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WEATHER

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Plans already being made for Air Fair

It's not too early to begin making plans for this year's Air Fair, a major fund-raiser for the Hangar 25 Air Museum.

The day-long festivity will feature a fly-in as well as activities for everyone who attends. Among those will be the celebrity cake auction, an event which received great response from the public a year ago.

Pat Simmons, cake auction coordinator, is currently gathering bakers for that event.

The Air Fair will begin at 9 a.m. with the opening of children's rides and snack booths. But that's just the start of the activities and entertainment.

More information about the Air Fair will be announced as the event draws near.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

□ Big Spring Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. 1607 East Third.

□ Gospel singing, 7 p.m., Kentwood Center, 2805 Lynn. Guest singers from Stanton, Midland and Colorado City.

□ Howard County ARC meets at 806 East Third at the Bingo Hall.

□ Texas Tech Exes meeting.

□ Big Spring Chapter and Council RAM meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge, 221 1/2 Main St.

TUESDAY

□ Intermediate Line Dance class, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center.

□ Big Spring Rotary Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

WEDNESDAY

□ Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room.

□ Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics, 10 a.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center cafeteria.

□ Beginning line dance class, 10:30-11:30 a.m., free to beginners. Contact Margarita Durand-Hollis at the Dance Gallery.

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Suggestions for future to be provided during Tuesday seminar

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

Learning from the past, focused on the future — that's the message well-known strategist Carolyn Corbin will present to Big Spring residents at 6 p.m. Tuesday



DAVIS

seminar scheduled at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

"We really encourage people from all areas of the community and all ages to attend," said Terri Davis, executive director for the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

The seminar is free and open to everyone.

Local businesses, civic clubs, school districts and other community representatives will present information booths. The highlight,

however, will be a message from the internationally renowned Corbin, president of the Center for the 21st Century. The Center is a Dallas-based socioeconomic think tank that provides executive briefings, research and analysis, consulting, organizational training and special studies.

Corbin has been reviewing research on Big Spring for the past three months. She is expected to take that information, combine it

with national and world trends, and project where Big Spring is going in the future and what changes should be made in order for the city to stay competitive.

"She is going to give us direction on where we need to be in the future," Davis said.

Corbin's list of clients is impressive. Those who have consulted her include IBM, Phillips Petroleum, ARCO International, the American Heart Association, Arizona

State Library, the city of Dallas, Mary Kay Cosmetics and Southwest Airlines.

Corbin will speak at a community luncheon at noon Tuesday at the Dora Roberts Civic Center. The luncheon is \$10 per person.

To make a reservation for the luncheon, contact Davis at 263-7641.

Again, there is no charge for the 6 p.m. community discussion session which will be held at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

BSHS students getting realistic look at drunk driving's 'Shattered Dreams'

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

Big Spring High School juniors and seniors received a glimpse into the consequences of drinking and driving today as they viewed a simulated crash scene set up as part of the Shattered Dreams Project.

"It is a realistic demonstration of what can happen if someone drinks and drives, or gets in a car with someone who drinks and drives," said Linda Perez of Victims Services.

Victims Services, area law enforcement and emergency medical service personnel are helping to teach students about the dangers of drinking and driving by participating in the program throughout the school day.

Students were brought into an assembly this morning where they were informed about the project only a minutes before they were taken to the "crash site" to witness law enforcement and EMS personnel reacting to a major accident.

The scene of the accident was set up on the Big Spring High School band field this morning and involved one "drunk driver" and 10 "victims" all played by high school volunteers.

"Victims" of the crash sight were taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center for emergency medical care and for those who did not



Emergency medical service personnel take this "victim" of an simulated automobile accident to Scenic Mountain Medical Center as Big Spring High School juniors and seniors watch. Shattered Dreams took place today at the Big Spring High School band field with area law enforcement and EMS agencies participating.

"survive," parents of the students received death notifications by local police.

Once students return to class, one student was taken out of class every 15 minutes by the "Grim Reaper" to symbolize the fact that every 15 minutes a person is killed by a drunk driver, Perez said.

"A mock trial was held at the high school for the dri-

ver who was charge with intoxicated manslaughter," Perez added.

All the events throughout the day will be filmed and shown at a community wide assembly on at 9 a.m. Tuesday at the high school. Perez invites the community to attend.

Victim Services has been working with law enforcement around the community to organize this event

since September.

"This is a project that can't be done with out community support," she said. "All the law enforcement entities are involved along with emergency medical service and Scenic Mountain Medical Center."

"And several area businesses and individuals have donated monetary support to the project," Perez added

Isaiah 58 program running short on donations

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

A local charity organization created to provide food and clothing assistance to needy residents may be forced to close its doors unless it can receive more funding.

"We think we have enough money for a short

order (of food) for next week, then we will see where we are at that point" said Bob Simpson, president of Isaiah 58.

Isaiah 58, a Christian assistance ministry, has been distributing food and clothing to needy Howard County residents for the past three years but a lack of funding may result in organization closing.

The organization serves an average of 350 to 500 individuals a month and spends about \$1,000 a month for food and around \$500 a month in rent and utility assistance efforts.

"We try to give people a decent amount of groceries," he said. "We may need to cut back and give a lesser amount."

Simpson mentioned they

give groceries to a family about once a month and clients range from elderly people living on fixed incomes to parents with children.

About 98 percent of the food Isaiah 58 distributes is purchased from the West Texas Food Bank, Simpson said.

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HC instructors recognized for teaching excellence

Herald Staff Report

Howard College recognized more than 20 instructors with certificates from the Center For Teaching Excellence at a special reception for the Title V faculty training project.

"We've had this in place for the past year, and we are very proud of our instructors who have completed the first year of training," said Julie Wolf, Title V coordinator for Howard College.

Howard College received a \$1.8 million grant in 1999 to fund the Center For Teaching Excellence. The Center provides multimedia technology training for Howard College instructors, which then may be implemented into their classroom instruction.

"This keeps our instructors ahead of technology advances, and assists us in

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Dr. Cheryl Sparks, left, president of Howard College, and Dr. Sailaja Athyala, instructional designer for the Title V program, watch as instructor Amber Buske demonstrates her web page during the Title V Faculty Showcase. Howard College instructor Lila Adkins, foreground, also received recognition for completing the first year in the Center For Teaching Excellence.

