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## WEATHER

Tonight:



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## Blood drives set in Big Spring Saturday, Monday

United Blood Services will be in Big Spring twice between now and May 1 for anyone wishing to donate blood.

The first drive will be held on Saturday at the Big Spring Mall beginning at noon and running until 5 p.m. Anyone wishing to donate then should contact Kathy Lusk at the Big Spring Mall, 267-3853.

United Blood Services will be set up across from Hallmark cards.

On Monday, UBS will have its bloodmobile at Howard College from 9 a.m. until noon. The point of contact to volunteer to give is Marsha McNew at 264-5000.

Donors must be at least 17 years of age, weigh more than 110 pounds and be in good health. You also must have proof of identification and know the names of any medication you may have taken in the past 30 days.

## WHAT'S UP...

### TODAY

□ Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets at 7:30 p.m., at 219 Main.

### FRIDAY

□ Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Bring a lunch.

□ 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.

### SATURDAY

□ Howard County Scottish Rite Club, 7:30 a.m., Masonic Lodge, 21st Lancaster. Breakfast served.

□ 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.

□ Dance, 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 West Third.

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## Three-week-old Luke has college education locked up

HERALD Staff Report

Howard College presented a certificate for a full scholarship to the parents of 3-week-old Luke Christopher Settles as part of Community College Month activities.

"Howard College joins hundreds of other community colleges across the nation celebrating Community College Month each April," said Dr. Cheryl Sparks, Howard College president.

"We decided about four years ago to give a full scholarship to the first baby born in Howard County, as part of our event," Sparks said.

The scholarship was presented to Mark and Melanie Settles of Big Spring. Their

son Luke was born at Scenic Mountain Medical Center about 2 p.m. on April 2, his mother said.

Along with Mark and Melanie, Luke's 3-year-old brother Brayden visited with Dr. Sparks.

"This way, parents know that their child is going to college; there is never any doubt," Sparks said.

The Settles were happy to receive the scholarship. "This is just great. I was surprised when I was told that Luke had received this scholarship," Mark said.

Mark is a firefighter with the Big Spring Fire Department, following in the footsteps of his father, Burr Lea Settles, retired fire marshal. Melanie is a teacher at St. Mary's Episcopal School.



Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks presents a full scholarship to Mark and Melanie Settles and their children, 3-year-old Brayden and 3-week-old Luke. Luke was the first baby born in Howard County during April, which is Community College Month.

Courtesy photo

## Terminal opens at airpark

By Carl Graham  
Staff Writer

More than 150 people attended the grand opening and ribbon cutting of the new terminal at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark Wednesday.

The terminal, located on the west side of the airpark, includes a pilot's lounge, receiving area, waiting room, restrooms, snack area, conference room and office space for the airport operator Nelda Reagan.

Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen said it is the beginning of a new era in Big Spring aviation history.

"It's a great day and a great facility we now have here," said McEwen. "As usual, the citizens of the city has turned out for something that is exciting for us. It's a facility that is second to none and will be a great face for our city."

Among the dignitaries flying in for the ribbon cutting was Mark Nelson, president of the Texas Airport Managers Association.

"It was good to see all your different entities represented here today," said Nelson. "The mayor was right on key when he said this is a facility second to none. It's a nice gem to have and as far as being a pilot and airport manager the drive up and fuel is there and it has sure made



Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen, left, and Frances Wheat, representative for State Sen. Robert Duncan of Lubbock, look on as James Beauchamp, a representative for U.S. Rep. Charlie Stenholm of Abilene, presents airport operator Nelda Reagan a flag that flew over the White House. It was all part of the open house and ribbon cutting ceremony held Wednesday at the new airport terminal.

a lasting impression on me."

David Fulton, Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Director of Aviation also flew in for the occasion.

"As I said when I addressed everyone earlier, what a beautiful building

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## Fly-in planned Saturday

HERALD Staff Report

Now that the ribbon has been cut and the open house has been held, the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark will play host this Saturday to the first of

what is hoped to be an annual fly-in at the new terminal building.

The fly-in, scheduled from 10 a.m. until 2 a.m., is expected to draw a consid-

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## State

## Redistricting proposals pose some key changes

HERALD Staff Report

Proposed redistricting plans before the Texas Legislature would see some significant changes for Howard County's elected representatives in the House and Senate.

Under the proposed plans, however, Howard would still be served by Rep. David Counts (D-Knox City) and Sen. Robert Duncan (R-Lubbock).

The proposals would give State Rep. David Counts three counties and take four away.

Counts represents District 70, which currently includes Borden, Fisher, Garza, Howard, Jones, Kent, King, Knox, Lynn, Nolan, Scurry and Stonewall counties.

Under a redistricting pro-

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COUNTS



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Big Spring juniors Chris Correa, left, Nathan Smith and Janaea Giles placed first in the team spelling competition at the University Interscholastic League Regional meet held in San Angelo on Saturday.

## Trio will carry talent to Austin

By LYNDEL MOODY  
Staff Writer

A-U-S-T-I-N is the spelling on three Big Spring High School students' minds as they head to state for 4A academic competition on May 5.

Nathan Smith, a junior, placed second in individual spelling at the University Interscholastic League Regional meet held in San Angelo on Saturday. Smith joined his spelling

teammates, juniors Janaea Giles and Chris Correa, in placing first at the meet. Both the team and Smith individually will advance to state competition held at the University of Austin campus.

"They have really worked hard," said Joy Burnsed, spelling sponsor. "They have done it all on their own. I have been able to afford them some opportunities and encourage them but it takes personal dedication to get this far."

Smith scored in the high 90s on the test at the district and regional meets but both Correa and Giles raised their test scores by 20 points from district meet.

Smith, Giles and Correa may apply for scholarships based on qualifying to this year's state competition when they become seniors, Burnsed mentioned.

The competition is broken down into three parts.

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## Top dog

## Kennel Club to hold annual show here Saturday, Sunday

By LYNDEL MOODY  
Staff Writer

Dogs will face off in a challenge of wits or beauty at the Big Spring Kennel Club Dog Show coming this Saturday and Sunday to the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

"We expect a little more than 600 dogs each day," said Trellis Lucas, Big Spring Kennel Club obedience chairperson. "We will have people coming from the East and West Coast

and some people from Canada."

The show is expected to draw almost 1,200 people, including professional dog handlers, their helpers and family.

"We have had two or three handlers at our show that have been to the Westminster Dog Show," said Treasa Wells, recording secretary.

The show kicks off at 8 a.m. on both days with dogs vying to be the perfect

See **DOG SHOW**, Page 2



Trellis Lucas of the Big Spring Kennel Club practices obedience training with these two Belgium Tervuren, Shane, left, and Dion. The Big Spring Kennel Club Dog Show will be held Saturday and Sunday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum and begins at 8 a.m. each day.

