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## Car club slates first run of year for Saturday

The Big Spring Rod and Custom Car Club will hold its first cruise of the year this Saturday to benefit Christmas in April. The cruise is scheduled to run from 7 until 10 p.m. at the Sonic Drive-In on FM 700.

All proceeds from T-shirt sales will go to support the Christmas in April project. The Saturday cruise is sponsored by the club in addition to Southwest Tool, KBST, Sonic and All-Star Sports.

## WHAT'S UP...

### TODAY

□ Gideons International, Big Spring Camp No. U42060, Herman's Restaurant, 7 a.m.

□ The Senior Citizens Center will host an Arts and Crafts session each Thursday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Call Bobbie Leonard at the Senior Citizens Center for more information.

□ The Coffee Club will meet at Gale's Sweet Shoppe at 10 a.m.

□ Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room. Call Billy Smith.

□ Masonic Lodge No. 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m., at 2101 Lancaster.

### FRIDAY

□ The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

□ AMBUCS meets at noon at La Posada.

□ Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. All seniors invited.

### SATURDAY

□ The Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

□ The Potton House, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 to 5 p.m. A one-time admission fee of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens are encouraged.

□ Dance, 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 West Third. Members and guests welcome.

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## Phi Theta Kappa induction opens busy month at college

Herald Staff Report

April is a busy time of the year for students and staff at Howard College, as many year-ending events and recognition ceremonies are scheduled.

"The semester, as well as the academic year, is coming to a close, and the administrators and instructors at Howard College are preparing to honor our students," said Marsha Jones, the college's director of com-

munications.

Tonight, students will be inducted into Phi Theta Kappa at 7 in the Cactus Room. The organization, an honor society sponsored by Nancy Michaelis, is based on academic achievement.

"We have a special ceremony that evening for all those students begin inducted," Jones said.

Student Government Association officers will travel to Austin for the state convention on the first

weekend in April. The college's student government is sponsored by Javier Flores, assistant dean, and Linda Berry, director of student services.

Monday is the last day to apply for spring graduation, and while many students and community members will be traveling for Big Spring Day in Austin, Howard College students will be electing the recipient of this year's Educator of the Year award.

"Today, we will tally the votes of those students going to Austin, so that everyone is allowed an opportunity to vote," Flores said.

An Easter egg hunt is set for Wednesday, movies at the Big Spring Mall will be a special treat for students on April 16 and an awards convocation is set for 7 p.m. on April 17 at Dorothy Garrett-Coliseum.

"This is a big event for our students, and a surprise

to those who receive the prestigious awards," Flores said. "Both the President's Award and the American Legion Awards will be presented that evening, as well as departmental awards."

On April 19, a special music recital featuring Howard College music students directed by Adolph Labbe will take place in the Fireplace Room at 7 p.m. A special water tag activity

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## Victims speak against violence

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN

Features Editor

Crime victims and those who serve their needs spoke out Wednesday morning, asking the community to join the fight against violence.

"We challenge you to take on another role in your life, and that is to stop the violence in your own community," said Shann Thomas, executive director of Victim Services, a non-profit agency that aids crime victims.

Victim Services organized Wednesday morning's event, which included a parade and testimonies from crime victims. Its goal was to create more awareness of crime, including sexual abuse, spousal abuse, child abuse and murder, and highlight each person's role in prevention.

District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson said the event should serve as a reminder to those working in law enforcement and the justice system that crime victims deserve respect.

"We tend to become rather callous and handle this as a business," he said. "Today puts a face on the business."

A woman who gave her name only as Tracy said her entire family was victimized by the sexual assault of her daughter.

"Victim Services has been there ... through the kicking and screaming, the cussing and the crying," she said. "They have helped us through therapy, just done tremendous things. I hope and pray that anyone who has gone through child abuse or sexual assault will get their just rewards at the end."

Tracy said the man who assaulted her daughter is serving a 60-year prison sentence. Calling her three children to the microphone with her, she continued, "This is what a family is now. This is our family, and no one can ever come and hurt us again."

Dwayne and Bonnie Wheat, whose daughter Charla was murdered in Big Spring in 1991, said recovery has been a long process.

"Emotions over time heal," Dwayne said. "But there continues to be a roller coaster. Our daughter would have been 29 in June. It's hard not to wonder what kind of woman she would have been."

The event began with a parade around the courthouse square, encircling crime victims in a "ring of hope" created by law enforcement vehicles. Law enforcement officers representing each of the five counties served by Victim Services joined the event.

Every two minutes during the program, a green balloon was released, marking the frequency with which a woman is abused or battered in this country.

Mayor Russ McEwen and Howard



HERALD photo/Debbie L. Jensen

Carman Brooks, foreground, pins on a green ribbon worn to signify a future without violence, as mayor Russ McEwen, left, and district attorney Hardy Wilkerson listen to speakers Wednesday. Victim Services planned a parade and ceremony to call attention to violent crime and its aftermath.

County Commissioner Jerry Kilgore both read resolutions in support of Victim Services, and Big Spring High School choir students performed.

The theme of the event was

"Empowering Communities: Everyone Has a Role." After the speeches, participants were treated to hot dogs and soft drinks provided by co-sponsors HEB and Coca-Cola.

## Educator stresses importance of talking to children

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Want to help your children receive a good education? Have a daily conversation with them, it's simple and it doesn't cost a thing, said Dr. Maria Montano-Harmon.

Montano-Harmon, a linguist and educator, spoke with about 30 teachers, parents and the community on helping students with their education Tuesday night at the Big Spring High School auditorium.

Quoting researcher James Cummings, Montano-Harmon said, "How well a student will do in school, and eventually in our society, is in direct proportion to the quality verbal interaction that student has with adults."

As teachers attempt to help students develop "academic English" skills, parents can also help by making time to talk with their children.

"The proposition is very important," she said. "It isn't that you talk to them or at them, you talk

with them. Talk about ideas"

Montano-Harmon recommends spending about 20 minutes a day in conversation with your child and that time does not have to be consecutive.

For those parents who have more than one child, verbal interaction can take place as a group, she said.

