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WEATHER

Tonight:



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Vendors needed during Air Fair, slated June 15

The arts and crafts show and sale scheduled during the Air Fair fundraiser at the Hangar 25 Air Museum on June 15 has room for additional vendors.

Ken and Sue Slattery, chairpersons for the show and sale, are requesting handmade items only.

Hours will be from 9 a.m. through 4 p.m.

For more information on obtaining a booth and participating as an arts and crafts vendor call 264-6035.

WHAT'S UP...

THURSDAY

□ Gideons International, Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at Herman's Restaurant at 7 a.m.

□ Senior Citizens Center art classes, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for people 55 and over.

□ Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. at Gale's Sweet Shoppe.

□ Freedom Tree planting, 11 a.m., Vietnam Memorial Park, honoring all military veterans.

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

FRIDAY

□ AMBUCS meets at noon at the Brandin' Iron.

□ ABC Club meets at noon at the Brandin' Iron.

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

□ Spring City Senior Citizens Country and Western Dance will be 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. All area seniors are invited.

SATURDAY

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

□ The Potton House, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 to 5 p.m.

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Public invited to Freedom Tree planting on Memorial Day

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A Freedom Tree will be planted at the Vietnam Memorial Park on Thursday — Memorial Day — in honor of all military veterans.

The public is invited to attend the 11



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a.m. program.

"We now have Monday holidays so that people can have three-day weekends, but May 30 really is Memorial Day. It's been decided to have this Green Ash tree planting from the Eisenhower Tree on this particular day," said Mayor Russ McEwen, who will provide the welcome and introduce guests at the ceremony. "It's a solemn occasion to pay homage to our fallen veterans."

The tree was grown from seeds of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Green Ash in Denison. Eisenhower, former military general, was the 24th president of the United States. Denison was his hometown.

Thursday's service will feature a memorial address by Dr. E. Byron Ranger Jr., commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2013. Al Scott, VFW senior vice commander elect, will recite the poem "Trees" by Joyce

Kilmer.

Dealon Stanley, VFW chaplain, will provide the invocation and Joe Hernandez, senior vice commander, and Cody Frasure, junior vice commander, will post the colors.

Echo Taps will be played by John Ontiveros and Gracie Acosta of the Big Spring High School band.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars, the VFW Foundation, American Forests and Scotts Company sponsor the

Freedom Trees. The Green Ash is donated by Wal-Mart Stores and local Wal-Mart manager will also speak briefly during the ceremony.

"I would strongly encourage people to take a little time out of their day and attend the ceremony," said McEwen. "It won't take long and it is important to pay our respects to those who have served and who have died for the cause of freedom in our country."

BOUND FOR AUSTIN



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Members of the Coahoma High School softball team were all smiles this morning before they headed to Austin for the Class 2A UIL State Softball Tournament. Pictured are clockwise from left, Kara Smith, Elisha Teeler, Andrea Amaro, Miranda Parsons, Karen Sterling, Erin Stovall, Tawna Jacobs, Megan Young, Kristi Hutchison, Ruby Garcia and Natalie Hilario. The Bulldogettes will take on the Alto Lady Yellow Jackets in semifinal action at 2 p.m. Thursday at the University of Texas' McCombs Field. The Bulldogettes are making their fifth appearance at state competition.

Samaritan Counseling Center begins fund drive

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas has started a year-long fund-raising drive.

The drive is prompted by a challenge grant donated by the Abell-Hanger Foundation, a Midland-based organization which has supported the

Samaritan Counseling Center for many years. The foundation will match new or increased donations this year up to \$10,000.

"This is the first opportunity we've had to receive this dollar-for-dollar matching in Howard County," said Samaritan Counseling's executive director Margaret Jones. "It has to be a new contributor, or an

increase. If they gave \$100 last year and this year they gave \$200, we could count that \$100 towards the matching grant."

Samaritan Counseling Center is a faith-based, non-profit counseling center which offers services to individuals, families and children in psychological distress, Jones said.

"We have a wide range of

services," she said. "One of my favorite board members here, he says, 'We are the Mayo Clinic of mental health in West Texas.' We can care for people in psychological pain who are as young as three years old, up into their 90s, because we have a specialist for children and we have a special-

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City

Council OKs funds to fix leaking roof at Hangar 25

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

The McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark was the focus of attention at Tuesday evening's Big Spring City Council Meeting.

Airpark Manager Jim Curtiss fielded questions from the council about a plan to fix the leaky roof on the Hangar 25 Air Museum and offered a presentation on progress at the airpark during his first three months on the job.

Curtiss said the Hangar 25 roof has had several problems with leaks since it was originally completed in 1998.

"Basically when I got here we had a roof that was leaking," he said. "It had roofing shingles off of it. It was causing damage to the interior of the building. My thought processes were, 'Let's get this thing fixed and start pointing fingers later.'"

During a meeting between Curtiss, city architect Phil Furqueron, city manager Gary Fuqua and public works director Todd Darden, the men decided that a membrane roof was the best solution to the problem, Curtiss said.

"We met at Hangar 25,

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Tracked any good storms lately?

Following the weather is an interesting hobby and education for trio

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

The weather was not looking too good over the Crossroads skies Tuesday which made three back roads travelers very, very pleased.

Scott Blair of Little Rock, Ark., Scott Currans of the Fort Worth/Dallas area and Eric Nguyen of Norman, Okla., were in Howard County chasing their favorite hobby — storms.

"I've chased weather in 10 states," said Blair, an atmospheric science major at the University of Louisiana in Monroe.

Each morning, the three men watch the weather patterns to forecast where the next target area for a likely storm and then head out on the chase, Blair said.

The behavior of some

super cells over the area brought these storm chasers to the Crossroads area for some potential interesting weather.

Not long ago, the trio ran into some nasty hail that tore up some of the hobbyist's equipment and did some serious damage to Blair's vehicle, but they also saw some interesting weather.

"We saw two tornados, beautiful super cells," he said "They were in isolated areas, out in the open."

Although many people attempt to hide from the white balls of ice, Blair said hail is fascinating.

"It's really interesting," he said. "No one knows why some hail are spiky and some are round or why some hail are so large."

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Scott Blair of Little Rock, Ark., left, Eric Nguyen of Norman, Okla., Scott Currans of the Fort Worth/Dallas area stand in front of their vehicles and equipment at Texaco by Highway 350 and Interstate 20. The trio were in Howard County Tuesday chasing their favorite hobby — storms.

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OBITUARIES

Pioquinto Diaz

Funeral service for Pioquinto "Jacinto" Diaz, 84, of Big Spring, will be 10 a.m. Thursday, May 30, 2002, at Myers & Smith Chapel with Elder Eliseo Gamboa, Kingdom Hall Jehovah's Witness, officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Cemetery.



Mr. Diaz died Monday, May 27, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center following a brief illness.

He was born on June 12, 1917, in Falls City and married Maria Franco in November 1945 in Big Spring. He had lived in Big Spring for 55 years. He was owner of Diaz Janitorial Service since 1970.

Survivors include his wife, Maria Franco of Big Spring; three sons, Abel Diaz, Ernest Diaz and Salvador Diaz, all of Big Spring; two daughters, Viola Cooper of Midland and Estella Valenzuela of Gardendale; four sisters, Logaria Molina, Martina Garcia, and Eulalia Gauena, all of San Antonio and Ascension Vasquez of Corpus Christi; 18 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel.

Nila Bassinger

Funeral service for Nila Bassinger, 78, of Big Spring, will be 10 a.m. Friday, May 31, 2002, at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Jim Binnix, pastor of Midway Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.



Mrs. Bassinger died Monday, May 27, at Hospice House in Odessa following a short illness.

She was born on Sept. 5, 1923, in Mitchell County and married E.O. "Shorty" Bassinger on July 17, 1946. He preceded her in death on Feb. 28, 1993. She moved to Big Spring in 1971 from

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Pioquinto "Jacinto" Diaz, 84, died Monday. Services are 10:00 AM Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be in Mt. Olive Cemetery.

Robert Dutchover, Sr., 70, died Saturday. Funeral services are 4:00 PM Wednesday at Sacred Heart Church. Burial will be in Mt. Olive Cemetery.

Nila Bassinger, 78, died Monday. Family will receive friends at the funeral home 7:00-8:00 Thursday. Services are 10:00 AM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be in Trinity Memorial Park.

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Colorado City. She was a member of Midway Baptist Church and a homemaker.

Survivors include one daughter, Vickie Lee of Big Spring; two sisters, Nena Mitchell of Snyder and Etta Mae Brown of Omaha; and three grandchildren.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 30.

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel.

Eden Van Chau

Eden Van Chau, 52, of Big Spring, died on Monday, May 27, 2002, in an Arlington hospital.



Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Friday, May 31, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Richard Reagan, pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born on Jan. 10, 1950, in Vietnam and married Tran Thi Hong Hoa on Sept. 25, 1974, in Vietnam.

Mr. Chau came to Virginia in 1969 from Vietnam for helicopter maintenance training. After returning to Vietnam he came to Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio from 1973 to 1974 then to Webb Air Force Base in Big Spring to train as a pilot instructor. He went back to Vietnam and returned to Big Spring in July 1975 and resided here until his death. Eden had worked as a computer operator at First National Bank in Big Spring for 12 years and had worked as an RN the last three years in Midland and Big Spring. He was currently employed by the Federal Prison in Big Spring.

He was a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Survivors include his wife, Tran Rose Chau of Big Spring; one daughter, Mary Chau of San Antonio; five sisters, Buu Chau, Hoa Chau, Nanh Chau, Anne Chau and Julie Chau; one brother, Kiem Chau; one nephew, Ben Chau; and three nieces, Kathy Ngo, Carolyn Ngo and Nancy Ngo.

He was preceded in death by his parents and an older brother, Tang Chau. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. today and Thursday at the funeral home. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. www.npwelch.com

Paul obituary

Donnie Ray King

Funeral service for Donnie Ray King, 57, of Coahoma is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Mr. King died Monday, May 27, 2002, in San Antonio.