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Tornadoes, high winds create problems in Central, North Texas

KILLEEN (AP) — Tornadoes and high winds triggered by a slow-moving cool front dipped down in Central and North Texas, damaging houses and townhomes, while thunderstorms produced large hail and heavy rains.

A twister caused major damage Sunday to a house in the community of Ding Dong along Texas 195, a Bell County spokeswoman said.

Two more tornadoes were reported in Salado off Interstate 35 and in the Harker Heights-Stillhouse Hollow Lake area, about 10 miles east of Killeen along

U.S. 190, just south of Farm Road 2410 and at the intersection of U.S. 190 and Farm Road 1670.

No injuries were reported. The twisters cut a path about 15 miles north of Jarrell, where an F-5 tornado struck on May 27, 1997, killing 29, leveling more than 50 residences and stripping asphalt from streets and bark from trees.

The National Weather Service issued a tornadic thunderstorm warning for Harker Heights at 5 p.m. after several storm spotters had viewed funnel and wall clouds with rotation.

Then, spotters and doppler radar detected a tornado at 5:44 p.m. six miles east of Harker Heights, moving southeast at 20 mph.

About the same time, strong winds were blamed for blowing a roof off a house in the town of Ding Dong, 10 miles southeast of Killeen.

"We have had several reports of trees down, and some reports of sporadic power outages in Holland and Little River-Academy," the sheriff's department spokeswoman said. "We have had several calls of streets flooded in Harker

Heights, Belton and Killeen."

Much of the Central Texas damage resulted from hail and flood waters, said Leon Charpentier, director of Emergency Services in Harker Heights.

"We have tremendous flood damage, especially on Farm-to-Market 2410," Charpentier told the Killeen Daily Herald in Monday's editions. "And the hail stripped trees of their leaves."

Floodwaters rushing down an intersection along FM 2410 washed the asphalt away, leaving a 7-foot-deep

hole. The road could be closed for months while repairs are made, he said.

Softball-size hail fell in Copperas Cove. Hail from marble- to golf-ball-size was reported in Killeen, Harker Heights, Temple, Belton and Salado.

The I-35 area town of Salado was the hardest hit, with large trees and power lines down, as well as some buildings sustaining minor to moderate roof damage, a Bell County Sheriff's Office spokeswoman said.

Some Harker Heights grocery store customers were protected inside an H-E-B's

dairy and produce vaults as tornado warnings sounded, said manager-in-charge Rob Ledbetter.

In North Texas, at least six Far North Dallas townhomes under construction were destroyed. Area residents had reported circular rotation in storm clouds.

After fierce winds toppled the homes along Preston Road, workers closed several nearby streets to repair a ruptured gas line.

Doppler radar also detected a large severe thunderstorm about 6 p.m. five miles northwest of Goldthwaite.

President turning White House lawn into baseball park?

WASHINGTON (AP) — His predecessors have customized the White House by installing a golf green, tennis courts, a bowling alley, a jogging track.

President Bush opted for a kid-sized baseball field for a summer of T-ball, and inaugurated it Sunday on the South Lawn by inviting over two local teams.

The Satchel Paige Memphis Red Sox and the Capitol City Rockies took to the field, scattering in clusters in the outfield until their coaches gently spread them out. The 5- to 8-year-olds booted some grounders, but also speared some line drives.

Their swings connected more often than not.

Bush delighted in the scene from the middle of a makeshift bleacher, sitting among some 300 people.

Next to him was All-Star shortstop Nomar Garciaparra of the Boston Red Sox, who is sidelined by wrist surgery. Bush autographed a steady stream of memorabilia, but Garciaparra — his hand in a cast — could not.

The baseball team owner-turned president observed shortly after taking office in January that "we've got a pretty good-sized backyard here," and ordered

construction begun.

The result was a fenced-in diamond with an 80-foot left field, an 85-foot right field and a 110-foot center field dubbed "death valley" by play-by-play announcer Bob Costas of NBC.

The field was not built to be permanent, but Bush hopes it leaves a lasting legacy by helping revitalize baseball, his passion. "Periodic" games are to be played, though the next one is not yet scheduled.

For the opening at-bat, the president broke into a mock big-league windup, then gingerly placed the ball on a tee. "All right, let's play ball!" he said.

On her first swing, 8-year-old Martina Adams stroked a single into right field. The hit was recorded by a swarm of photographers and reporters.

All 15 Rockies played the field, followed by all 17 Red Sox.

Bush opened the festivities about 20 minutes after returning from a weekend at the Camp David presidential retreat. He got out of his helicopter, plunged into the crowd of players and their families, autographed baseballs and went into the White House just long enough to change his suit jacket and shoes.

Census: Whites still leaving for suburbs

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

As longtime residents of Gina Ryan's middle-class neighborhood in St. Louis moved out, new faces from all over the globe — Mexico, the Philippines, Vietnam — moved in to claim their stake in the American dream.

It is a reflection of the changing face of America's cities, and the challenges municipal leaders face in meeting the needs of their newest residents.

The 2000 census showed Hispanic and Asian populations were the fastest growing groups in the country, while whites continued a years-long trend of leaving cities. Many urban centers also lost black population, though to a lesser extent.

It is unclear exactly how many of those city dwellers who left went to the suburbs; migration data from the 2000 census is not expected until at least this winter. But it is safe to assume that is the route taken by most of those who moved, said Alan Berube, a senior research analyst at the Brookings Institution.

In the nation's 10 most populous cities, the percentage of people in the 2000 census who classified themselves as "non-Hispanic white," fbt accounting for those who checked off more than one race, was 35 percent. It was down from 43 percent in 1990.

Take Ryan's neighbor-

hood, for example. Though recent studies show St. Louis to have one of the highest rates of black-white segregation in the nation, Ryan's neighborhood has become one of the most diverse in the city.

"It has become a lot more stable, and a lot more integrated neighborhood in the 20 years I've been here" said Ryan, executive director of the St. Louis Association of Community Organizations.

"The greatest influx in the last couple years have been people of all races."

While whites continued to leave cities, the urban Hispanic population soared, growing 36 percent in the top 10 cities. The non-Hispanic black population increased slightly in the same cities, by 2 percent.

