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PLAY SLATED TONIGHT

The Big Spring Junior High School theater department will perform "The Ax of Murder," a comedy by Pat Cook, at 7 p.m. today in the high school auditorium. Admission is \$3.

The show is a comedy set in the backstage area of a theater. A company of players is looking for a new script to perform.

One script, "The Ax of Murder," begins to mimic the action taking place on the stage. The lights mysteriously go off and the players are attacked in the dark. A detective and a team of coroners help sort out the action. The play is for all ages.

ELBOW KINDERGARTEN

Elbow Elementary is gearing up for the annual kindergarten registration.

Registration will take place Tuesday, April 22, through Friday, April 25, for children age 5 on or before Sept. 1, 2003.

The office will be open for registration between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. each day.

Parents need to bring a birth certificate, Social Security card, shot record and proof of residence (utility bill).

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## Donations mean vests, defibrillator for HCSO



Sgt. Cliff McCartney of the Howard County Sheriff's Office accepts an automatic heart defibrillator from Fraternal Order of Eagles trustee Billy Light. The device provides quick, easy care for heart attack victims.

By ROGER CLINE  
Staff Writer

Some new equipment at the Howard County Sheriff's Office will be helping save lives — of both deputies and rural heart attack victims.

The sheriff's office is planning to equip each of its deputies with a bullet- and stab-resistant vest in the near future, while each patrol sergeant's vehicle will be equipped with an automatic heart defibrillator unit.

"Different organizations are giving us money for the vests on our 50-50 match," Sheriff Dale Walker said. "We're doing great on that. I mean, we're already there at 50 percent. We've applied for a grant through the federal government for this...it's a bullet vest and stab vest. They say don't say 'bulletproof' because nothing's bulletproof. But

it's bullet-resistant. Puncture-resistant. We have to match 50 percent of that."

Walker said about \$5,000 has been raised for the vests so far.

"We got \$1,100 from the firefighter's association (Thursday)," he said. "Different businesses in town, clubs in town, are

giving us money for that and we'd like to give them some recognition."

The sheriff's office has one of the automatic defibrillators deployed in a patrol sergeant's car and another on the way.

"The grant we applied for on those AEDs was through the American

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## Paying respects to a fallen son

Family, friends gather at funeral for Eric Bales

By LYNDEL MOODY  
Staff Writer

The quiet town of Coahoma, subdued these past two weeks by the news that one of their own had fallen in Iraq, was silent Monday afternoon.

Almost 1,000 packed into the First Baptist Church of Big Spring to attend the funeral of Marine Pfc. Chad Eric "Metcalf" Bales.

"I ask people to honor Chad and give God the glory for what He deserves," said an emotional John Wayne Metcalf, Bales' step-father.

Bales, a 20-year-old Marine assigned to the 1st Transportation Support Battalion, 1st Force Service Support Group at Camp Pendleton, Calif., was killed April 3 in a non-hostile vehicle accident during convoy operations east of Ash Shahin, Iraq.

"America has given upon the altar of freedom another fine son," Elder Jeff Harris, former minister of Philadelphia

"We don't realize sometimes how great of a sacrifice it takes to have the freedom that we have."

Dr. Bill Kingston, Coahoma ISD superintendent



Following the funeral service of Marine Pfc. Chad Eric "Metcalf" Bales, his mother Ginger Metcalf consoles his step-father, John Wayne Metcalf, outside the First Baptist Church of Big Spring Monday. Metcalf was killed in Iraq in a non-hostile vehicle accident on April 3.

Primitive Baptist Church of Big Spring, said during the eulogy.

"We can't help remembering the 115 comrades-in-arms' similar sacrifice of Chad Metcalf Bales."

For the past two weeks, a subdued atmosphere has prevailed in the Coahoma community.

"This community has always been really tight but now it's

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Newsom death ruled accident  
Many mourn loss of friend, benefactor

By ROGER CLINE  
Staff Writer

Friends say a prominent Big Spring businessman who died Saturday will be missed by many.

Don Newsom, named Big Spring's "Man of the Year" in 1992, died of a gunshot wound outside his home. His death has been ruled an accident.

"He was basically one of first folks I met when I came to Big Spring," said Ed Moughon, Big Spring State Hospital CEO. "He served as a mentor to me as far as introducing me to Big Spring and telling me about how people value the hospital. He helped me integrate into the community. This is a huge loss to us. He was friend to me about everybody out here."

Moughon said that after the death of his Newsom's wife, Marilyn, Newsom donated a house of furniture for the family lodge at the state hospital.

