3; Singleton, Chicago, 3; Martinez, New York, 3; Polona, Detroit, 3; Javier, Seattle, 3.
HOME RUNS—Jagamo, Oakland, 16; Rodriguez, Texas, 16; JoChu, Toronto, 13; Dye, Kansas City, 13; Arduque, Seattle, 13; M'Vaughn, Anaheim, 13; Cedeño, Toronto, 12; Ceverett, Boston, 12.
STOLEN BASES—Damon, Kansas City, 15; Mondesi, Toronto, 12; DeShields, Baltimore, 12; Kennedy, Anaheim, 10; Febles, Kansas City, 10; Erasid, Anaheim, 9; CBeltran, Kansas City, 8; Jeter, New York, 8.
PITCHING (6 Decisions)—Bardwin, Chicago, 6-0, 1.00, 2.61; Nelson, New York, 6-0, 1.00, 1.25; Dweits, Toronto, 7-1, .875, 2.92; Martinez, Boston, 6-1, .857, 1.01; Helling, Texas, 5-1, .833, 2.28; Hudson, Oakland, 4-2, .667, 5.06; G'vreda, Oakland, 4-2, .667, 2.44.
STRIKEOUTS—Martinez, Boston, 82; Criley, Cleveland, 60; Butra, Cleveland, 50; Hudson, Oakland, 49; O'Hernandez, New York, 48; Mussina, Baltimore, 46; Nomo, Detroit, 45.
SAVES—Rivers, New York, 12; Percival, Anaheim, 10; TBones, Detroit, 10; Koch, Toronto, 9; D'Love, Boston, 8; Tompahan, Oakland, 8; Karsay, Cleveland, 8.
NL LEADERS
BATTING—Heltun, Colorado, .417; Edmonds, St. Louis, .397; Vguerrero, Montreal, .373; Piazza, New York, .373; Vidro, Montreal, .369; DeBell, New York, .356; Walker, Colorado,

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Erickson ends Orioles' losing streak

Scott Erickson was a slump-stopper for the struggling Baltimore Orioles. Erickson became the first Orioles starter to win in 15 games as Baltimore stopped a seven-game losing streak with a 4-3 victory over the Anaheim Angels on Tuesday night. "Usually, when a streak like this is broken, it's a struggle," Orioles manager Mike Hargrove said. "It was like pulling teeth out there." Albert Belle and Mike Bordick each homered to provide support for Erickson, the first Orioles starter to win since Mike Mussina's complete game against Texas on April 29. "Just because a starter hasn't had a win, it doesn't mean that he didn't come out of the game with a lead," said Erickson, who won for the first time since elbow surgery. "You can say it any way you want to, but it's a team sport." Erickson allowed three runs and nine hits in seven innings

in his third start since bone chips were removed from his right elbow on March 3. In two previous outings, he allowed 12 earned runs in 8 2-3 innings. "I straightened everything out in the bullpen the other day," Erickson said after improving to 16-4 against the Angels. In other American League games, Chicago blanked New York 4-0; Cleveland beat Detroit 11-9; Kansas City edged Oakland 8-7; Toronto defeated Boston 7-6; Texas topped Tampa Bay 9-7; and Seattle beat Minnesota 9-5. In National League action, Montreal topped Arizona 2-0, Los Angeles beat Chicago 6-5, Milwaukee beat Houston 6-5 in 16 innings, Atlanta beat San Francisco 9-7, St. Louis routed Philadelphia 8-2, Colorado beat New York 4-3 in 11 innings, San Diego beat Florida 7-3, and Cincinnati beat Pittsburgh 6-2. Baltimore's Jeff Conine nearly homered in the eighth, but left fielder Darin Erstad leaped above the fence in left-center to pull it back. Delino DeShields scored after doubling and crossing to third on Belle's flyout to

right, a ball that Tim Salmon stopped from becoming a home run when he ran it down at the short fence near the foul pole. "We hit three balls tonight that had a chance to be out of the ballpark and put the game away, but they made good plays out there," Hargrove said. Kent Bottenfield (3-4) gave up four runs and seven hits in 7 1-3 innings. Conine's sacrifice fly on reliever Mark Petkovsek's first pitch of the game, marked the first of 16 inherited runners this season that Petkovsek allowed to score. White Sox 4, Yankees 0 Cal Eldred (3-2) allowed three hits in six innings and visiting Chicago sent New York to its fifth straight loss. The Yankees, who have fallen out of first place in the AL East, one game behind Boston, have lost five straight for the first time since May 11-15, 1999. Orlando Hernandez (4-3) allowed a solo homer to Carlos