More Asians also are moving into cities, though direct comparison was not immediately available because of a change in the way the Asian category was presented between 1990 and 2000.

Cities that took the biggest overall population hits were in the older, industrial Northeast and Midwest, though most declines were not as large as forecast.

St. Louis' population decreased 12 percent, one of the steepest drops in the country for a city over 100,000. Its non-Hispanic white population fell by about 25 percent and its black population was down roughly 6 percent. The

Hispanic population rose by 37 percent.

The country's most populous city, New York, grew by 9 percent, to more than 8 million. Non-Hispanic whites declined by about 11 percent, non-Hispanic blacks increased at least 6 percent, while the Hispanic population gained 21 percent.

The implications are numerous: Can cities keep up with the unique needs of their newest residents? Can the quality of schools be improved? How will it change the dynamics in local politics?

Undoubtedly, many families of various races moved out of cities after watching people of other races move in. Recent studies have found that segregation remains a serious problem in America's metropolitan areas, though levels decreased slightly in most cities.

But not all big cities had an exodus of white families. Las Vegas, Austin, Texas, and Charlotte, N.C., for example, all posted gains in minority and white population.

All three have good economies and have become more integrated the past decade, typical of other boom towns in the South and West, said Jacob Vigdor, an assistant professor of public policy studies at Duke University.

Vigdor said it has a lot to do with new neighborhoods

and developments sprouting in these towns. Most residents in these neighborhoods are new to the area, so there is more openness and less hesitation between different groups.

Plus, in fast-growing places like Las Vegas, "you have to put people somewhere," he said.

David Wexler, a New York City lawyer, agrees. But his priorities are changing. He is getting married and wants to have a family, so he is trading in his midtown apartment for a home in Westchester County.

"Diversity is important, but it isn't that big an issue for me," Wexler said. "I'm thinking in terms of a nice area to raise a family, good schools, and having a big backyard."

While economic growth is a big attractor for people of all races when figuring out where to move, "there are some things you can't change, like the weather," Berube said. "Quality of life is a big lure these days."

Officials say few Texans sign up for deregulation program

DALLAS (AP) — Even though electric customers have been able to sign up for Texas' new deregulation pilot program for more than two months, less than 15 percent of the 261,000 eligible residents have done so, officials say.

State regulators hope that enrollment increases as people learn more about deregulation.

"Of course, we would like to see more participation, especially in areas outside Houston and Dallas," Texas Public Utility Commission spokesman Terry Hadley told The Dallas Morning News in Monday's editions.

For the first time in a century, some Texans can choose their electric provider through the pilot program. Also, investor-owned utilities such as TXU Electric, Reliant Energy and Texas-New Mexico Power Co. are able to compete outside their existing service areas for the first time.

For the pilot program, up to five percent of the state's residential customers are eligible to enroll.

But by the latest business day on Friday, only 14,804 TXU Electric residential customers had committed to another provider — a fraction of the 113,295 TXU customers eligible for the pilot program, and only a few thousand more than had signed up by April 16, the utility commission said.

However, more of Reliant Energy HP&L's customers in the Houston area have decided to switch in the face of some of the state's highest rates.

"We sign up three Reliant customers for every two TXU customers," Melissa Clifton, marketing manager at First Choice Power Inc.,

said.

First Choice Power was created by Texas-New Mexico Power Co. to market electricity outside its existing service area.

Executives at Reliant are finding that signing up customers outside the service area is easier than expected, said Waters Davis, president of Reliant Energy Retail Services, the company created by Reliant to compete outside its existing area.

Retail electric providers say they are satisfied with their sign-up rates since state enrollment began on Feb. 15.

Regulators are still setting policies that will affect

prices after the pilot program ends.

"As more of that information evolves, we expect more marketing from the competitive providers and that will encourage more people to sign up for the pilot," said Hadley.

The pilot program will end on Jan. 1, when all customers of Texas investor-owned utilities can choose another electric provider.

"It's typical of the pattern seen in other states that residential customers are hesitant to switch," Consumers Union analyst Janee Briesemeister said. "They'd rather stick with the devil they know than try the devil they don't know."

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OTHER VIEWS

All candidates earning kudos for running

You work hard all day. You come home in the evening and want to spend time with the children. The last thing you want to worry about is what textbooks will be used in school next year or which roads might be seal coated this summer. It's not like you don't care, of course. You just don't have time.

Fortunately, we have a system that allows us to elect representatives to look after our best interests on public school boards and in city affairs. Imagine what it would be like if we had to show up at the school administration building or city hall to make all those decisions.

Last Saturday, citizens went to the polls to elect a very special group of men and women who decided to volunteer their time to do just that — to ensure that our schools will be top-notch and city business will be handled professionally. It is these men and women we are here to praise.

On Saturday, concerned citizens elected Mike Dawson, Phil Furqueron and Kent Sharp to the Big Spring Independent School District board. They elected Brandon Luce and Sissy Wells to the Coahoma ISD board and Tom Bill Kuykendall and Allen McDowell to the Forsan ISD board. Stan Blaggrave and David Zant were re-elected to the Sands CISD, and Mike Hillger and Tibby Niehues were re-elected to the Glasscock County ISD board.

David Elmore and Ricky Stone were elected to the Coahoma City Council, and Bill Read was re-elected for a fifth term as Coahoma mayor.

To these candidates, we say congratulations. Some of you have served before; some will be taking on this responsibility for the first time. We wish you well.

Many other candidates sought positions on councils and school boards, but were not successful. We encourage you to try again.

Finally, to both those who were elected, and those who ran but were not elected, we say thank you. It is people like you, people who will take on the sometimes hard, many times unpleasant task of speaking for the rest of us — making the tough decisions that must be made — that makes our system work. And it truly is the best system.

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Will Bush address the Armenian issue?

One test coming soon for President Bush will be when he speaks about Armenia. Will he have the stuff to refer to what happened to the Armenians from 1894 to 1915 as genocide?

If he does, Turkey, a NATO ally, will be greatly upset. It might even toss Americans out of its air bases from which we routinely bomb Iraq. The Turkish government has made a great effort in recent years to dismiss the Armenian deaths as casualties of a civil war.