DRIVE

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ist for geriatrics." The center provides other services as well. "We have a specialist for alcohol and chemical depen-

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dancy and obsessive gambling," she said. "There's attention deficit, we work with families or individuals with those problems. Then, sexual abuse, grief and loss, maybe a death in the family. There's a counselor that works in dealing with spiritual issues, if you have a dilemma in your spiritual life. Really just about any problem you can think of."

The center has served the Permian Basin and Big Spring for 29 years, although its Big Spring office has been open only about 10 years, Jones said. The local office is at First Christian Church, 911 Goliad in Big Spring.

To make a donation or for appointments or more information, call 1-800-329-4144.

STORMS

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Along with seeing some interesting weather, the storms lead the adventurous chasers to some out of the way places.

"We also love the terrain out here," Blair said. "We get to see places most people never see." Current said.

For anyone who interested in becoming a storm tracker, Blair gives some advice. "The first thing you want to do is educate yourself," he said.

Blair suggests a good starting point is visiting his Web site www.targetarea.net. The site includes links to other storm chaser sights, weather information, tales and pictures of some of the storms he has chased.

CITY

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observed the location of the leaks, and decided that the best material to use on it was something called an 'ice and water membrane.' It's a rubberized membrane that you put on it. The hotter it gets, the more it sticks to the current roof, plus when you nail it down, it's self-sealing. In addition to that of course we put the regular tar paper on underneath it and then we put a thing called 'Desert Tan Classic' shingles on the top of that." The council voted to provide the cost of the membrane, \$6,946, plus \$700 to connect flashing to the roof modifications on each side of the roof.

Lee George Construction Inc., the contractor who built the original roof, agreed to replace the shingles and rework the gutter straps at no cost to the city. Curtiss delivered a Power Point presentation on accomplishments at the airport during his first three months on the job.

"Honestly, I wish I was farther along, but that's something I have to learn. With municipalities, there's a process that has to be followed," he said. "I came in from free enterprise, of course, we don't have that process. When you say 'Go do it,' it gets done."

Curtiss said he anticipated the extra time that would be needed to obtain authorization for projects and to interact with the city government and figured it into his schedule and so the projects are about where he had

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anticipated they would be by this point. "If you had your druthers, of course, it would all be done," he said.

The new manager, who comes to Big Spring from Florida, said the airport manager position is his dream job.

"I'm a pilot, and I like flying, so everything to do with the airport is exciting to me," he said. "But my background is construction and so everything we do with the industrial park is exciting to me. So as far as I'm concerned, I'm in the job that I dreamed about all my life. I'm doing all the things that I enjoy doing."

Among the 67 completed, ongoing and planned projects highlighted in Curtiss' presentation was the new Airport Weather Observation System which will provide updated weather information to pilots and will also incidentally put Big Spring on the map for weather forecast information from the Weather Channel and other sources. "Installing the AWOSS this last week was incredible," he said. "I went out there this last weekend and looked at the detail on the AWOSS. That was exciting."

The system currently is accessible by telephone at 263-3824, but requires about eight months of testing before going fully online. Other projects include accountability and reporting, financial, construction, and enterprises such as a tree farm and sod farm planned at the airport.

In other business, the council elected Councilman Oscar Garcia to the mayor pro-tem position. "I think it's an honor to be appointed by my peers, by the council itself," Garcia said. "I feel that they have given me responsibility. I've served as mayor pro-tem in the past and I think they recognized and realized that I have done a job that they thought was adequate and they elected me again for it."

In other business, the council: Approved a request by the Downtown Revitalization Association for assistance with road closures, water and electricity and trash barrels for that group's planned Fourth of July celebration the "Funtastic Fourth Festival." Approved an interlocal agreement with Howard College accepting a used 25-passenger bus from the college in return for inmate labor.

Awarded the city's bank depository contract to State National Bank. Approved placement of a stop sign northbound on South Donley Street yielding to East Second Street. Heard an update on the city's implementation of the

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regional comprehensive plan. Appointed Ethel Wakefield to the Citizen's Advisory Board.

FIRE/EMS

The following is a summary of EMS and Fire Department activity

2:17 p.m. — 2300 block of Gregg, medical call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

8:08 p.m. — 1900 block of N. Hwy 87, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

9:46 p.m. — 1300 block of Utah, medical call, service refused.

9:41 p.m. — 500 block of N. Douglas, residence, smoke scare.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from 8 a.m. Tuesday until 8 a.m. today:

ANGELICA CAZARES, 42, of 8513 El Camino was arrested on a charge of driving with an invalid license.

LIONSO LEE JIMENEZ, 23, of 8513 El Camino was arrested on charges of failure to identify/fugitive from justice and no seatbelt and for revocation of probation.

JASON ROBERTS, 22, of 2106 Monticello was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated and evading arrest or detention.

MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 1200 block of Mulberry Avenue, the 1500 block of South Gregg Street

DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 1200 block of South Johnson Street

LOUD PARTY/NOISE was reported in the 2100 block of South Nolan Street, the 400 block of South Dallas Street

ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 800 block of West Sixth Street, the 2400 block of Merrily Drive

ASSAULT BY THREAT was reported in the 600 block of East 16th Street.

THEFT was reported: In the 500 block of Westover Road, Jewelry or precious metals worth \$300 was reported stolen.

In the 1600 block of Settles Street, A gold and diamond dinner ring worth \$800 and a wedding soli-

taire worth \$700 were reported stolen.

In the 1800 block of East FM 700, Cash worth \$270 was reported stolen.

In the 700 block of South Owens Street, Cash worth \$1,250 was reported stolen.

In the 200 block of South Gregg Street, Two compact discs worth \$40, three winning lottery tickets worth \$6 and \$5 in loose change were reported stolen.

FORGERY OF A CHECK OR CREDIT CARD was reported at Walmart.

BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported: In person at the police station. Someone reportedly stole \$423 in cash from a vehicle.

In the 2200 block of Gregg Street, Cash worth \$215 was reportedly stolen from an unlocked vehicle.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported:

In the 1000 block of South Main Street, A white 1996 Dodge reportedly sustained \$200 damage in the incident.

In the 800 block of South Owens Street, A window reportedly sustained \$500 damage and a white 1996 Ford reportedly sustained \$300 damage in the incident.

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity over the weekend:

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT: 1

ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE: 9

BURGLARY OF A HABITATION: 2

BURGLARY OF A MOTOR VEHICLE: 4

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF: 6

DISORDERLY CONDUCT: 1

DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED: 3

DRIVING WITH LICENSE INVALID: 3

INJURY TO A CHILD: 1

INTERFERENCE WITH EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION: 1

POSSESSION OF DRUGS: 3

PURCHASE OF ALCOHOL FOR A MINOR: 1

RESISTING ARREST: 1

THEFT: 30

Convenience Store

Thefts: 24

Beer: 5

Gasoline: 18

UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE: 1

VIOLATION OF A PROTECTIVE ORDER: 1

INCIDENTS: 16

ACCIDENTS: 4

Minor: 4

ARRRESTS: 17

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Panhandle train collision being investigated

CLARENDON (AP) — Investigators don't yet know how two Burlington Northern Santa Fe freight trains ended up on the same track before their head-on collision that killed a 61-year-old engineer and injured three others in the Panhandle.

"We heard them hit, so I looked up and there was just fire everywhere," said Mike Ritchie, a Texas Department of Transportation worker, who went to the scene from his work site a mile away. "I saw this huge fireball shoot up maybe 200 feet in the air."

Galen Shelby, who worked for BNSF for 27 years, died from extensive injuries suffered in the fiery collision Tuesday morning, railroad spokesman Joseph Faust said.

Officials said Shelby was pinned under the trains for about five hours before his body was removed.

BNSF conductor Bruce Patterson, 57, had to be dug out from beneath a burning coal car by rescue workers and bystanders, officials said.

"There's no doubt in my mind the death toll would have gone up by one if it weren't for these people," Department of Public Safety spokesman Wayne Beighle told the Amarillo Globe-News in today's editions. "There was fire everywhere and they went in there to dig that man out."

Belinda Montana, director of operations for Clarendon Emergency Medical Services, said Patterson was conscious and talking to them as they tried to free him. It took about 20 minutes to free Patterson as flames threatened.

"We were just focused on getting him out," Montana said. "I was concerned for the safety of my crew, but

I wasn't worried about the danger to myself. We had to save him."

Patterson and engineer Ronald Gordon, 51, remained in stable condition at Northwest Texas hospital in Amarillo early this morning. Conductor Rodney Torres, 34, was treated and released.

The impact crushed the leading locomotives. One was ripped from its chassis and pushed back from the wheels. A 20-foot section of track was pushed through a coal car and stuck straight into the air.

Four locomotives and 25 rail cars derailed in the crash.

BNSF officials said one train loaded with coal was traveling from Wyoming to Texas and the other intermodal train was bound to California from Kansas.

No hazardous materials were released in the crash.

Crews battle helplessness, fatigue in effort to recover victims of bridge collapse

WEBBERS FALLS, Okla. (AP) — Although divers have battled lightning, rubble and fatigue to recover victims of a deadly bridge collapse, their hardest fight may be against hopelessness.

With the aid of sonar and a large crane, recovery crews have been able to pull the bodies of 13 people, as well as 10 vehicles, from the murky Arkansas River. The agonizing search was to resume Wednesday morning.

"We're having a beneficial effect, but at the same time, there's a feeling of helplessness that we're not doing all we can be doing, just because of the obstacles and treacherous conditions," said Dennis Splawn, a diver with the Oklahoma Highway Patrol.

An unknown number of people are still missing after an out-of-control barge hit the Interstate 40 bridge on Sunday and knocked out a 500-foot section of highway, sending about a dozen vehicles plunging 62 feet into the river.

The bodies of seven women and six men have been recovered from the water, said highway patrol Lt. Chris West.

Among the dead were Misty Johnson, 28, and James Johnson, 30, of Lavaca, Ark., a couple said to be en route to Tulsa with their 3-year-old daughter, Shay Nicole.

"We do believe we have very good, reliable information that the child was traveling with them," Michelann Ooten, a spokeswoman for the Oklahoma Department of Civil

Emergency Management, said Tuesday evening.

