

**THURSDAY**

May 17, 2001

**WEATHER**

**Tonight:**



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**Quilt on display Saturday during museum activity**

The handiwork of dozens of local women will be displayed Saturday at the Heritage Museum.

The States of the Union quilt, cross-stitched and quilted by the women of Howard County, will go on display during a reception from 2-4 p.m.

Guests of honor will be all the women who contributed to the one-of-a-kind work of art. Anyone is welcome to attend and refreshments will be served.

**WHAT'S UP...**

**TODAY**

- Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association, 5:30 p.m., RSVP offices, 501 Runnels.
- American Legion Post 506, 6 p.m. Call 263-2084.
- Rackley-Swords Chapter 379, Vietnam vets of America, 7 p.m., 124 Jonesboro Road.
- Genealogical Society of Big Spring, 7:15 p.m., Howard County Library.
- Masonic Lodge 1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster.

**FRIDAY**

- The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.
- AMBUCS meets at noon at La Posada.
- Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. All seniors invited.

**SATURDAY**

- The Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Kid's Day, sponsored by the Big Spring Model Aircraft Association, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., old Howard County Airport.
- The Potton House, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 to 5 p.m.
- Big Spring Shrine Club, 6:30 p.m., for meal and meeting to follow, Goliad and First Street.

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**Big Spring ISD trustees to review status of lawsuit**

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent School District trustees will meet with attorneys in executive session tonight to discuss a lawsuit filed over the junior high school.

The meeting is set for 5:15



**McQUEARY**

in the high school board room.

BSISD filed a lawsuit in 2000 against Terracon Consultants in 118th District Court seeking payment for all past and future damages to the junior high building, as well as interest, attorneys' fees and court costs.

The junior high began to show cracks in the walls and floors shortly after it was opened in 1999 and since then Haywood Baker Grouting has been called in

twice to pour cement under the foundation to stabilize the structure.

"There has been no movement in the building for the last 11 weeks," reported William "Bill" McQueary, superintendent. "The engineer will probably discuss the next phase which will be repairs. The attorney will update the board on the ongoing litigation process."

Terracon Consultants, headquartered in Lenexa, Kan., was the firm hired by the district to determine if

the soil at the site was suitable for construction of the junior high building. The suit charges that in 1996, Terracon reported it had found the site to be suitable. However, it has since been determined that the a canyon once existed on the site.

The BSISD engineering firm of Huckabee and Associates along with Trinity Engineering, the company that tested and poured the foundation and Monterey Construction

have been brought into the proceedings.

This is the first meeting for the board with school attorneys since the election, when trustees Kent Sharp and Phil Furqueron were voted into office. Incumbent Mike Dawson was also returned for another three-year term.

Before tonight's executive session, trustees will be considering hiring a number of faculty positions.

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**Grant to enhance take-home library**

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
Staff Writer

Anderson Kindergarten's take-home library will receive a boost, thanks to a grant from the MARS Education Fund.

"I will be using the money to purchase new books and videos for the take-home library," said Cynthia Swanson, Title 1 teacher, who applied for and received the \$500 grant.

The program allows parents to check out books along with corresponding videos for the weekend. Parents of students who qualify register at the beginning of the school year.

Videos, many of which are interactive, range from a person reading a book to animated stories such as the Dr. Seuss tales.

"Rhyming is a prereading skill," she said and mentioned Dr. Seuss was a good tool for students to practice rhyming.

Also, the take-home library allows parents to be more involved with their child's reading educations, she said.

"Getting parents involved helps the students a lot," Swanson said.

Swanson learned she received the grant at the beginning of May.



**James Griego, 6, practices his reading while 5-year-old Sydney Hernandez reads aloud to Cynthia Swanson, Anderson Kindergarten Title 1 teacher.**

The MARS grant was established in memory of the members of the Ben Miller family, who were long-time Big Spring residents.

Three daughters of the family graduated from the

district and one daughter, Ruth Miller Rutherford, was an elementary teacher and principal in the school system for nearly 50 years.

The goal in awarding the grants is to extend the family's dedication to educa-

tion for future generations of Big Spring students.

Swanson next hopes to add a reading loft to her classroom but currently does not have the \$2,000 to \$4,000 funds to purchase the equipment.

**Court**

**Grand jury hands down indictments against nine individuals**

By **CARL GRAHAM**  
Staff Writer

Among the nine grand jury indictments handed down Wednesday in 118th District Court was an one against Alberto D. Resendez, 57, of Big Spring on charges of aggravated assault against a public servant.

The assault allegedly happened on March 15 when three jailers and a chief deputy were injured as the jailers were preparing to take Resendez to court to face charges of criminal trespass.

It is charged that on that day Resendez at first refused to let jailers put belly chains on him for the transfer but relinquished after several moments of negotiation. Then, while jailers were attempting to put the chain around him it is charged that Resendez began to sling the chain, striking the individuals several times, one of which was hospitalized.

There were also three indictments on charges of indecency with a child. Those were handed down on Humberto Baeza, 40, of 1002 N. Main, Juan Maldonado, 50, of 1002 N. Main and Juan Martinez, of 1302 Mobile.

Other indictments were: Juan Hinojosa, 28, of 1601 Avion, on a charge of theft over \$1,500 but less than \$20,000; Jesse Reed, 64, of 4100 Dixon, on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon; Michael E. Solis, 28, of 2613 Niell Rd. on a charge of unlawful

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**Model planes to take flight at old airport**

By **CARL GRAHAM**  
Staff Writer

Anyone interested in flying radio-controlled model aircraft can get the opportunity Saturday when the Big Spring Model Aircraft Association holds Kid's Day at the old Howard County Airport.

According to Model Aircraft Association member Don



**McKINNEY**

McKinney, it's an ideal time for someone who has never flown before to learn.

"I would like to invite anyone out who has always wanted to learn to fly model aircraft but thought they had to have their own," said McKinney. "We will furnish everything, the planes and the transmitters, so there will not be any cost to the individual."

McKinney said flying model aircraft is an interesting and enjoyable hobby and doesn't cost as much as one might think.

"I would say you could get a new transmitter and the airplane for around \$300 to

**KID'S DAY**  
When: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday  
Where: Old Howard County Airport  
For: "Kids" of all ages  
Sponsor: Big Spring Model Aircraft Association

\$350," said McKinney. "If a person didn't want to put that much into it they could pick up used ones for less than half of that amount."

The event isn't just for children. McKinney stressed.

"This would be an opportunity time for Scouts to help

in receiving one of their merit badges," said McKinney. "Though this is called Kid's Day it is by no means limited to kids only. If there is an adult who is interested in flying we welcome them to come check us out."

To get there, take Snyder Highway (State Highway 350) to the Old Colorado City highway and turn right and go a quarter of a mile. Then turn right again and follow the signs.

McKinney said that there would be concession stands available for lunch. The event will begin at 10 a.m. and conclude at 3 p.m.

**Coahoma receives funds for new, larger water tank**

By **CARL GRAHAM**  
Staff Writer

Congressman Charlie Stenholm (D-Abilene) announced Wednesday that Coahoma has been awarded \$350,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for water system improvements.

This funding will allow the city to replace the existing elevated water storage tank with a new 100,000-gallon elevated storage tank.

According to Coahoma Mayor Bill Read, the letter just confirms what had been anticipated for some time.