It doesn't seem so. The Ottoman Turks, an ally of the Austro-Hungarian Empire and Germany during World War I, distrusted Armenians, even though they had pledged their loyalty. Therefore, the Ottoman Turks decided to transport forcibly 2 million Armenians to Syria and Mesopotamia. As many as 1.5 million Armenians died. Sounds like genocide to me. And there were other massacres after that.

In my more naive days, I once chided then-Sen. Bob "The Viagra Pitchman" Dole for proposing a resolution commemorating the Armenian genocide. I argued, Why stick our nose

into a controversy that really does not concern us? I got angry mail from more Armenians than I knew even existed.

Since then, I've repented, though not because of the angry mail. If the United States is going to be the moralistic policeman of the universe, then, by God, let's not let diplomacy stand in the way of calling a spade a spade. If you're moving 2 million people and you lose 75 percent of them, I'd say you lost them on purpose.

So the president should speak out about the Armenian genocide, and if the Turks don't like it, tough beans. He should not let the fact that they allow the use of their air bases or the prospects of a oil pipeline from the Caspian Sea area influence his moral judgment. He's a Christian, and Christians are supposed to cherish the truth.

It's bad enough that we've been silent all the years about the several thousands of Kurds whom the Turks have "lost" in dealing with Kurdish desires for independence, or at least autonomy.

I have said before that there is no more hypocritical government in the world than our own. No American dies for the cause of human rights. Americans die usually for business reasons or because leaders make stupid errors of judgment. I hope one day that Americans will quit falling for the patriotic human-rights baloney with which

these business deals are papered over and say, "You're not sacrificing my son just so some businesses can make more money."

And if we're going to be moralistic, then let's call genocide genocide. It happened to the Armenians; it happened to the Ukrainians; it happened to the Tibetans; it happened to the Ibos in Nigeria; it happened to the Jews of Europe; it also happened to the Germans after the war. It probably has happened to others I'm not aware of. Mass killing is something the human race excels in, including Americans.

It's even clear that victims one year can become perpetrators the next. It's too bad so few believe the wisdom of the comedian who said, "In a world of an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth, everybody ends up blind and toothless."

But payback, when the opportunity arises, is a hard temptation to resist.

Getting back to Bush and his at-this-point confusing foreign policy, there are really two choices. We can play hardball, imperial politics in which we define "right" as what is in our interests at the moment and "wrong" as what ain't. Or we can take the moral high ground and support human rights and decline to associate with those who do not respect them.

The latter is by far the most difficult. If we followed it strictly, we could probably reduce the number of U.S. embassies abroad by about two-thirds.



CHARLEY REESE



Preparing for the black cloak war

With more than 100 vacancies on the federal bench, the judges President Bush appoints will have an instant impact on our court system. Ever since candidate Bush singled out conservative Justices Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas as his role models, Democrats fear that Bush will use the courts to deliver a social agenda that he can't get through the Congress. Republicans had similar concerns about Bill Clinton's stacking of the courts when he was president, and they stalled many of his nominees. That's why there are so many vacancies for Bush to fill, and why both sides are bracing for the coming battle over judges: The Black Cloak War.

For Republicans, there is a sense of urgency. They

don't know how long this golden era, in which they control the levers of power and the pace of confirmations, will last. With Republican Strom Thurmond at age 98 defying the actuarial tables every day he shows up for work, the White House wants to take advantage of the GOP's technical majority (Vice President Richard Cheney breaks ties) in the evenly divided Senate. Bush's first batch of nominees is expected to look like his Cabinet — diverse in gender and ethnicity, generally uniform in orthodox conservative thinking. High on Bush's list is Utah law professor Paul Cassell, who argues strenuously for overturning the Miranda rights rule routinely read to those who are arrested, and California Rep. Christopher Cox, a popular and smart true believer in the Scalia mold who wins re-election easily in conservative Orange County. Among the olive branches to progressives, Bush will propose formalizing the nomination of Roger Gregory to the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals. A Clinton interim appointee, Gregory is the only African-

American on the 4th Circuit in Richmond, Va., which rules on many cases involving blacks.

The lower court's jockeying foreshadows a potential blockbuster fight over Bush's first Supreme Court nominee. Women's groups have been urging members to write Justice Sandra Day O'Connor to beseech her not to step down. She is a crucial swing vote, and her departure — if she were replaced by a true-blue conservative — would tip the Court in ways that would almost certainly overturn abortion rights and what's left of affirmative action. O'Connor recently spoke out, telling an Arizona newspaper that she has no plans to retire. Friends say she has her eye on the top job, should Chief Justice William Rehnquist, 76, choose to retire. However, her health remains in question.

The Senate that confirmed John Ashcroft as Attorney General can go either way in the coming battles. The Bush White House has signaled that it's ready for the fight. Having banished the American Bar Association from vetting nominees, the GOP also

plans to spurn the ritual of giving home-state senators a veto over nominees. Democrats are returning fire, stalling the confirmation of Ted Olson as U.S. Solicitor General, a top post at the Justice Department. Olson was the lawyer who argued before the Supreme Court the case that made Bush president.

A majority of voters do not side with the Bush administration on aspects of its conservative social agenda, but Republicans understand that the courts constitute the most powerful branch of government. Bush does not want the more radical aspects of his social agenda aired on Capitol Hill. The recent House passage of a bill that would make a person killing a fetus subject to the federal death penalty is expected to languish in the Senate, where it has no chance of passing. New England moderate Republicans stand with most Senate Democrats in opposition to the bill, and it is unlikely to even come to a vote.

Behind the black cloak of the judiciary is where enduring change is made.