Divers also managed to pull up the body of Andrew Clements, 35, an Army captain who was driving across the country to begin a new chapter in his life.

Clements picked up his German shepherd in California and headed east to Alexandria, Va., where he and his wife were set to close a deal on a new two-story house. By Sunday morning, he was crossing the I-40 bridge when the barge hit.

"What were the odds of something like that happening?" asked Ronald Clements, his father. His son left behind three children, including an 8-week-old.

Dental records eventually confirmed Andrew Clements' identity, but photos of the crushed car had already given it away: There was a dog cage in the back seat.

Other victims included Gail Shanahan, 49, who was returning to South Central Texas with another horse trainer, Maggie Green, when their truck and a trailer hauling four horses plunged off the bridge. Searchers have pulled three horses out of the river.

Norman police Detective Wayne Martin and his wife, Susan, were two more victims.

They were heading to Arkansas for a family reunion Sunday morning, but never arrived.

"We are pretty well resolved to the facts," said Norman police Lt. Glenn Dobry. "It's extremely tough."

Bush confers with CIA on securing West Bank

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush has sent a top envoy to the Middle East to drum up support for reshaping the Palestinian Authority. Yasser Arafat's role in Mideast peacemaking could hang in the balance.

Assistant Secretary of State William Burns' six-nation trip is to include a meeting with the Palestinian leader. CIA Director George J. Tenet is likely to follow this weekend as the administration begins a new effort to encourage peace talks.

Bush was to meet with Tenet and other senior advisers at the White House on Wednesday to chart his mission.

Bush's senior advisers are in the midst of an unresolved and prolonged debate

on whether Arafat is willing or capable of curbing attacks on Israel and engaging in productive peacemaking, three U.S. officials told The Associated Press.

The president has urged Arafat to adopt democratic changes and found the appeal is drawing support among Arab leaders and the Palestinians themselves, said a senior U.S. official speaking on condition of anonymity.

The Palestinians could resolve U.S. concerns by deciding on an alternative to Arafat.

Secretary of State Colin Powell said Tuesday in Rome, "we are not at this point prepared to table an American plan with specific deadlines."

"When we get reports back from Mr. Tenet and

Ambassador Burns and we consult with a lot of other people we will start to integrate all this information and see what next steps should be taken," Powell said.

Burns flew first to Cairo. He planned stops in Israel, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Syria and Lebanon.

Tenet is expected to go to the region this weekend to work with Israelis and Palestinians on revamping Palestinian security arrangements on the West Bank and in Gaza to shield Israel from further terror attacks.

A Palestinian suicide bomber on Monday killed a woman and her 18-month-old granddaughter near Tel Aviv.

On Tuesday, a Palestinian infiltrator shot and killed three Israeli students at an

Orthodox Jewish high school in the West Bank settlement of Itamar, near the Palestinian city of Nablus. The attacker was shot and killed.

While Bush's advisers weigh Arafat's role, the president is shying away from setting deadlines for peacemaking between Israel and the Palestinian Authority.

Last year the administration adopted a timeline that would begin with a sharp decline in violence. But as the terror persisted, and the advice to get moving poured in from the Arabs and Europeans, Powell said tightening security could coincide with other peacemaking gestures.

In the meantime, efforts to revive a cease-fire were sidetracked.

Mildred Wirt Benson, author of Nancy Drew detective series, dead at 96

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) — Mildred Wirt Benson, who brought a young sleuth named Nancy Drew to life as the original author of the popular children's mystery series, has died. She was 96.

Benson became ill at work Tuesday afternoon while working on her column about daily life and older folks for The Blade newspaper. She was taken to the Toledo Hospital, where she died, the hospital said.

Benson was a journalist for 58 years and wrote more than 130 books, including the Penny Parker mystery series. She also penned countless short stories, but is best known for creating Nancy Drew, who inspired and captivated generations of girls.

The series is still in print and has sold over 200 million books in 17 languages.

Nancy Drew buffs have said Benson's books allowed teen-age girls and young women to imagine anything could be possible at a time when females struggled for any sense of equality.

Pan Am 103 families offered \$2.7 billion

WASHINGTON (AP) — Libya is offering to pay \$2.7 billion, or \$10 million per family, as compensation for those killed in the 1988 bombing of Pan Am flight 103, lawyers representing the families say.

Of the 270 victims in the bombing that occurred over Lockerbie, Scotland, 181 were Americans.

The attorneys said the total figure was a "vast multiple" of settlements paid in any other aviation or terrorism case.

The lawyers have been negotiating with the Libyans for years, with a view toward reaching a settlement that would permit the lifting of both U.N. Security Council and U.S. sanctions against Libya.

The State Department has not been involved in the negotiations. A senior department official

expressed doubt that the Bush administration would approve the arrangement.

A Libyan government official confirmed the offer Wednesday. Libya has not officially commented on the announcement.

However, the government official confirmed the deal to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity, calling it a "preliminary agreement."

The official said a "political meeting" will be held June 6 in London that will include U.S. and Libyan government officials. The official said the Libyan team involved in negotiating the deal has no official status — an attempt to indicate the Libyan government wasn't involved.

The New York-based Kreindler & Kreindler law firm, discussing the case publicly for the first time, outlined the status of the

negotiations in a five-page letter to family members.

Daniel Cohen, whose 20-year-old daughter Theodora died in the bombing, called the offer reprehensible.

"That's a good way to put it," Cohen said this morning from his home in Cape May Court House, N.J. "It's a business deal, not a compensation offer. It's contingent on how much Libya has to gain from the United States by the lifting of the sanctions. If certain sanctions lifted we get this; if certain other sanctions lifted we get more. It puts us in the position of being cheerleaders for Ghaddafi."

Pat Brunner of Hamburg, N.Y., who lost her 20-year-old daughter Colleen when the plane exploded, was surprised and confused that Kreindler would release the settlement offer without notifying victims' families first.

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OUR VIEWS

Opportunity exists to help Memorial site

While about 150 engraved granite bricks have been set in the new wall at the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial, the opportunity still exists to help a worthy cause and be able to remember loved ones at the same time.

The wall, dedicated during Monday's Memorial Day activities, is now partially complete, meaning there's still time to have a part in the project.

The Vietnam Memorial Committee is still taking applications for the pink Texas granite bricks that can be engraved with up to three lines of 14 characters per line and are priced at \$30 each. Application forms can be picked up at Athletic Supply in the Big Spring Mall and at the Sparenburg Building downtown.

We can think of no better way to personalize the memorial for the veterans who served in Vietnam, as well as those who served during other wars.

It's also an opportunity for the families of those who died during our nation's wars, were prisoners of war or are still listed as missing in action to honor those sacrifices.

But the person being memorialized doesn't even have to be a veteran. What's important is for the entire community to feel as it's a part of the memorial.

The fund-raiser is of extreme importance because the committee needs help in maintaining the memorial that draws visitors from all over our nation. Money is constantly needed for upkeep of the memorial. Many members put their own money into that effort, but there's no way they can shoulder all the burden.

It costs a minimum of \$3,000 per year just to pay utility bills for the memorial, and that doesn't include materials and equipment needed to keep the grounds and perform basic maintenance.

All proceeds from the sale of the bricks will be used by the committee to maintain the memorial's grounds.

So, even if you don't have someone you're interested in memorializing with a brick, we here at the Herald encourage all those who can to make a tax-deductible contribution toward the memorial's upkeep simply by mailing a donation to: Vietnam Memorial Committee, P.O. Box 2854, Big Spring 79720.

Howard Countians have always done their part and we're sure you will this time.

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A sunflower salute to those who fought

This week I finally and fully appreciated why farm boys slipped off to sea or to car factories up North. I understood why rosy-cheeked farm girls hied to secretarial school or teachers colleges.

I planted a small, quarter-acre, plowed plot with a hoe and my sack of sunflower seeds. I worked a row at a time, as much as my weak back could stand at a stretch. It took several days.

At night I propped my feet on a stool and cushioned my aches with pillows, music and complaints. But I felt a tired satisfaction in those slow-growing rows. Five down, seven to go.

With each seed dropped, I was more invested. I also was more vulnerable, now dependent on the sky for water and sunshine in just the right doses, at just the right times.

I've never known a

farmer who didn't think all other work was unimportant, sissified. It has some times irked me just a little, that condescending, you-owe-me air they can have.

But maybe the farmers are right, after all.

I planted my sunflowers and — soon will plant — a few pumpkins for a lark. But what if my family's living depended on it? What if those black specks of seed, of life, were keeping the bank at bay? That's a different game. Serious day-in, day-out farming is low-down labor. And it used to be far worse, before the invention of fancy tractors and amazing implements and government subsidies.

You can see why after the War, in the South, returning veterans eagerly went off to school and learned to be reporters, or doctors, even chose professions involving math, like accounting or engineering. Next to farming, all other work seemed easy. And people had grown used to decent wartime wages at shipyards and aircraft factories.

The World War II generation finished the inevitable transition. Along with everything else they were charged with doing, they

tromped the trail between the agrarian and industrial societies. They used the GI Bill to get an education. They found jobs away from home.

Today that uncomplaining, sturdy, ambitious generation is disappearing quickly, one funeral at a time. In small towns across this nation, men and women who fought for freedom and built bridges are being plotted in their old hometowns and family cemeteries.

The changes they witnessed. As children, they rode to town in buggies or A-models; as adults, they watched men skip on the moon. (As late as 1941, seven out of 10 Americans had never even flown in an airplane.) The WWII generation made the trek from homes with no indoor plumbing to homes with computers in the living room. During the War, women learned they could hold jobs and balance checkbooks.

Through it all, the chaos and changes, they adjusted.

In the space of one week, I lost both an aunt and an uncle. They both belonged to that steady, stoic WWII generation.

My aunt ran a sewing

plant most of her life, kept the production line humming, plus kept peace between the bobbins. She was widowed early and went to live in a house behind her daughter. The women she so sternly managed at work would have been shocked to know my aunt was terrified of thunderstorms, and that down deep she was really a tender-hearted pussycat.