"He basically made that

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## Special needs children get big boost

By VALERIE AVERY

Special to the Herald  
When the Fraternal Order of Eagles No. 3188 was looking for a beneficiary for its first ever Barbecue Cook-off, it had to look no further than the front row.

Landon Sturdivant looked up from the meeting and threw out the Children in Need Fund as a possibility.

The fund is used when West Texas Centers for MHMR can find no other avenue to pay for a child's unexpected need.

"It could be a child who needs a new pair of shoes or can't afford school supplies," said Sturdivant, who is West Texas Center's associate chief executive officer. "It's set up so that there's as little bureaucratic red tape as possible."

West Texas Centers doesn't solicit funds for the program, Sturdivant said. And as a result, the balance has quickly dwindled

down to a very low balance.

"It's one of those funds that has been totally wiped out," he said. "We have had people who donate on an individual basis, who want to give money to children. But we've never had a major fundraiser for it."

The Eagles Lodge, whose 150 members donate hundreds of thousands of dollars to a number of charities, nationally and in the region stepped up to the plate and gave the fund a boost with the presentation of a \$1,550 following the April 5 barbecue cook-off.

"It was a great kick start to the fund," Sturdivant said.

Although, the Eagles Lodge is a diligent, hard-working fund-raising organization, their organization is a well-kept secret, Lodge Trustee David Baird said. The majority of the group's money is raised at bingo.

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Barbecue cook-off team members Vance Weaver, left and Landon Sturdivant show West Texas Centers Chief Administrative Officer Gail Wells their award-winning plaques from the cook-off at the Eagles Lodge. Wells was impressed with a \$1,550 donation from the Fraternal Order of Eagles Post No. 3188. The Eagles raised the money at the barbecue cook-off.

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tighter than it ever was," said U.S. Navy Seaman Roy Lee Metcalf, Bales' cousin, who is assigned to the U.S.S. Boxer in the Persian Gulf. Coahoma schools closed early Monday to allow students to attend the funeral. "Chad set a great example for all of us," said Dr. Bill Kingston, Coahoma Independent School District superintendent.

"We don't realize sometimes how great of a sacrifice it takes to have the freedom that we have. Chad was willing to do that for our country and for the Iraqi people. I think that's a tremendous example for all of us."

Throughout Big Spring, U.S. flags flew at half-mast and lined part of Gregg Street from Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home to the Baptist church in honor of Coahoma's lost son. Although the death of his cousin has hit hard,

Roy Lee Metcalf said the continuing support from the nation has a tremendous impact on U.S. military personnel deployed overseas.

"Everybody that's out there right now needs everyone's support," he said. "We send our love to everybody. All the support that we get from our home towns — it really helps. It helps everybody's morale and everybody's hearts and just keeps them up in spirit."

A military colleague and former Coahoma resi-

dent who could not attend the funeral expressed his own sentiments.

"I work in the Pentagon and every death we have come through is very personal," Army Sgt. Maj. Mark W. Roan, a 1986 Coahoma graduate, said in a telephone interview Saturday. "It made it that much worse to know I had lost a brother from Coahoma I've never met."

Roan, attached to the Pentagon as a liaison for the Department of Homeland Security, called for the community

to take a few moments to ponder the freedoms Americans have obtained through the sacrifice of people like Bales.

"Chad paid the ultimate sacrifice but one thing they can surely be proud of is his effort guaranteed the freedom of 22 million repressed people," Roan said.

Bales is survived by his mother and step-father, Ginger and John Wayne Metcalf of Coahoma; his father and step-mother, Kem and Lori Bales of Muleshoe; two sisters,

Ginni Metcalf of Coahoma and Bailey Bales of Muleshoe; and two brothers, Joshua Metcalf of Coahoma and Tanner Bales of Muleshoe.

A military graveside service will be held at 3 p.m. today at the Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery.

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**BOOST**

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"The Eagles try to help children," Baird said. "We'll help anyone who needs help."

Lodge members wanted to move their fund-raising efforts closer to home, prompting the discussion on a worthy charity, Baird said. When Sturdivant explained the fund, Lodge members unanimously agreed to give all proceeds from the barbecue cook-off to WTCMHMR.

Six cooks prepared almost 160 pounds of meat, Baird said. When it appeared that the demand was going to exceed the supply, more meat went into the pits. Add gallons of tea, trays of cobbler, ice cream donated by Blue Bell, deep pots of beans and huge tubs of potato salad and cole slaw, and no one went away hungry, Baird said.