"We are proud to announce that we received



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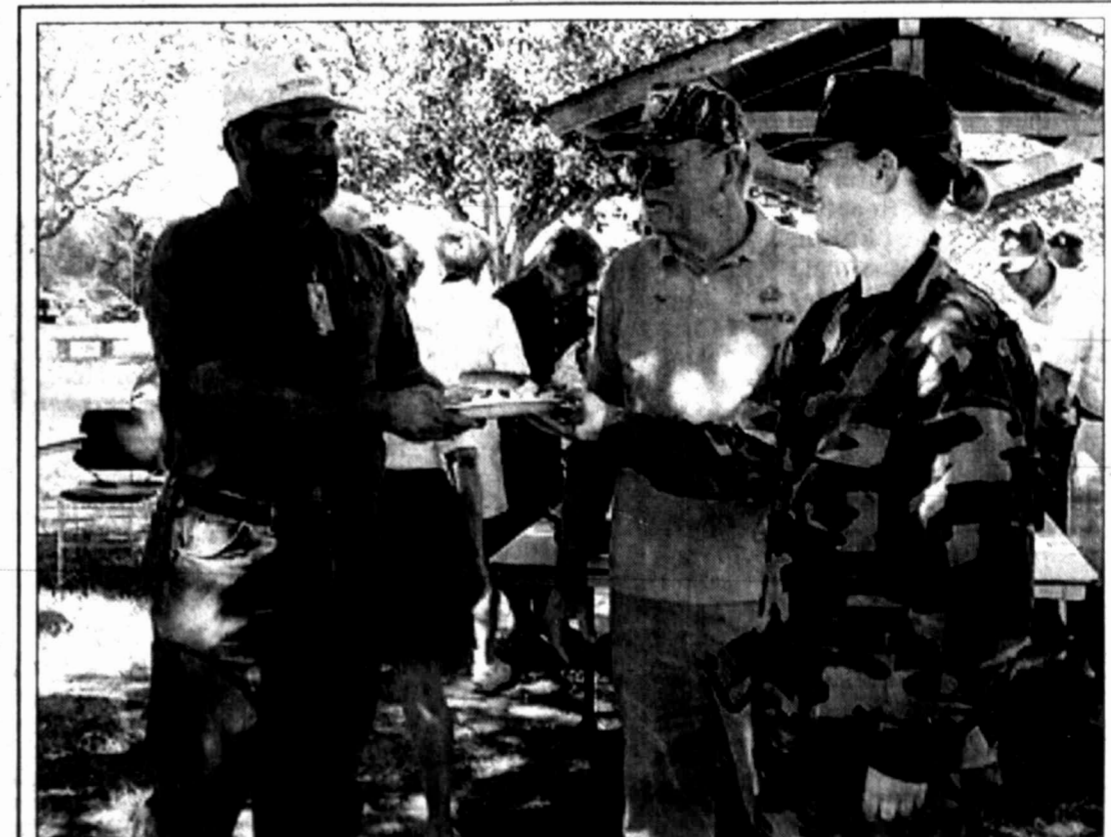
a letter from Congressman Stenholm stating that our grant has been finalized for Coahoma," said Read. "We anticipate constructing a new water tower to hold 100,000 gallons of water which will replace the old tower that had a capacity of 50,000 gallons."

Read said that the old tower was originally built in 1929.

"The tower was well overdue being replaced," said Read. "It had more than served its purpose. We can now proceed with the bidding process and tearing down the old tower. We should get started with the actual construction sometime before the end of the year, hopefully."

According to the letter from Stenholm, the grant is made available through the Fiscal Year 2001 appropriation.

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**Scott Willis, recreation therapist for VAMC, left, receives a hamburger from Air Force 2nd Lt. Kayla Swanson while Paul Allen of the Elks Lodge of Lubbock visits with them. Members of the Lubbock Elks Lodge 1348 held a cookout for the VAMC staff and patients this week.**

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# Bush energy plans looks to long-term fixes

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush unveiled a plan today to boost supplies of oil, gas and nuclear energy, promising to lift government barriers to energy production while still protecting the environment.

The energy blueprint, crafted by a Cabinet-level task force, cites a "fundamental imbalance between supply and demand" that will take time to correct. It proposes little to address this summer's soaring gasoline prices or Western electricity shortages.

It calls the country's energy shortages the worse since the 1970s oil embargoes that featured long gas lines and energy rationing. Still, today's supplies of oil and gas — as well as electricity across most of the country — are adequate, industry experts say.

The Bush energy report includes several proposals sure to trigger sharp debate in Congress, including drilling for oil in an Arctic wildlife refuge and possibly

reviving nuclear fuel reprocessing, which was abandoned in the 1970s as a nuclear proliferation threat.

The 163-page "action plan" — as White House officials have called it — will become pivotal in the writing of energy legislation in Congress later this year.

Initial Republican reaction was positive. Democrats said while there are "common grounds," the president's emphasis on production as opposed to conservation and lack of short-term measures are of serious concern.

"It is a work in progress," said House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill. He said "the case has to be made" for some provisions such as drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., said he hoped to have energy legislation up for a Senate vote this summer, but also acknowledged some of it "will be hotly debated."

Democratic National Chairman Terry McAuliffe called the Bush plan a product of an administration "filled top to bottom with people from the oil industry."

Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney, who headed the task force that produced the plan, are former Texas oil industry executives. Energy companies also were heavy contributors to the former Texas governor's presidential campaign.

"George Bush's message to California from day one has been, 'Drop dead,'" McAuliffe said on ABC's "Good Morning America."

Bush, who was kicking off a campaign to sell his energy proposals today in speeches in Minnesota and Iowa, has frequently said there is no "quick fix" to the country's energy problems, including the power shortages in California.

"Our energy crisis has been years in the making and will take years to put fully behind us," the task

force report declares.

It provides 105 recommendations, from reviewing all public lands to determine if they should be open to energy development to streamlining nuclear power plants and re-examining whether vehicle fuel economy requirements should be strengthened.

Twenty of the recommendations would require congressional action and 42 would "help increase conservation, environmental protection and use of alternative fuels," the White House said. Another 35 recommendations are directed at increasing supplies and improving energy infrastructure.

The report includes more than \$10 billion worth of tax credits over 10 years for conservation and energy development, but about half those credits either already exist or had previously been proposed in the president's budget in February. The largest credit, \$4 billion, would be aimed at spurring

sales of hybrid gas-electric cars, which are not expected to be widely available for several years, although a few are in showrooms.

The president's plan calls for easing regulatory barriers to building nuclear power plants, expanding oil and gas development, refinery construction and improving the nation's inadequate and sometimes precarious electricity grid.

Among the report's most controversial recommendations is to lift the ban on drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska. Democrats have vowed to block any legislation freeing the refuge to development.

Another proposal to allow the federal government to take private land for power lines is expected to meet sharp opposition from property rights advocates.

The report also recommends that nuclear reprocessing be given another look as part of a package of proposals to promote com-

mercial nuclear power and reduce the amount of reactor waste to be stored.

Reprocessing, in which plutonium is chemically salvaged from used reactor fuel to be used again in a reactor, was abandoned in the 1970s in the United States because of nuclear proliferation concerns, although it is still embraced in Japan and Europe.

Among other key recommendations in the report:

—An executive order to require federal agencies to consider the impact on energy supplies whenever issuing a regulation.

—Streamline regulatory approval for energy facilities, including power plants, hydroelectric dams, refineries and transmission lines and natural gas pipelines.

—Provide or extend tax credits for renewable energy sources such as wind turbines, organic waste energy plants, or methane landfills that produce energy as well as for purchase of solar panels.

## House votes to keep ban on aid to foreign pro-abortion groups

WASHINGTON (AP) — Staving off Democratic opponents, the House voted to preserve President Bush's order barring \$425 million in U.S. aid for global family planning groups that advocate abortion rights.

The provision, which passed 218-210 on Wednesday, was attached to an \$8.2 billion State Department reauthorization bill. Thirty-two Democrats joined Republican supporters in passing the abortion provision, offsetting votes of 33 Republicans who voted against the amendment.

The overall State Department bill — approved later Wednesday by a 352-73 vote — also included an amendment that would withhold about \$625,000 in aid to Lebanon until that country secures its borders with Israel. The Lebanon provision, which passed 216-210, also would direct the president to develop a plan for eliminating millions of dollars in other aid if the Lebanese do not comply within six months.

The abortion provision prompted the most intense debate of the day. At one point, floor leaders extended debate time to accommodate the scores of lawmakers that came to the

House floor.

"It is high time we came to the recognition that abortion is violence against children," said Rep. Chris Smith, R-N.J., a leading House opponent of the procedure.

Bush implemented the policy in an executive order during his first week in office. But Democrats on the House International Relations Committee included a provision in the committee's version of the State Department bill that overturned the president's order. Wednesday's amendment removed that order.

Democrats attacked the policy as detrimental to international family planning efforts and dubbed it a "global gag rule" that assaults the free speech rights of organizations abroad.

They noted that a 1973 federal law already prevents foreign organizations from using U.S. taxpayer money to pay for abortions. Republicans argued that abortion does not belong in family-planning discussions.

"I think it is important we not be hypocrites in dealing with this legislation," said Rep. Tom Lantos, D-Calif., ranking Democrat on the International Relations Committee.

## Probes found problems in FBI Oklahoma office

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two internal reviews documented "serious deficiencies" and "systemic problems" with evidence handling inside the FBI's Oklahoma City office at the height of the Timothy McVeigh bombing investigation.

The problems surfaced in an unrelated prison death case in the summer of 1995, four months into the bombing investigation. The internal reports did not cite any problems with the McVeigh case evidence.

But the documents, many of which remain under court seal, broadly criticize the Oklahoma FBI's day-to-day handling of evidence and cite some of the same

FBI personnel who were involved in the bombing case. Excerpts from the sealed reports were obtained by The Associated Press.