My uncle was a game warden. He saw a little of everything during decades in that business. He worked outdoors, but not behind a plow.

Memorial Day is set aside to honor all the war dead. And rightly so. But I say they were veterans of domestic wars as well. Once the 16 million veterans returned from World War II, they faced new kinds of challenges.

And now, as they slip from this Earth one by one, we can say they largely won those battles, too.

I didn't go to the funerals. Jobs and life have taken me many hours away from my South Georgia roots.

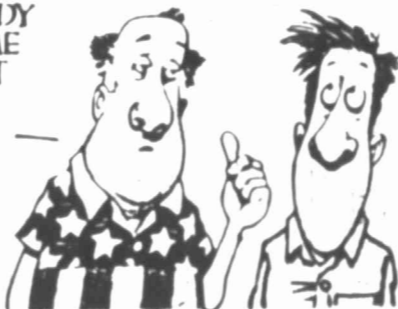
But as I planted my seeds, I remembered my relatives. Soon, with luck, sunflowers will salute them.



RHETA GRIMSLEY JOHNSON



EVERY NOW AND THEN SOMEBODY WILL REMIND ME ABOUT IT, BUT AFTER A WHILE I DON'T EVEN NOTICE IT...



Spirit of a real community

GOV-X. That was the name of the first huge discount store I can recall. It was in Fort Worth

and you had to have a membership card to shop there. I thought it was strange, something sinister and foreign, completely out of my experience. The name GOV-X sounded like something from another planet. It was scary. Little did I realize it was the future of shopping in America.

The backbone of our economy used to be small, locally owned stores where the owners knew their customers personally and took a genuine interest in their lives. The stores created a strong sense of community. When you entered them, it was like going to a comfortable place, safe and secure. You saw the owner and his family and visited with them, exchanging information about nothing and everything.

I grew up in such a store in Fort Worth. My dad

owned a grocery store at the corner of Yale and Notre Dame streets in River Oaks. He used to call it the most educated store in America. He worked hard. So did my mother. So did I. If your parents have a store, you work. It is the biggest thing in your life.

Our store had about a dozen employees. They all respected my dad. In addition to being an expert butcher, he was a philosopher who shared profound insight on current events. He constantly had a joke, story or poem about whatever subject was being discussed. He was pre-med in college, but quit to start his business.

State legislators from the Fort Worth area used to seek his advice on different issues. They would stand on the customer side of the meat case and my dad would continue to cut meat while they talked. He could work and visit simultaneously better than anybody I've ever seen.

Our store was not too different from other stores in the pre-super market era. Of course we thought ours was the best, but we also were friends with other grocers and their families who had stores in the vicinity.

Customers used to go to

several stores to shop: one for produce, another for meat, another for groceries.

The Mom & Pop stores were the best representation of America. They were usually started by men whose fathers had stores. They became institutions. Customers, owners and employees knew each other's names, the names of their kids and pets and what kind of car they drove. There was always lots of visiting.

People used to bring in all sorts of forms they found difficult. My dad would help complete them. He heaped praise on youngsters when they were recognized at school for something. And when people couldn't pay their bill, he took the loss stoically.

The big discount houses might offer cheaper goods, but in reality they take the character and charm out of a community. Many home-grown businesses suffer dramatically. Most of them close. These are the real heart and soul of our community. The huge stores have goods that make shopping there inevitable. But we should support our local entrepreneurs who work hard to provide the spirit and flavor necessary to make a real community.



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The Summer Reading Program "kicks off" with boot decorating and treats

In "Cowboy Mafia: The Finest Story in Texas True Crime History" Roy Graham has written a fascinating true story that deals with the largest marijuana smuggling operation in the state of Texas during the 1980s.

Rex Cauble a well-known Texas multi-millionaire spent five years here in Big Spring at "Club Fed," a federal correctional institution.

This is a partisan account of Roy Graham's perception of the federal government's unwarranted investigation into Rex Cauble.

"The Newton Boys: Portrait of an Outlaw Gang" by Willis and Joe Newton (as told to Claude Stanush and David Middleton) is a really neat book.

The Newton Boys were the most successful bank robbers in the history of the United States.

They never killed anyone, never snitched, and only

robbed banks (just bigger thieves, in their opinion), until their final deal, which was a botched train robbery for \$3 million.

In the film the end credits have been intercut with archival footage of two of the real-life Newton boys toward the end of their lives plus one from a 1980 appearance with Johnny Carson on The Tonight Show.

Since we are talking Texas history, the Library has just received "Sam Bass & Gang" by Rick Miller.

The exploits of the outlaw Sam Bass led to his legendary status as an amiable rogue who took on the widely disliked railroad



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corporations and who followed the code of the outlaws by refusing to give up his companions to pursuing lawmen.

Legend has it that gold from his robberies is still hidden in Longhorn Caverns, down by Burnet.

Remember the old saying "One riot, one Ranger"? Read about the exploits of the Texas Rangers in "The Law Comes to Texas: The Texas Rangers 1870-1901" by Frederick Wilkins and "Border Boss: Captain John R. Hughes—Texas Ranger" by Jack Martin.

If you would like to read about the hero of Texas, Sam Houston, the Library has two biographies of him.

The first is a fictionalized account by James Michener, "The Eagle and the Raven."

This tells the story of the relationship between Houston and General Santa Anna.

The second is a highly regarded bio entitled "Sam

Houston" by James L. Haley.

Haley spent over 15 years producing his highly readable biography of Houston as a statesman and a leader.

Book Three of Robert A. Caro's monumental work, "The Years of Lyndon Johnson: Master of the Senate" is one of the most admired and riveting political biographies of our era. (Caro's series began with "The Path to Power" and "Means of Ascent"). "Master of the Senate" carries Lyndon Johnson's story through one of its most remarkable periods, his 12 years, from 1949 to 1960, in the United States Senate.

At the heart of the book is its unprecedented revelation of how legislative power works in America, how the Senate works, and how Johnson mastered the Senate as no political leader before him had ever done.

While the Library does not have the first two volumes, we can request them via interlibrary loan.

It's still not too late to plan a summer or fall vacation!

The Library has received Frommer's "Alaska 2002" and "Las Vegas 2002."

If you are planning a driving vacation in the Sierra Nevada Mountains, "Sierra Nevada Byways" may be for you.

Filled with hints on how travel the back roads, it has 50 adventure roads to travel.

Even though the Winter Olympics are over, both Salt Lake City and Utah can be an exciting vacation spot.

"Utah" by Tom and Gayen Wharton is chock-full of Mormon history and customs, color maps with historic sites and hiking trails marked, and absolutely stunning photographs.

Grand Canyon, check out "The Grand Canyon Handbook" (as related by Ranger Jack) written by Susan and Phil Frank.

This is an extremely up-to-date guidebook for the area.

The Howard County Library is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday to Friday and from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday.

Summer Reading Program sign up begins June 3 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. with treats and boot decorating.

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Hollis McCright writes a regular column for the Herald.

Once a classroom staple, chalkboard slowly being replaced by white marker board

WASHINGTON (AP) — When architects turned a former Safeway grocery into a public charter school in 1999, they ditched the dusty chalkboards.

Instead, each of the 17 classrooms at the SouthEast Academy of Scholastic Excellence got a glossy whiteboard and set of colored markers — to the delight of special education teacher JoAnne Anthony.

"I love it because I have allergies and I don't like chalk," said Anthony. "I don't like it on my hands and on my clothes."

While the old-fashioned chalkboard remains a fixture in most U.S. classrooms, school designers have all but eliminated it. Taking a page from the business world, they're outfitting most new and remodeled schools with whiteboards, in some cases installing high-tech devices that turn them into virtual computer screens.

Teachers can surf the Internet in front of class, save and print out lessons or even create animated diagrams that students can review on a home computer.

"It's helped us to teach the way we've always wanted the class to go," said Albert Throckmorton, director of

curriculum technology at Episcopal High School in Alexandria, Va.

Even before such gee-whiz devices came along, educators say, the chalkboard was on the way out, killed by computers. Chalk is compressed dust, after all, and dust is the enemy of computers. To a lesser degree, schools also worry about dust allergies.

Nancy Myers, an Indiana school planner, said that people in her firm "don't even consider chalkboards in most cases" and that schools like the modern, businesslike look of whiteboards.

The dust-and-computers problem might be a bit overblown, she said.

"The truth is, unless the computers are sitting right on top of the chalkboards, there isn't going to be an issue."

First used widely in the United States in the mid-1800s, the schoolroom chalkboard was itself revolutionary, replacing the handheld slate as schools began educating large numbers of students, said Peggy Kidwell, a curator at the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History.

While the popularity of

plastic-coated whiteboards took off in the 1990s, these days most are actually made of the same stuff as chalkboards — a thin coating of porcelain over steel. Chalkboards get a satin finish so the chalk will bite, while whiteboards get a glossy finish.

A few companies have turned whiteboards into oversize computer screens. One company sells a \$10,000 plasma screen that teachers can use to project images from a computer — the teacher's hand becomes the computer mouse on the touch-sensitive screen.

For about \$3,500, schools can buy a device that allows teachers to draw on a board, hit a button and print copies on a laser printer — or save text and drawings to a hard drive or Web server.

An even cheaper device simply sticks to a whiteboard with suction cups, each of its four markers fitted with a computer stylus. The mimio Xi, manufactured by Massachusetts-based Virtual Ink Corp., saves words or drawings stroke-by-stroke into a computer file, allowing teachers to create a digital movie of a lesson. Students can download and review it using a VCR-like program.

At Episcopal, a coed boarding school near Washington, Throckmorton bought four mimio Xis for \$1,500. He said students are now "liberated to participate and understand more in class" because they know they can replay the lesson — especially helpful in understanding mathematical proofs, supply-and-

demand curves, cell diagrams and electron cycles, he said.

"In the classes where the board is used frequently, especially in our science department, we've discovered that students are more interested in participating in class and not so bound to the manual task of note taking," he said. A few schools use a microphone so the teacher's comments accompany the animation.