Judges were Howard County Judge Ben Lockhart, Big Spring Councilman Stephanie Horton, Big Spring Police Lt. Terry Chamness and Veterans Administration Medical Center Director Cary Brown.

"We needed some more judges, so we grabbed two innocent looking people," Baird said laughingly.

Tasters were responsible for choosing the best in brisket, ribs, sausage and chicken.

Winners in the chicken category were: Alan White, first; Art Williams, second; and Sturdivant third. Brisket: Vance Weaver, first; Art Williams, second; and Bobby Cordova, third. Sausage: David Baird, first; Ben Douglas, second; and Sturdivant, third. Ribs: White, first; Cody Frasure, second; and Williams, third. The overall cooking award went to Art Williams.

**NEWSOM**

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lodge happen. He took that on and gave us everything we needed," said Moughon. "Subsequently, we named it after Marilyn Newsom. She was a very active supporter, but even after she passed away, Don picked right up and continued to support us."

Newsom was involved in a number of organizations, including the A&M Club of Big Spring. "He was an Aggie first and an Aggie to the end," said Jeanne Niklasch, spokesperson for the club. "He was a great help with the scholarship program and he will be missed deeply."

Newsom presided over the local A&M Club several times and chaired the annual scholarship barbecue for 50 years.

Longtime friend John Rheinscheld, a local attorney, said Newsom was one of the kindest men he's ever known.

"How do you talk about a man like Don Newsom in just a sentence or two?" Rheinscheld said. "He was just very helpful to everyone he met. That in a nutshell is what I remember about Don Newsom."

Newsom was discovered by a friend outside his home in the 1000 block of South Scurry about 12:40 p.m. Saturday.

An ambulance was called, but Newsom was determined to be already dead. Justice of the Peace Kathryn Wiseman ordered an autopsy which was performed Monday at the University Medical Center in Lubbock.

Wiseman had the preliminary autopsy results this morning.

"It was a gunshot wound to the head, a single gunshot wound to the head behind the right ear," Wiseman said. "It is not suicide. From all the indications there on the scene, the police officers and I both agree it was an

accidental gun discharge."

Wiseman said the wound was inflicted from a bullet by a Walther .380-caliber automatic pistol.

The case is under investigation by Detectives Joel Garza and Milton Horton.

He is survived by two sons, Kent W. Newsom of Flower Mound and Dr. Gary D. Newsom of Lubbock, and five grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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**DONATION**

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Heart Association, and the grant money was cut drastically," Walker said. "So there were only nine of those given in West Texas and we got one of them. We got one under grant and one donated to us."

The donated unit, designed to automatically shock a heart attack vic-

tim's heart into a regular rhythm, was provided by the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Big Spring Women's Club.

Each of the units comes with a \$2,372.80 price tag, he added.

"It's so expensive, we want to make sure it's taken care of," Walker said.

"This one's been assigned to Sgt. Cliff McCartney."

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**A LETTER TO HOWARD COUNTY VOTERS**

Dear Howard County Voters,

On Saturday, May 3rd, you will look at a ballot with 17 names listed as candidates for the 19th District of the U.S. Congress. You really don't know these people and you will wonder why so many are running and for whom you should vote. Joyce and I are asking you to vote for RANDY NEUGEBAUER.

As a Howard County Commissioner for the past 36 years, I want to stress to you the importance of this election to all persons living in Howard County. We all know our population in West Texas is declining and few potential new jobs are being created. There is a vital need to enhance our economic development by bringing new jobs to our area. Ports-to-Plains can be the answer.



Many of you have heard of Ports-to-Plains and you wonder how it would make a difference to you. Ports-to-Plains became a reality in November 1999 when 70 West Texas cities, counties, organizations and businesses formed a coalition in support of a four-lane divided highway covering 1200 miles connecting Mexico to Colorado and Canada I was appointed to this 20 member Board to represent Howard County. RANDY NEUGEBAUER has been our Chairman during this period of time. Through his personal efforts the Ports-to-Plains was designated 1 of 43 high priority corridors in the National Highway System to receive federal funds. As you can see on the above map - Ports-to-Plains is coming through Big Spring - RANDY NEUGEBAUER has always maintained it would come through Big Spring.

I have worked with the Texas Department of Transportation since the 1970's to improve the highway system in Big Spring and through Howard County. I was on the Court when Highway 87 South became a four-lane divided highway. We have heard over and over that we are at the crossroads of Highway 87 and I-20 - the ideal location for many companies to distribute or manufacture products. With Ports-to-Plains coming through Big Spring we can imagine Howard County having the same growth that Central Texas had with Interstate 35. Think what it would do for the development of our Airpark.