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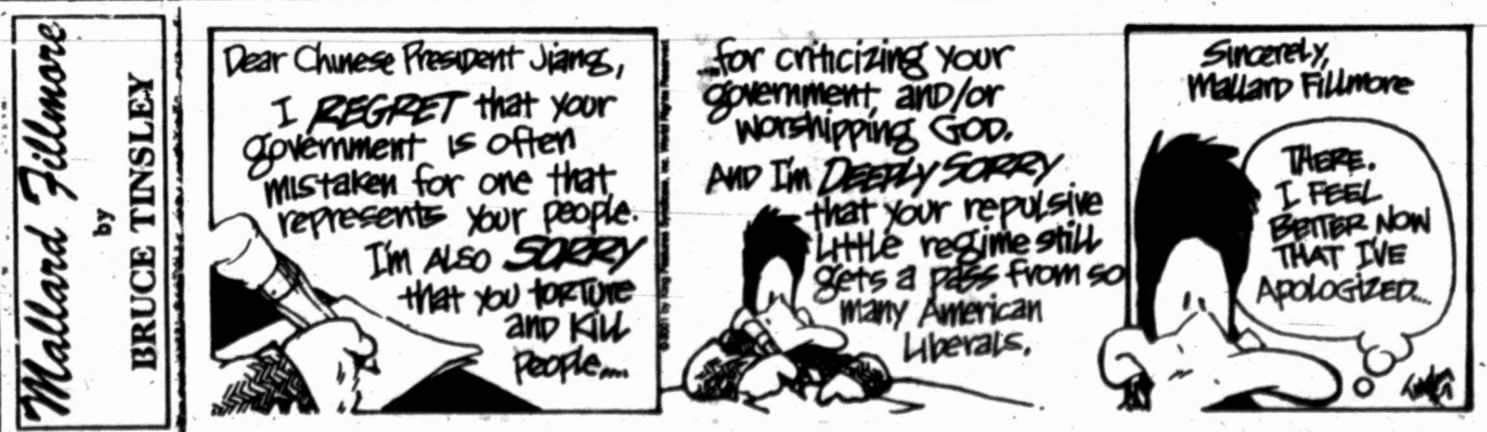
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, May 8:

You waver a lot about relationships, and you wonder how much to give and what is enough. This year, you will learn to define your boundaries and make solid choices. Often, you find bosses or those in a position of authority difficult or touchy. Learn to work with others and not cause yourself needless problems. If you are single, you might be confused by others and what they want. Talk and discover what motivates a potential lover. You might be shy at times, but through discussion, you'll find answers. If you are attached, you might find your partner more uptight than in previous years. Keep communication open. Don't make judgments about how much this person does or doesn't give. SCORPIO challenges you.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
*** You give new meaning to waking up on the wrong side of the bed. Let go of a

down mood and greet today's full moon with excitement. Friends as well as partners surprise you. Deal with finances conservatively. Cut out middlemen. Tonight: Get together with a favorite person.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

**** Put that money idea on the back burner for now. Getting solid answers might be difficult with all the action around you. Others seek you out. Don't squirm when a boss or authority figure adds an interesting twist. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

**** Could you be overly serious? Others clearly have strong expectations, and you might not be sure what to do. Pressure builds. Be good to yourself and honor others' requests; cancel plans if you feel overwhelmed. Concentrate on your work. Tonight: Exercise stress away.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

**** You might be off-kilter because of the full moon. You could trigger something right now to take your mind off another prob-

lem. Caution - what you do now could deliver quite a kick later. Tonight: Be more playful.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

**** A serious talk with a friend or partner needs to happen. You could feel tense about having to do this, but you also see the need for it. Others rebel from the status quo. Rather than becoming frustrated, keep your goals in mind. Don't allow anyone to distract you. Tonight: Call it an early day, if you can.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

**** Communication could put you in a tizzy. Information comes in way too fast. Pressure builds between you and another. You decide to do nothing, while he becomes rebellious. Wait until tomorrow to come to an agreement. Tonight: Out and about.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

*** News from a distance might not please you. Take your time responding. Having a knee-jerk reaction is the worst thing you could do. Be more Libran, and waffle in your classic style! Be extremely careful with finances. Postpone monetary commitments. Tonight:

Stay out of trouble.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

**** Those around you test your limits. Giving others the benefit of the doubt will take all the grace and caring you can muster. Unexpected reactions might upset you profoundly. Just hang in there. Pitch in and remain helpful. Tonight: Do your thing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

** Steer away from cantankerous associates and friends. You might not be content with someone's response. Cut people slack, as you would like others to do for you. Think very carefully about what you say before spouting off. Others are vulnerable. You are tired. Tonight: Vanish.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

**** Think in terms of keeping the peace. You also will be able to juggle different demands, while others might blow a fuse. You might not be able to continue your pace, but you will handle everything you need to handle. Tonight: Find a fun friend and let off steam.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

*** You could jolt someone with a sudden decision, but consider what will happen. The calmer you stay - despite pressure from many different sources - the better the results. Take your time and carefully choose a response. Tonight: Toss away the day's concerns.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

**** In the midst of today's full moon, you might be able to see the big picture when others cannot. Try to

illuminate others' paths, but more importantly, stay level. Trust your decision-making process. You could be stunned by someone's words. Tonight: Follow the music.

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Composer Peter Ilych Tchaikovsky (1840), football player Johnny Unitas (1933), actress Traci Lords (1968)

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Ecstasy's look-alike showing up at 'Raves'

Dear Ann Landers: As the Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and the parent of three teenagers, I am extremely concerned about the problem of Ecstasy and the look-alike killer drug PMA.



ANN LANDERS

Many of your readers are also parents who are not familiar with the "rave" scene where these drugs are readily available to their children. "Raves" are parties set up in various venues by promoters - in warehouses, fields, stadiums or clubs. They are frequently advertised as alcohol-free events, giving parents a false sense of security. Promoters hire security guards so that parties will appear safe, but they instruct the guards to look the other way when they encounter drug use.

In many cases, Ecstasy and other drugs are sold at raves for \$25-\$40 a pill, generating a huge profit for the manufacturers who make these pills for under 50 cents apiece. Ecstasy is called the "hug drug" because it lowers users' inhibitions and makes them crave physical contact and visual stimulation. The National Institute on Drug Abuse has determined that the drug can cause permanent changes in the brain's chemistry. Ecstasy use causes severe dehydration and can raise users' body temperatures to as high as 108 degrees. Some

unscrupulous promoters, looking to sell bottled water at exorbitant prices, have turned off water supplies at rave venues, exacerbating the dangers for our children. Promoters have been known to leave overdosing kids in alleyways outside their premises.

Many kids believe Ecstasy is harmless, but its use has resulted in thousands of overdoses and several deaths. Parents should look for the warning signs of Ecstasy use - strange paraphernalia including pacifiers, Vicks VapoRub, surgical masks and glowsticks. And kids who attend these raves should know that the hallucinogen PMA is being passed off as Ecstasy. This drug is marketed under brand names such as "Death" and "Mitsubishi Double Stack." Last year, three kids died in Chicago from PMA ingestion, and there have been seven deaths in central Florida attributed to PMA.