For instance, an agent who was awarded the FBI's highest award for bravery in the bombing case made false statements, some under oath, about evidence in the August 1995 death of prisoner Kenneth Michael Trentadue, the Justice Department inspector general concluded.

FBI officials acknowledged the Oklahoma City office had problems but say they have been fixed. And they say the personnel cited in the internal reports played only minor roles in the

bombing case because a team of national experts arranged a separate facility to gather evidence about the bombing.

"We have absolute confidence in the investigative efforts of the Oklahoma City bombing task force with regards to the entire investigation," said Bill Carter, FBI spokesman in Washington.

Special Agent in Charge Richard Marquise, who took over the Oklahoma City office in 1999, said the problems have been rectified. "Things have changed," he said. "Obviously the problems were there. We recognize we had a problem."

The FBI's conduct is receiving renewed scrutiny

after revelations it discovered thousands of pages of witness interviews and other evidence in the McVeigh case just days before the convicted Oklahoma City bomber was to be executed. The FBI has blamed a computer glitch, and personnel who incorrectly thought documents weren't relevant.

The internal reviews identified a myriad of problems in the Oklahoma City bureau, including that evidence was inventoried belatedly, lost or destroyed. In one case, photographs were misplaced; in another a bloody sheet was improperly stored, and became contaminated, court records show.

## Mayor faces murder charge in 1969 race riot

YORK, Pa. (AP) — Mayor Charlie Robertson surrendered Thursday on charges of murder in the 1969 shooting death of a black woman during race riots. An affidavit quotes a co-defendant as saying Robertson gave him the ammunition he used to fire at her car and told him to kill blacks.

Reporters and photographers swarmed around Robertson, 67, as he arrived at the office of District Justice Barbara Nixon for his arraignment.

The arraignment proceeding was brief, and Nixon set May 25 as a tentative date for Robertson's preliminary hearing. He was taken in handcuffs to the York County Courthouse for a bail hearing, after which he

was released on \$50,000 bond.

An affidavit was filed in conjunction with the mayor's arraignment. In it, Rick Lynn Knouse, one of five other men charged in the case, told a grand jury that Robertson, a city policeman at the time, gave him ammunition for his 30.06 hunting rifle and instructed him to "kill as many niggers as you can."

Knouse said he used the ammunition that Robertson provided to fire on the car in which the black victim, 27-year-old Lillie Belle Allen, was riding when she was killed, according to the affidavit.

The affidavit said Dennis McMaster, who like Robertson was a York city

police officer in 1969, said he witnessed Robertson giving 30.06 bullets to either Robert or Arthur Messersmith, two brothers who were the first to be arrested in the case last month.

The mayor himself told the grand jury that he borrowed a 30.06 rifle and ammunition from a neighbor and took it on patrol with him after Henry Schaad, a white rookie police officer, was shot three days before Allen was

slain on July 21, 1969. The affidavit did not elaborate on the mayor's testimony.

Robertson, accompanied by his lawyer Richard Oare and city Police Commissioner Herbert Groschick, said as he arrived at Nixon's office that he "absolutely" maintains his innocence.

Robertson has admitted yelling "white power" at a rally the night before Allen was killed, but he has denied involvement in her death.

## Battle shaping up over sentence after murder conviction of teen

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — The second-degree murder conviction of a 14-year-old boy who fatally shot his teacher sets the stage for a closely watched sentencing as lawyers argue over how much leniency the judge can hand down.

Nathaniel Brazill was convicted Wednesday by a jury that concluded the teen-ager shot English teacher Barry Grunow on the final day of school last year in a "hot-blooded killing."

Brazill faces 25 years to

life in prison with no possibility of parole when sentenced June 29. The jury spared him of first-degree murder and a mandatory life sentence, rejecting the argument that the killing was premeditated.

The teen had insisted that his hands were shaking and the gun went off accidentally. Brazill furrowed his eyebrows as the verdict was read and told his lawyers: "Not too bad." They said he cried after he was escorted from the courtroom by

deputies.

The defense says Circuit Court Judge Richard Wennet can sentence Brazill to less than the 25-year minimum, arguing the guideline was not intended for teens like Brazill. Prosecutors say the judge must follow the punishment required by the conviction.

"We think the judge can do everything from zero to life. We're going to argue that it's an isolated incident," defense attorney Robert Udell said.

Brazill, then 13, was suspended from school on the day of the shooting for throwing water balloons, but he later returned with the gun, becoming angry when Grunow turned down his request to speak to two girls in his class. He shot Grunow once between the eyes in the doorway of the teacher's Lake Worth Middle School classroom.

The victim's brother said he was disappointed the jury didn't convict Brazill of first-degree murder.

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## EDITORIAL

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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## OTHER VIEWS

## Good luck to Coahoma playoff teams

It has become almost a rite of spring. Coahoma's Bulldogettes softball and Bulldogs baseball teams are again the last one's standing, so to speak, advancing in the Class 2A playoffs long after the rest of the Crossroads' teams have packed up their equipment.

In fact, for the past four or five years, it's been almost guaranteed that the Bulldogs and Bulldogettes would take on all comers from West Texas in claiming Region I, Class 2A championships before making reservations for Austin and the University Interscholastic League (UIL) state championships.

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

Having competed at the varsity level for seven years, the Bulldogettes have yet to lose a district game. What's more, they've reached the Region I, Class 2A title game for the past five years, winning four of them.

And now, for a sixth season, the Bulldogettes are headed into the regional semifinals at 7 p.m. Friday when they take on familiar foe Archer City at Abilene Christian University's Wells Field.

The Bulldogs, who've been the Region I champion and West Texas' representative at the Class 2A state baseball tournament for the past four years, are continuing their string of deep runs into the playoffs this weekend when they take on Tahoka in a regional quarterfinal playoff series.

The Bulldogs open that series at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Snyder's Moffett Field. Game 2 will begin at 2 p.m. Saturday, with a third game, if necessary, starting 30 minutes following the second game's conclusion.

Clearly, Coahoma's softball and baseball success has been the result of a seemingly endless string of remarkably gifted athletes and the efforts of a quality coaching staff.

But the Bulldogs' and Bulldogettes' legacy of championships, are more than that. They are, without question, a reflection of an impressive community.

Those talented athletes don't learn their skills once they begin walking the high school's hallways.

They learn the game playing in Coahoma's youth baseball and softball programs each summer, improving year after year.

And then there are the two teams' fan following that is nothing short of fanatical.

The support Coahoma youngsters receive has become nothing short of legend in West Texas. It is such an advantage, in fact, that in the regional quarterfinal round, the Bulldogs always find themselves having to play at the same time the Bulldogettes are playing elsewhere, as opponents do their best to split Coahoma's fan base.

Remarkably, the small community still finds a way to put a larger backing in the stands than the opposition can muster at both venues.

That not only speaks volumes about Coahoma and its high school teams, but is a positive reflection on the entire Crossroads area, because quite often, the Bulldogs' and Bulldogettes' following includes quite a few Big Spring fans, as well as others from Howard County.

So today, when we here at the Herald offer our congratulations to the Bulldogs and Bulldogettes on the success they've enjoyed thus far. What's more, we want to wish them the best of luck this weekend, as they attempt to continue their playoff runs.

We, like the Bulldogs, Bulldogettes and their entire following, look forward to another Austin trip.

Make that two.

## Just a few lengths from the Derby

I bet \$2 to show on the horse It's Me Margaret in the sixth race at Evangeline Downs.

It was a cool night, the crowd was light, and a giant thunderhead in the distance dominated the sky like the painted backdrop on an old movie set. You could hear the frogs from two ponds in the infield, and the high shrieks of barefoot children let loose to run wild.

This is no fancy Kentucky Derby crowd, understand, where the women all wear their Easter bonnets and everybody stands to sing and sway reverentially to "My Old Kentucky Home."

I was at the Derby. Once. My father finagled box seats, and my unlikely family sat with the swells right down next to the track. Willie Shoemaker's dirt flew right into our box, I swear.

I remember the hundreds of potted petunias on the

manicured grounds, and truckloads of other flowers freshly screwed into the perfect black dirt. We were all drinking juleps, just as if we did it every day of our lives. Everyone — except for the hippies in the infield — pretended to be rich.

That was way back in the 1970s. I'll never forget it, though I'll probably never go back.

Among the things I remember is losing. I lost my only Derby bet on a horse named Media.

Evangeline Downs, understand, is nothing like that. It isn't even as fancy as the horse track at Hot Springs, Ark., where a few years ago, by chance, I saw the races on opening day. The Hot Springs pageantry was several notches down from the scene at Louisville, of course, but still it was a pretty, regal thing, the sport of kings.