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# Convicted killer of Tarrant County drug rehab counselor put to death

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — With a prayer, then a grimace and a gasp, condemned killer David Lee Goff went to his death for an abduction and fatal shooting committed in Fort Worth 11 years ago while he was on parole for robbing and trying to kill two other people.

"The slate is wiped clean, all marks erased other than that there is no justice," Goff, 32, said Wednesday evening while strapped to the Texas death chamber gurney, needles in each arm. "That's not justice."

"Praise the Lord. Glory to Jesus Christ. Praise the Lord God."

Just before the lethal drugs were administered, he asked Jim Brazzil, the prison chaplain, to close his eyes if they remained open.

"Take them down before they take my body," Goff asked, then declaring the taste in his mouth had become "like rubber."

He grimaced, uttered a slight groan and a long gasp and slipped into unconsciousness. Seven minutes later, at 6:20 p.m., he was pronounced dead.

His eyes had closed. His mouth remained open. Brazzil covered him with a sheet.

Goff had insisted he was

innocent of the death of Michael McGuire, 34, a counselor from a drug and alcohol abuse rehabilitation center. Prosecutors said they had a good circumstantial case.

Goff's mother and five friends watched the inmate die. No one from McGuire's family was present for the execution, the seventh this year in Texas. At least seven other inmates have execution dates, including two next month. A record 40 inmates were put to death last year in the state.

The U.S. Supreme Court denied two last-ditch appeals by Goff's attorneys.

Goff said he wasn't even present when McGuire, who worked and lived at the Star House rehabilitation center in Fort Worth, was abducted and fatally shot Sept. 1, 1990. McGuire's decomposing body was found several days later in a wooded area about six miles away.

Goff was 21 at the time and on parole after serving less than five years of a 15-year term for two counts of attempted capital murder. Those crimes occurred on consecutive days in August 1984 when he was 15. Prosecutors had him certified to be tried as an adult.

Like the McGuire slaying,

each of the Arlington victims was shot, one in the chest and the other in the back and then under the chin. Unlike McGuire, they survived and testified against him at the punishment phase of his trial.

"Based upon his crimes, I think he's just a killer — bloodthirsty," Richard Alpert, the Tarrant County assistant district attorney who prosecuted Goff, said. "I think he's the type of person we have a death penalty for."

McGuire was shot in the left temple. A pathologist testified he had been tightly gagged.

A second man, Craig Ford, was arrested and charged with capital murder in the slaying but charges were dropped and Ford testified against Goff. Alpert said while Ford was present when McGuire was killed, he did not participate.

Goff contended Ford got away with murder.

"I've spent about 10 years trying to work through (my anger)," Goff said recently from death row. "How do you prepare to die? Whether you're 32 or 82, you prepare to die. You try to live your life the best you can. I've been trying to do that the last 10 years."

## Free-book program worries over loss of federal funding

WASHINGTON (AP) — A reading program that began giving free books to poor children when Texan Lyndon B. Johnson was president may be forced to compete for money next year under President Bush's education budget.

Reading Is Fundamental, the 35-year-old program that gives millions of paperback books to children in 50 states, stands to lose all of its federal money in 2002, as Bush's education budget cuts all funding for "inexpensive book distribution," consolidating the funding into state-level reading grants.

Bush is also proposing a \$5 billion, five-year plan to get all the nation's students reading by third grade.

Reading Is Fundamental supporters say that's what their program does best.

"You ask the second-grade reading teachers and they'll say it's extremely effective," said Patricia

Heck, a RIF coordinator. "It's really quite magical." Program officials say the loss of federal funds — they total \$23 million this year — would take away about 70 percent of the budget.

"The program is too important to this nation and to children at risk to discontinue," said William Trueheart, the program's president.

He said volunteers serve about 5 million children, handing out nearly 15 million new books a year — 200 million since the program began. The national organization provides about 75 percent of money for most local chapters, but gives 100 percent to programs for especially needy children, such as migrant workers and those in homeless shelters.

The program delivered more than \$2.6 million worth of books to 500,000 children in Texas last year.

## Bush's remarks on Taiwan cause stir

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush has changed nothing in U.S. China policy, the White House and State Department are insisting. On Capitol Hill, nobody seems quite sure exactly what he did.

Some lawmakers said his remarks that the United States can use military force in Taiwan's defense negated traditional ambiguity in U.S. policy while acknowledging that there is but one China.

"Ambiguity never was any good," Rep. Dana Rohrabacher, R-Calif., a longtime foe of China's communist-led government, said Wednesday.

In all of this, the White House and the State Department asserted Bush's comments represented no change in policy toward China and Taiwan, the island in the Taiwan Strait that Beijing considers a renegade province.

"The Taiwan Relations Act makes very clear that the United States has an obligation that Taiwan's peaceful way of life is not upset by force," said Condoleezza Rice, Bush's national security adviser.

That 1979 law is the basis of the one-China policy and specifies how it is to be carried out.

"What (Bush) said clearly is how seriously and resolutely he takes this obligation. A secure Taiwan will be better able to engage in cross-strait dialogue," Rice said.

In Beijing, Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Zhang Qiyue said today "the Chinese government and people are strongly indignant and opposed" to Bush's remarks. Bush's comments, on the heels of approving a new arms sale to Taiwan, indicate the United States "has drifted further on a dangerous road," Zhang said.

"There is only one China in the world. Taiwan is part of China. It is not a protectorate of any foreign country," she said.

Taiwan's Foreign Ministry spokeswoman, Catherine Chang, read a statement saying: "We affirm the United States' effort and determination to safeguard the security across the Taiwan Strait and in the Asian Pacific region. But we Taiwanese

must understand that to enhance our security, we must build up our own defenses."

Bush touched off the stir Wednesday in a succession of press interviews to mark his first 100 days in office, which end Sunday.

In one he said America would do "whatever it took" to help Taiwan defend itself. Later he softened that a little by saying U.S. military force would be "certainly an option" if China should invade Taiwan.

He added into the mix his decision to let Taiwan buy more weapons than ever, although he deleted from its wish list the top item: four Arleigh Burke class destroyers with state-of-the-art Aegis combat control systems.

For decades, U.S. administrations have been purposefully hazy on whether the United States would go to war with China over Taiwan, as opposed to arming Taiwan well enough to enable the island to defend itself.

"We have been deliberately vague about the circumstances under which we would come to Taiwan's

defense, not only to discourage Taiwan from drawing us in by declaring independence but also to deter a Chinese attack by keeping Beijing guessing," Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., said Wednesday on the Senate floor.

He said Bush's comments suggested the president abandoned the policy with "absolutely no consultation with members of Congress or with our allies in the region."

Kerry said the Taiwan Relations Act does not commit the United States to defend Taiwan but rather to provide the island with equipment needed to defend itself.

Kerry's fellow Democrat, Rep. Tom Lantos of California, sided with the Republican president and said it was time to "go beyond" the old ambiguous approach.