There is lots of misinformation about Ecstasy out there, particularly on the Internet, and some of it gives the mistaken impression that Ecstasy is harmless and even beneficial. I implore parents to become better educated about the dangers of Ecstasy and PMA, and ask them to warn their children about the

real nature of the rave scene. - Donnie R. Marshall, Administrator, DEA, U.S. Department of Justice

Dear Mr. Marshall: You have written a letter that could save many young lives and spare countless parents from a great deal of anguish.

For those who are interested in more information on today's drug scene, I have recently updated my booklet "The Lowdown on Dope." It now includes the bottom line on club drugs such as Ecstasy, PMA, Ketamine, Rohypnol and GHB, as well as expanded sections on inhalants, steroids, marijuana, heroin, cocaine and nicotine.

Parents should be aware that there are a tremendous number of substances available to young people today, and educating yourselves about the dangers is the best way to protect your children.

Anyone who would like to order a copy of my updated booklet should send a check or money order for \$5.00 (Canada, \$6.00) and a long, self-addressed envelope to "The Lowdown on Dope" P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562. (This includes postage and handling.) © 2001 CREATORS SYNDICATE, INC.

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Gas prices up 8.6 cents to new high

CAMARILLO, Calif. (AP) - U.S. gasoline prices - led by jumps at the pump in the Midwest and West - soared 5 percent to a record unadjusted high over the last two weeks.

Overall, average U.S. gasoline prices increased 8.58 cents to \$1.76 a gallon over the last two weeks, according to the Lundberg Survey of 8,000 service stations nationwide.

That price covered all grades of gasoline and taxes versus prices on April 20.

The Midwest saw the highest price increase - 13 cents - and prices rose 8 cents for drivers in the West. Those two regions fared worst in part because of the reformulated gasoline they rely on to limit pollution.

Analysts said that when adjusted for inflation, Friday's price was a full dollar less than the average cost of gasoline in March 1981. She did not adjust the figures for inflation, however.

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BASEBALL
American League
Anaheim Angels, Boston Red Sox, Cleveland Indians, Houston Astros, Kansas City Royals, Milwaukee Brewers, Minnesota Twins, New York Yankees, St. Louis Cardinals, Texas Rangers, Toronto Blue Jays, Tampa Bay Devil Rays, Washington Nationals, White Sox

NATIONAL LEAGUE
East Division
Philadelphia Phillies, Atlanta Braves, Florida Marlins, New York Mets, Pittsburgh Pirates, St. Louis Cardinals
West Division
Los Angeles Dodgers, Arizona Diamondbacks, Colorado Rockies, Houston Astros, Milwaukee Brewers, San Francisco Giants, San Diego Padres

AL LEADERS

BATTING—M Ramirez, Boston, .405; Mientkiewicz, Minnesota, .404; J Gonzalez, Cleveland, .371; Suzuki, Seattle, .348; J Gonzalez, Toronto, .339; M Macias, Detroit, .337; Velarde, Texas, .336. RUNS—Stewart, Toronto, 28; Rodriguez, Texas, 28; Mondesi, Toronto, 28; J Gonzalez, Cleveland, 28; Suzuki, Seattle, 26; Cameron, Seattle, 26; CDelgado, Toronto, 26; RB—M Ramirez, Kansas City, 34; J Gonzalez, Cleveland, 34; Fulmer, Toronto, 28; Rodriguez, Texas, 27; Bboone, Seattle, 27; Quinn, Kansas City, 26; Mientkiewicz, Minnesota, 26; McCordova, Cleveland, 26; Mondesi, Toronto, 26; RPalmiero, Texas, 26.

NL LEADERS

BATTING—Aurilia, San Francisco, .376; Edmonds, St. Louis, .373; Hollandsworth, Colorado, .366; Jenkins, Milwaukee, .363; Pujols, St. Louis, .360; Walker, Colorado, .355; Vander Wal, Pittsburgh, .348. RUNS—Gonzalez, Arizona, 30; Helton, Colorado, 29; Floyd, Florida, 28; Walker, Colorado, 27; Bagwell, Houston, 27; Walker, Colorado, 27; Sosa, Chicago, 26. RB—Gonzalez, Arizona, 34; Walker, Colorado, 33; Pujols, St. Louis, 32; Helton, Colorado, 28; Nevin, San Diego, 28; Clones, Atlanta, 28; Sosa, Chicago, 28; Bonds, San Francisco, 28.

40; P Wilson, Florida, 38; Clones, Atlanta, 38; L Gonzalez, Arizona, 38; L Walker, Colorado, 38. DOUBLES—Nevin, San Diego, 14; Lewis, Florida, 13; Hollandsworth, Colorado, 13; Neftci, San Francisco, 12; P Wilson, Florida, 10; Altamirano, New York, 10; Vander Wal, Pittsburgh, 10; Stevens, Montreal, 10. TRIPLES—O Cabrera, Montreal, 3; Vira, St. Louis, 3; 16 are tied with 2. HOME RUNS—Gonzalez, Arizona, 15; Bonds, San Francisco, 14; Clones, Atlanta, 11; L Walker, Colorado, 11; Floyd, Florida, 10; Sosa, Chicago, 10; 8 are tied with 9. STOLEN BASES—Castillo, Florida, 10; P Wilson, Florida, 8; Diabazon, San Diego, 8; E Young, Chicago, 7; Ochoa, Cincinnati, 6; Goodwin, Los Angeles, 6; 7 are tied with 6.