Joyce and I are not asking you to vote for RANDY NEUGEBAUER because he is our candidate. We are asking you to vote for him because we know what he will do for Howard County. Early voting starts on April 16th at the Howard County Courthouse. Your vote will determine the economic future of Howard County.

Sincerely,

*Bill and Joyce Crooker*

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Do you have an interesting sports item or story idea? Call Tommy Wells at 263-7331, Ext. 237. Email results to: jmosley@ccom.net

### IN BRIEF

#### Boosters' basketball banquet will be Thurs.

The Big Spring High School Boy's Basketball Booster Club will hold their banquet Thursday night, beginning at 7 p.m., in the junior high cafeteria.

Tickets to the dinner are priced at \$10 per adult and \$5 for children ages 12 and under. For more information, contact Cindy Grant at 267-2124.

#### Ragball tournament set for April 25-26

A ragball tournament will be held April 25-26 to help raise funds for Relay for Life. Teams of five women and five men are needed for the event.

Players or teams interested in participating should contact Angel at the BSISD Bus Barn at 264-4108.

#### BSHS physicals will be given in May

Physicals for BSHS student athletes will be held in the first part of May.

Male and female doctors will be available. For more information, contact Big Spring High School Athletic Trainer Andy Rankin at 264-3662.

#### Cancer golf scramble slated for April 26-27

The 2003 Cancer Scramble Golf Tournament will be held April 26-27 at the Big Spring Country Club.

Proceeds from the tournament will benefit the American Cancer Society-Relay For Life.

The tournament will be a four-person scramble. The field will be flighted on second day. Entry fee is \$75 per person plus cart fees.

For more information, contact the Big Spring Country Club at 267-5354.

#### Bulldogettes slated to host Lady Wolves

The Coahoma Bulldogettes will return to District 3-2A action today when they host the Colorado City Lady Wolves at the CHS Softball Complex.

The two teams are scheduled to make the first pitch at 7 p.m. The Coahoma and Colorado City junior varsity squads will play at 5 p.m.

#### Sweetwater hoops classic set for May

The Sweetwater Spring Classic Basketball Tournament will be held May 16-18.

For more information, contact the Sweetwater Chamber of Commerce at (800) 658-6757.

#### BGSFA players will be honored Saturday

In conjunction with the Howard College Lady Hawks softball doubleheader with Odessa College on Saturday all of the Big Spring Girls Softball Association teams will be introduced.

Players will receive a numbered ticket that will give them the chance to win some Howard College merchandise.

The Lady Hawks game with Odessa will begin at 1 p.m.

## Watkins' HR sets up 4-4A title bout

By TOMMY WELLS  
Sports Editor

All season long, the Big Spring Lady Steers have staked their hopes of advancing to the District 4-4A championship game on the right arm of Alex Watkins.

Friday afternoon, it was her bat that put Big Spring in a position to battle defending champion Andrews for all the marbles. Watkins, starting in centerfield, drilled a three-run home run in the top of the fourth inning and keyed a 10-0 run-rule win over the Frenship Lady Tigers.

With the victory, Big Spring clinched at least second place in the dis-

trict standings and — assuming they beat Lubbock Estacado this evening, guaranteed themselves of a chance to host Andrews this Friday with the district crown hanging in the balance.

Big Spring, 17-6-1 for the year, currently sits one game back of Andrews in the league standings. By winning their last two games, the Lady Steers, 7-1 in loop play, would force a one-game playoff with Andrews for the 4-4A crown.

Leina Braxton helped put Frenship's playoff hopes on the critical list. The Big Spring junior went 3-for-4 from the plate and scored three runs, including one on the first

inning on a sacrifice fly to center by Whitney Hufford.

Big Spring stretched its lead to 5-0 in the second. After Watkins had opened the frame with a double to left, Heather Vasser, Chelsea Abner, Braxton and Erica Stewart all drove in runs.

Samantha Newton ignited the Lady Steers' five-run fourth with an inning-opening single. Braxton followed with a double to right. Newton later scored on a single by Hufford.

With Hufford on first, Laura Olague singled to left and set the stage for Watkins' game-cinching homer.

On the hill, lefthander Chelsea Abner sparkled.

She allowed just three hits in the contest.

The Lady Steers will face Estacado (3-18 and 0-8) this afternoon beginning at 4 p.m. in Lubbock.

### TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Alon USA L.P. has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for renewal of Air Quality Permit No. 9491 which would authorize continued operation of the No. 1 Sulfur Recovery Unit at their Big Spring Refinery located on the corner of Refinery Road and Interstate Highway 20, Big Spring, Howard County, Texas. Additional information concerning this application is contained in the public notice section of this newspaper.

### A TODAS LAS PERSONAS Y ENTIDADES INTERESADAS:

Alon USA L.P. se ha registrado con la Comision de Calidad Ambiental de Tejas TCEQ (o Texas Commission on Environmental Quality) para la renovacion de un Permiso de Calidad de Aire Num. 9491 el cual autorizara continuar el funcionamiento de un(a) No. 1 Sulfur Recovery Unit en Big Spring Refinery, Interstate Highway 20 and Refinery Road, Big Spring, Condado de Howard County, Tejas. Informacion adicional sobre esta solicitud puede encontrarse en la seccion de avisos publicos de esta publicacion.



HERALD photo/Bruce Schooler  
The Garden City Bearkats recently completed a perfect 8-0 campaign in the Big Spring Youth Basketball League's 10 & Under division. Members of the team included (front row, left to right) Boone Webb, Ian Schaefer, Blane Batla, Ruben Mier, Joshua Colunga, Brian Hirt (back row) Aaron Long, Reggie Halfmann, Jordan Jost, Brett Chudej, Hayden Halfmann and Dylan Lowery. The team was coached by Gary Halfmann (left) and Steven Jost.

### District-leading Estacado will host Big Spring this afternoon

With their playoff hopes officially dashed, the Big Spring Steers will try leave their legacy in the spoiler role over the final two weeks of the high school baseball season.

The team will try and begin that role this evening when they face district-leading Estacado

in Lubbock. A Big Spring win tonight would deal the Matadors' title hopes a damaging blow.

Estacado and Andrews enter tonight's action tied for the 4-4A lead at 5-1.

The Steers, 3-17-1 for the year and 0-6 in the league standings, are slated to begin play at 6 p.m.

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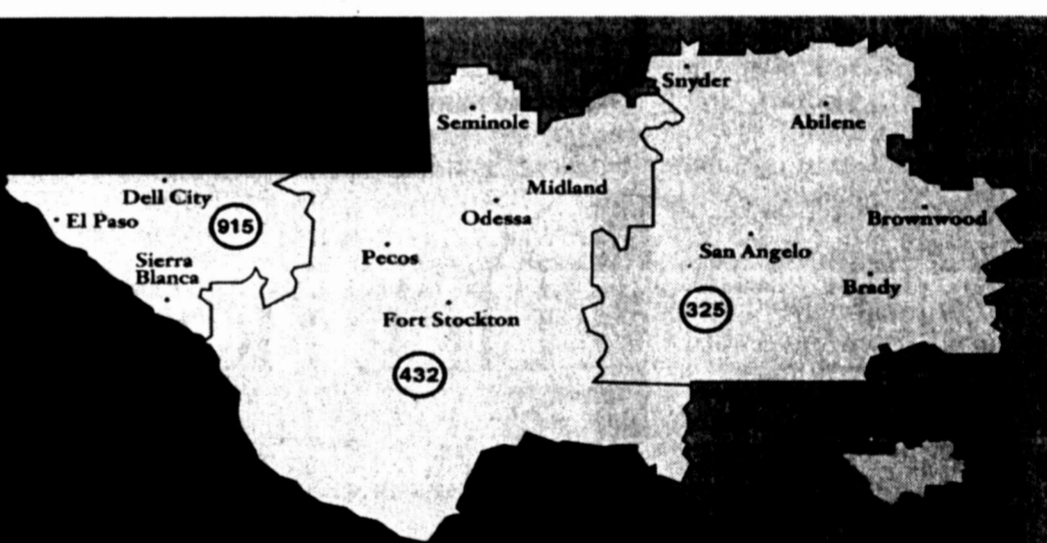
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In order to accommodate the growing need for new phone, fax and wireless numbers in western Texas, the current 915 area code is being divided into three, with two new area codes being added: 325 and 432. Residential, business and wireless telephone numbers in the eastern and central regions will receive new area codes. Numbers in the eastern region will receive a new 325 area code. Numbers in the central region will receive a new 432 area code. Those in the western region will retain the 915 area code.