Even with such advances, said Henry Ruggiero, president of New York Blackboard of NJ, a major blackboard manufacturer, teachers often plead with him not to replace their chalkboards. The grit offers just enough resistance for writing.

"It seems to help the chil-

dren with their handwriting," he said.

Indeed, a common complaint of whiteboards is that they're so slick students end up writing faster than their brains can think.

Ohio industrial designer Sandy Kate said many teachers simply like the feel of chalk. "I think it's just one of those things," she said. "People get used to something and don't want to give it up."

Kate gives chalkboards five years at most — making for a brighter, whiter future, but without the simple joy of clapping dusty erasers on the side of the school building.

"I do wonder what's going to happen to all the youth who were sent forward to clean erasers," Kidwell said.

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IN BRIEF

Lady Steers Softball Boosters to meet

The Big Spring Lady Steers Softball Boosters Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the BSHS Athletic Training Center meeting room.

Parents of all high school and junior high school age softball players should attend.

Camp of Champs set for June 3-27

Big Spring High School has scheduled its Camp of Champs weightlifting camp which begins Monday and continues through June 27.

The camp is open to current fifth- through eighth-graders.

For more information, call Ricky Long at 264-3662 or 263-0519.

Country Club slates Junior golf clinic

The Big Spring Country Club Junior Golf Clinic is scheduled for Tuesday through Friday, June 4-7.

The clinic is free to country club members, while non-members will pay a \$25 fee.

Youngsters between the ages of 5 and 9 will have sessions between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m., while those 10 and older will attend sessions from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

For more information, call 267-5354.

CGA scholarship tournament slated

The Chicano Golf Association of Big Spring will hold its annual Golf Scholarship Tournament Saturday and Sunday, June 8-9, at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Entry fees for the two-person scramble event are \$60 per player. Mulley Mulligans are \$10 both days. Fees do not include cart rental.

For more information, call 264-2366 or 263-4044.

Coahoma schedules Bulldog Tennis Camp

The 2002 Coahoma Bulldog Tennis Camp has been scheduled for Monday through Friday, June 24-28.

The camp is for novice, intermediate and advanced boys and girls between the ages of 8 and 16.

Fees for the camp are \$40 per player and sessions will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.

Enrollment forms must be turned in by Friday, June 21.

For more information, call Marcelino Chavez at 394-4355 or 395-4535 or 394-4615.

Lady Steers hoops camp scheduled

Big Spring Lady Steers head basketball coach Jimmy Avery will conduct the Lady Steers Fundamental Basketball Camp from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. June 10-13 in the Big Spring Junior High School gymnasium.

The camp is open to current first- through eighth-graders.

The camp will provide girls with an opportunity to develop individual basketball skills through one-on-one and group drills.

The camp fee is \$45. Send applications and fees to Avery in care of Big Spring High School, 707 11th Place, Big Spring, 79720.

For more information concerning the camp, call Avery at 264-3647 or 264-0403.

Bibby provides last-minute heroics for Kings in 92-91 win

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — For Mike Bibby, it was a chance to make the big shot.

For Kobe Bryant, much more experienced in these matters, it was another misfire. And this time, there was no Robert Horry to rescue the Los Angeles Lakers.

Bibby, emerging as a star in his first visit to the playoffs, made a 22-footer with 8.2 seconds remaining Tuesday night to give the Sacramento Kings to a 92-91 victory and a 3-2 lead in the Western Conference finals.

When Bryant's potential winner from the right corner hit the rim and bounced away, the Kings drew

within one win of their first appearance in the NBA Finals since 1951.

And the two-time defending champion Lakers, winners of 13 titles since that time, are one loss from elimination.

Game 6 is Friday night in Los Angeles. Game 7, if necessary, will be Sunday at Arco Arena.

Bibby was freed from the winning shot by a screen from Chris Webber that knocked Derek Fisher to the floor.

"I told Chris that if he handed the ball out to me, I was going to make it," said Bibby, who scored 23 points. "I think there are a lot of people on this team who could have

taken the last shot."

"This is my first year here," he added. "I'm just happy to be here."

Bibby came to Sacramento 11 months ago in a trade for Jason Williams.

"In the huddle Mike said he wanted to shoot it," said Webber, who had 29 points and 13 rebounds. "We all have confidence in Mike. I just wanted to get a piece of Fisher."

The Lakers countered by getting the ball to Bryant, as expected. Closely guarded by the smaller Bobby Jackson, Bryant let fly from the right corner with one second left. The shot wasn't close.

"I knew he'd try to spin baseline

— it's his favorite move," Jackson said. "I was thinking, 'Please miss. Please, please miss.' He's a great player. He doesn't miss many shots."

Bryant and Shaquille O'Neal each missed as time was running out in Game 4 before Horry's 3-pointer gave the Lakers a 100-99 victory to even the series.

Horry wasn't open this time. Webber said there was no way he was going to leave him alone.

"I was just trying to shoot over (Jackson) and the shot went long," said Bryant, who scored 30 points. "We'll take the one-point defeat, go home and win the next game."

Smith sets positive tone for Cowboys with letter

IRVING (AP) — Emmitt Smith has won three Super Bowls and is within reach of Walter Payton's NFL career rushing record. So when Smith talks, the Dallas Cowboys listen.

The letter Smith wrote to his teammates at the end of another 5-11 season got their attention.

"When a guy like Emmitt steps up like that, it's motivation," defensive tackle Brandon Noble said last week. "He said this is how it's done, let's do it, let's do something special. It was cool to see him do something like that."

Smith wanted to set a positive tone for the 2002 season. He gave a copy of the letter to each teammate, his basic message being that offseason workouts were the time to begin preparing for a better year.

"He wants us to be just as successful as a football team," said defensive end Greg Ellis said. "He's been there, he wants to take the rest of us there. He's letting us know what it takes to get there. And it doesn't start in the first game, or even in training camp."

Smith found it difficult to hide his disappointment as the Cowboys struggled last season. But after some heart-to-heart talks with coach Dave Campo, the star running back wrote the letter on his own.

"It's one thing to have an opportunity and feel good about yourself," Smith said during the team's quarter-backs school this week. "It's another thing to feel good about what you're doing and everybody else feeling good and wanting to work as hard as, not only you, but other guys that really want to commit themselves to trying to improve this club and this organization."

Smith and Darren Woodson, at 33 the two oldest Cowboys, are the only players left from the three Dallas teams that won Super Bowls in the mid-1990s.

Even though Smith had his NFL-record 11th straight 1,000-yard rushing season, and moved within 539 yards of Payton's record 16,726 yards, the Cowboys were 5-11 for the second straight year and he missed consecutive games because of injury for the first time in his 12-year



Dallas running back Emmitt Smith, pictured here scoring against Pittsburgh in the Cowboys' Super Bowl win in 1996, is trying to set a winning tone among his teammates.

career. As he became frustrated, Smith openly questioned some of the things the Cowboys were doing. Campo responded to his star running back through the media.

Campo and Smith insisted there was never a problem between them, but they cleared the air when they talked. The conversations assured Smith about where things were heading.

"I felt good at the end of the year that Emmitt was on the same page with us," Campo said. "Emmitt is one of my favorite guys, if not my most favorite. Sometimes when you have a player that is so competitive, some things get blown out of proportion."

Smith said the Cowboys have lived up to their promises, including the hiring of new offensive coordinator Bruce Coslet and the implementation of a new offensive system.

Plus, they've gone out and gotten players to fill needs.

His teammates know that winning games is as important to Smith as getting the rushing record.

"It speaks volumes of the kind of guy he is. It speaks volumes of his accomplishment and what he wants to achieve," said starting quarterback Quincy Carter, who missed half of his rookie season to injuries. "It's good as a youngster coming up to follow a guy like that."

A-Rod, Narron get heave-ho in 11-4 defeat

ARLINGTON (AP) — Minnesota Twins manager Ron Gardenhire got more than he expected from spot starter Tony Fiore.

Fiore gave the Twins' injury-riddled rotation a lift, allowing three runs and four hits over 5 1-3 innings in Tuesday night's 11-4 victory over the Texas Rangers.

"We didn't want to kill him," Gardenhire said. "He's a bullpen guy. We didn't want to see him get beat around. We just wanted to give him a chance to get a win. He had a good six innings. It was a great spot to start and I'm very happy with that."

Fiore (3-1) made his second career start in the absence of injured starters Brad Radke and Joe Mays. "I hope I showed them something," said Fiore, who struck out three and walked four. "I think I battled. I just didn't want to blow the lead."

Jacque Jones backed Fiore with a grand slam and five RBIs to match his career high as the Twins handed the Rangers their fifth straight defeat.

All 10 of Jones' homers this season have come on the road.

Alex Rodriguez hit his 15th homer to take over the AL lead, but the Rangers lost for the 10th time in 11 games.

Rodriguez and Rangers manager Jerry Narron were ejected during the break in the fifth by second base umpire Greg Gibson.

Rodriguez was tossed for continuing an argument with Gibson on a safe call at second base on a stolen base earlier in the inning.

Narron was thrown out when he ran on the field to continue the argument after teammates managed to restrain Rodriguez.

Narron said Gibson explained that Rodriguez was thrown out of the game for running off the field in an "intimidating" manner.

"I asked him what Alex said to get thrown out of the game and he said Alex didn't say anything," Narron said. "It was the way he ran off the field as if he was trying to intimidate him (Gibson). That's the first

time I've ever heard of a player getting thrown out for not saying anything."

Crew chief Gerry Davis met briefly with reporters outside the umpires' room.

"We're going to file a report with Major League Baseball," Davis said. "We have a directive to make all inquires to Major League Baseball. We have no comment."

Rodriguez had left the clubhouse by the end of the game.

A.J. Pierzynski had two hits and David Ortiz hit a three-run double for the Twins, who have won four of five.

The Twins took advantage of Ranger starter Chan Ho Park's wildness in their four-run second. Park hit Corey Koskie with a pitch, gave up a double to Pierzynski, and walked No. 9 hitter Denny Hocking to load the bases.

Jones sent a 2-2 pitch just inside the right-field foul pole for his second career grand slam.

Minnesota made it 6-0 in the fourth, chasing Park with Pierzynski's run-scoring triple and Jones' RBI double.