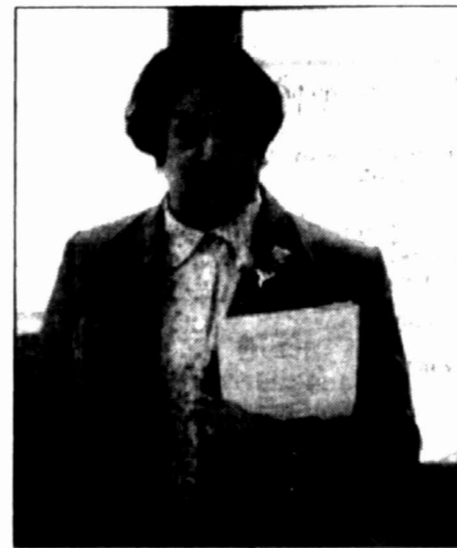
Parents are busy, Montano-Harmon said, but the quality of interaction verbally has diminished over the years.

Quoting a statistic, she said, "right now in the U.S. the average time a parent interacts with a youngster is about 27 seconds a day."

According to Montano-Harmon, interacting verbally with children helps develop language — having a conversation with people who have a higher level of language skills than themselves.

Conversing with the children also helps develop cognition, self-esteem because someone is paying atten-

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Educator and linguist Dr. Maria Montano-Harmon, pictured here meeting with Big Spring High School faculty members, closed out her four-day stay here today helping students discover their "private" and "public" voices.

## Students need both private, public voice

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Big Spring High School students, faculty and administrators wrapped up a week of improving student education with seminars for the students and a job fair.

Dr. Maria Montano-Harmon, a linguist and educator, finished her four-day visit to Big Spring High School today by helping students discover the difference between their "private" and "public" voice.

She led a 45-minute session helping students discover that how they speak in social situations, their private voice, should be different than when they are on the job or in class.

Montano-Harmon said that students should keep their private

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## Shop

Old Sorehead Trade Days this weekend

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

STANTON — The city of Stanton's population will swell enormously this weekend, as more than 20,000 visitors are expected for the Old Sorehead Trade Days.

"If you don't like crowds come earlier in the morning or late at night," said Kathryn Burch, advisory member to the Martin County Extension Community Development Committee.

"During the day is wall to wall people."

Almost 500 vendors are expected to display their products in the two-day event starting Saturday and held in Stanton's historic downtown section.

"We block off a seven-block area on Friday to set up for the next day," said Burch.

The event begins at 8 a.m. Saturday and will continue until dark, Burch said. On Sunday, Trade Days will reopen at noon and continue to 5 p.m.

Vendors from throughout Texas, as well as those from out-of-state, will bring products such as woodwork, antiques, collectables, furniture, stained glass art and much more, while local merchants will be offering Old Sorehead Trade Days specials in their shops.

Many of the first-time vendors can be found on Convent Street, Burch said, and old favorites, such as the peanut butter patties shaped in the form of Texas and German popcorn will be back.

Entertainment will be provided on the Martin County Courthouse lawn. Senior line dancers from Big Spring will kick off

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### Eighth graders tops in math on international ranking, but overall U.S. scores lag

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. eighth graders in 13 states and several school districts generally scored high on math and science in a worldwide, first-of-its-kind math and science comparison, though U.S. students as a whole lagged behind nearly 20 other nations.

Eighth-graders in suburban Chicago and Colorado Springs, Colo., scored among the best in the world, but their counterparts in Miami, Rochester, N.Y., and Chicago trailed most others worldwide.

The state and local results, released Wednesday, followed the release of national rankings last December. Those found that American students were improving but still lagged behind students in many nations.

As a group, U.S. eighth graders tested just above average, lagging behind 18

other countries in math and 17 in science, even though research showed the typical American student enjoys many advantages — such as college-educated parents and computers in the home — unlike many students in several top-scoring Asian countries.

Boston College researcher Ina Mullis said many top-performing nations, including Singapore, Taiwan and Hong Kong, compensate by putting students through a rigorous curriculum and preparing teachers well.

Not all 50 states volunteered for the state-by-state ranking released Wednesday, so comparisons cannot be made. The average U.S. score, however, is representative of students nationwide.

Education Secretary Rod Paige noted that several American school districts performed as well as their counterparts abroad.

## Bingo is a boon for ARC fund-raising

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN  
Features Editor

The members of the Howard County Association for Retarded Citizens tried just about every fund-raiser imaginable before — bingo!

Now the popular game allows the non-profit organization to pay several staff members and support citizens with mental retardation to the tune of nearly \$20,000 a year.

"I feel like our organization does as much or more to support people than any other in the community," said executive director Letha Nixon. "We do appreciate all our bingo players."

An average of 150 people from all over the area play bingo on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at the ARC's building, 806 E. Third. The organization pays \$2,500 a night in prizes, and still managed to give more than \$18,000 to various programs during 2000.

Special Olympics received \$2,500, and nearly \$4,000 went to the West Texas



Letha Nixon works on the computer system at the Howard County Association for Retarded Citizens (ARC) bingo building. The non-profit group has turned bingo into a lucrative fund-raiser, allowing it to spend thousands on service projects locally.

Centers for MHMR's vocational training center. Another \$5,500 went to vocational-technical training.

Client trust funds and supplies purchased for a local

group home made up another \$1,100 in donations, while holiday parties and special events drew another \$1,000.

The ARC supports the mentally retarded in other

ways, too, using a janitorial crew made up of workers from West Texas Centers at a cost of \$4,000 last year.

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### Senator says Chinese pilot involved in crash had challenged U.S. before

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Chinese pilot whose fighter jet collided with a U.S. spy plane over the weekend had challenged the American plane on previous occasions, Sen. Richard Lugar said Thursday.

Lugar, an Indiana Republican who is a senior member of the Senate Intelligence and Foreign Relations committees, said of the Chinese aviator: "It appears to me on this occasion he simply exceeded his grasp."

The Chinese F-8 fighter and the U.S. EP-3E Aries II crammed with surveillance gear collided Sunday, sending the smaller jet and its pilot into the South China Sea.

The flier is presumed to have died in the accident. The crippled U.S. plane made an emergency landing on the Chinese island of Hainan. The plane and its crew of 24 are being held by the Chinese government, heightening tensions between the two countries.