Beginning April 5, local calls made from one area code to a different area code should be dialed using the appropriate area code and the seven-digit phone number. Local calls made within one area code may still be dialed using seven digits. Calls made to another area code outside of your local calling area will continue to require 1+ for toll or 0+ for operator-assisted dialing. If you forget to include the area code when dialing between codes, your calls will still get through until

October 4, 2003. After that date, your calls from one area code to another will no longer be completed without dialing the area code. If you have Extended Area Calling Service (EACS) or Expanded Local Calling Service (ELCS), all these calls remain local and the rate does not change. You may have to dial ten digits to complete a call if your extended local service crosses a new area code boundary.

#### Now's the best time to get ready.

It's a good idea to start reprogramming to include the area code and telephone number on any automatic dialing equipment you may have, such as fax machines, modems and speed dialers. You should also check with family, friends and business contacts to see if their area codes are changing and update your personal phone book with the appropriate area code where needed. For a complete list of exchanges impacted by this area code change and for more information, visit our Web site: [www.texas-code.com](http://www.texas-code.com).

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All the following you guess the color...

Simon: Where's the trash? Sam: In the trash can. Alan: What sign is in the trash can? Alexis: "Soled!"

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Words and names the block below. Sit and down, and sort WATERWAYS, AQ POND, EARTH, V DEPEND, CLEAN, ENVIRONMENT, E

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Celebrate Earth Day, April 22

# Watching the World's Water

The Mini Page celebrates Earth Day with a story about one of Earth's big problems ... water!

About 70 percent of the Earth is made up of water, just like our bodies. But ...

97 percent of that water is in the salty oceans. So most of our water is salty or undrinkable.

Another 2 percent is frozen in icy glaciers and ice caps.

Less than 1 percent of all the water in the world is fresh water, the kind we can drink.

### Wonderful water

Every living thing needs water to survive. Humans can live only about three days without water.

We depend on water for drinking. We need water to grow food. We bathe in water. We need water to make the things we use in our lives, from clothes to cars.

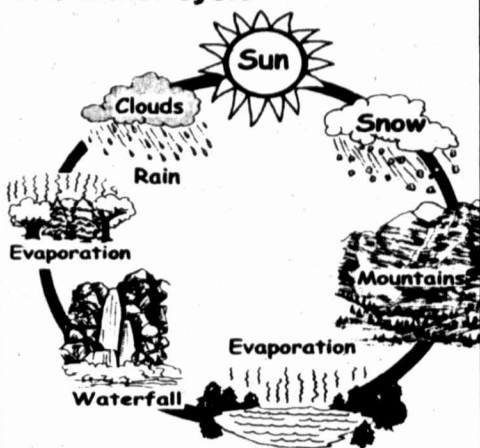
### The same old water

The water we have today is the same water we've always had on Earth. Each drop is used over and over again.

If dinosaurs had brushed their teeth, the same water they used then would be what we're using today to brush ours.



### The water cycle



Nature recycles water over and over again. Here's how it works.

The sun shines on lakes, rivers, streams and oceans. Heat turns water into an invisible vapor. (Evaporation)

The vapor rises into the sky. As it cools, the vapor turns into clouds.

(Condensation) The clouds cool. Tiny drops of water vapor turn into rain, snow, sleet or hail.

(Precipitation) Most falls back into the ocean, but some falls on land. All water finds its way back into the ocean through rivers and underground sources.

The cycle starts all over again.

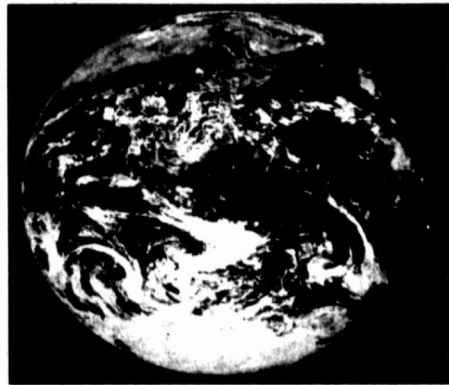
### World water problems

Leaders around the world are worried about running out of clean water. The United Nations says the world's water supplies are getting lower and lower.

Water experts report that groundwater levels are lower than they have ever been on each of the continents. As the world's population grows, the problem will get worse.