Park (1-2) allowed six runs and four hits over 3 1-3 innings in his fourth start of the season. Park missed almost six weeks with a hamstring injury.

"He got behind in the count the entire time he was out there," Narron said. "He needs to throw more strikes early in the count."

Notes: Park threw 43 pitches in the second

inning, 81 for his outing. His ERA rose from 6.61 to 8.24. ...Texas has used 38 players, second in the majors behind Detroit's 40.

...Fiore had the longest outing of his major league career. ...Narron and Rodriguez have each been ejected twice this season.

...The Rangers matched their longest losing streak of the season. ...Texas' Dave Burba pitched in relief for the first time this season.

...Texas is 10 games under .500 for the first time this season. ...Jones' grand slam was the first against the Rangers by a Twins player since Kirby Puckett in 1993.

Braves take first place in NL East with very costly victory

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Atlanta Braves moved up one place in the standings, and dropped two more players on the field.

It took until their 52nd game of the season for the Braves to claim first place for themselves.

A 5-2 victory at home over Montreal on Tuesday night coupled with the New York Mets' 5-3 home loss to Philadelphia broke a tie atop the NL East.

"That's what we've been shooting for all year," Braves manager Bobby Cox said.

In other National League action, it was: Chicago 3, Pittsburgh 0; Cincinnati 6, Florida 5 in 11 innings; St. Louis 4, Houston 1; Los Angeles 8, Milwaukee 4; San Francisco 1, Arizona 0 in 10 innings; and Colorado 3, San Diego 2 in 12 innings.

In American League games, it

was: Tampa Bay 5, Seattle 1; Boston 6, Toronto 4; New York 4, Chicago 2; Oakland 5, Baltimore 2; Cleveland 4, Detroit 2; Kansas City 7, Anaheim 4; and Minnesota 11, Texas 4.

Atlanta's ninth win in 12 games was costly for the battered Braves, who have won 10 straight division titles.

Chipper Jones was forced to leave the game after fouling a ball off his right leg. He left the ballpark on crutches and is expected to be sidelined at least a few days.

The injury to second baseman Marcus Giles was significantly worse. Giles twisted his right ankle while trying to avoid a tag at first base and was placed on the disabled list.

"We're in first all by ourselves, and we have guys off the bench doing what it takes," Jones said. "But we had to pay the price with a couple of guys going down."

It's a price the Braves have been paying all season. Slugger Gary Sheffield is already sidelined with a pulled left hamstring.

Another outfielder, B.J. Surhoff, was lost for the season early on with a knee injury.

Atlanta starter Damian Moss (2-1) gave up two runs in five innings for the win, and the Braves' bullpen held Montreal scoreless the rest of the way. John Smoltz worked a scoreless ninth for his 14th save.

Cubs 3, Pirates 0

Matt Clement (3-3) took a no-hitter into the seventh before Brian Giles singled, then settled for a two-hitter in his first career complete game to lead visiting Chicago.

Kris Benson (0-3) struggled for the third time in four starts since returning from reconstructive elbow surgery, giving up five hits

and three runs in 2-2-3 innings.

Phillies 5, Mets 3

Bobby Abreu doubled twice and drove in two runs as Philadelphia won for just the fifth time in 26 road games.

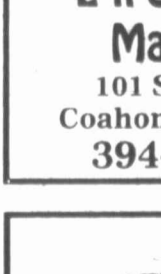
Rheal Cormier (2-4) got out of a jam in the sixth to earn the victory. Jose Mesa earned his 15th save.

Steve Trachsel (3-5), who was 5-0 with a 2.01 ERA in his last six starts against the Phillies, lost.


Cardinals 4, Astros 1

Albert Pujols and Eli Marrero each hit two-run home runs in the first inning as St. Louis clinched the season series with Houston.


The visiting Cardinals improved to 9-2 against Houston with six games between the teams still remaining in September.




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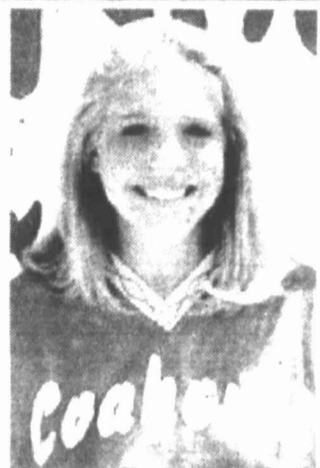
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, May 30:

Many opportunities drop in your lap this year. In fact, you will gain both professionally and emotionally. You have many talents. Learn to use them well this year. You will also gain professionally if you focus on applying these talents in a meaningful manner. Travel and education could play a meaningful role in your choices. Someone quite exotic could enter your life. If you are single for a while this year, you could fully enjoy your status. Yet, you might meet someone who captures all your attention and whom you want more with. If you are attached, your relationship will improve because of your ability to relate to each other. Your compassion makes you a great listener. AQUARIUS opens doors for 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) **** Dance to another's tune, understanding what motivates this person. Whether you realize it or

not, you have the same agenda and follow the same beat. Brainstorm with others in a meeting, understanding that you're working toward a mutual goal here. Tonight: Get into weekend mode.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) **** Head on out the door, making sure you see eye to eye with others. Your vision revolving around a project could be met with enthusiasm. Just lay an idea out on the table. Stay sensitive to someone who functions as an authority figure. Tonight: Join a pal for a late dinner.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) **** Return calls. While you have a chance, check your balance. Events might happen far more quickly than you thought. Do needed research by making calls, hopping on the computer or whatever mode you find appropriate. Tonight: Consider taking off this weekend.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) **** Realize more of what you want from a key relationship or an association. Be sensitive to this person's ideas. What you deem necessary might not

actually be. Move away from a set concept of what needs to happen. Tonight: Play along.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) **** Allow others to play their cards first. Listen well to another's suggestion. Lighten up with discussions, especially if you find that someone could be too distracted to listen. Choose the right time for a talk. Give yourself several days. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) **** Don't worry so much about what another thinks or feels. Loosen up and do what you must. Schedule an appointment that could be long overdue. You might not want to take a break from work, but you need to. Tonight: Clear off your desk at home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) **** Kick up your heels all you want. Perhaps that extra bit of energy encourages you to zoom into your work and get the job done. There might be no stopping you once you get started. You whirl through task after task, leaving with time for yourself. Tonight: Get into weekend spirit.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) **** News comes in from a distance. You might feel the need to think through your plans before you leap into action. Understand your limitations in a domestic matter. You might try to plead your case with a loved one. Tonight: Your home is your castle.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) **** Extend yourself toward those who aren't as perky or able as

you. In fact, a close associate or partner might ask you for additional help. Do all you can. Meanwhile, start clearing your desk and getting your work done. Tonight: Out of the town, if you can.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) **** Deal with funds, especially after an early-morning message or thought. You might be one of the few who manages his or her funds adroitly. Others could seek you out for advice. Concentrate on your work rather than others' problems. Tonight: Treat yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) **** Suddenly you're a power to behold. As the moon slides into your sign, your natural energy and personality come out. If you see a problem arise, ask yourself how have you been a part of it. Deal with others directly. Tonight: It's up to you!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) **** Slow down and think about what a loved one shares with you. Consider what your options might be and where you might be best off. It doesn't hurt to rethink a decision carefully. You're playing for the long term. Consider your options. Tonight: Vanish into your own world.

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NOTICE OF IMPOUNDMENT OF ESTRAY On the 17th day of May, 2002, I impounded the following estray Kind of Animal: Cattle/4 Pairs Breed: Brangus/mix Color: Black, Red, Tiger Stripe Sex: Mix Age: Mix Size: Mix Brand, Marks, Identifying Characteristics: OS Rt Hip Red Bar Tag Left Ear and, on the 17th day of May, 2002, I filed a Notice of Estray in the Estray Book of Glasscock County, Texas. I have made a diligent search of the register of recorded brands in Glasscock County, Texas, for the owner of the said estray, but the search has not revealed the owner. Notice is hereby given that, if the ownership of said estray is not determined by the 5th day of June, 2002, said estray will be sold at public auction/sheriff's sale at Big Spring Livestock Auction. WITNESSE my hand this 17th day of May, 2002. Royce Pruitt Sheriff of Glasscock County, Texas #3560 May 22 & 29, 2002

Dear Ann Landers: I would like to respond to the letter from "Coed in Virginia," who said someone drugged her drink at a party and had sex with her. She isn't sure who it was or what exactly happened. She called it "date rape." I say she was raped by a vicious criminal who needs to pay for his crime. This man attacked her when she was unable to defend herself.

Even though time has passed and she may not know her rapist, she needs to contact a victims assistance organization and get

His alleged affairs leaves wife confused

Dear Ann Landers: I have been married to "Hank" for 12 years, and we have three beautiful children. I thought we had a great marriage. Now, I'm not so sure.

Two weeks ago, my brother informed me that Hank had two affairs during our marriage - one was five years ago, and the other happened last fall. My brother says Hank confessed both affairs to him, but when I asked Hank about it, he said my brother is crazy and no affair ever happened. Both of them are quite convincing, and I don't know which one to believe.

Hank and I have a strong marriage and an incredible sex life. I have never given him a reason to stray, and he insists he would never do such a thing to our family. However, I cannot imagine why my brother would lie about anything so damaging. He and Hank always seemed close.

My own investigation into the matter has yielded nothing but dead ends. I am so confused I don't know what to do. Please help me. - Unsure in Indiana

Dear Indiana: If you have looked into the alleged affairs and discovered nothing incriminating, I hope you will give Hank the benefit of the doubt. I cannot imagine why your brother would accuse him, but unless you have other reasons to be suspicious, I urge you to let this go before it creates problems you cannot resolve.

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help. She should also report the incident to the police. They can interview others at the party and perhaps find out who the predator was.

Please urge your female readers to contact the authorities when something like this happens. All attacks should be reported, no matter what the circumstances. If these criminals realize they can be caught, they may think twice about their disgusting behavior.