"I think the president's straightforward, courageous and unambiguous statement will guarantee that hostility in the Taiwan Strait will not take place," Lantos said at a House International Relations subcommittee hearing.

## President to help celebrate Bullock's dream

AUSTIN (AP) — President Bush returns to Austin on Friday to highlight two things that blossomed while he was governor — a state history museum and his friendship with the late Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock.

Bush will speak at the dedication of the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum, an \$80 million project that tells the diverse story of the state's past.

Located near the Texas Capitol, the museum opened to the public last weekend. Its dedication is Friday, when the museum will be closed to the public. Grand opening festivities are Saturday.

Having Bush at the muse-

um's dedication will bring mixed emotions, said Jan Bullock, Bob Bullock's widow.

"It means an incredible amount to me because Governor Bush was part of the process, and he's our very good friend," she said. "It's very bittersweet for me because here I'll be standing with two of Bob's last dreams — in the museum and then to have George W. Bush as our 43rd president. It's very, very emotional."

Bullock's 40-plus years in public service is the stuff of state political legend. He died in 1999 after retiring from elected office.

A man who loved history, Bullock began discussing

the idea for a state history museum in 1996 when he was recuperating from a hunting accident and pneumonia. As lieutenant governor presiding over the state Senate, he saw to it that funding for the museum came through.

Bullock was particularly fascinated by Sam Houston and the history of the law enforcement agency the Texas Rangers. A document he owned that was signed by Houston will be displayed at the museum.

A sculpture of Bullock and his trademark phrase, "God Bless Texas," will greet museum visitors.

Before he left Austin to become president Bush

promised that he would be back in Texas for the museum's opening.

Bush has helped raise Bullock's profile nationally with his presidential campaign and election as he has emphasized his bipartisan approach to governing.

That's something Bush achieved by working with Bullock and House Speaker Pete Laney when he oversaw government in Texas.

Bullock became a mentor to Bush, a Republican who had never held elected office before becoming governor.

Listening to his political instincts, Bullock was the first to predict publicly that Bush would become president.

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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

Air terminal gateway to Big Spring

In a month or so, motorists coming into our city from the north or south will find a major improvement due to the renovation of U.S. Highway 87. As travelers, we've all noticed the difference it makes as we pass through a community on a road that is smooth and wide. It provides a feeling of comfort, even safety. It bids us welcome. And as citizens of this community, we can be proud of that.

The new terminal at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark provides that same "comfort" and that same "welcome" to folks arriving in Big Spring by air.

Many of us don't think about it, because we seldom have a reason to go to the airpark. We may not even go near it for months at a time.

But the truth is, more than 35 planes fly in and out of Big Spring regularly. Be it for business or pleasure, the airpark sees a fair amount of traffic.

That — and the future ramifications — is the reason we were extremely encouraged when we heard last year that funding sources were being made available to help Big Spring pay for the terminal. It's the first building visitors who arrive by air see when they come to Big Spring, and the last facility they see when they leave. And just like that road down the middle of our city, the terminal leaves a lasting impression.

If you made it out to Wednesday's ribbon cutting, you know it will be a positive impression. The \$500,000 terminal truly is a beautiful and functional facility, built to serve our airport for many years to come. It features a lounge area, conference room, office space and more.

Local officials are hopeful that the terminal will be the first step toward attracting more business to the airpark. We are encouraged by that possibility as well.

Already, Lone Star Aviation, which will man the front desk, pump fuel and handle repairs to aircraft, has announced one new feature to the airpark — Enterprise rentals, which will rent vehicles.

In a month or so, motorists coming into our city will find a major improvement. We're delighted to note that air passengers will as well.

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Flag vote was never a racial issue

The vote in Mississippi to retain the 104-year-old state flag, which includes the Confederate battle flag as part of its design, is being depicted in the news media as a racial issue. It isn't.



CHARLEY REESE

Yes, I know a lot of liberals and professional racists say the battle flag is a symbol of racism and slavery. Well, then, how do you explain the fact that polls conducted by Mississippi's newspapers showed that 30 percent of the blacks favored the old flag?

It's my belief that it has been an artificial controversy from the beginning, a fund-raising cause for the NAACP and an excuse to feel self-righteous for white liberals. A majority of Americans, black and white, I would guess, would be hard put to describe their state's flag accurately, much less a historical flag.

The very idea that changing the design of a piece of cloth that flies on a flagpole is going to affect anyone's life, one way or another, is ridiculous. It is purely a media issue.

I happened to be in Mississippi a few weeks before the vote, and there

was no controversy "raging," as Northern newspapers like to state. Those in favor of the old flag, like the Sons of Confederate Veterans, were planning a low-key campaign simply to let people know about the vote.

The proponents of the new flag, who raised more than \$600,000, were largely liberal politicians and preachers and Chamber of Commerce types. Their only lame argument was that a new flag would attract new industry to the state. That in itself was plainly absurd to anyone who has had any involvement in industrial development. Corporations look for tax breaks, cheap land and relatively cheap labor. I've never heard a company ask about a state flag.

As for race relations, they seem to be as good in Mississippi as they are in most places and better than in some — like Cincinnati, for example. Southerners include blacks and whites and always have. The two races have certainly had their differences and conflicts, as they have everywhere else in the United States, but in the words of a Southern writer, they have "always milled around together," bound by their common love of the region, their Christian faith and common courtesy.

In Georgia and South Carolina, politicians caved in to media pressure. In Georgia, they changed the flag, and in South Carolina,

they moved it from the state Capitol building to a Confederate monument nearby. In both cases, the politicians denied the people a vote on the question. If they had, I'm pretty confident the vote would have mirrored Mississippi's, where 65 percent voted for the old flag.

Mississippi is exactly the same today as it was before the vote. If residents had voted for the new flag, Mississippi still would be exactly the same. Changing the designs on pieces of cloth does not change complex human relationships. Nor does it change the economic status of people. And certainly black folks are smart enough to know that, which is why there was no large black turnout at the polls.

The Confederate flag, like reparations for slavery, is largely a media-generated controversy that most people don't care about. This is the 21st century, and while all Americans should study their history, our main attention must be focused on the present.

There are no ex-slaves and no ex-slave owners. Nobody alive today owes anybody anything for something that happened to other people in another time.

Nor can anybody alive today honestly say that his or her life is worse because some distant ancestor was a slave. The 1860 census, by the way, showed more than 3,500 black slave owners,

and, of course, it was the Africans who enslaved their own people and sold them for rum and whatever.

We are responsible for our own sins and our own actions, but not for those of anyone else — least of all for people who were long dead before we were born. We should not be surprised that con artists and trial lawyers will take a run at making money out of history. (Why not? They've tried every other conceivable ploy.) We should not pay them any attention, however. We have more important things to do.