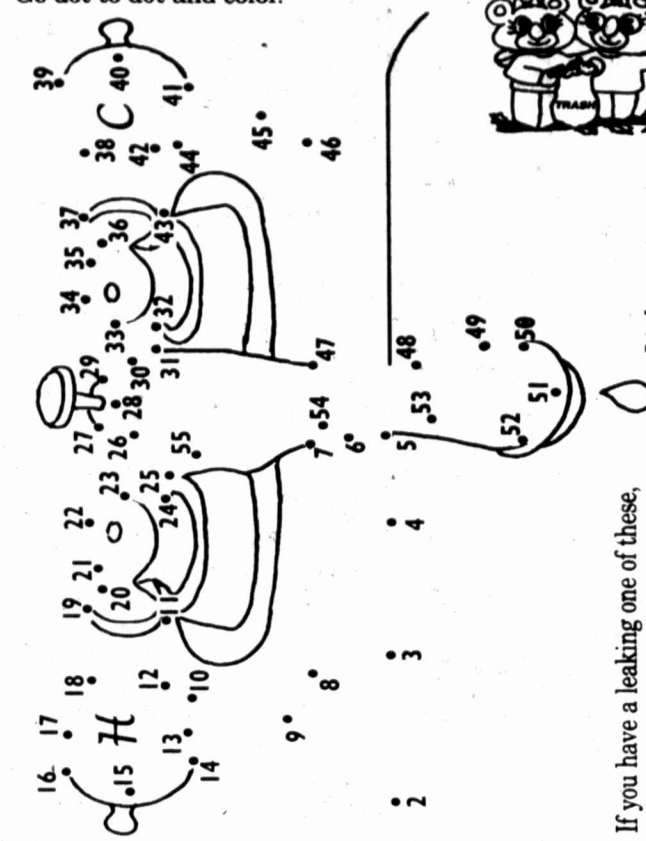
Asia and Africa face the biggest water shortages. In the last few years, big rivers such as the Yellow River in China have run dry before they reach the sea.

In the United States, many waterways can't be used the way they are meant to be, such as for drinking, swimming or fishing.



This Earth Day will focus on the need for clean water across the world. Six billion people live on the Earth today. One out of every five does not have clean water close by.

Go dot to dot and color.



Leaks waste water.

If you have a leaking one of these, tell your parents.

### Rookie Cookie's Recipe Lemon-Lime Twist

You'll need:

- 1 (6-ounce) can frozen lemonade
- 1 (6-ounce) can frozen limeade
- 7 cups cold water
- 1 lemon or lime
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 (6-ounce) jar maraschino cherries (optional)

What to do:

1. Pour frozen lemonade and frozen limeade in a large pitcher.
2. Add water and mix well.
3. Slice the lemon or lime.
4. Run lemon or lime wedge around rim of glass.
5. Place sugar on a small plate and dip rim of glasses in sugar.
6. Pour lemon-lime mixture in glasses with ice and add lemon or lime slice to each.
7. Add a cherry (optional). Makes 7 servings.



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**Gus Goodsport's Report Supersport: John Smoltz**

Height: 6-3 Birthdate: 5-15-67  
Weight: 220 Hometown: Detroit

In baseball lingo, John Smoltz is a "closer." The Atlanta Braves' relief pitcher often is called on to hurl the last inning and protect his team's lead. Opposing batters dread to see No. 29 marching in from the bullpen. Last season, the hard-throwing right-hander was credited with a major-league high 55 "saves."

Smoltz is in his 15th season with the Braves. He was a successful starter before going to the bullpen. His best year was in 1996, when he won 24 games and lost 8. He has helped the Braves win several division titles and one World Series.

Smoltz missed the entire 2000 season with a career-threatening elbow injury.

In addition to pitching, Smoltz enjoys golf, playing and coaching basketball, and spending time with his wife, Dyan, and their four children. John and Dyan also are active in Atlanta charities.

**Meet Vanessa Carlton**

Vanessa Carlton grew up in a house full of music. She listened to Chopin and Mozart and Pink Floyd and Fleetwood Mac. Now she makes her own music.

Vanessa, 22, was born on Aug. 17, 1980, in the tiny town of Milford, Pa. Her dad was a pilot. Her mom was a piano teacher.

She composed her first piece of music when she was 8. But the next year, she became more interested in dancing. She was accepted into the School of American Ballet when she was 14. The school was too strict for Vanessa, who wanted to do her own thing.

Three years later, she quit dancing to focus on music. She has a record deal with A&M Records and a CD called "Be Not Nobody."

Her favorite color is blue. Her favorite sport is tennis.

**MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes**

All the following jokes have something in common. Can you guess the common theme or category?

Simon: Where did Mother Goose leave her trash?  
Samantha: At the Humpty Dump!

Charlie: Who do mice see when they get sick?  
Tommy: Hickory Dickory Doc!