- Lawyer in the North
Dear Lawyer: Thank you for pointing out that all sexual attacks should be reported to the police. It helps to do so immediately, but women should seek assistance even if time has passed. Whether or not an arrest is made, it sends a message to the perpetrator that you are fighting back.

Dear Ann Landers: I am 69 years old and married to "Edna." We have a daughter who has been married to "Darren" for over 15 years. In the last two months, Edna has started calling Darren by pet names, including her favorite, "Pudding."

I have no idea why Edna is suddenly using these nicknames. She says they are a sign of affection, but I suspect "Pudding" is her way of telling Darren that he's put on some weight.

My daughter does not like her mother using these names, and I want her to stop this nonsense. Edna says I am being silly. Am I? - Pudding's Father-in-Law
Dear Dad: How does Darren feel about his new nicknames? It's up to him to decide whether or not he will respond when Mom calls him "Pudding." The best way to stop her from using such terms of endearment is to ignore them. That will force her to call him by his rightful name in order to get his attention. He ought to try it.

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7:30 PM	My Wife-Kids According Jim	Thai 30s Grounded-Like	American Family (CC)	Movie: Rickard City	60 Minutes II (CC)	My Wife-Kids According Jim	West Wing (CC) Ripley's Believe It or Not!	Ripley's Believe It or Not!	El Privilegio de Amar	CCF (35) Movie: Star Trek: Next Gener.	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Movie: Damaged	Care	Six Feet Under (CC)	Christian Dr. Massey	Biography (CC)	Blue Planet: Seas of Life	Law & Order (CC) (DVS)	Collapse: Under Pressure
8:30 PM	Drew Carey My Adv.	Bernie Mac Greg Bunny	National Geographic	Indianaopolis Ship of Doom	Whose Line? Whose Line?	Peter Jennings	Celtics vs Hornets or Nets	NBA Basketball Playoffs	Movie: Life (CC)	Salome (SS)	Don Francisco Presenta	15) Movie: Zeds and	Tru Confessions (CC)	Movie: The Immortals	Movie: Lethal Weapon (CC)	American Justice (CC)	Blue Planet: Seas of Life	Movie: Purgatory (CC)	Jurkyrd Wars
9:30 PM	News Nightline	Jerry Springer (CC)	News-Lehrer	700 Club (CC)	News (35) Late	News (CC) Nightline	Nets News	Ripley's Believe It or Not!	P. Impacto Noticiero Univ.	Roxanne	Star Trek: Next Gener.	(9:50) Movie: Nurse Betty	Resurrection (45) Movie: Pitch Black (CC)	Six Feet Under (CC)	Hour of Healing	Law & Order (CC)	Blue Planet: Seas of Life	Movie: The Desperate Trail (CC)	Collapse: Under Pressure
10:30 PM	Politically Inc. Paid Program	Suddenly Spin City (CC)	Lost Liners (CC)	Who's Boss? Who's Boss?	Show (CC) (37) Late Late	Ent. Tonight Politically Inc.	(05) Tonight Show (CC)	Movie: Life (CC)	Erlas Mejores Familias	So Weird (CC) Jett Jackson	Mad TV (CC) Mad TV (CC)	(45) Movie: Pitch Black (CC)	Movie: Joe Dirt (CC)	Update With Church	Biography (CC)	Blue Planet: Seas of Life	Trail (CC)	Jurkyrd Wars	
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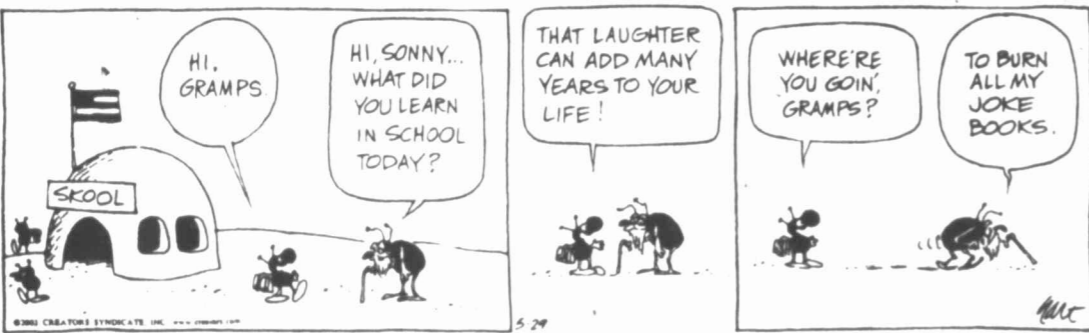
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Today is Wednesday, May 29, the 149th day of 2002. There are 216 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 29, 1790, Rhode Island became the 13th original colony to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

On this date:

In 1765, Patrick Henry denounced the Stamp Act before Virginia's House of Burgesses, saying, "If this be treason, make the most of it!"

In 1848, Wisconsin became the 30th state of the union.

In 1917, the 35th president of the United States, John F. Kennedy, was born in Brookline, Mass.

In 1932, World War I veterans began arriving in Washington to demand cash bonuses they weren't scheduled to receive for another 13 years.

In 1942, the movie "Yankee Doodle Dandy," starring James Cagney, premiered at a war-bonds benefit in New York.

In 1942, Bing Crosby, the Ken Darby Singers and the John Scott Trotter Orchestra recorded Irving Berlin's "White Christmas" in Los Angeles for Decca Records.

In 1942, actor John Barrymore died in Hollywood at age 60.

In 1953, Mount Everest was conquered as Edmund Hillary of New Zealand and Tensing Norkay of Nepal became the first climbers to reach the summit.

In 1985, 35 people were killed in rioting that erupted between British and Italian spectators at the European Cup soccer final in Brussels, Belgium.

In 1987, a jury in Los Angeles found "Twilight Zone" movie director John Landis and four associates innocent of involuntary manslaughter in the movie-set deaths of actor Vic Morrow and two children.

Today's Birthdays: Comedian Bob Hope is 99. Former Baseball Commissioner Fay Vincent is 64. Race car driver Al Unser Sr. is 63. Actor Kevin Conway is 60. Actor Helmut Berger is 58. Rock singer Gary Brooker (Procol Harum) is 57. Actor Anthony Geary is 55. Singer Rebbie Jackson is 52. Movie composer Danny Elfman is 49. Rock musician Michael Porcaro (Toto) is 47. Singer LaToya Jackson is 46. Actress Annette Bening is 44. Actor Rupert Everett is 43. Rock musician Mel Gaynor is 43. Actor Adrian Paul is 43.

Answer to previous puzzle:

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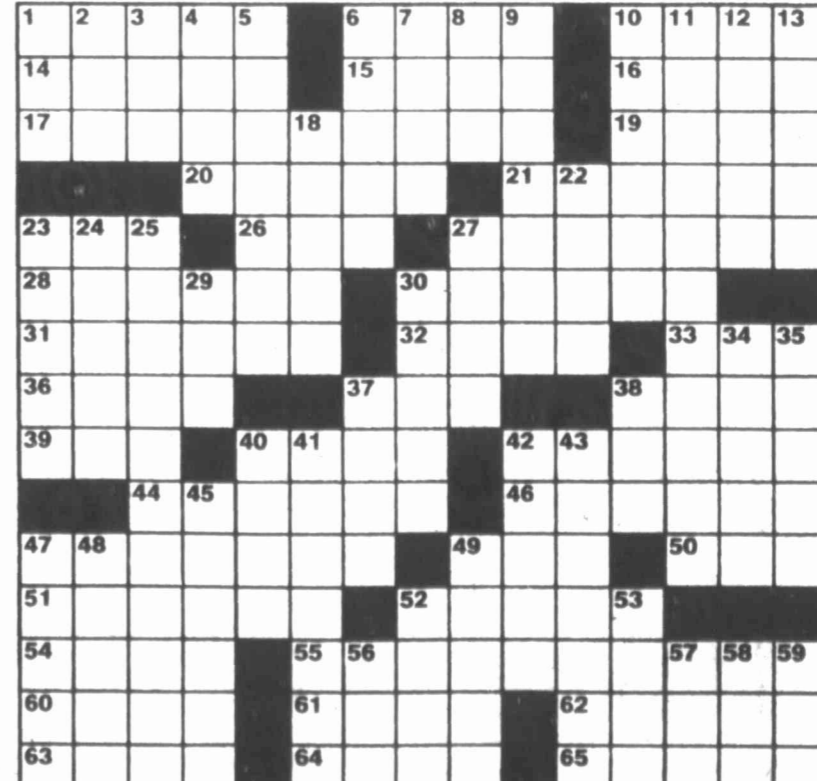
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- 1 orange
 - 6 Bagel center
 - 10 The Lion King villain
 - 14 Coffee allure
 - 15 Warning sign
 - 16 Wear's partner
 - 17 Tropicana competitor
 - 19 Lhasa
 - 20 Early evening
 - 21 Way past ripe
 - 23 Buddy
 - 26 Bit of light
 - 27 Forked
 - 28 Like much junk mail
 - 30 Indra of India
 - 31 The Spectator essayist
 - 32 "... I'm told"
 - 33 Suffix with peace or neat
 - 36 Quote from
 - 37 Sock part
 - 38 MBA subj.
 - 39 Agitated, with "up"
 - 40 Getz of jazz
 - 42 Play opener
 - 44 Relay race needs
 - 46 Pistol's kickback
 - 47 Snafus
 - 49 LBJ follower
 - 50 Crazy
 - 51 Chileans or Dominicans
 - 52 Borscht veggies
 - 54 Speck in the sea
 - 55 Construction site machine
 - 60 Hammer end
 - 61 Pupil's place

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 - 11 Sandwich Islands explorer
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 - 13 Avignon's river
 - 18 Get around
 - 22 Word on a dollar
 - 23 Anheuser partner
 - 24 Set loose
 - 25 Grace Under Fire star
 - 27 Hack's customer
 - 29 Shoe width
 - 30 Thugs
 - 34 Ancient Greek colony
 - 35 Prepared to be dubbed
 - 37 Neutral shades

- 38** "Yada-yada-yada"
- 40** Leave speechless
- 41** Tennis ball rotation
- 42** Ready for battle
- 43** Like some air conditioning
- 45** Little green men
- 47** Spatula tosses
- 48** Safari stops
- 49** Della or Pee Wee
- 52** Radar mage
- 53** Big hunk of beef
- 56** Author Levin
- 57** Mover's need
- 58** Swelled head
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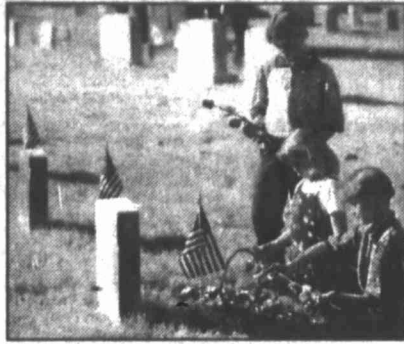
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By BETTY DEBNAM

A Day for Remembering Memorial Day

To remind us of the meaning of Memorial Day, all Americans are asked to stop for one minute at 3 p.m. local time. They are asked to pause wherever they may be for a moment of remembrance or listening to "Taps."