The U.S. and Chinese governments seem no closer to resolving the standoff. State Department officials suggest a formal U.S. apology — which the United States has insisted is unwarranted — would only partially meet Chinese demands for set-

ting the dispute.

In Beijing Thursday, Foreign Ministry spokesman Sun Yuxi raised the possibility U.S. diplomats would not be allowed to see the crew again until the American government apologizes for the incident. Only one brief visit has been allowed.

"If the U.S. side takes a cooperative approach, we will consider another visit," Sun said. Asked what China considered a "cooperative approach," he said, "The U.S. side should admit its mistakes, apologize and explain to the Chinese people. This is the first step."

Sun reiterated the Chinese position that the U.S. crew violated international law and was subject to questioning.

Lugar defended the Bush administration's handling of the incident as well as the routine U.S. surveillance flights over southern Asia.

"The (Chinese) pilot involved is apparently the same pilot who's been observed by our reconnaissance aircraft in the past," he said. "The flight we were flying is a regular flight, known to the Chinese, known to the Indians, the Pakistanis, everyone in the area. ... So there were very few surprises with this lum-

bering plane moving along."

Nevertheless, Lugar added, in recent days Chinese fliers, "and this particular pilot on several occasions," had challenged the surveillance flight. "It is tragic for him and tragic for us, because it was only a miracle that our plane got down safely and the 24 Americans are still alive."

The United States insists its spy plane did nothing wrong. "The United States doesn't understand the reason for an apology," White House press secretary Ari Fleischer said Wednesday.

President Bush, who on Tuesday issued a sober warning to Beijing about further delay in releasing the crew and the plane, let his aides do the talking Wednesday.

Secretary of State Colin Powell expressed regret over the death of the Chinese pilot, but said "now we need to move on. We need to bring this to a resolution and we're using every avenue available to us to talk to the Chinese side to exchange explanations."

State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said American understanding of what happened has been hampered by lack of access to the crewmen.

### Boy saves self after leg severed by train

ABBEVILLE, S.C. (AP) — A boy whose leg was severed by a train used his belt as a tourniquet to save himself from bleeding to death — a skill he learned from his mother when she was studying to be a nurse.

Alex Compton, 10, was crossing the tracks near his home Monday when his foot got caught on some rocks.

After the accident, he removed his belt and tightened it around his thigh to stem the bleeding, rescue workers said. He learned the technique from his mother, Lisa Compton, who had studied first aid at nursing school.

The boy's great aunt, Mary Revels, said Alex told his mother he wouldn't have lost so much blood if he had put the belt around his leg sooner. "And then he apologized to her for going by the tracks," Revels said.

A neighbor found Alex along the tracks. His leg also was found but doctors couldn't reattach it, Revels said.

He was listed in fair condition Wednesday night.

Abbeville County Coroner Ronnie Ashley said he never knew anyone to survive such an accident.

"Alex is a very, very

brave child," Ashley said. "He's something special. His mother said... that he keeps wanting to know how

he's going to ride his bicycle and how is he going to run and play with other kids."

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# EDITORIAL

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

-FIRST AMENDMENT

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## OUR VIEWS

### Trash-Off will need helpers to meet goals

Spring has arrived and it's time for that traditional "spring cleaning" of our community known as the 16th annual Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off which will be observed Saturday.

Organizers hope 300 local volunteers or more will join the more than 180,000 across the state who will pick up an estimated two million pounds of litter from Texas roadsides and city parks.

Pat Simmons, the local coordinator for the event, is seeking anyone interested to come out and take part in the Trash-Off, whether they volunteer as individuals, groups or organizations.

"We need enough people to cover the whole town of Big Spring from one end to the other," Simmons said, adding that she hopes this year's Trash-Off will surpass its goal.

Simmons is encouraging all property owners to take part in the event by not only cleaning up their property, but to volunteer by helping clean up vacant lots and other areas throughout the city.

Plastic bags are available for participants and they can be picked up Saturday morning at the rear of the State National Bank parking lot, 911 Main. Volunteers may also call Simmons at 263-4607, not only to register individually or as a group, but to arrange for picking up bags early.

Simmons said trash dumpsters will be placed at strategic locations throughout the city, making it convenient for participants to dispose of the trash they've collected.

As has been the case in the past, all participants will be fed lunch during the event. They will also be provided with a complimentary trial size container of Gain detergent.

We encourage anyone who can to take part in this weekend's Trash-Off. You'll not only get a sense of achievement, but you'll help make sure Big Spring continues to be what we consider the prettiest city in West Texas.

## YOUR VIEWS

**TO THE EDITOR:**

Many thanks to Moore Development for Big Spring and the community leaders involved with addressing the nursing shortage in Big Spring! I particularly like their idea of "growing our own nurses." The media has reported a major decrease in the number of students entering nursing schools. Studies show that within the next 10 years, 40 percent of the nursing population will be 50 or older. When these nurses retire, who will take their place? How can we motivate more people to enter the nursing profession?

For me, three things happened that motivated me to become a nurse. First, I had a few mentors who encouraged and supported me. Second, I read an article in the Herald about the Howard College Nursing Program that motivated me. And third, I participated in a stipend program at the Big Spring State Hospital that paved the way for my education and nursing career. (Scenic Mountain Medical Center and VA Hospital

also offer educational opportunities). So, it sounds like Moore Development has all the right ideas. They just need some help.

The 77th Texas Legislative session is in progress. There are two bills collectively named the Nurse Shortage Reduction Act of 2001: House Bill 1361 and Senate Bill 572. This act would help to create a nurse workforce data center to track, trend and address the nursing shortage. It would also, among other things, create a grant program for nursing schools to enroll additional students and retain faculty.

I encourage everyone, especially the nurses of Big Spring to contact your legislators to help move these bills forward. Also, in honor of nurses week, May 6-12 assign yourself as "mentor" to a potential nurse. She or he may just need a little encouragement.