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Athletic director at odds with Knight on new rules

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (AP) — Indiana University's athletic director is confident that Bob Knight won't get in the way of establishing a new code of conduct. As part of the resolution of Knight's most recent controversy, Clarence Doninger — who has had direct conflicts with Knight and was kept out of recent deliberations over the coach's future — was asked to develop athletic department rules that might determine Knight's future. "The way I look at it, throughout my life I've never had a hard time getting along with people," Doninger said. "Some have depicted this as sort of this conflict between coach and me. That was certainly exaggerated in this thing." In resolving a seven-week investigation into allegations that Knight choked a former player, IU president Myles

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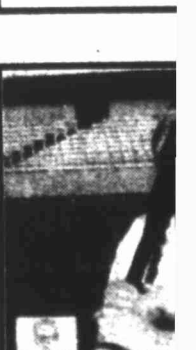
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Lee in the fifth inning and an RBI double to former Yankees farmhand Chris Singleton in the seventh.

Indians 11, Tigers 9

Travis Fryman had four RBIs and Charles Nagy (2-4) stayed around long enough to get his first win in six starts since April 11 as Cleveland won for the fourth time in five games.

In a steady rain, visiting Detroit hit five homers, including two by Juan Gonzalez.

Fryman hit a three-run homer off Hideo Nomo (1-3) and Jim Thome added three RBIs. Omar Vizquel had two triples and Sandy Alomar hit his first homer as the Indians improved to 31-7 against the Tigers at Jacobs Field.

Nagy allowed five runs and eight hits in five innings.

Royals 8, Athletics 7

Jorge Fabregas, who tied it

with an RBI single in the seventh, hit a two-run single in the ninth off Doug Jones (0-1) as Kansas City rallied from a 5-1 deficit and won for just the sixth time in 21 road games.

Fabregas, who had three hits, pumped both fists after his decisive hit off Doug Jones (0-1).

Dan Reichert (2-2) allowed one unearned run in four innings of relief. Jerry Spradlin pitched the ninth for his second save.

Blue Jays 7, Red Sox 6

Raul Mondesi tied the game with a two-run double in the ninth inning and scored on Tony Batista's single off Derek Lowe (2-1), stopping visiting Boston's six-game winning streak.

Peter Munro (1-0) pitched the ninth for his first major league win, allowing one hit.

Mariners 9, Twins 5

Jay Buhner hit a two-run homer and Edgar Martinez drove in three runs for the

Mariners, who have outscored the Twins 23-5 in the first two games of the series in Seattle.

Gil Meche (1-4) struck out a career-high eight in 6 2-3 innings, allowing three runs and six hits.

Sean Bergman (2-2), who got hit on the left shin by Alex Rodriguez's hard grounder in the first, went 3 1-3 innings and gave up nine runs, eight hits and five walks.

Expos 2, Diamondbacks 0

In his first start at Olympic Stadium in 11 years, Randy Johnson lost for the first time since last Aug. 31 — when the Expos beat him in Phoenix.

Johnson (7-1) allowed a home run by Rondell White in the seventh inning and an RBI single by Mike Mordecai in the eighth. The Big Unit, traded by Montreal to Seattle on May 25, 1989, had won 10 consecutive regular decisions and was unbeaten in 12 starts since losing to the Expos.

Johnson pitched his major league-leading fifth complete game, striking out 12 to raise his major league-leading total to 110.

Javier Vazquez (4-1) held the Diamondbacks to five hits in eight-plus innings. Dustin Hermanson, who got his second save, retired Lenny Harris on a game-ending double play with the bases loaded in the ninth.

Dodgers 6, Cubs 5

Three Dodgers went from their bullpen into the Wrigley Field crowd and fought win fans with one out in the ninth inning, causing a nine-minute delay.