Children at Arlington National Cemetery put flowers on the grave of their uncle, who gave his life for his country.

Memorials keep memories alive. They remind us of people or events.

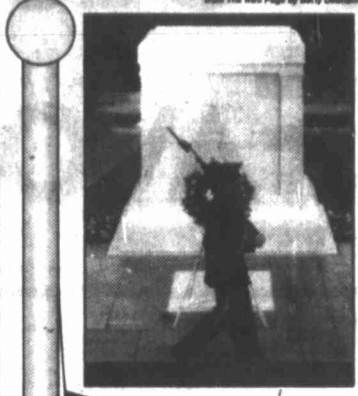
Memorial Day honors the memory of the men and women who lost their lives while serving our country.

Memorial Day is celebrated on the last Monday in May. The holiday started after the Civil War. It used to be called "Decoration Day" because families went to graveyards and placed flags, flowers and wreaths on the graves of the soldiers who had lost their lives.

Veterans' groups, often with the help of children, still decorate gravesites in cemeteries around the world.

There are also parades, speeches and church services on Memorial Day. Military men fire 21-gun salutes. Buglers play "Taps."

Memorial Day is special because it is a day for remembering.



The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier is a gravesite at Arlington National Cemetery, outside Washington, D.C. No one knows the identities of the three soldiers buried in the tomb. As a tribute, this grave is guarded 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. To become a guard there is a great honor.



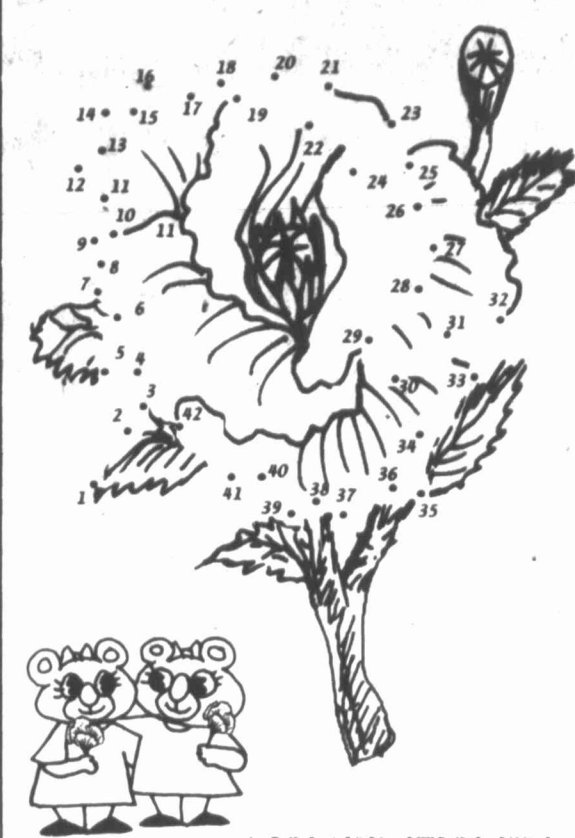
As a sign of mourning and sympathy, the flag is flown at half-staff until 12 noon on Memorial Day.



To honor the men and women who have served our country, there are special cemeteries in this country and in Europe where veterans may be buried. These cemeteries, like this one in California, are always well cared for by the government.

In 2000, an act of Congress established the White House Commission on the National Moment of Remembrance. The purpose is to promote a greater understanding of the meaning of the Memorial Day holiday. For more information, visit the Web site at: www.remember.gov

Go dot to dot and color.



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Rookie Cookie's Recipe Summer Squash Casserole

You'll need:

- 2 cups water
- 3 medium yellow squash, sliced
- 3 medium zucchini, sliced
- 1/2 onion, chopped
- 3 tablespoons butter or margarine, melted
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 egg, beaten
- 3 slices bread, torn into small pieces
- 1 cup cheddar cheese, grated

What to do:

1. Bring water to a boil in large pot over medium-high heat.
2. Add squash and zucchini and cook for 10 minutes or until soft.
3. Drain and stir in remaining ingredients except cheese. Mix well and place in a greased casserole.
4. Sprinkle cheese evenly on top.
5. Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven for 30 minutes. Serves 6.



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Gus Goodsport's Report Supersport: Mike Piazza

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When Mike Piazza was young, he got a chance to be a bat boy for the Los Angeles Dodgers. When he was grown, he became one of their star players. He now plays catcher for the New York Mets.

Before joining the Mets in 1999, he played for the Dodgers and the Florida Marlins.

Last year he had a .300 batting average. His best average was .362 in 1997 with the Dodgers.

Mike was born in Norristown, Pa., and now lives in Boynton Beach, Fla., in the off-season. He has four younger brothers. He likes hockey, Italian food, Stephen King books, playing the drums, watching videos and listening to music.

Meet Li'l Romeo

The youngest solo singer to have a song in the top 100 is Li'l Romeo. He was just 11 when his record "My Baby" came out last year.

Li'l Romeo, 12, was born in New Orleans. His real name is Percy Romeo Miller. He has two brothers and two sisters.

His father and uncles are musicians. He was just 4 when he began performing on his father's records. His solo career began when he and some of his cousins recorded a record at his father's studio. His father heard the record and liked it.

Li'l Romeo likes pizza, the Los Angeles Lakers basketball team, playing basketball and video games, and the music of 'N Sync and Britney Spears.

MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes

The following jokes all have something in common. Can you find the common theme or category?

Cynthia: Why did the baseball rookie have coal on his face?
Erin: He just came up from the miners!

Joe: What is the difference between a baseball player and a card player who cheats?
Jim: One steals the bases and the other steals the aces!

Judy: Why is it so cool at a baseball stadium?
Jackson: Because of all the fans!

Bassey Brown The News Hound's Memorial Day TRY 'N FIND

Words and names that remind us of Memorial Day are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: MEMORIAL DAY WAR AMERICANS COUNTRY SERVICE HONOR TAPS SALUTE REMEMBER VETERAN MILITARY SOLDIER CEREMONIES TOMB FLAG

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Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy and her friends are having a Memorial Day picnic. See if you can find:

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- man in the moon
- star
- olive
- acorn
- fish
- caterpillar
- umbrella
- flyswatter
- letter A
- mushroom
- loaf of bread
- letter H
- leaf
- bird
- funny face
- ring
- number 3
- shark
- letter D

America's Wars

<p>American Revolution (1775-1783)</p> <p>Service members: 184,000 to 250,000 Battle deaths: 4,435</p>	<p>War of 1812 (1812-1815)</p> <p>Service members: 286,730 Battle deaths: 2,260</p>	<p>Indian Wars (about 1817-1898)</p> <p>Service members: 106,000 Battle deaths: 1,000</p>
<p>Mexican War (1846-1848)</p> <p>Service members: 78,718 Battle deaths: 1,733</p>	<p>Civil War (1861-1865)</p> <p>Service members (Union): 2,213,363 Battle deaths: 140,414 Service members (Confederate): 1,404,141 Battle deaths: 74,524</p>	<p>Spanish-American War (1898-1902)</p> <p>Service members: 306,760 Battle deaths: 385</p>
<p>World War I (1917-1918)</p> <p>Service members: 4,734,991 Battle deaths: 53,402</p>	<p>World War II (1940-1945)</p> <p>Service members: 16,112,566 Battle deaths: 291,557</p>	<p>Korean War (1950-1953)</p> <p>Service members: 5,720,000 Battle deaths: 33,686</p>
<p>Vietnam War (1964-1975)</p> <p>Service members: 6,200,000 Battle deaths: 47,410</p>	<p>Gulf War (1990-1991)</p> <p>Service members: 2,322,332 Battle deaths: 147</p>	

Our war against terrorism

We are in a war against terrorism at home and overseas. Today, American service members are putting their lives on the line against a worldwide threat. Some have already lost their lives.

The Mini Page thanks the Department of Veterans Affairs and the White House Commission on the National Moment of Remembrance for help with this issue. A site to see: www.va.gov/vetsday/

The burial flag

When a veteran of the U.S. armed forces dies, his or her family is entitled to a very special flag that can be used to drape the casket. It is furnished to honor the memory of the veteran's military service to his or her country.

A widow of a serviceman accepts a burial flag at a funeral ceremony. The flag is given to the family by the government. It is the family's to keep. It must be folded in a special way.

Next week, in our summer reading issue, learn all about enjoyable book series that kids are reading.

Look through your newspaper for news or stories about Memorial Day.

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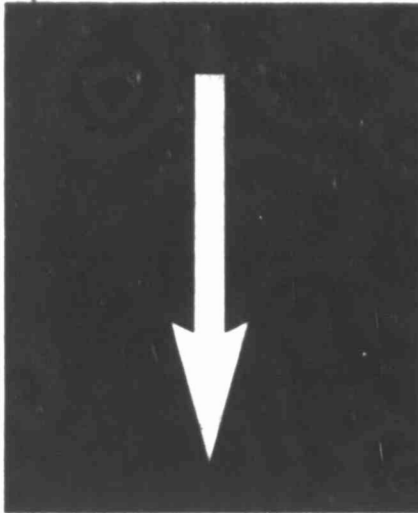
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