We Southerners often are faulted for our monuments and ceremonies honoring the Confederate dead, but the fact is that folks everywhere should honor and remember their ancestors. We are their posterity. We live in a world that they helped shape.

None of us can change the past or bring it back even if we wanted to, which we don't. I like to read about the War Between the States, but I like to do so in the comfort of my air-conditioned living room.

We cannot stop professional racists from stirring even imaginary pots as they try to keep their jobs, but we should remember that the road to better race relations lies where it always has: looking at each other as human beings and not as representatives of groups or classes.



Living in the era of uncertainty

America has entered the Era of Uncertainty. True, the future, whether tomorrow or 10 years from tomorrow, is never certain, but there generally exists a probability, an expectation, a reasonable hope of things to come. But not now.



JACK ANDERSON

Many Americans today have no reasonable hope that they will be employed, that they will be able to pay the mortgage or the rent, that their stock market investments will appreciate in value, that the education costs for their children will be in the realm of the possible, or that healthcare costs will be covered. In fact, the only apparent certainty is that people will live longer than members of any prior generation. The uncertainty extends to the political arena, where a Senate split 50-50 leaves all legislation in doubt. Even the U.S. Supreme Court proved itself to be a political entity during the presi-

dential election. So the reasonable hope that the highest court would be above petty politics is gone. Increasingly, its members cast 5-4 decisions along ideological (political) lines.

And politics continues to wreak havoc at local levels, enacting law after law, swelling the state codes beyond anybody's ability to comprehend or follow all of them. The old saying is that "ignorance is no excuse for breaking the law." But if ignorance is not an excuse, it certainly will be a reason.

Such laws have particularly extended to local school districts where teachers are bereft of the ability to discipline students or fend off over-meddlesome parents. Furthermore, education itself is changing. High school students are told they must have two to three years of a foreign language to go college, yet more and more colleges no longer have foreign language requirements. Students are told to take Advanced Placement classes, only to discover that their colleges of choice will not honor them. They are told to keep their grades up and participate in extracurricular activities, only to discover that a near-failing

sports star moves right on past them to the coveted college slot.

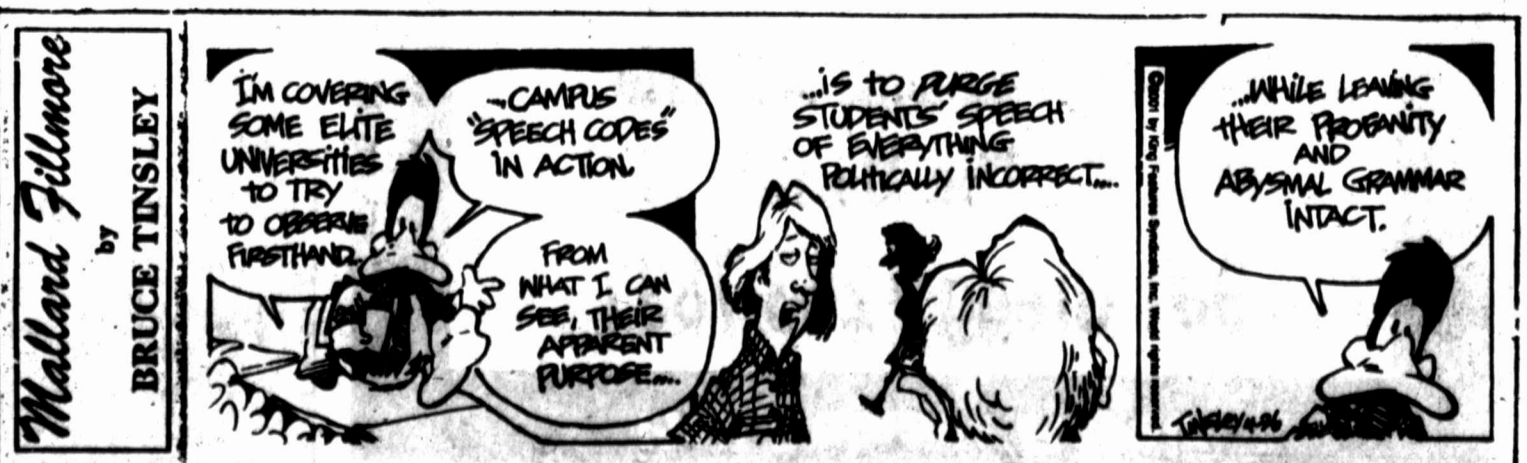
Whether over politics, economics or education, Americans are perplexed, a fact that is reflected in a declining consumer confidence index. It is as though the nation has lost its rudder, or at least that it is in a transitional period and has lost sight of the goals.

It is not so much a matter of pessimism, however, as it is of uncertainty. It seems to have begun when the stock market high-tech bubble burst on March 20, 2000. A generation of Americans that had never known a bear market have now endured a decline in the NASDAQ that was worse than the market crash of 1929. Fortunes were wiped out, retirement plans were decimated, and savings vanished. Money may not be the key to happiness, but it certainly creates a sense of security, a sense that is missing throughout the land.

And the absence of security — financial and political — creates uncertainty, an uncertainty that carries over to marital harmony, financial stability, and the caring for loved ones, old and young alike. We are living in is the Era of Uncertainty.

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My brief career as an employee allowed me to gain an insight into the world around those who have mental illness. It has also given me an appreciation for my life and a greater compassion for those who cannot control their actions. In order for us to understand the workings of these people, understanding diseases that can be unable to society is necessary. Schizophrenia, the word used by those who had multiple personalities, but it is a loosely defined disorder. According to the Medical Dictionary, no known single biochemical, genetic, or sociocultural factor is involved. I witnessed where a person suffer a psychosis when there was a mental illness or genetic factor. Sometimes it person was over with stress or loved one in so and was unable with the loss, p gering a chemi ance. Most disturb were the instab chosis brought woman had g again with no genetic predis the disorder. Schizophren a gross, distorti The victim is ne to distinguish ence between and what isn't to hallucination react to things. Problems wit cation and lan op which contr patient's alrea and agitated st often hears vo them what to d ers are trying t leading to pa social isolation. They often incoherently o same word or tinuously. TH withdrawn, cl display bizarre. There are m tions that are o such as Zypre (ine) or Clozari. However, the for everyone a dence of non-c high after th released. The simpli understand m and it's impli consider that t a disease or imbalance in t. When a vic member denie illness or act by some of th do, I hope remember th iors are sympt ness. If practiced peers on a patience, ki guidance are who is activel

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### Mental illness requires real understanding

My brief career as a state employee allowed me to gain an insight that people who have never been around those afflicted with mental illness sometimes don't understand.

It has also given me an appreciation for my life and greater compassion for those who cannot control their actions.



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In order for us to understand the workings of the minds of these people a basic understanding of one of the diseases that causes them to be unable to function in society is necessary.