Todd Hundley hit a three-run homer in the eighth inning to lead Los Angeles.

Julio Zuleta had an RBI double with one out in the ninth to make it a one-run game. Jeff Shaw then retired Eric Young and Ricky Gutierrez on popouts, ending the game and getting his ninth save. Alan

Mills (1-1) pitched a perfect seventh.

Kevin Tapani (1-5) gave up six runs and nine hits in eight innings.

Brewers 6, Astros 5

Henry Blanco hit a fly ball that was dropped, allowing Marquis Grissom to score the winning run in the 16th inning at County Stadium.

Grissom hit an infield single off Chris Holt (1-6) leading off the 16th, took third on Lyle Mouton's single and scored when Henry Blanco's fly was dropped by Roger Cedeno at the right-field line. Blanco was credited with a sacrifice fly.

Braves 9, Giants 7

Brian Jordan homered twice in a game for the second time in less than a week and Terry Mulholland got the final out for his first save after John Rocker and Kevin McGlinchy walked in runs at Turner Field. Chipper Jones also homered

and drove in two runs for the Braves. Tom Glavine (6-1) gave up five runs and nine hits in 5 1-3 innings, his shortest start this season.

Russ Ortiz (2-5) gave up six runs, five earned, and 10 hits in five innings.

Cardinals 8, Phillies 2

Andy Benes (3-2) hit his seventh homer in 641 career at-bats, and struck out eight in seven innings at Veterans Stadium. Jim Edmonds hit his 13th homer and drove in three runs.

Robert Person (3-2) allowed seven runs and six hits in 6 1-3 innings. He also hit a pair of batters and they both scored.

Rockies 4, Mets 3

Bubba Carpenter, batting for winner Julian Tavarez (2-2), connected in the 11th inning off Turk Wendell (2-2) for his first major league home run as visiting Colorado won its fourth straight