This is nothing like Hot Springs, either. In a way, this is better.

The recent night I was at Evangeline Downs, it was strictly a blue-collar crowd, all of us there against our better judgment, on a weeknight. We were mostly low-rollers who paid \$1 admission, there for a quick supper of hot dogs and draft

beer.

The announcer was so low-key you could hardly keep track. But I stood at the fence beside the finish line, and the funky crowd's enthusiasm made the races exciting. I placed a bet on It's Me Margaret for the sixth.

They were off.

It's Me Margaret ran third. My horse had shown, and I had won. I was a little confused about what to do next. The few times I've been to a horse track, I've used the same system, which always results in losing.

I bet on the most interesting names. That's my system. That and losing.

I'm convinced that judging a book by its cover is as good a system as a once-a-decade gambler can devise.

I tell myself that any animal owner with the imagination to pick a good name should also be smart enough to buy a fast horse.

Doesn't follow. Anointing a pony with a devilishly clever name is one talent; raising or buying a winner, another. Apparently.

There are all kinds of scientific systems. I have a friend who picks a gray horse whenever she bets. She had luck once with

that color.

I love the anonymity of betting on a horse. Nobody else knows but what you've got the talent, the know-how, the luck. Everybody else looks like he knows what he's doing, so maybe I do, too.

Once I walked down to the paddocks and pretended to be stalling confirmation — or whatever it is you're supposed to study.

But one of the horses got frightened, reared in a stall, hurt its leg. That horse was a scratch, and I didn't want to ramble backstage anymore.

I quickly went back to my name game. Kant Dance, Rusty Scupper, To Jive To Walk, Conway Kitty and Duck Deal were all losers. I hadn't won a penny betting names.

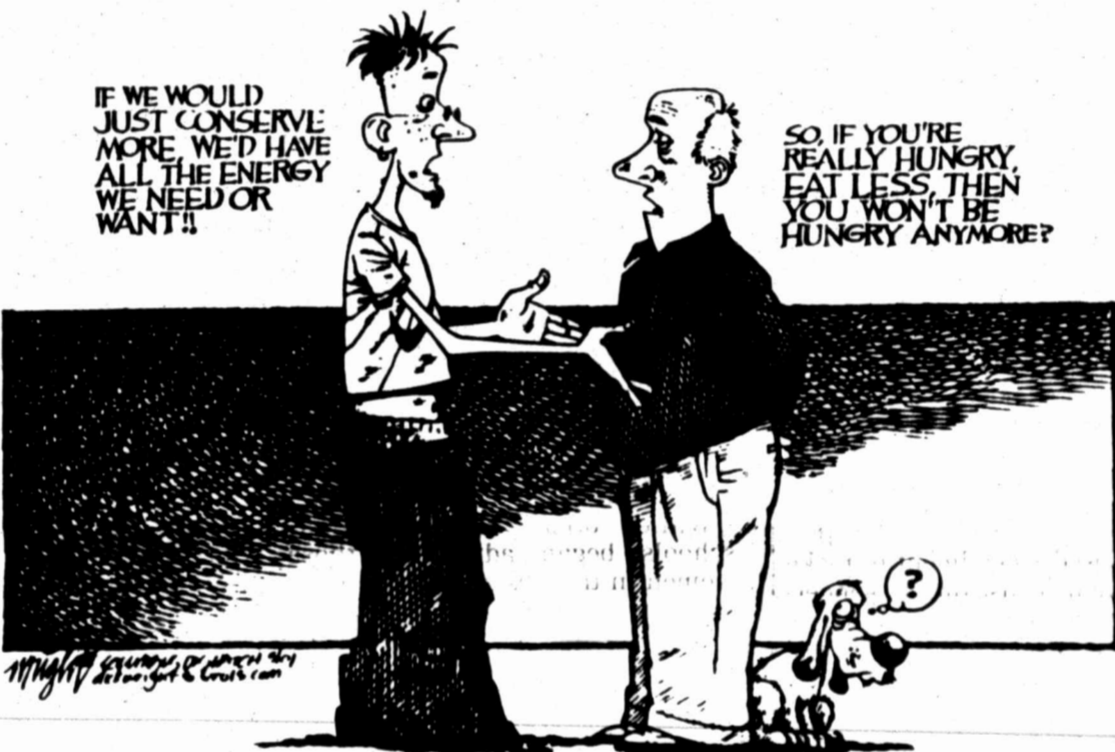
Then, in the sixth race with a seven-horse field, It's Me Margaret came in third.

I pocketed my \$1.20 in winnings and headed to the truck, feeling virtuous about leaving on a streak. Nothing compulsive about that.

If I had stuck around — and there wasn't a chance — I might have wagered a few bucks on Nap for Sycamore in the tenth. Just to perfect the system.



RHETA GRIMSLEY JOHNSON



## YOUR VIEWS

## TO THE EDITOR:

To all organizers and participants of "Shattered Dreams," on behalf of the Big Spring ISD Board of Trustees, administration, staff and students, I would like to say thank you for your many hours of planning toward the program recently completed.

The results of your vision, dedication and hard work was truly a testimonial to a true community effort to expose the dangers of drinking and driving. Many months of planning came to life for a two day period at Big Spring High School, May 8, at the scene of a mock two car accident caused by drinking and driving. As our students viewed the process, it became evident that teenage traffic fatalities leave life-long scars for both family and friends. By your wonderful efforts, you sent a strong message to all of us that drinking and driving do not mix.

The list of organizers include many dedicated professionals, businesses, volunteers and parents. However, a special thanks goes to Linda Perez and Shann Thomas at Victim

Services, who did an outstanding job to organize this event.

Other individuals or groups include; Mike Ritchey, Big Spring High School; Lonnie Smith, Lt. Terry Chamness and C. Thad Thomas of the Big Spring Police Department; Alex Calvio, Big Spring Fire Department/EMS; Sheriff Dale Walker and Deputy, Cliff McCartney; Texas Department of Public Safety; Jason Hester and James White, TABC; Shawn Petree, Young Life, First Baptist Church; RSVP and Nancy Jones; Scenic Mountain Medical Center; Air-Med San Angelo; Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home; Myers & Smith Funeral Home; District Judge Robert H. Moore III; District Attorney Hardy L. Wilkerson; Attorney Charles Myers; Robbie J. Cooksey; Father Plagens; Mitchem and Sons Wrecking Service; Wes-Tex Auto Parts Inc.; Robbie and Angela Phermetton; West Texas A&M University; Tim Haynes; Wayne Jones; Clay Grizzle; and Harris Lumber.

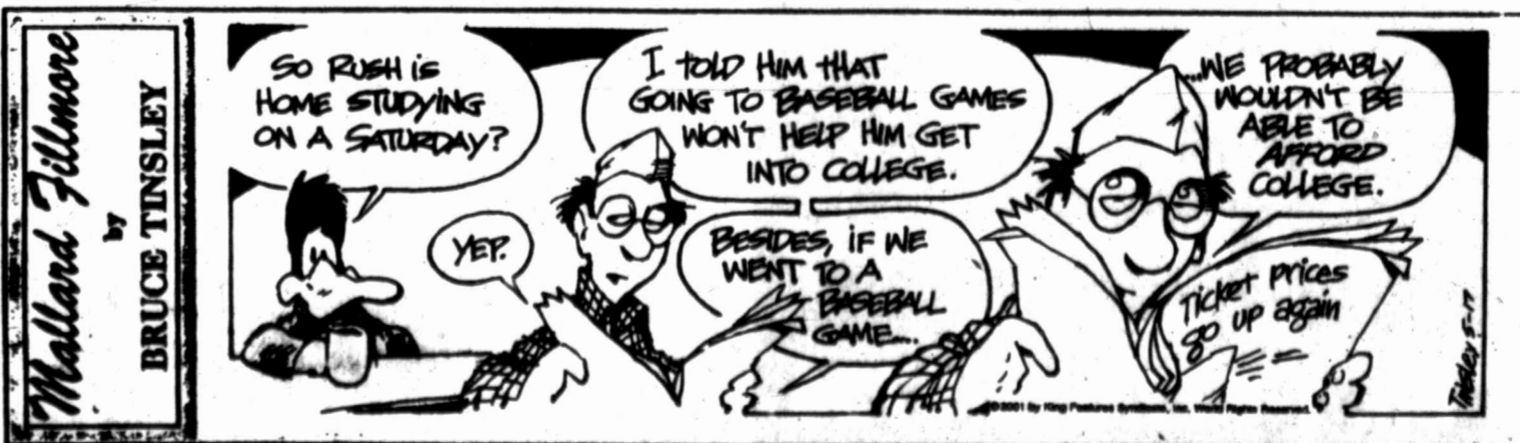
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As our schools close for the summer months, as proms and graduations occur, it is our hope that the youth of Big Spring and surrounding areas will take heed in what they saw and learned from the "Shattered Dreams" experience. The dangers of mixing alcohol and automobiles are real, life-threatening actions with potentially deadly results. We wish all of our graduates and returning students a safe and alcohol-free summer.