**LESLEY CHANDLER**  
Big Spring

# Republicans need to just 'get over it'

**O**K, here's what I think the problem is with George W. Bush and Karl Rove. After the 36-day post-election war, the R's kept saying to the D's, "Get over it." Although not kindly intended, this happened to be very good advice. The problem now is not that the D's can't get over it — the problem is that the R's are in denial. They are in total denial of the fact that they lost the popular vote by fairly spectacular numbers.



**MOLLY IVINS**

I'm not here to beat a dead horse — Bush won a 5-4 decision in the Supreme Court, and that's the way it goes. I'm just talking about what would make a smart guy like Rove drop the ball this big-time. Denial, as they say in Alcoholics Anonymous, is not just a river in Egypt.

The single most dangerous thing you can do in politics is shut off information from people who don't agree with you. Surround yourself with sycophants, listen only to the yea-sayers ... then stick a fork in it, you're done.

The dinner in Austin last

week honoring Rove as the greatest political genius of our time is not the kind of thing that's conducive to clear thinking. Bush himself is no genius, but he has in the past surrounded himself with smart people. Bob Bullock, the late lieutenant governor of Texas and Bush's political mentor, was capable of behaving like a blind mule for short periods, but when did Bullock ever fail to have an active intelligence operation out among the opposition?

Bullock cribbed ideas and help from the LBJ School (which is the Texas equivalent of the John F. Kennedy School of Government) and was proud of it, too.

Of course, you can cut the American Bar Association out of judging judges and ring in the Madison Society, with Ken Starr and all his friends, instead.

I watched Rove and Bullock steer George W. through most of his time as governor of Texas. I say again: With Bush, what you see is not what you get; what you hear is not what you get; what you get is all you get. We already knew the W. Bush motto: "Talk moderate; govern right."

But you can't govern from the right of where you ran if you didn't win in the first place. What is the point of behaving as though you have a mandate when you don't have a mandate?

In almost every speech, Bush says, "I was elected because the people expected me to (do X, Y or Z)." Or his staff says after yet another controversial call, "People knew this was what he stood for when they voted for him." But they didn't.

If you will recall, the polls consistently favored Al Gore on most issues, even though Bush carefully presented himself as a moderate, not a right-winger.

Bush's tax program, which he originally sold as the perfect package for a booming economy, has mysteriously morphed into a recession cure. But you can't stimulate the economy by giving the richest people in the country an enormous tax break effective 10 years from now.

Arsenic in the drinking water, subsidizing the timber industry by having the taxpayers fund roads in the national forests, dropping the Kyoto treaty, cutting funds to safeguard Russia's crumbling nuclear weapons system — none of this is smart, politically or in terms of policy.

However, there is one sign that the administration is alert at least to media reactions. On March 28, they announced that Bush would hold no more formal press conferences. The next day, he held one — and announced there would be one a month.

Granted, Bush is no Jack Kennedy when it comes to

wowing people at press conferences. But the people are always willing to cut an inarticulate president a lot of slack, even if the press isn't — viz., Dwight D. Eisenhower and Daddy Bush.

The complaint that there's a pro-Bush fraternity of reporters who traveled with him on the campaign and that they're the only ones who get called on may be just sour grapes. But it does follow his Texas pattern.

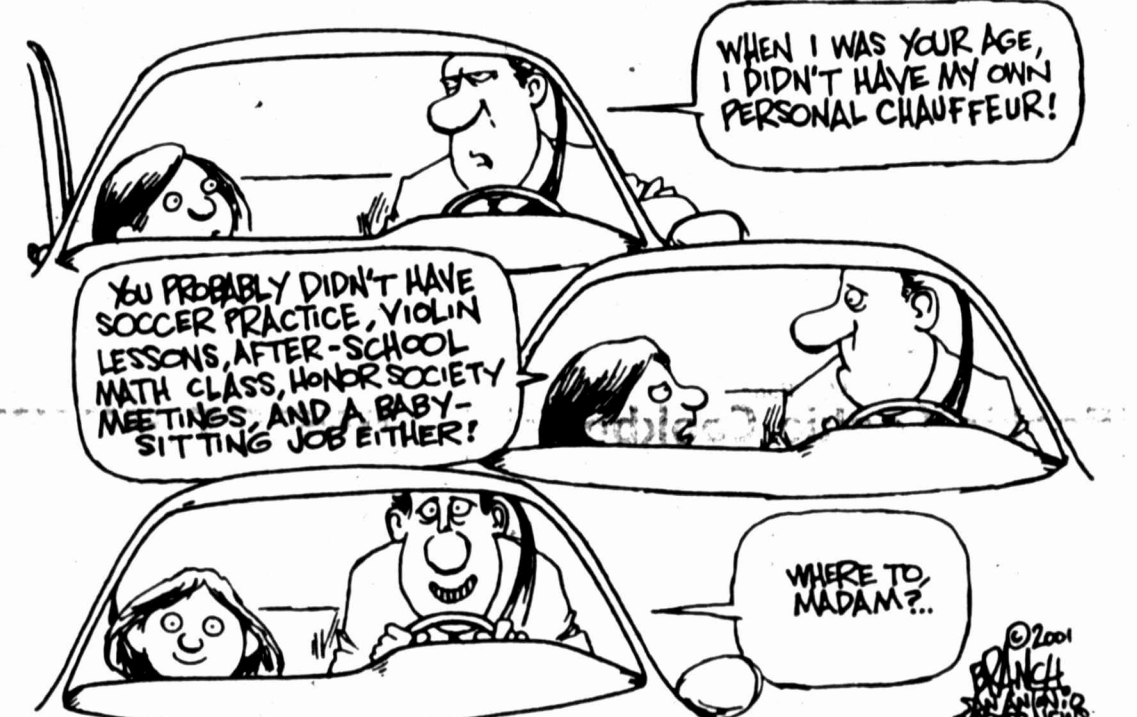
On the other hand, Bush continues his jihad against organized labor and, according to The Wall Street Journal, was to announce April 3 that his administration is dropping rules that require federal agencies to assess whether companies seeking government contracts are habitual violators of labor, environmental or other laws.

Favoring companies that obey the law over those who break it is not a radical step. In fact, it's kind of hard to argue that three-strikes-and-you're-out should apply to individuals but not to corporations that have figured out they can afford to ignore the law and just continue to pay fines in the unlikely event of being caught.