Schizophrenia used to be the word used for people who had multiple personalities, but it is actually used loosely to describe a myriad of disorders.

According to Mosby's Medical Dictionary, there is no known single cause for schizophrenia. It is thought that biochemical, psychological, interpersonal and sociocultural factors are involved.

I witnessed instances where a person seemed to suffer a psychotic break when there was no history of mental illness, drug use or genetic factors present.

Sometimes it seemed the person was overwhelmed with stress or had lost a loved one in some fashion and was unable to cope with the loss, perhaps triggering a chemical imbalance.

Most disturbing to me were the instances of psychosis brought about after a woman had given birth, again with no history or genetic predisposition to the disorder.

Schizophrenia results in a gross distortion of reality. The victim is no longer able to distinguish the difference between what is real and what isn't.

Problems with communication and language development which contributes to the patient's already confused and agitated state. Victims often hears voices that tell them what to do or that others are trying to harm him, leading to paranoia and social isolation.

They often ramble on incoherently or repeat the same word or phrase continuously. They become withdrawn, childlike and display bizarre behavior.

There are many medications that are on the market such as Zyprexa (olanzapine) or Clozaril (clozapine). However, they don't work for everyone and the incidence of non-compliance is high after the patient is released.

The simplest way to understand mental illness and its implications is to consider that the victim has a disease or a chemical imbalance in the brain.

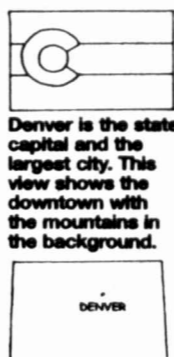
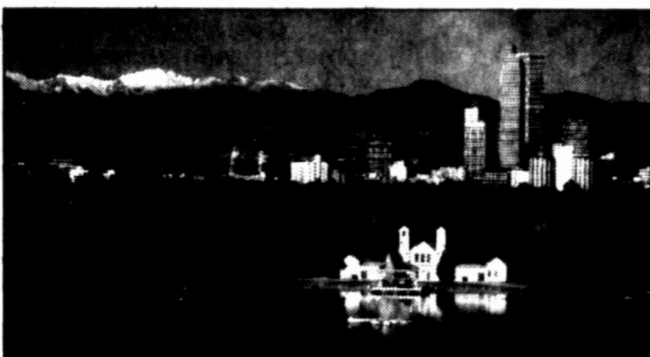
When a victim's family member denies a patient's illness or acts embarrassed by some of the things they do, I hope they would remember that these behaviors are symptoms of an illness.

If practiced upon our peers on a daily basis, patience, kindness and guidance are effective tools when dealing with someone who is actively psychotic.

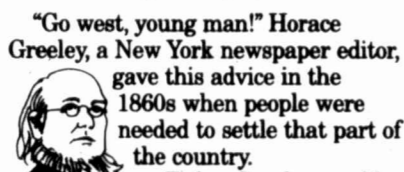


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## Colorado From A to Z



Denver is the state capital and the largest city. This view shows the downtown with the mountains in the background.



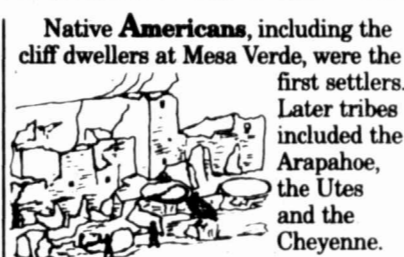
"Go west, young man!" Horace Greeley, a New York newspaper editor, gave this advice in the 1860s when people were needed to settle that part of the country.

Today, Greeley would not have to offer any encouragement. People are flocking west to Colorado. The state population has jumped 30 percent in the last 10 years.

New arrivals are attracted to Colorado's sunny weather, dry air, the Rocky Mountains, job opportunities and relaxed outdoor lifestyle.

Colorado became a state in 1876. It is nicknamed the Centennial State. In size, it is the eighth-largest state. It ranks 24th in the number of people (4,301,261).

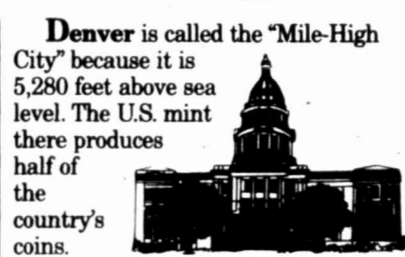
Farming is a big source of income. Service industries such as tourism and banking bring in many jobs. Manufacturing includes machinery, scientific instruments and beer.



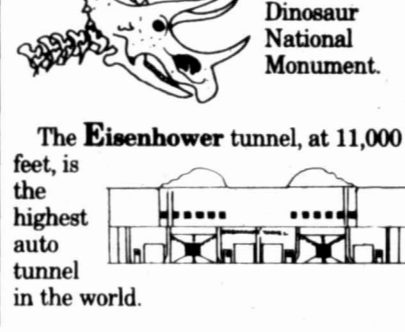
The lark Bunting is the state bird.



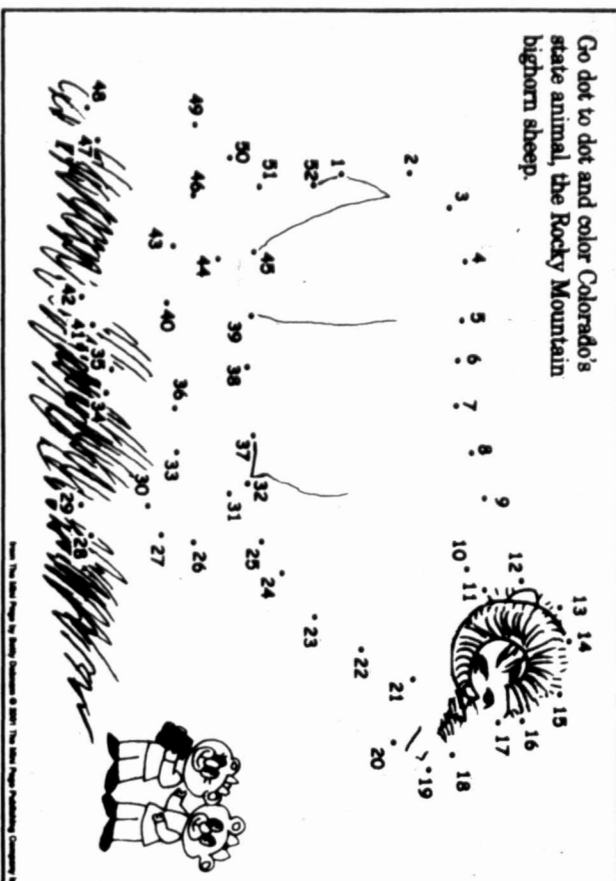
Colorado Springs is the home of the U.S. Air Force Academy and Peterson Air Force Base.



Dinosaur fossils are big attractions at museums and at Dinosaur National Monument.