To all of you who made this program possible, you make Big Spring a proud community.

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## Edible

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# Edible landscaping: A garden that's good enough to eat

SAN ANTONIO — Marjie Christopher wants a landscape she can really sink her teeth into.

"I'm thinking of (taking out) everything in my yard that I can't eat," said the Master Naturalist and Master Gardener who recently taught a class on edible landscaping. "It's an amazing idea. In lieu of planting trees, flowers, shrubs and ground covers that are just there, not edible and may not even be xeriscape plants, you plant herbs and edible plants."

Christopher's idea of an edible landscape is really just taking the idea of a specific plot for a garden and extending it throughout the yard and around the house.

With some planning and proper plant choices, Christopher said, a landscape can be edible, beauti-

ful and low maintenance. Converting a nonedible landscape into a culinary delight isn't complicated. Just start replacing typical plantings with edible alternatives.

For example, instead of monkey grass or liriope, Christopher suggests planting some of the many varieties of chives. "Chives have larger blooms (than other types of decorative grass)," she said. "It makes sense to use that."

Try parsley for a border. "It has a nice texture, and it's very dark green," Christopher said.

Instead of pampas grass, plant lemon grass. It multiplies, doesn't need a lot of water and stands up well during the summer heat.

Christopher said entire lawns of thyme are becoming more common, and the

benefits are many. A lawn of thyme requires no mowing, is hardy and smells great.

"An edible landscape is much more useful and versatile than a typical landscape with nothing you can eat," she said. "It's a whole new line of thinking. What you put in your yard not only has great texture but is useful."

Christopher said herbs bloom at different times, brightening a yard in any season. Mexican mint marigold, for example, is covered in bright golden blooms in September and October when hardly anything else is blooming.

"You get a year-round atmosphere that's beautiful, useful and hardy," she said.

Planting an edible yard isn't just for seasoned gardeners. Beginning garden-

ers or those with limited space can get in on the fun, too.

"There is a scenario where you could have a garden on your patio just in pots," Christopher said. "Space is the No. 1 thing to consider. Most of the herbs are good in pots."

With proper sunlight and drainage, many vegetables can be grown in pots, as well. Container gardeners can have fun experimenting. Try growing bay trees in a pot. Lemon verbena or lemon balm fill a pot with delightful fragrance. Place these pots where the plants will be brushed by passers-by, thus releasing their scents.

"As far as a beginner, you can do a strawberry pot that has an edible variety of herbs and plants that will bloom," Christopher said.

"You just have to educate yourself."

Beginners can start by browsing through gardening books at the library. There, they can find information, tips, recipes and photographs to get them started.

For cooks, an edible landscape has obvious benefits. Fresh herbs aren't just for professional chefs. Anyone who loves nature and good food can reap the benefits. Stepping outside the door to snip a sprig of fresh thyme for the pasta sauce is not just convenient. It's also sensual and satisfying.

But there is a catch.

"You can't have this landscape in place without being totally organic," Christopher said.

San Antonio gardener, author and naturalist Patty Leslie Pasztor compiled a

list of natural alternatives to chemical pesticides. They include:

Baking soda. Four teaspoons in a gallon of water is an effective fungicide.

Bacillus thuringiensis. This helpful bacteria is sold under the names of Bio-worm, Dipel and Thuricide and eradicates webworms, cabbage loopers and other harmful caterpillars.

Beer. Pour beer into jar tops, then press them into the ground. Slugs, snails and pill bugs crawl in and drown.

Insecticidal soap. This is an effective pesticide, but it also kills beneficial insects, so use with caution.

Dishwashing liquid. Mix 1 teaspoon in a gallon of water and spray directly on insects. Use dishwashing liquid, not dishwasher detergent.

## Gender-neutral amendment now headed to voters

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — New York voters will decide in November whether to change the state constitution to make it gender neutral, a move one supporter said is needed to reflect that "women are equal partners in every facet of life."

The proposed amendment would change such words as "firemen" to "firefighters" and put "her" and "she" alongside "him" and "he."

Sponsors say the amendment would change about 170 words of the 46-page constitution.

The state Senate approved the proposed amendment Monday, the last step that sends it to the Nov. 6 general election ballot when voters will decide mayoral races and other local contests.

Although the governor's approval is not required, a spokeswoman for Republican Gov. George Pataki said he supports the measure.

Democratic Assembly-

woman Sandra Galaf said it is appropriate that the constitution reflect that "women are equal partners in every facet of life." She said it is far from certain that the amendment will be approved.

Voters have traditionally resisted making changes to the constitution, even technical or minor ones.

Similar measures have sometimes failed in other states.

In January, the Wyoming House of Representatives defeated a resolution aimed at making the state constitution gender-neutral. Opponents claimed it would not be worth the time and expense to make it politically correct.

Nebraska voters last November defeated a proposed amendment to make their constitution gender-neutral, as did New Hampshire voters in 1998.

Florida voters in 1998 approved an amendment that removed gender-biased language from that state's constitution.

## First class of female cadets to graduate at VMI

LEXINGTON, Va. (AP) — In the fall of 1997, 30 young women stepped into Virginia Military Institute's previously all-male barracks. Their hair was shaved off, and they were issued the standard gray and white uniforms.

Twenty-five came as freshmen — what the cadets call "rats" — and became VMI's first true female class. On Saturday, 13 of them will graduate.

For many, the past four years haven't been easy.

"This is still very much a boys' locker room," said Kendra L. Russell, 21, of Chattanooga, Tenn. "This institution still incubates a lot of resentment toward women."

VMI was the last public military school for men in America. Since 1839, it had a been place where boys came to be molded into "citizen-soldiers." Generals George Patton and George Marshall both learned to stand at attention here.

While other military schools began admitting women in the '70s and '80s, VMI resisted, finally complying under orders from the U.S. Supreme Court.

"We said all along that we'd only make minimal modifications to accommodate them," said Maj. Gen. Josiah Bunting, VMI super-

intendent. "They would have to succeed in the same system as the men."

The women — including five upperclassmen who have since graduated — shared space with about 1,300 men. Like their male counterparts, they were forced to walk in a line and cut their corners at right angles. They marched with rifles. They stared through the taunting that comes with being at the bottom of an extensive chain of command.

"I hated it," said Rachel Love, 22, from Emmaus, Pa. "A lot of guys would get in your face, and be like, 'What are you looking at?'"

Everyone expects this type of treatment the first year. But the women said it wasn't simply an initiation.

"One guy came up to me and said, 'Get out of my school,'" said Megan K. Smith, 21, an electrical engineering major. "I couldn't believe it."

A few female cadets left after the first week. For those who remained, it became clear after one year that they were never going to enjoy equal status.

"It really hit me once when I was watching TV with a group of guys," Russell said. "It was a quiz show, and whenever a woman came on, she was

instantly characterized as a bitch, a slut or a dog."

Mike Zanetti, 20, said the tough treatment for women doesn't come from sexism.

"This is a place of complete equality. We all have the same uniform, the same hair cut," Zanetti said. "But by their very nature women stick out. I really don't know why a girl would want to come here."

It's a question the women have asked themselves.

"I had no idea what being singled out was like until I

came here," Love said. "I remember returning after a summer and just crying all the way down in the car."

Eventually, the women found ways to cope.

"I had a problem doing pull-ups," said Erin Claunch, 21. "So every day, I set the goal of doing 20."

For Tennille Chisholm, 22, of Richmond, Va., coping meant simply calling her roommates by their first names instead of the surnames that male cadets traditionally use.

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## Coping skills important with Parkinson's disease

No serious illness touches only a single aspect of life and often extends far beyond the related physical symptoms and disability. In order for someone who has a chronic debilitating disease it is important to address quality of life issues directly, particularly for people with Parkinson's Disease.

Many of the classic Parkinson's Disease symptoms, such as tremor and



ANDREA MEDLIN

slow movement, can really affect a person's ability to carry out the activities of daily living.

The knowledge that you will wake up with this disease can lead to profound depression and feeling of defeat. Therefore, the best way to cope is successful management.

The financial impact of this disease can be significant as well. For younger victims the security of employment may be lost and for the elderly they may find that health care costs are more than they expected, especially in the case of medications.