When one tries to understand why this bizarre lurch to the right is occurring, the only answer seems to be denial, denial, denial. I have a suggestion: Get over it.

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## Bush can't ignore Israeli-Palestinian conflict

**I**f President Bush thinks he can ignore the conflict between the Israelis and the Palestinians, he is making a strategic blunder that will cause pain to the United States and the American people.

I've developed the uneasy feeling lately that Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld and Secretary of State Colin Powell are living in the past. They seem to think that nothing much has changed in the past decade. They seem to believe that the United States can still say "Jump!" and every country in the world will reply: "Yes, sir! How high, boss man?" Those days, if they ever existed, are over.



**CHARLEY REESE**

They, as well as the president, seem to be totally unaware of just how dangerous the situation in the Middle East has become. Perhaps they think that the Palestinians will meekly

submit to being bludgeoned into submission by the Israelis. (The Palestinians won't.) They apparently think that the other Arab countries will do nothing but watch and pass meaningless resolutions.

They should understand that there is a fuse burning that could blow that region and the world economy to bits.

It's perfectly true, I believe, that the leaders of the Arab countries do not wish to take any risks on behalf of the Palestinians. They are content to talk and to write a few checks. The exception is Saddam Hussein.

The burning fuse is the rising anger of the Arab people, the folks in the streets, in the cities and in the villages. Americans are insulated by the self-censorship of American news media, but the Arabs (and Europeans to a greater extent than Americans) get daily coverage by satellite television of the brutal treatment and injustices the Israelis commit against the Palestinians.

They are aware that the United States, which has voted many times to send U.N. peacekeepers here and there, just vetoed a U.N.

Security Council resolution that would have sent peacekeepers to protect the Palestinians. They see correctly that it is U.S. support — military, financial and at the United Nations — that allows Israel to act in any way that it pleases.

Therefore, they conclude with perfect logic that the United States is an enemy of the Arab people. The United States is willing to cause the deaths of 500,000 Iraqi children in the name of enforcing "sacred" U.N. resolutions, but it blocks the enforcement of more than 60 U.N. resolutions directed at Israel.

American politicians are clever at covering their tracks and at deliberately misleading the American people. Every time an American is killed in the Middle East, the politicians act as if the perpetrators had parachuted down from Mars and attacked Americans for no reason whatsoever.

In fact, though, every single American who has died in a terrorist attack in the Middle East has died because of the grossly unfair and unjust policies of the United States vis-a-vis Israel and the Palestinians. Eventually, if

America continues to allow the Israelis a free hand, the Arab people will get so angry that they will force their leaders to act or replace them with leaders who will.

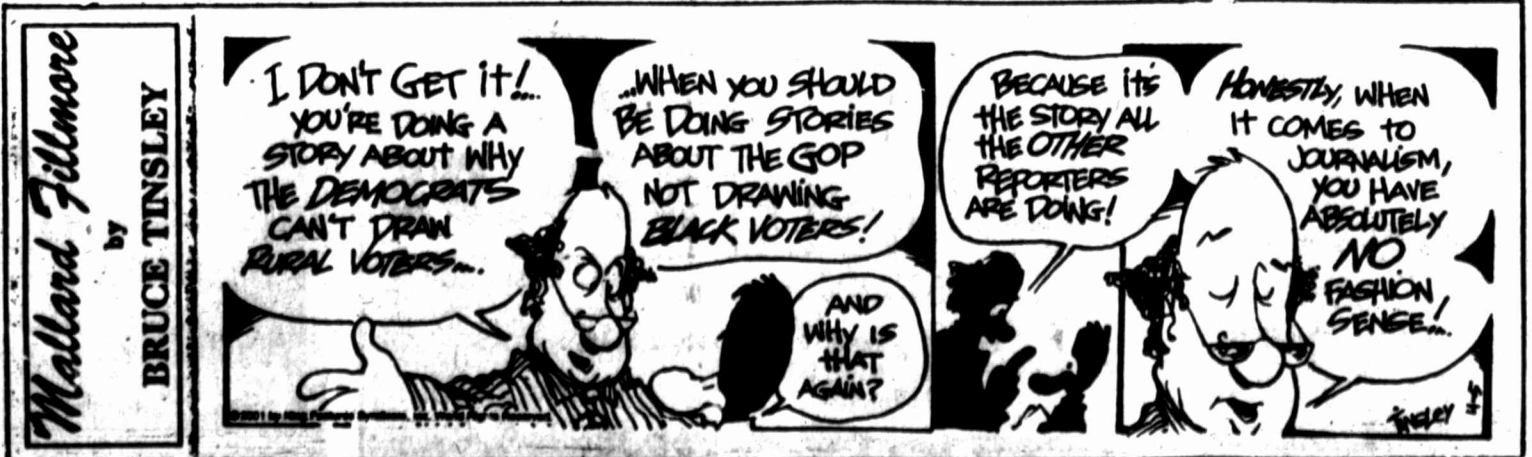
At that point, the United States will find its policy in shambles.

It is not an impossibility that, one day, Gulf states might say to the United States, "Get out, and take your ships and planes with you." It is not an impossibility that, one day, Russians and Chinese will be guarding the oil in the Persian Gulf.

We have, in fact, been thrown out of other countries.

And it most definitely is not an impossibility that the region could explode into open war with an untold cost in lives and with dire economic consequences.

The American government is endangering the nation's strategic interests and American lives simply to cater to the lobby of a foreign government. Merely repeating whatever the Israeli government says is not a policy or a strategy. President Bush promised us leadership. Well, here's his chance.



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**BINGO**

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"Whatever their needs are, we try to help with that," said Nixon. The amounts and reasons for the donations vary: This weekend, for example, the ARC will give money to a group of Special Olympics track participants so they can eat out after the games.

They also recently ordered a window-unit air conditioner for the family of a boy in Coahoma.

Without bingo, Nixon said, it's not likely they would have the money to complete so many projects and donations.

"We tried having bake sales and such," she said. "But it is hard for people to have time to do those things."