The Eisenhower tunnel, at 11,000 feet, is the highest auto tunnel in the world.



Go dot to dot and color Colorado's state animal, the Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep.

### Rookie Cookies Recipe Chiliques

You'll need:

- 1/4 cup butter or margarine
- 1/4 onion, chopped
- 1 tomato, chopped
- 1 (4.5-ounce) can chopped green chilies, drained
- 1/3 cup evaporated milk
- 3/4 cup sour cream
- 6 tortillas

What to do:

- Melt 1 tablespoon butter or margarine in a skillet over medium heat. Add onion and tomato pieces and chilies. Cook for 10 minutes. Stir often.
- Add evaporated milk. Bring to a boil. Stir often.
- Remove from heat. Stir in sour cream. Mix well.
- In another skillet, melt remaining butter or margarine. Heat tortillas, one at a time, for about 1 minute on each side.
- Place one tortilla in a casserole. Spread about 1/4 cup of chili mixture on top. Repeat layers with remaining tortillas and chili mixture. Place one tortilla on top.
- Cook in a preheated 350-degree oven for 15 minutes. Serves 8.



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### Meet Lori Beth Denberg

Lori Beth Denberg is a talented actress and singer. She was born and grew up in Northridge, Calif. Her performing career began at age 6 when she got parts in school plays and local theater productions.

Her career really took off when she was a senior in high school and was discovered by talent scouts from Nickelodeon. They saw her perform in a school drama contest and her scene won first place. She soon got a part in the TV show "All That." She has also been in the TV shows "Figure It Out" and "The Steve Harvey Show."

Lori Beth also sings and has recorded an album of Jewish folk songs. She likes traveling.

### Goldie Goodsport's Report Supersport: Shannon MacMillan

Height: 5-5 Birthdate: 10-7-74  
Weight: 130 College: U. of Portland

Shannon MacMillan is one of the stars of the Women's National Soccer Team. She joined the team in 1993. Playing forward, she scored 12 goals and had 11 assists last year. She was also on the team that played in the Olympics.

At the 1996 Olympics, she scored the goal that helped the team win the gold medal. Shannon was a top college player and won the 1995 Hermann Award, given to the top national soccer player. In college she studied social work. She now works at the University of Portland as an assistant women's soccer coach. In her free time, she likes reading, shopping and playing board games.

### 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 OO blend, as in the word moon.

Tom: What did one kangaroo say to the other?  
Anna: "I hate these rainy days when the kids play inside!"

Tim: How is cat food sold?  
Rosie: At so much purrrrrrr can!

Mimi: What did the mother ghost say to the baby ghost?  
Amanda: "Don't spook unless spoken to!"

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

### Colorado TRY 'N FIND

Words that remind us of Colorado are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: COLORADO, DENVER, CATTLE, CORN, WHEAT, AIR FORCE, DINOSAUR, FARMLAND, GOLD, RUSH, MEXICO, MESA, OIL, OLYMPIC, PLAINS, SKIING, PIKE, MINT, SNOW, PARK.

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### Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy is skiing in Colorado. See if you can find:

- funny face
- word MINI
- bell
- number 8
- whale
- man in the moon
- snake
- duck
- dragon
- question mark
- exclamation mark

## Colorado From A to Z

**Farmland** and cattle and sheep ranches cover much of the eastern part of the state. Wheat, corn, hay, beans, potatoes and sugar beets are big crops.

The state **Flower** is the Rocky Mountain columbine.

The **Grand Mesa** is one of the world's largest flat-topped mountains.

The **Highest** suspension bridge in the world is Royal Gorge Bridge. It is 1,053 feet over the Arkansas River.

**Irrigation** methods have enabled Colorado to develop farmlands on the dry plains.

**Jagged** mountain peaks, of which more than 50 are over 14,000 feet high, add to Colorado's beauty.

**Katherine Lee Bates** wrote "America the Beautiful" after seeing Pikes Peak.

The state's **Location** between the big cities of the Midwest and the West Coast makes Colorado a big transportation center.

At one time, **Mexico** controlled western Colorado. Today, about 15 percent of the people in the state have a Hispanic background.

The **Mining** of gold played a big part in developing the state. The gold rush of the late 1850s brought many people to the area.

The **Narrow-gauge** railroad between Durango and Silverton is one of the country's most beautiful scenic rides. (Narrow-gauge means the rails are closer together than most.)

**Olympic** athletes train at the U.S. Olympic training center in Colorado Springs.

The **Great Plains** cover about two-fifths of the eastern part of the state. The land is used mostly for farming. The **Plateau** area in the western part. Mesas are there.

The **Quite** unusual Great Sand Dunes are huge hills on the edge of a mountain range. Some are 700 feet high.

More important **Rivers** begin in Colorado than in any other state. Many have created deep gorges. The Continental Divide runs through the Rockies. Rivers flow east into the Atlantic on one side of the divide. Rivers flow west into the Pacific on the other.

The **Rocky** Mountains cover two-fifths of the state.

The **Spanish** were the first white people to explore Colorado, but did not settle there because they didn't find gold.

**Tourists** explore many of the 500 ghost towns that were deserted when the gold or silver ran out.

The **U.S.** government owns about one-third of the state's land. Most is used for logging and grazing.

The **Variety** of plant life, from cactus in the prairie to wildflowers in the mountains, add to the beauty of the state.

**Water** is a big problem for Colorado. How well it handles the flooding from melting snow as well as water shortages during drought is one key to the state's future.

**EXtra** excitement can be found in mountain climbing, whitewater rafting and other outdoor sports.

Sports activities, such as snow skiing in the winter and hiking in the summer, occur all Year and are big attractions.

**Zebulon Pike** was an Army officer who explored the area in 1806. Pikes Peak is named for him.

The **Cheyenne** Mountain Zoo in Colorado Springs is the only mountain zoo in the country. Giraffes are among its 500 animals.

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**FISHING REPORT**

DALLAS (AP) — Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for Apr. 25. (Report also available on Web as www.tdfr.com.)

**SOUTH**  
ALBERTA: Water fairly clear; 70 degrees; 35 low; Black bass to 9 pounds are good on Texas-rigged lizards and Carolina-rigged watermelon seed and June bug worms. Striped bass to 20 pounds are good on stripper jigs and topwaters up the Rio Grande. White bass are good on slabs and stripper jigs up the Rio Grande. Crappie are good on live minnows up Devils River past Rough Canyon. Channel and blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow on trotlines baited with perch.

**CENTRAL**  
BROWNWOOD: Water murky; 68 degrees; Black bass to 7 pounds are fair to good on Rat-L-Traps, white spinnerbaits and soft plastics in 10 - 20 feet. Striped bass are very good on stripper jigs and Rat-L-Traps. White bass to 12 inches are good on minnows and jigs in 6 - 10 feet. Crappie to 12 inches are good on minnows and jigs in 6 - 12 feet. Channel and blue catfish to 14 pounds are fair on chicken livers and nightcrawlers in 5 - 15 feet. Yellow catfish are fair on shad and perch in 5 - 15 feet.