Coping strategies can help people with Parkinson's maintain a good quality of living. Specific manageable goals

are important, such as starting an exercise program.

Medication compliance is also helpful. Medication only works when it is taken and as ordered.

Support groups are often very helpful not only for the patient, but for the family as well.

Learning about the disease and its treatments is very important for all who are affected and their family members as well.

The worst thing the patient or family could do would be to hide the disease. Learning to be up front and honest about it can help avoid any more difficulties.

Those with Parkinson's Disease must learn to rely on a network of family and

friends. It is OK, and in fact, is very important to ask for help when you need it.

Finally, depression is one of the most debilitating symptoms of the disease. One third to one half of Parkinson's patients suffer from it. There are very effective treatments available for depression, but the patient must be able to consult their doctor about it. It is also essential that family recognize the depression as well, because many more problems can arise if it is left untreated.

Taking charge of your own Parkinson's Disease by exercising and taking your medication and trying to stay positive will ensure a quality of life that is enjoyable both for yourself and

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, May 18:**

You will decide to keep much of what you see and think hush-hush this year. No sign knows how to keep his own counsel like Taurus. Follow your unusually strong intuition with bosses, parents, older relatives and superiors in general. You often might feel restricted by your finances, but this attitude might not be based on reality, but rather on insecurity. If you are single, you often disagree with others about what makes a relationship work. Keep shopping, and success will greet you in 2002. If you are attached, you often wage war over finances. Make a peace treaty, and everyone will gain. ARIES understands 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)  
\*\*\*\*\* Trust yourself and your judgment. The moon in the sign of Aries spotlights you. Don't put off a tough conversation any longer. You will like the results. A creative friend touches base with you. Make plans to get together soon. Tonight: Ask, and you shall receive.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
\*\*\* Allow others to play their cards. The less said, the better. Re-evaluate a money decision. Negativity or insecurity might be present. Share great ideas with a boss or an older relative in the late afternoon. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
\*\*\*\*\* Schedule a meeting later in the day. Others respond to your ideas and happily go along with you. You're happiest when with your friends. Laughter is contagious. Identify with your friends more often. Take part in a beautification campaign. Tonight: Start the weekend with pals.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
\*\*\* Your responses to others might come from agitation. Take responsibility for your mood and step forward. Be a leader. Sit on emotions and use your logic. Follow a financial vision. An associate works well with your ideas. Tonight: In the limelight.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
\*\*\*\*\* Allow your spirit to speak. Others simply don't view life in a similar way. Explain your thinking step by step to others. Enthusiasm and cooperation flourish. A friend nudges you in a new direction. Tonight: Take off ASAP.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
\*\*\* Gain success by dealing with others on a one-on-one level. You might not be absolutely sure as to which is the best way to go. Honor another's ideas and achievements -- this person has far more experience than you. Accept an unusual invitation. Tonight: Express your caring in a way that counts.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
\*\*\*\*\* Recent frustration subsides when you understand more of what made another react. Talking proves to be difficult yet worthwhile. In a special relationship, share more of what you imagine. You delight another. Tonight: Go with another's suggestion.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
\*\*\*\*\* Dig into work, understanding that pressure is

self-imposed. You might not grasp the pros and cons of someone's ideas, especially about funds. Avoid risks if you are at all uncomfortable. Scorpio, above all signs, has a strong intuition. Tonight: Chill out in a favorite way.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

\*\*\*\*\* Think in positive terms -- even if a dream or overnight event annoyed you. Understand why someone is playing it cautiously when approaching you. You

seem to know exactly what is going on before it happens. Beam more joy into your life by being responsive to others. Tonight: Put on your dancing shoes.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

\*\*\*\*\* Basics count -- not only for you, but also for others. However, if you are suppressing a problem, this could interfere with your foundations and home life. Let others know and understand what alls you. Though you pride yourself

on your inner strength, talking about feelings isn't a sign of weakness. Tonight: Mosey on home.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

\*\*\*\*\* Don't lie back this morning, especially if you think you are about to head into a problem or two. Get on the horn and call in needed assistance. Others pick up on your serious tone and help out. Follow a hunch. You're right on. Tonight: Act on a dream or fantasy.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)

\*\*\* Someone who has an impact on you makes a financial demand. Listen to this person loud and clear; no one is joking. Express a sense of frustration when dealing with another. Changes come through communication. Your instincts help you financially. Tonight: Never forget how much you offer.

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SPORTS EXTRA

NL SCHEDULE

Table with columns for date, time, and teams for Wednesday's, Thursday's, and Friday's games.

MLB STANDINGS

Table showing MLB standings for American League and National League, including teams like Boston, New York, Toronto, etc.

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Toronto at Philadelphia, 4:30 p.m., if necessary. Conference Finals (Best-of-7) (Saturday, May 19) L.A. Lakers at San Antonio, 5:30 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

an undisclosed amount for throwing at Boston of Manny Ramirez. Fined Red Sox RHP Frank Castillo an undisclosed amount for throwing at Mariners INF John Olerud during a May 9 game.

Nebraska to play Oklahoma State in second day of Big 12 tourney

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — It looked for a while like Iowa State might detour Nebraska off its road to winning a third-straight Big 12 Conference tournament championship.

NBA PLAYOFFS

Conference Semifinals (Best-of-7) Wednesday, May 16 Philadelphia 121, Toronto 88. Philadelphia leads series 3-2.

ARENA FOOTBALL

Friday's Games New York at Carolina, 7:30 p.m. New Jersey at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.

COLONIAL

Continued from page 1B "That justified me making my decision to reduce my schedule. That was the plan with the senior tour in the far distance," Lietzke said.

Invitational. He played 16-20 events each year from 1989-96, but hasn't played in more than 10 a year since then.

YANKEES

Continued from page 1B the Yankees' frustration. Oakland played its third straight extra-inning game, winning two of them.

Knoblauch would play Thursday against the A's. Paul Abbott struck out 10 and Carlos Guillen drove in three runs.

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# The Mini Page

By BETTY DEBMAN

## Mammoths and Mastodons

Ever wish you could see mammoths and mastodons in person? Well, you can't. But you can see their relatives today. Mammoths and mastodons are the closest relatives of the elephant.

**Mastodons**  
Mastodons were only distant relatives of the elephant.

**Mammoths**  
Mammoths are close relatives to today's elephants.



Mastodons were usually smaller than the most common mammoth. They were about 8 to 12 feet tall and weighed from 2,000 to 10,000 pounds.

The larger, more common mammoth was about 10 to 12 feet tall and weighed from 14,000 to 20,000 pounds.

Mastodons had teeth with low crowns with bumps. These teeth were for crushing leaves and twigs. They lived in forests.

Mammoth teeth had high crowns that were good for grinding tough grasses. They lived in the grasslands of the Great Plains.

Like elephants of today, the mastodons and mammoths used their tusks for spraying water and gathering food. They used their tusks for defense and to dig for food.

All mammoths and mastodons look alike. They are actually so closely related to dogs and cats.

The Mini Page thanks George Carver, collection manager, Vertebrate Paleontology Department, University of Nebraska State Museum, Lincoln.

Now open a time (about 10,000 years ago), long after the dinosaurs had died out, there appeared on Earth a family of mammals that had a feature which made them stand out from all of the others. They had tusks.

There were more than 600 kinds of these prehistoric (PREE-juh-SEE-oh-see-oh), or animals with long tusks. They roamed the Earth for 30 million years and lived on every continent except Antarctica and Australia.

Today, there are only two of these tusked animals still around, the Asian and African elephants.



The smaller Asian elephant and the larger African elephant are the only tusked animals still around.



Go close to see and color.

### Bookie Cook's Recipe Super Spinach Quiche

- Ingredients:**
- 1 cup cheddar cheese, shredded
  - 1 pie shell
  - 3 eggs, beaten
  - 1 tablespoon flour
  - 1 cup evaporated milk
  - 1/2 onion, chopped
  - 1 (4-ounce) can mushroom pieces
  - 1/2 teaspoon salt
  - 1 (10-ounce) package frozen chopped spinach, cooked and drained
- Directions:**
1. Sprinkle 1/4 cup cheese evenly in bottom of pie shell.
  2. In a medium bowl, combine other ingredients, including remaining 1/4 cup cheese. Mix well.
  3. Pour mixture into pie shell.
  4. Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven for 50 minutes to 1 hour, or until firm.
- Serves 6.

### The Mini Page Dinosaurs

from A to Z to the Book

The ABC's of Dinosaur

Includes: Apatosaurus, Brachiosaurus, Coelocanth, Dromaeosaurus, Gallimimus, Spinosaurus, Tyrannosaurus Rex, Triceratops, and Velociraptor.