WPHL PLAYOFFS

PRESIDENT'S CUP CHAMPIONSHIP (Best-of-7)
Lubbock vs. Bossier-Shreveport
Friday, April 27
Bossier-Shreveport 4, Lubbock 1
Saturday, April 28
Bossier-Shreveport 5, Lubbock 0
Wednesday, May 2
Lubbock 3, Bossier-Shreveport 1
Friday, May 4
Bossier-Shreveport 4, Lubbock 1
Saturday, May 5
Bossier-Shreveport 4, Lubbock 0

NHL PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS (Best-of-7)
Thursday, April 26
Toronto 2, New Jersey 0
Pittsburgh 3, Buffalo 0
Los Angeles 4, Colorado 3
Friday, April 27
St. Louis 4, Dallas 2
Saturday, April 28
Pittsburgh 3, Buffalo 1
Colorado 2, Los Angeles 0
New Jersey 6, Toronto 5
Sunday, April 29
St. Louis 2, Dallas 1
Monday, April 30
Buffalo 4, Pittsburgh 1
Colorado 4, Los Angeles 3
Tuesday, May 1
New Jersey 3, Toronto 2
St. Louis 3, Dallas 2
Wednesday, May 2
Buffalo 5, Pittsburgh 2
Colorado 2, Los Angeles 0
Thursday, May 3
St. Louis 3, New Jersey 1
St. Louis 4, Dallas 1
St. Louis wins series 4-0
Friday, May 4
Los Angeles 1, Colorado 0
Saturday, May 5
Buffalo 3, Pittsburgh 2
Toronto 3, New Jersey 2
Toronto leads series 3-2
Sunday, May 6
Los Angeles 1, Colorado 0
St. Louis 2, Dallas 1
Monday, May 7
New Jersey at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Buffalo at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, May 8
Toronto at New Jersey, 9 p.m.
Wednesday, May 9
Los Angeles at Colorado, 9 p.m., if necessary
Thursday, May 10
Pittsburgh at Buffalo, 6:30 p.m., if necessary

SOCCER

Wednesday's Games
Los Angeles at Tampa Bay, 6 p.m.
New England at D.C., 7 p.m.
Saturday's Games
Tampa Bay at Colorado, 3 p.m.
Los Angeles at N.J., 6:30 p.m.
Chicago at England, 6:30 p.m.
San Jose at D.C., 6:30 p.m.
Columbus at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Arena Football
Saturday's Games
Grand Rapids 62, Toronto 45
Indiana 85, New York 73

RANGERS

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White Sox misplays handed the Rangers a 4-3 lead in the sixth. With the game tied at 3, Alex Rodriguez reached second when he led off with a line drive off the glove of left fielder Carlos Lee for an error. Rodriguez advanced to third on a fly ball, then scored on Wells' wild pitch. Rodriguez's eighth-inning solo homer off reliever Bobby Howry narrowed the deficit to 7-5. Konerko added a two-run double in the ninth for

Chicago and scored on Pat Mahomes' wild pitch to extend the lead to 10-5. The White Sox scored twice in the first on an RBI groundout by Ordonez and Lee's sacrifice fly. Rodriguez and Andres Galarraga had RBI doubles in the bottom half to tie it. Ruben Mateo scored from third on a passed ball by Josh Paul to make it 3-2 Texas in the second. Herbert Perry's two-out single drove in Ordonez to tie it at 3. Rogers allowed six runs and seven hits in 6 1-3 innings.

ROUNDUP

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Minnesota, which improved to 21-8. Twins closer LaTroy Hawkins, who blew his first save in 24 career chances on Saturday, got two outs for his 10th save.

O'Leary homered to account for Boston's five-run fifth inning, and Pedro Martinez allowed one run in seven innings. Offerman's three-run shot was his third home run of the season and second in as many games. O'Leary's second homer was a two-run drive.

Blue Jays 11, Mariners 3

Darrin Fletcher's first two home runs of the season were among five hit by Toronto as the visiting Blue Jays handed Seattle's its first series loss. The Mariners had won a franchise-high nine straight series to open the season before dropping two of three to Toronto.

Martinez (4-0) gave up one run on four hits, and struck out six as he easily controlled the A's, who have won only four times at home. Rod Beck got the final two outs for his second save in three chances. Cory Lidle (0-2), who did not have a decision in his last three starts, allowed five runs on five hits in six innings.

Angels 3, Tigers 2

Tim Salmon hit a game-tying two-run homer and Garret Anderson drove in the winning run with a 10th-inning single off Danny Patterson (2-1) as host Anaheim beat Detroit. Al Levine (1-1) retired the side in order in the top of the 10th to earn the victory.

Phillies 10, Giants 8
Omar Daal didn't pitch particularly well. He came through with his bat twice in one inning, though, and now has as many wins as he did all last season. Philadelphia's Daal gave up six runs in five-plus innings on the mound Sunday against the visiting San Francisco Giants. At the plate, he had two hits, scored twice and drove in a run during a nine-run second inning in the Phillies' 10-8 victory.

Red Sox 5, Athletics 4

Jose Offerman and Troy...