**BUCHANAN:** Water clear; 73 degrees; 10:15:30. Black bass are good on 1/8 oz. white buzzbaits, 1/4 oz. Rat-L-Traps and flukes along 4 - 8 foot ledges and channels of creeks and coves. Striped bass are good drifting live bait and trolling bucktail jigs over humps in 20 - 35 feet. Some topwater action very early on shallow flats on Walkin Skik, Zara Spooks and 1oz. Rat-L-Traps. White bass are fair vertically jigging Horton Pink Minnows on lake points and up creeks casting 1/8 oz. Tennessee shad. Fry Traps up creeks. Crappie are slow on minnows. Channel catfish are good on minnows, cutbait and liver.

**SOUTHEAST**  
CONROE: Water clear; 70 degrees; Black bass are good on white spinnerbaits and Rat-L-Traps in 15 - 25 feet. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs along the shoreline brush. Channel and blue catfish are good on stinkbait and cut shad along creek channel edges in 15 - 25 feet.

**GIBBONS CREEK:** Water stained; 70 degrees; Black bass are good on Rat-L-Traps and white spinnerbaits along the shoreline grass. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs along the shoreline brush. Catfish are slow on stinkbait, prepared baits and cut shad in 15 - 25 feet.

**HOUSTON COUNTY:** Water cloudy with clear edges; 68 degrees; Black bass to 10 pounds are very good on brown colored Chug Bugs at the pump station. Crappie are good on minnows around piers at night in 12 - 20 feet. Bream are very good on live worms around piers and grassy areas during the day all over the lake. Catfish to 6 pounds are good on trotlines on cut shad.

**LIVINGSTON:** Water slightly of color; 4 high; Black bass are good on spinnerbaits and black Power Worms. No report on striped bass. White bass are good on Rat-L-Traps, Charlie slabs, pet spoons and hellbenders. Crappie are good on minnows. Channel and blue catfish are good on shad. Yellow catfish are slow.

**SAM RAYBURN:** Water murky; Black bass are good on white Rat-L-Traps, spinnerbaits and shallow-diving crankbaits in river edges over grass mats, and on white jigs in deep grasses along the shoreline brush. Catfish are slow on stinkbait, prepared baits and cut shad in 15 - 25 feet.

**STEINHAGEN:** Water slightly stained; 68 degrees; Black bass to 10 pounds are good on dark soft plastics and crankbaits in 1 - 5 feet. Striped bass to 6 pounds are good on topwaters below the dam. White bass to 2 pounds are good on topwaters and jigs below the dam. Crappie to 12 inches are good on minnows in 3 - 8 feet. Channel and blue catfish to 4 pounds are fair on cutbait. Yellow catfish to 10 pounds are good on trotlines with live bait.

**TOLLEDO BEACH:** Water murky; 70 degrees; 17:04. Black bass are good on topwaters, buzzbaits and spinnerbaits over grass early. Later use Texas and Carolina-rigged soft plastics and crankbaits on 14 - 16 foot creek channel points and bends. White bass are good on slab spoons, chrome Rat-L-Traps, shallow-diving crankbaits and Rinky Dink tailspinners along river channel sand bars in 8 - 15 feet. Crappie are fair on shiners along lay-downs and tops along the creek channels in 6 - 8 feet. Bream are good on crickets and worms in 2 - 4 feet.

**PANHANDLE**  
BAYLOR: Water slightly stained; 65 degrees; 3 low; Black bass are good on spinnerbaits and topwaters on main lake and green or pumpkin soft plastics in the creeks. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs near the dam.

**GREENBELT:** Water clear; 61 degrees; 4.5 low; Black bass are slow on white spinnerbaits and Rat-L-Traps. Crappie are excellent on minnows and crankbaits. White bass are good on minnows. Smallmouth bass are good on shad colored crankbaits and jerkbaits. Walleye are fair on minnows and Rat-L-Traps. Catfish are fair.

**MACKENZIE:** Water clear; 61 degrees; Black bass are good on crankbaits and white spinnerbaits. Crappie are good on minnows. Striped bass are good on Rat-L-Traps.

**MEREDITH:** Water clear; 55 degrees; 1.5 low; Black bass are excellent on white spinnerbaits, watermelon/chartreuse Mad Man crawfish tubes and white Bass Assassins fished light to brush in the shallows of creeks. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass are good on minnows. Smallmouth bass to 5 pounds are good on Raguas on minnow lake secondary points and stacked at the mouths of creeks. Walleye are excellent on minnows. Catfish are slow.

**PALO DURO:** Water clear; 58 degrees; Black bass are slow. Crappie to 2 pounds are fair on minnows and jigs deep near the bridge. White bass are slow. Walleye are slow. Catfish to 10 pounds are fair on shad and minnows in 6 feet.

**WEST**  
ALAN HENRY: Water clear; 64 degrees; Black bass are excellent on topwaters, crankbaits, spinnerbaits and soft jerkbaits in the shallows. Crappie are good on small crankbaits, jigs and minnows.

**ARROWHEAD:** Water stained; 3.5 low; 64 degrees; Black bass are fair on spinnerbaits, crankbaits and dark soft plastics. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows near the park area. Catfish are fair on cutbait and shad.

**BRADY:** Water lightly stained; 63 degrees; Black bass are fair on white spinnerbaits and crankbaits. Catfish are slow.

**COLORADO CITY:** Water clear; 61 degrees; Black bass are good on live bait and crankbaits. Crappie are good on minnows and crawfish. Redfish are good on Rat-L-Traps and live shad. Catfish are fair on shiners and cutbait.

**FT. PHANTOM HILL:** Water clear; 62 degrees; 5.15 low; Black bass are good on spinnerbaits and crankbaits. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs in the shallows near the discharge. White bass are good on minnows. Yellow Catfish to 30 pounds are good perch and goldfish. Blue Catfish to 15 pounds are excellent on cutbait.

**HUBBARD CREEK:** Water lightly stained; 60 degrees; Black bass are good on topwaters, spinnerbaits and crankbaits in the shallows. Crappie are good on minnows. Catfish are slow. The concrete boat ramps are out of the water. A temporary ramp is open near the dam (turn at Wal-Mart and follow the paved/caliche road to east side of dam).

**NASHORTH:** Water stained; 64 degrees; Black bass are good on topwaters and spinnerbaits. Crappie are good minnows. White and striped bass are good on minnows and shad. Channel and yellow catfish are good on chicken liver, cutbait and goldfish. Lake is being dredged of 24-feet of silt (3 year project started summer 2000).

**MCDONIA:** No report available.

**OH. CREEK:** Water lightly stained; 64 degrees; Black bass to 9 pounds fair on live bait. Black crappie to 1.5 pounds are good on black/chartreuse jigs. Yellow catfish are good on trotlines. Due to the low water level all boat ramps are closed.