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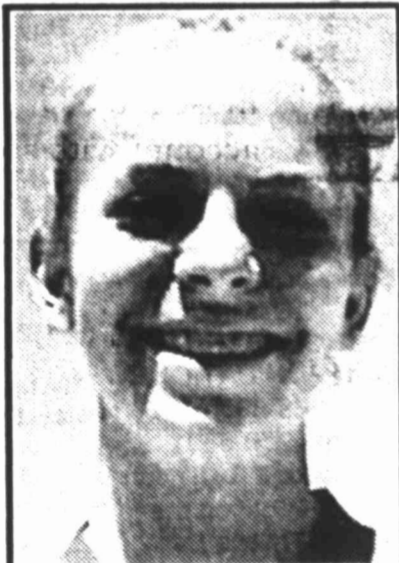
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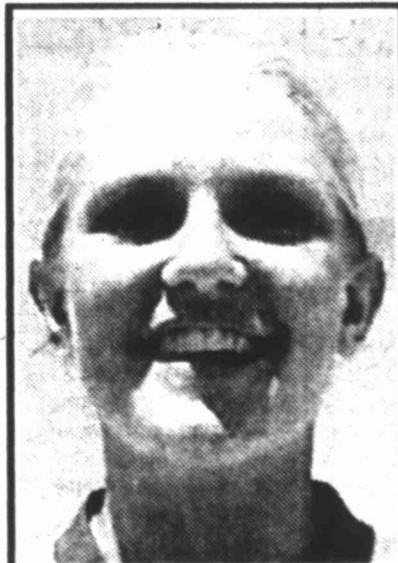
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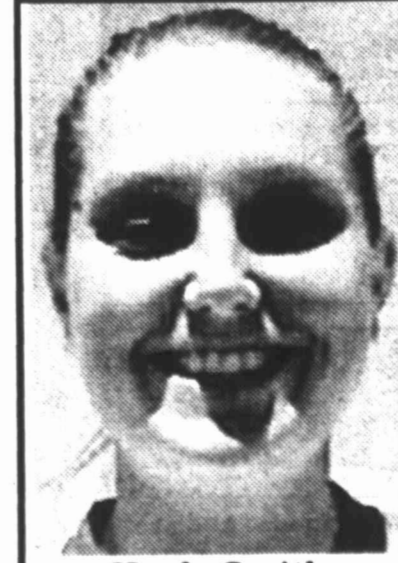
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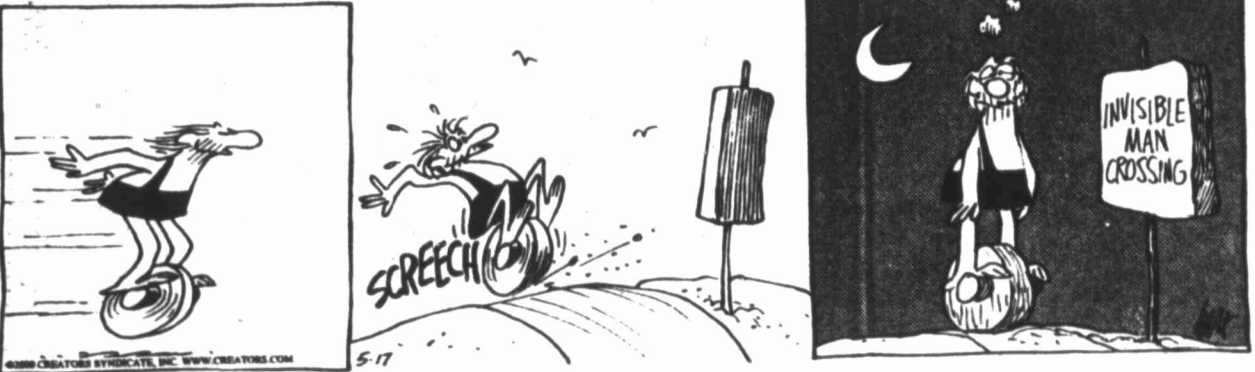