Their bingo became such big business, she said, that two months ago other members voted to give her a salary for her work coordinating the games. She said the piles of paperwork can be endless when dealing with bingo, which is regulated by the Texas Lottery Commission.

"But the people who play bingo don't look at it as gambling," she said. "They look at it as socializing. Bingo is a social event that they look forward to."

While the games don't start until 6:30 p.m., many players arrive as early as 4:30 p.m. to eat and visit, she said.

"I think the majority of them are here to have a good time," she added. "And it's for a very good cause."

Members of the ARC meet at noon the first Monday of each month at their bingo building, to plan their activities and donations; anyone is welcome.

**SCHOOL NEWS**

Kyle Conley, a seventh grader at Big Spring Junior High School, earned second place for mathematics /physics in the seventh grade division of the Permian Basin Regional Science Fair last month. The fair, which took place at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin, featured projects created by students from throughout the area.

Kayla Odle, another Big Spring Junior High School student, also competed at the regional fair.

Conley's prize-winning project explored the variables in quality — based on height of bounce — of different brands of tennis balls.

**Milk does well in vending sales at schools**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The dairy industry's "Got Milk?" campaign may have found a way to get more into teen-agers — through school vending machines that dispense colorful \$1 bottles of chocolate, strawberry and coffee-flavored milk.

School officials, who have come under fire for using on-campus soda sales to meet their budgets, say they are delighted with the initial response from students. "The taste is really good," said Jonathan Angelo, a junior at Granada Hills High School in suburban Los Angeles. "It's better than school milk."

Besides Southern California, machines have been installed at middle and high schools in Austin, Texas; Boston; Omaha, Neb.; and Miami. After the test ends this spring, the industry hopes the results will persuade bottlers and schools nationwide to put in similar machines.

Flavored milk has more calories and as much sugar as soda, but milk also has a variety of minerals and nutrients, including calcium and vitamins A and D. A 16-ounce bottle of chocolate milk has 460 calories, more than double that of a typical cola, but nearly a day's supply of calcium.



By BETTY DEBNAM

**Meet Author Richard Peck**

The John Newbery Medal is awarded each year to the author of the most outstanding children's book. This year's winner was Richard Peck for "A Year Down Yonder." This is the sequel to "A Long Way From Chicago," which was a Newbery Honor Book last year.

**His background**

Richard Peck's first writing job was in the Army. He was assigned to write the chaplain's sermons at his base in Germany.

He later taught high-school and then junior-high English. He had trouble finding books written for junior-high-age kids. So he decided to quit teaching and write his own.

He said it was his students who gave him the voices for his books. A publisher bought his first book as soon as he had written it.

In "A Year Down Yonder," a 15-year-old girl spends a year with her grandmother, a woman sure to stir things up.

National Library Week is April 1-7. The theme is "9 your library."



Richard Peck, 66, wrote his first book when he was 37. Since then he has written about a book a year — 26 books for kids and four for adults. He lives in New York City.

**His work**

Richard Peck does not write every day. He said, "I just keep at it. There's no schedule."

He writes each book six times. At the end of the sixth version, he throws away the first chapter. Then he writes a new one.

He said, "I wouldn't know how to write the first chapter until I know how it ends."

He travels about 50,000 miles a year, speaking at libraries and schools.

**Advice to kids**

"Learn five new words a day, not big words out of a dictionary, but words you can use."

In "A Long Way From Chicago," two city kids spend their summers in a small town with their grandmother. They learn a lot from this funny, independent woman.

**Some favorites:**

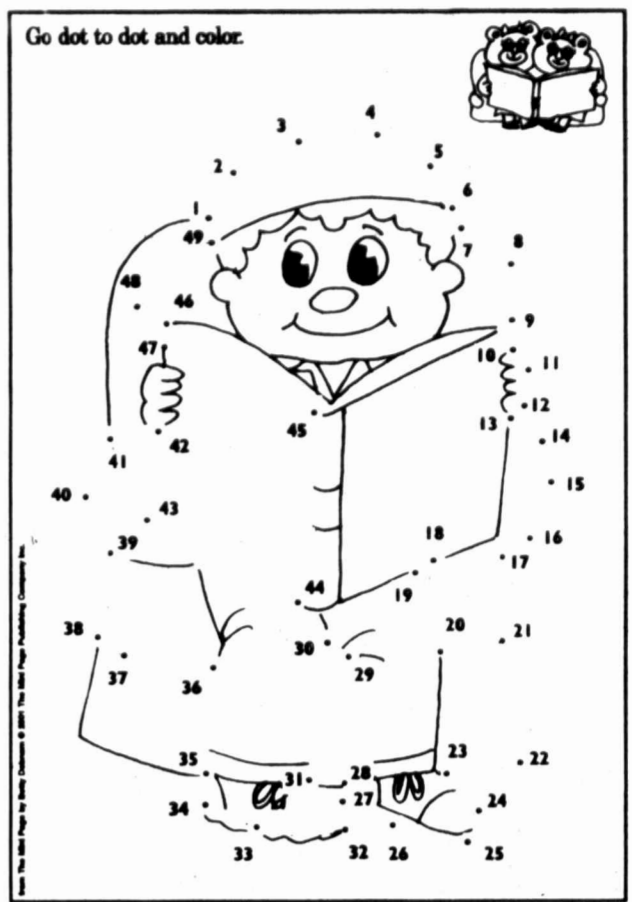
**Time and place to read:** "Everywhere I am. I never go anywhere without a book. I live so much of my life in airports and planes, I get wonderful reading done there."

**Favorite kids' author:** Mark Twain. "He turned me onto reading as a child, and he helps me with my writing today."

**Hobbies:** "I love to travel. I work it into my career. I never dreamed I'd see this much of the world, and I always wanted to. Being a writer made it happen."

**Color:** all autumn colors, probably because "I was one of those kids who liked going back to school every fall."

In "Strays Like Us," a 12-year-old girl and a neighbor boy join forces at their new school. Both kids have been sent to live with elderly relatives. They learn they aren't alone. The world is full of misfits and strays.