**OH. IVE:** Water lightly stained; 66 degrees; 13.5 low; Black bass are good on spinnerbaits and Texas-rigged large silver green soft plastic ribworms, crawfish and muddogs. Crappie are good on jigs and minnows. White bass are fair on minnows and slabs in 25 to 30 feet. Catfish to 25 pounds are good on jugs with cut shad, trotlines and rod-reel in the shallows with cheesebait. The road to Concho Park is under construction.

**POSSUM KINGDOM:** Water lightly stained; 68 degrees; 1.5 low; Fishing is slow but improving. Toxic algae bloom affecting all species of fish throughout lake. White bass and striped bass are fair on "bought" shad. Catfish are slow on minnows.

**SPENCE:** Water lightly stained; 62 degrees; Black bass are good on spinnerbaits and crankbaits. Crappie are fair on minnows. White bass are good on slabs and minnows. Striped bass to 25 pounds are good on cut bait and shad. Catfish are slow.

**STAMFORD:** Water lightly stained; 60 degrees; Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on minnows. Catfish are good on cut shad and punch-bait.

**SWEETWATER:** Water lightly stained; 66 degrees; 14.5 low; Black bass are fair on crankbaits and spinnerbaits. Crappie are good on jigs and minnows in the shallows. White bass to 18 pounds are fair on chicken liver. Channel catfish are fair on shiners and goldfish.

**WHITE RIVER:** Water stained; 65 degrees; 17.75 low; Black bass are fair on dark colored soft plastic lizards. Crappie are good on minnows. Walleye are fair in shallows on crankbaits and jerkbaits. Catfish are good on cutbait.

**COASTAL**  
NORTH SABINE: Trout are fair to good on Cornies and charraine Top Dogs and Super Spooks along the Louisiana shoreline. Redfish are good while drifting scattered shell on shrimp and red shad and plum Bass Assassins.

## Bucks close to first playoff series win

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Ray Allen has the Milwaukee Bucks on the verge of winning their first playoff series since the 1980s.

Allen, fired up by a flagrant foul on Andrew DeClercq, had a personal playoff-best 27 points to go with 10 rebounds and seven assists in Milwaukee's 103-96 victory over Orlando on Wednesday night.

Allen also slowed down 21-year-old Magic star Tracy McGrady in the fourth quarter as the Bucks took a 2-0 lead in their best-of-five series that resumes in Orlando on Saturday night.

McGrady scored a career playoff-high 35 points, but had just five in the fourth quarter as the Magic lost to Milwaukee for the 11th straight time.

"I gave him a little more energy and activity than what we had been giving him," Allen said. "You put a body on him, he doesn't like that. When he turned a couple times, I was right there in his pocket and he had to take a tough shot."

"When we got physical with him is when we took him out of his groove."

In the only other NBA playoff game Wednesday night, Sacramento routed Phoenix 116-90, tying the first-round series 1-1.

Toronto looks to even its series at one game apiece Thursday night with a victory at New York. The Los Angeles Lakers attempt to take a 2-0 lead when they play host to Portland.

On Wednesday night, Sam Cassell added 26 points for the Bucks, who won consec-

utive playoff games for the first time since 1989, when they beat Atlanta two straight en route to a 3-2 series win, the last time Milwaukee won a first-round series.

The Magic heeded their coach's challenge to be more physical as DeClercq picked up a flagrant foul on Allen just 1:15 after tipoff.

Allen was assessed a technical foul by official Bob Delaney after jumping up and getting in DeClercq's face.

"I wasn't going to let somebody throw me down to the floor. I was going to defend myself," Allen said. "For that, he gave me a technical. But he kept control of the game."

Milwaukee's Mark Pope said he knew Allen would have a big night after getting agitated.

"Ray knows that he's a superstar and people are going to try to do that to him," Pope said. "One of his great skills is when people try to battle him with physical play, he's going to stay focused."

Magic coach Doc Rivers chastised his players after Game 1 for failing to retaliate when Bucks forward Scott Williams hit McGrady on his way to the basket, drawing a flagrant foul.

"Doc came out with something about an eye for an eye," Bucks coach George Karl said. "But the truth is, both our teams are fairly finesse oriented. But in the playoffs, it is intense and physical."

The Magic sent the Bucks to the line 33 times.

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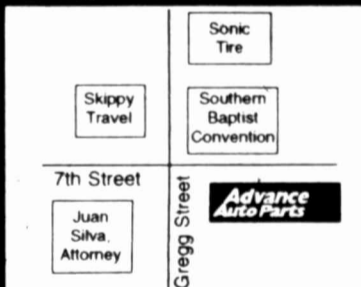
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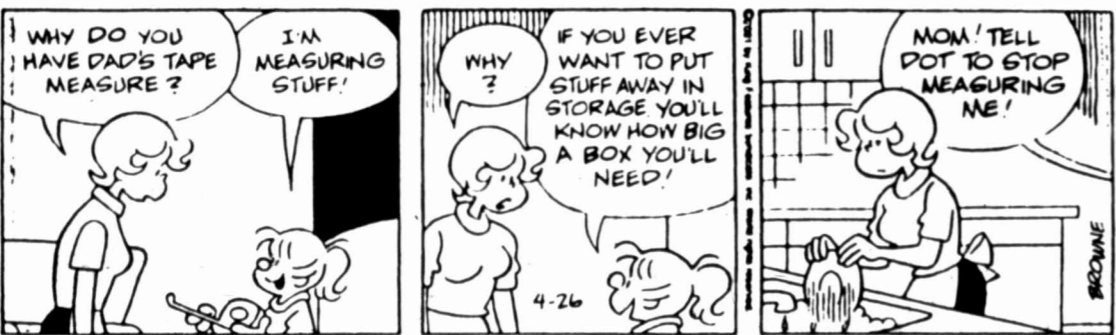
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Thursday, April 26, the 116th day of 2001. There are 249 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On April 26, 1986, the world's worst nuclear accident occurred at the Chernobyl plant in the Soviet Union...

Germany raided the Basque town of Guernica during the Spanish Civil War. Today's Birthdays: Actress-comedian Carol Burnett is 68. Rhythm-and-blues singer Maurice Williams is 63. Songwriter-musician Duane Eddy is 63. Singer Bobby Rydell is 59. Actress Claudine Auger is 59. Rock musician Gary Wright is 58. Actor Giancarlo Esposito is 43. Rock musician Roger Taylor (Duran Duran) is 41. Actress Joan Chen is 40. Rock musician Chris Mars is 40. Actor-singer Michael Damian is 39. Actor Jet Li is 38. Actor-comedian Kevin James ("King of Queens") is 36.

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TWO PAIR by Richard Silvestri Edited by Stanley Newman

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