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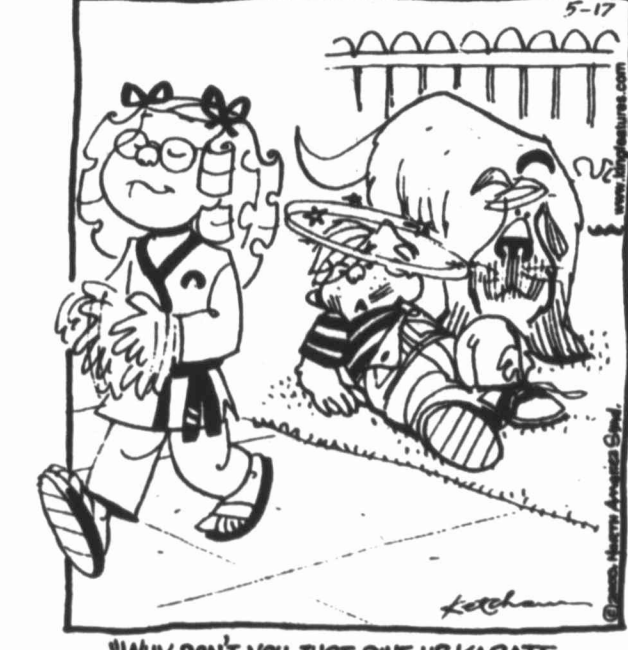
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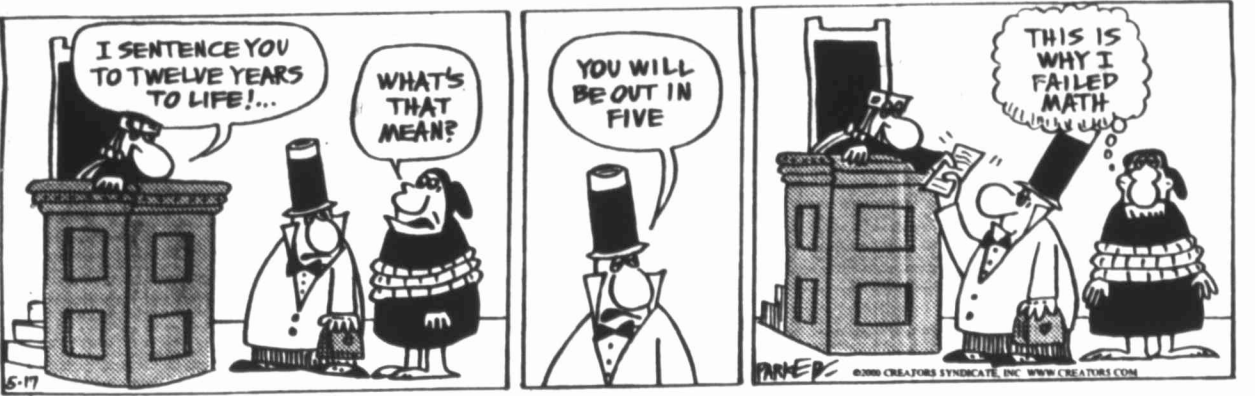
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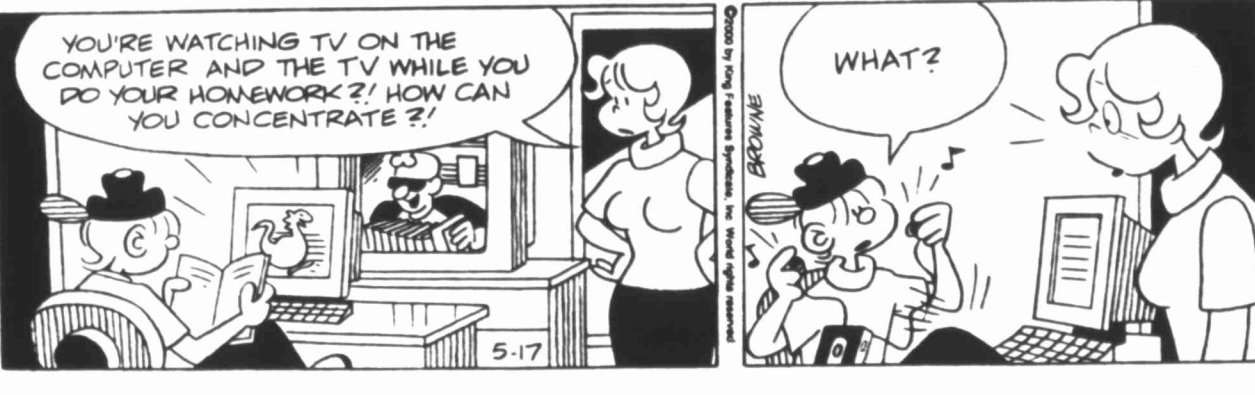
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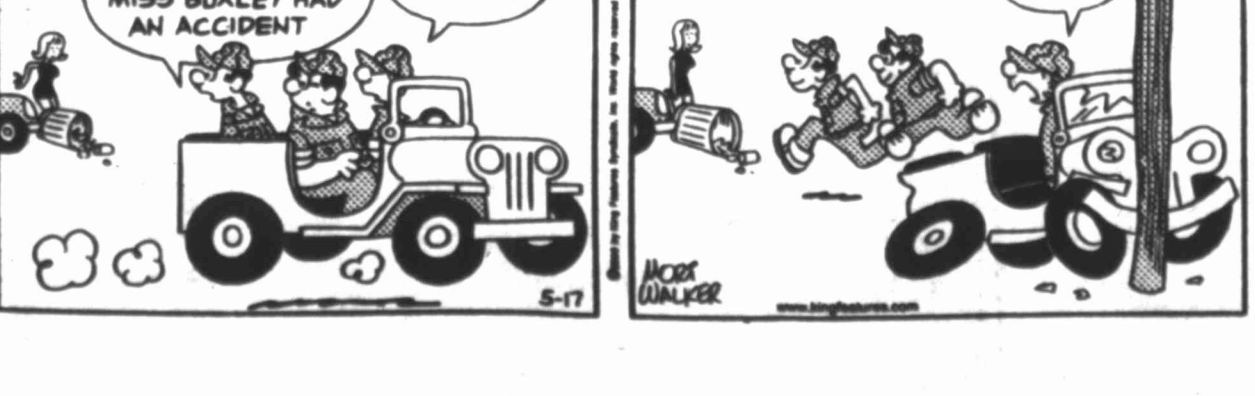
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