**Go dot to dot and color.**

**Cookie Rookie Cookie Recipe Super Spread Muffin**

You'll need:

- 2/3 cup peanut butter
- 1/3 cup cream cheese, softened
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 1 tablespoon raisins
- 1 tablespoon sunflower seeds
- 1 English muffin, split in half and toasted

What to do:

1. In a small bowl, combine peanut butter, cream cheese and honey. Mix until smooth.
2. Stir in raisins and sunflower seeds. Mix well.
3. Spread equal amounts of spread on each muffin half. Serves 2.

**MIGHTY FUNNY'S Funny Phonics**

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

**Dylan:** What do you call a 3-foot preacher?  
**Spencer:** A short speaker!

**Liz:** Why is the baby the least important person in the family?  
**Mimi:** Because a baby doesn't count!

**Wendy:** What did one peanut say to the other peanut?  
**James:** "I'm going nuts!"

Go on an EA word hunt. What other words can you find that use the EA blend? What sound do you HEAR?

**Gus Goodsport's Report**

**Supersport: Roman Turek**

Height: 6-3 Birthdate: 5-21-70  
Weight: 215 College: Psek, Czechoslovakia

St. Louis Blues goaltender Roman Turek is in his second season with the team. Before joining in 1999, he played with the Dallas Stars for three seasons. He helped lead the Stars to the Stanley Cup championship in 1999.

He played in last season's All-Star game. His best season was 1999-2000, when he won 42 games. He has won more than 90 games in his career.

Roman, whose nickname is Large, worked as a car mechanic before becoming a pro ice hockey player. He and his wife, Helena, have a son, Eddie. One of Roman's favorite foods is vanilla ice cream.

**Meet Shar Jackson**

Since 1995, Shar Jackson has played Niecy on the show "Moesha."

Shar has been in show business since she was 3 and appeared in commercials. She has been in more than 150 of them. She also worked as a model when she was young.

Shar, who lives in Los Angeles, has four sisters and two brothers. In her free time, she studies karate and judo. She also likes dancing, jet skiing, ice skating, playing video games, and watching football and basketball. Her favorite foods are pasta and cheese.

She would like to go to college and study psychology and theater. Some of her favorite musical performers are 'N Sync, Celine Dion and Christina Aguilera.

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**Meet Illustrator David Small**

The Caldecott Medal is presented each year to the illustrator of the most distinguished picture book for children. This year's winner was David Small for "So You Want to Be President?"

**His background**

When he was 38, David Small lost his job teaching art at a college. He began working on children's books and other art jobs full time.

Since then, David Small has illustrated about 30 picture books, seven of which he has also written.

He also illustrates magazine and newspaper articles. He travels a lot, speaking in schools and libraries.

He wrote his first book, "Eulalie and the Hopping Head," when he was still teaching.

**His work**

David Small works seven days a week. He's in the studio before sunrise and works until dinner, with a break for lunch.

He said, "If you want to be an artist, you have to like being alone too. You'll be shutting yourself off in a room and being all by yourself day after day after day."

Sometimes it takes him as long as two years to complete a book. However, "So You Want to Be President?" took only six months.

**Some favorites:**

**Time and place to read:** on airplanes and before going to sleep.

**Hobbies:** "Drawing is my hobby. Work is my hobby. I love my work; it's relaxing to me. It is my favorite thing to do."

**TV:** the news. "I don't really like TV. It really robs us of our imagination. And watching TV all evening is like your whole life has been sucked into the box."

**Music:** jazz. He always has music going when he's working.

**Colors:** "I love all colors. I can taste them. I really, really respond to colors emotionally, even black and white, especially black."

David Small, 56, and his wife, author Sarah Stewart, often work together on books. They live in a small town in Michigan, and have five grown children.

David Small won a Caldecott Honor Award for "The Gardener" by Sarah Stewart. When a girl goes to live with relatives in the city, she turns an ugly area into a place of beauty.

In "The Money Tree" by Sarah Stewart, a woman grows a tree with leaves made of money. She sees only the beauty of the tree, but neighbors turn greedy.

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COLORADO CITY-Landon Hammond 70, Chet Erwin 85, Stan Neff 83, Ashton Anderson 100, Anthony Munoz 99.  
COAHOMA #1-Blaine Wright 91, Stephen Binion 93, Chase Ward 91, Travis Hipp 84, Jay Chadwell 97.  
FORSAN #1-Dustin Morgan 84, Michael Rowden 87, Josh Bedwell 104, Funtio Subia 94, Matt Alexander 124.  
FORSAN #2-Billy Kinsey 94, Adam Dunlap 97, Jerod Stevens 94, Ty Savell 104, Brandon Burleson 103.  
STANTON #1-Cody Robertson 95, Jon Cotton 102, Mike Harris 97, Jody Robertson 104, Zeke Bryand 97.  
COAHOMA #2-Cory Hill 99, David Davis 102, Kelby Kemper 102, Robert Hollander 107, Taylor Parrish 99.  
STANTON #2-Brad Bryan 106, Harry Doshier 108, Ryan Kelly 113, Brandon Irton 118.  
SEAGRAVES-Brad Billings 111, Matt Alexander 111, Eric McConell 122, Derick Miller 112, Kevin Fenner 139.  
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NBA STANDINGS

Table with columns for Eastern Conference (Atlantic, Central, Western) and Western Conference (Midwest, Pacific) divisions. Includes team names, wins/losses, and percentages.

Friday's Games

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Tampa Bay (Rupe 0-0) at Boston (Ortiz 0-0), 12:05 p.m.  
Minnesota (Mays 0-0) at Kansas City (Meadows 0-0), 1:05 p.m.  
Detroit (Mills 0-0) at Chicago White Sox (Parque 0-0), 3:05 p.m.  
Toronto (Loaiza 1-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Parler 0-0), 6:05 p.m.  
Baltimore (Mercedas 0-0) at Cleveland (Butte 0-0), 6:05 p.m.  
Seattle (Moyer 0-0) at Texas (Helling 0-1), 7:05 p.m.  
Arizona (Wiss 0-0) at Oakland (Muller 0-0), 9:05 p.m.

Brigham Young, 51.70, 13, Billy Pappas, Oregon, 51.79, 14, Alex Herrmann, Houston, 51.83, 15, Frank Stupay, Akron, 52.14, 16, Ryan Harlan, Rice, 52.32, 17, Olavi Pappas, Texas Tech, 52.53, 18, Ryan McQueen, Texas, 53.13.