Includes a color illustration of a dinosaur and a small map of the world showing dinosaur locations.

### Gas Good Sport's Superstar: Richard Hamilton

Height: 6-6 Weight: 195

College: U. of Connecticut

Richard Hamilton is in his second season with the Washington Wizards. He plays guard and forward. Last year he averaged 9 points per game. His best game in scoring was 26 points against the Chicago Bulls.

In his first game as a pro in 1999, he scored 10 points against the Atlanta Hawks.

Richard graduated from college last year, where he was a star player. He is second in career scoring in his college's team's history (2,036). He was an All-American his junior year. He scored at least 500 points in each of his first three seasons.

He was born in Costerville, Pa.

### Meet Jake Thomas

Jake Thomas plays Matt McGuire, Linn's little brother, on the show "Linn McGuire".

Jake has been acting for several years. He has been in many commercials and several movies, including "The Cell". Among the TV shows he has been in are "Touched by an Angel" and "Third Rock from the Sun". He will be in the upcoming Steven Spielberg movie, "A.I."

He was born in Knoxville, Tenn. He now lives in Southern California with his parents, who are both actors and writers, and his brother and sister. The family has two dogs.

In his free time, Jake likes swimming, surfing, collecting trading cards and playing video games.

### Funny Phonics

Use this to learn phonics, or the way letters sound. This is your target sound in the one word by the OW blend, or in the word pair.

Example: Where do owls go dancing? Dancin' Dancin'!

Example: If a girl always bring My flowers, what does a My flower bring? My flower bring!

Example: Did you hear about the owl with laryngitis? Answer: He didn't give a hoot!

Go on an OW word hunt. What other words can you find using the OW blend? What sound do you hear?

### Mammoths and Mastodons FIND

Words that contain an m or a w and mammoths and mastodons are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward. See if you can find the BIRDSONG, FORTUNE, BIRDSONG, CLIMBER, ICE, BIRDSONG, BIRDSONG, BIRDSONG, BIRDSONG, PLAINS, ASIA, BIRDSONG, ELEPHANT, TRUNK, TUSH, GRASSES, BONES.

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### Mini Spy

Mini Spy and her friends are visiting a museum exhibit in a museum. See if you can find:

- hite
- haid size
- hobbyhorse
- hoy
- ponal
- collie pat
- stuffed
- number 5
- safety pin
- ruhr
- letter A
- letter H
- number 3
- canoe
- word MINI

### The Mammoth Mystery

**Coming to America**  
By studying the fossils, experts estimate that the first mastodons arrived in this part of the world more than 13 million years ago. At that time, the climate was warm. The temperatures usually stayed in the 70s and 80s. About 2 million years ago, the mammoths came over from Asia. At that time, the continents were not separated as they are today. Land linked Asia and North America. The mammoths arrived at the beginning of the Ice Age. This was a period when the climate got colder. Giant sheets of ice covered most of the continent.

**The mammoth mystery**  
The earliest mammoth lived for that was its protection. It used its tusks to break the ice to get at food.

Experts are still puzzled about why these animals disappeared. They have ruled out a big earthquake like the meteorite that might have killed off the dinosaurs. Maybe there was too much competition for grazing land. Experts don't think it was a big climate change that made mammoths extinct. They had been able to survive climate changes for millions of years. By the time humans came to America, mammoths were already dying off. However, hunters might have given them the final push.

**Keeping them on ice**  
For many years, people have been digging mammoths from the ice. Sometimes they reported finding the most fresh meat to eat, even after it had been dead for 20,000 years! In 1997 a family of animal rescuers located a mammoth buried in the ice in Siberia. Scientists studied it, still in the block of ice, to a cold cave where they could work on it safely. They began melting the ice bit by bit with hair dryers. So far, only a small part has been freed of the ice. Scientists have found part of the trunk, bones and hair. This spring scientists will start work on a second mammoth. They believe there may be thousands buried in the Siberian ice. Perhaps these finds will help explain what killed off this great animal.

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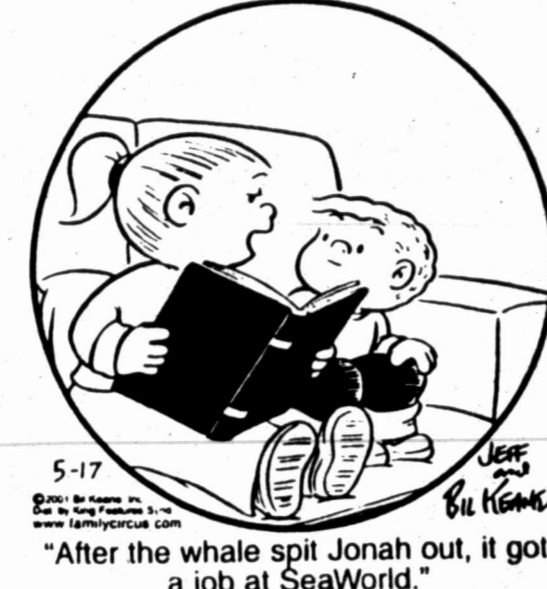