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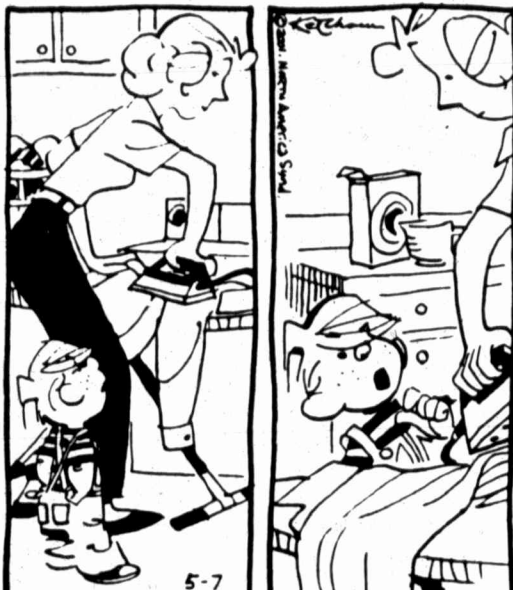
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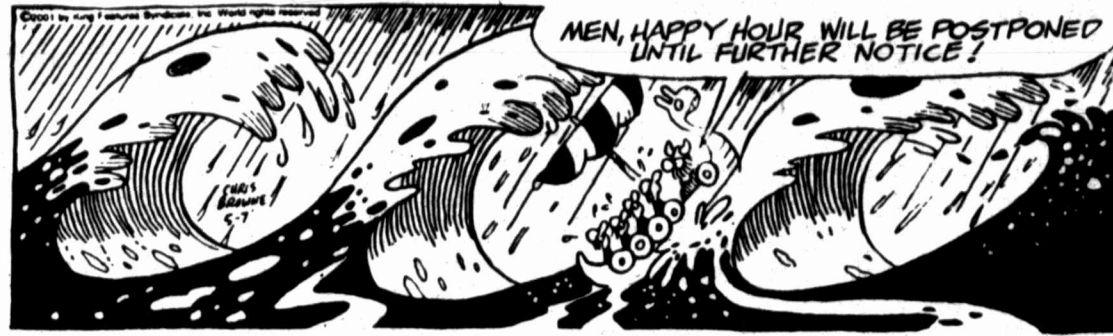
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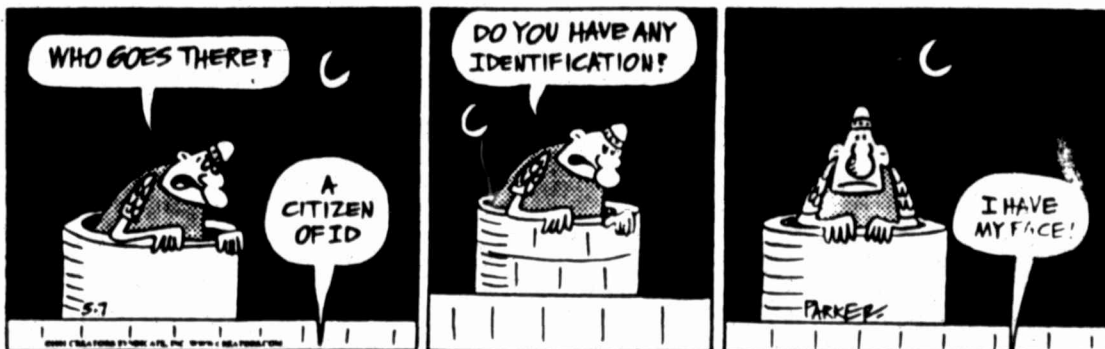
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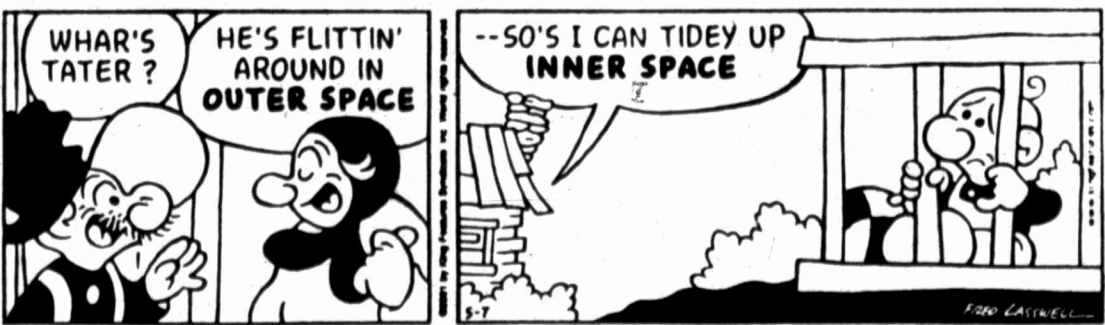
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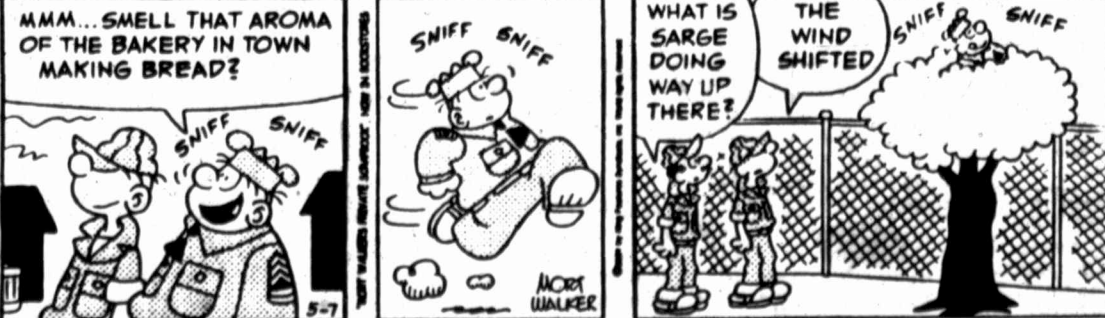
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Monday, May 7, the 127th day of 2001. There are 238 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On May 7, 1945, Germany signed an unconditional surrender at Allied headquarters in Rheims, France. In 1789, the first inaugural ball was held in New York in honor of President and Mrs. George Washington. In 1847, the American Medical Association was founded in Philadelphia. In 1915, nearly 1,200 people died when a German torpedo sank the British liner Lusitania off the Irish coast. In 1939, Germany and Italy announced a military and political alliance known as the Rome-Berlin Axis.

In 1941, Glenn Miller and His Orchestra recorded "Chattanooga Choo Choo" for RCA Victor. In 1954, the 55-day Battle of Dien Bien Phu in Vietnam ended with Vietnamese insurgents overrunning French forces. In 1963, the United States launched the Telstar II communications satellite. In 1975, President Ford formally declared an end to the Vietnam era. In Ho Chi Minh City - formerly Saigon - the Viet Cong celebrated its takeover. In 1994, Norway's most famous painting, "The Scream" by Edvard Munch, was recovered almost three months after it was stolen from an Oslo museum. In 1999, NATO jets struck the Chinese embassy in Belgrade, killing three people and injuring 20; President Clinton called the attack a "tragic mistake." Ten years ago: Doctors said that President Bush's bout with an irregular heartbeat was caused by a mildly overactive thyroid gland, a condition they said was easily treatable.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Darren McGavin is 79. Singer Teresa Brewer is 70. Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M., is 69. Football Hall-of-Famer Johnny Unitas is 68. Singer Jimmy Ruffin is 62. Singer Johnny Maestro is 62. Actress Robin Strasser is 56. Singer-songwriter Bill Danoff is 55. NBC newsmen Tim Russert is 51. Actor Robert Hegyes is 50. Movie writer-director Amy Heckerling is 47.

Answer to previous puzzle grid with words like DAGWOOD, FANATIC, MADRID, ABATE, etc.

Newsday Crossword

SAY IT AGAIN by Norma Steinberg Edited by Stanley Newman

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