MASTERS

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"That's very surprising," New Zealand's Michael Campbell said. "You would think there would be more of an even balance for the Americans. I don't really know why there isn't."  
Many people point to the European nature of Augusta National, where the lack of rough around the greens favors the bump-and-run style employed by European Tour golfers.  
"There's definitely a lot more imagination on the greens here than the majority of courses we play on the PGA Tour," said Darren Clarke of Northern Ireland. "You can lob it up, bump it up, do whatever you want. Just get it up there somewhere. That's what we do over there in Europe."  
Simple numbers also have given the foreign players a boost.  
This year's starting list has the look of a Ryder Cup, with 37 foreign players in the 93-man field even after England's Lee Westwood dropped out to be with his wife for the birth of their first child.  
The Masters committee gave the field more of an international flavor two

years ago when it began inviting the top 50 in the world rankings, eliminating the automatic qualification for winning on the PGA Tour.  
"It used to be pretty much impossible for foreigners to get in," Parnevik said. "Now that they made it the top 50, they opened up a chance to more Europeans to get in. The depth of the field is much stronger."  
Upon closer inspection, the gap is even closer than it looks. The 56-man American contingent includes nine 50-and-older players — some much older — who get in automatically as past champions, like Doug Ford, who hasn't made the cut in 30 years.  
The 65-year-old Player is the only foreign golfer who qualifies for a senior citizen's discount.  
In other words, there are virtually as many non-American players with a legitimate chance to win as Americans.  
Still, all the attention is on Woods.  
"When he plays at his best, I don't think there is anybody that can challenge him," Clarke said.  
"But he's not always in top form."

WPHL PLAYERS

First Round  
Friday, April 6  
El Paso at Odessa  
Saturday, April 7  
Odessa at El Paso, if necessary  
Tuesday, April 10  
Odessa at El Paso, if necessary  
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Series B  
Friday, April 6  
Lubbock at San Angelo  
Saturday, April 7  
San Angelo at Lubbock, if necessary  
Sunday, April 8  
Lubbock at San Angelo, if necessary  
Tuesday, April 10  
San Angelo at Lubbock, if necessary  
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Series C  
Friday, April 6  
Corpus Christi at Tupelo  
Saturday, April 7  
Corpus Christi at Tupelo  
Tuesday, April 10  
Corpus Christi at Tupelo, if necessary  
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Series D  
Today  
Austin at Bossier-Shreveport  
Friday, April 6  
Austin at Bossier-Shreveport, if necessary  
Saturday, April 7  
Bossier-Shreveport at Austin, if necessary  
Monday, April 9  
Austin at Bossier-Shreveport, if necessary

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ROUNDUP

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sandwiched around an infield single by Pat Burrell.  
After one of two wild pitches thrown by Miceli scored Scott Rolen to tie it, the go-ahead run came in on pinch-hitter David Newhan's sacrifice fly. Doug Glanville's soft liner to left was misplayed by Cliff Floyd to score two more.  
Pirates 6, Reds 5  
The Pirates lost another pitcher — starter Terry Mulholland — but got their first win under rookie manager Lloyd McClendon.  
The visiting Pirates tied it with three unearned runs in the top of the ninth off closer Danny Graves, and Kevin Young.

PHILLIES 7, MARLINS 3

Bobby Abreu had two hits, including a home run, and visiting Philadelphia scored four runs in the eighth inning to complete its first season-opening three-game sweep since 1994.  
With Philadelphia trailing 3-2 heading into the eighth, Marlins reliever Dan Miceli (0-1) walked three batters,

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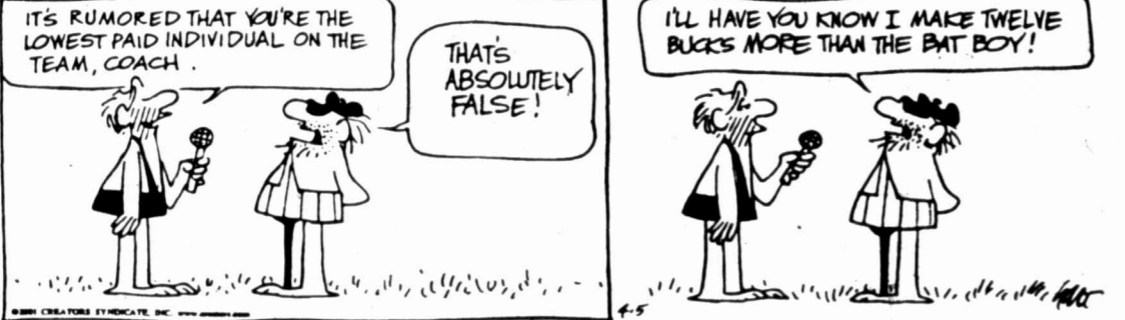
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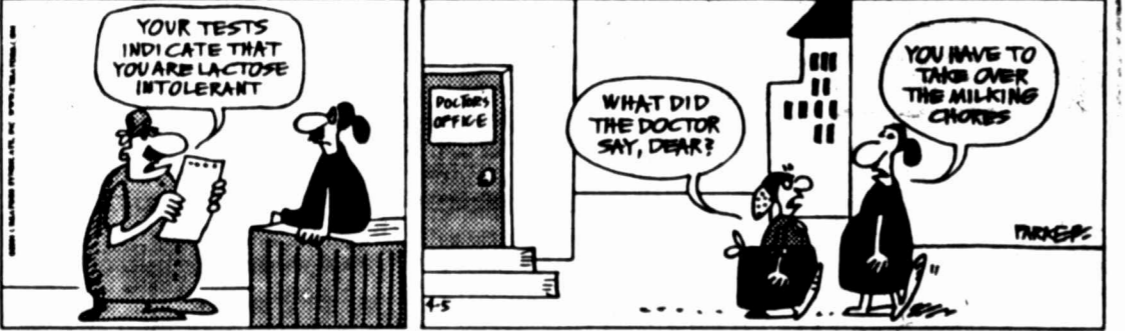
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