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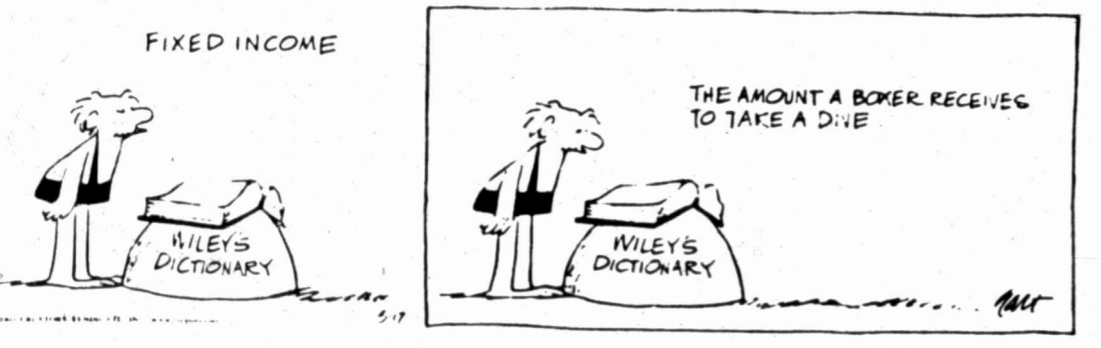
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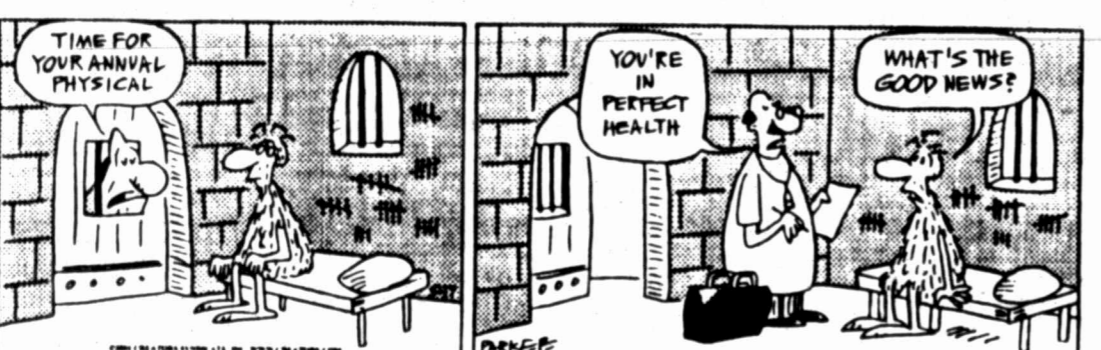
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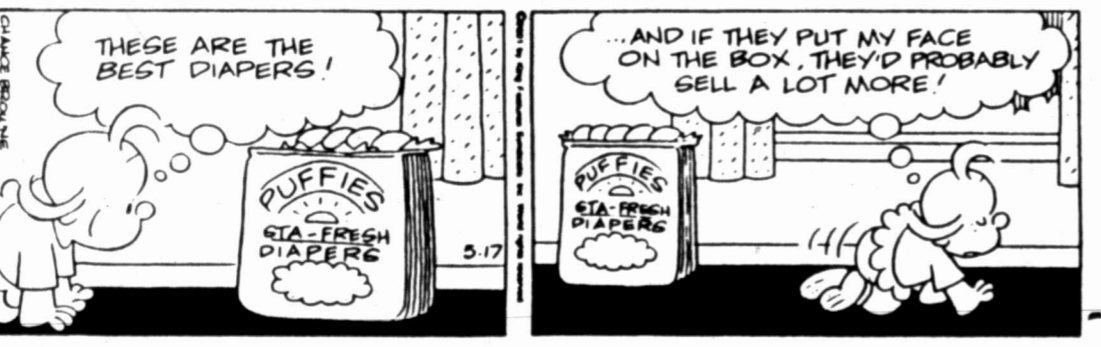
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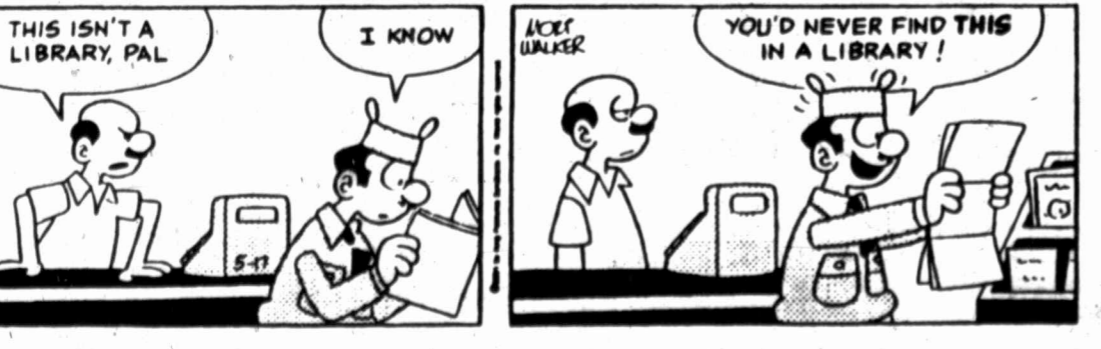
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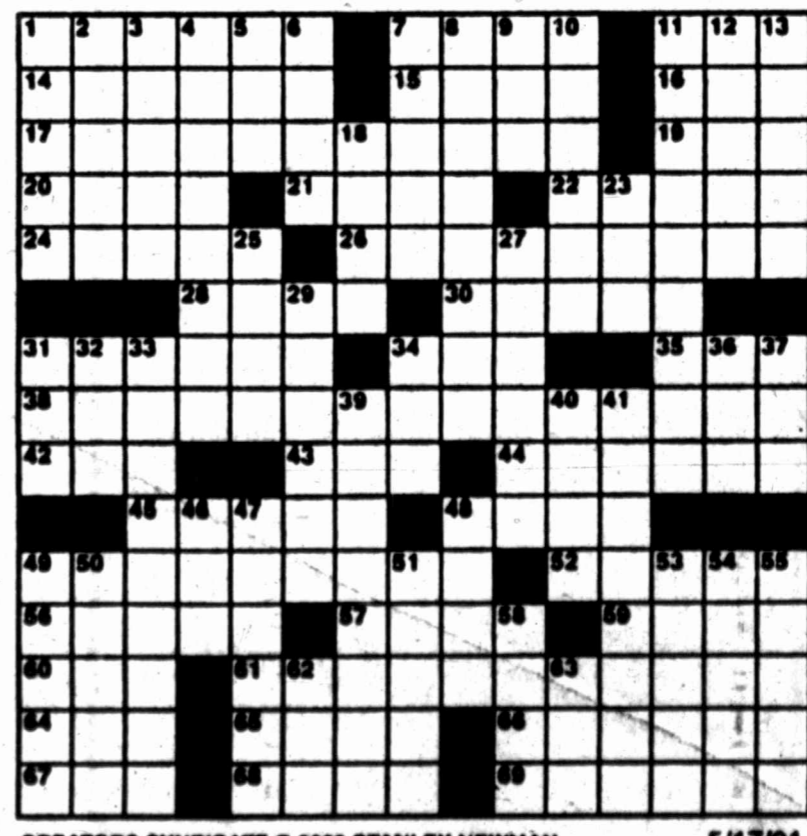
THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS  
Today is Thursday, May 17, the 137th day of 2001. There are 228 days left in the year.  
Today's Highlight in History:  
On May 17, 1954, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in its Brown v. Board of Education that racially segregated public schools were inherently unequal.  
On this date:  
In 1792, the New York Stock Exchange was founded by brokers meeting under a tree located on what is now Wall Street.  
In 1875, the first Kentucky Derby was run; the winner was "Aristides."  
In 1938, Congress passed the Vinson Naval Act, providing for a two-ocean navy.  
In 1939, Britain's King George VI and Queen Elizabeth arrived in Quebec on the first visit to Canada by reigning British sovereigns.

In 1940, the Nazis occupied Brussels, Belgium, during World War II.  
In 1946, President Truman seized control of the nation's railroads, delaying a threatened strike by engineers and trainmen.  
In 1948, the Soviet Union recognized the new state of Israel.  
In 1961, Cuban leader Fidel Castro offered to exchange prisoners captured in the abortive Bay of Pigs invasion for American heavy tractors.  
In 1973, the Senate opened its hearings into the Watergate scandal.  
In 1987, 37 American sailors were killed when an Iraqi warplane attacked the U.S. Navy frigate "Stark" in the Persian Gulf. (Iraq and the U.S. called the attack a mistake.)  
Ten years ago: The Commerce Department reported the U.S. trade deficit had narrowed sharply in March 1991 to \$4.05 billion, the lowest level in nearly eight years.  
Today's Birthdays:  
Former Watergate special prosecutor Archibald Cox is 89. Opera singer Birgit Nilsson is 83. Actor-director Dennis Hopper is 65. Rhythm-and-blues singer Pervis Jackson (The Spinners) is 63. Singer Taj Mahal is 59. Singer-songwriter Jesse Winchester is 57. Actor Bill Paxton is 46. Boxing Hall-of-Famer Sugar Ray Leonard is 45. Actor-comedian Bob Saget is 45. Singer Enya is 40.

Newsday Crossword

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1 Sports palaces  
7 Polite interruption  
11 Beatles adjective  
14 Needing to catch up  
15 Tabula  
16 Bruin Hall of Famer  
17 Atelier?  
19 Substance in cells  
20 Quarterback Starr  
21 Mine: Fr.  
22 Bigfoot cousins  
24 Shy  
26 Panelist on the Mex. version of The View?  
28 Switch ending  
30 Rice  
31 Part of a mountain range  
34 Ref. set  
35 African antelope  
38 Holy Land vermin?  
42 Vb. category  
43 19th-century poet laureate  
44 Singer Kilt  
45 Make sense  
48 Org. for Venus Williams  
49 Great sailors?  
52 Cornerstone abbr.  
56 My Dinner With  
57 Adequate  
59 Kathleen Battle song
- DOWN  
1 Chunks  
2 Sabbath reading  
3 NLR since 1965  
4 Trouble  
5 Business abbr.  
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7 Knight clothes  
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11 Wimbleton duration  
12 Corbin, on LA Law  
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18 "Are noi" response  
23 One billion years  
25 Chad Mitchell's group  
27 Foot parts  
29 Delay  
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33 Put in restraints  
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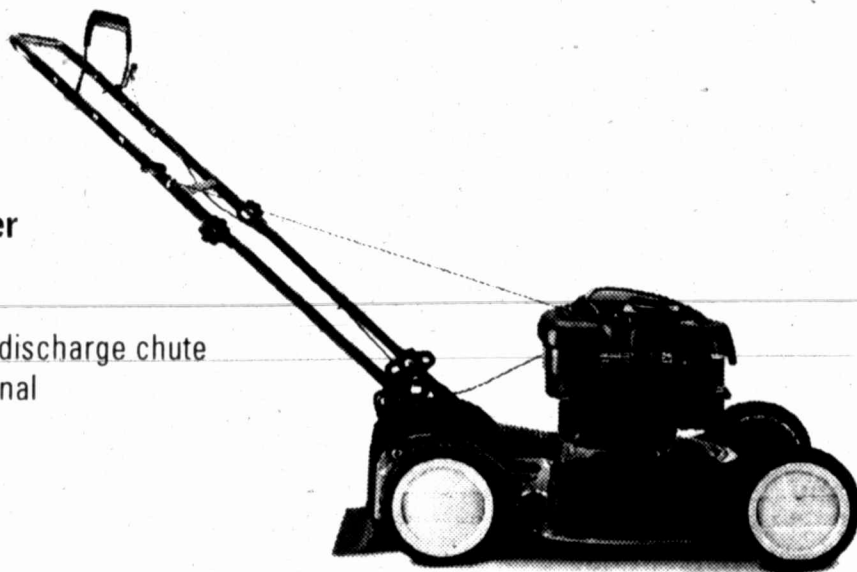
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