Alan: What sign did the real estate agent put in the yard of the little old lady who lived in the shoe?  
Alexis: "Soled"!

# Water, Pollution, Ways to Help

To protect our water, we have to know where it comes from.

The water we use comes from our very own watershed. A watershed is the area of land where all of the water that falls on it drains either on the surface or underneath the ground. All of this water collects into a waterway, such as a river or lake. There are thousands of watersheds across the country.

Most of the water we use is surface water from lakes, rivers, streams and ponds. But the rest is ground or underground water. This water is stored in large underground sections of porous soil or rock called aquifers (AK-wi-fers).

### Pollution

When pollution happens upstream in a watershed, it harms the quality of water downstream. For example, some of the fertilizer used on a field might wash downstream.

**Dirt** can wash into rivers and streams when it rains. This smothers small creatures and kills fish.

**Bacteria** carry germs and viruses that make people sick. Bacteria come from problems with sewer systems or animal wastes.

**Nutrients**, such as nitrogen and phosphorus, pollute water. They come from fertilizers and animal waste.



Volunteers pick up trash around a lake that is a source of drinking water. Such efforts are one way to keep our water clean.

### Things you can do to help keep water clean

#### Do ...

- Take short showers. If you take a bath, limit your water.
- Report leaking faucets or toilets to your parents.
- Ask your parents to install water-saving devices in your home.
- Join groups that help clean up rivers, streams, wetlands or beaches.
- Report pollution.
- Make a list of how you use water. Then make a list of how you could use less.
- Learn about the watershed you live in and work to keep it clean.

#### Don't ...

- Run water while washing hands or brushing teeth.
- Throw pollutants in the trash. Cleaning solutions or batteries, which have lead and mercury in them, pollute groundwater.
- Pour pollutants such as cleaning products or paint down the drain.
- Run water to make it cold.
- Keep chilled drinking water in the refrigerator.
- Overfill your bathtub.
- Overwater the grass in your yard or plants in the garden.

**Earth Day TRY 'N FIND**

Words and names that remind us of our world's water are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally, up and down, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find: DAY, WATERWAYS, AQUIFER, NELSON, GAYLORD, STREAM, OCEAN, POND, EARTH, VAPOR, SAVE, FRESH, WATER, WORLD, SEA, DEPEND, CLEAN, WATERSHEDS, LEVEL, PROTECT, RECYCLE, ENVIRONMENT, EVAPORATION.

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**Mini Spy ...**

Mini Spy and her friends are cleaning up a stream at their favorite park. See if you can find: • man in the moon • bird

word MINI  
number 7  
pig • teacup  
mushroom  
pumpkin  
hot dog  
strawberry  
elephant's face • star  
banana  
snake  
letter W  
number 3

Water is part of everything we eat and make. Guess how many gallons are needed to make these things?

1. French fries	2. Hamburger	3. Loaf of bread	4. Watermelon
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Answers:  
1. 6 Gallons  
2. 1,500 Gallons  
3. 100 Gallons  
4. 1,000 Gallons

Sites to see: Learn more about water, how it is polluted, and how to protect it at: [www.epa.gov/students/water.htm](http://www.epa.gov/students/water.htm)  
Visit the "Give Water a Hand" site to learn more ways to get involved at: [www.uwex.edu/erc/gwah](http://www.uwex.edu/erc/gwah)

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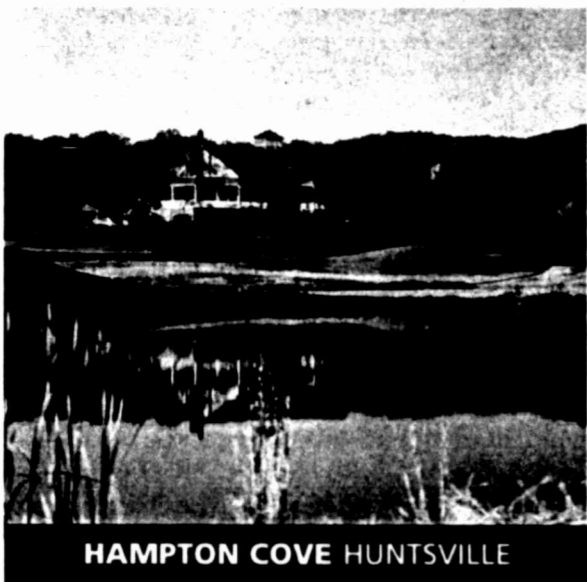




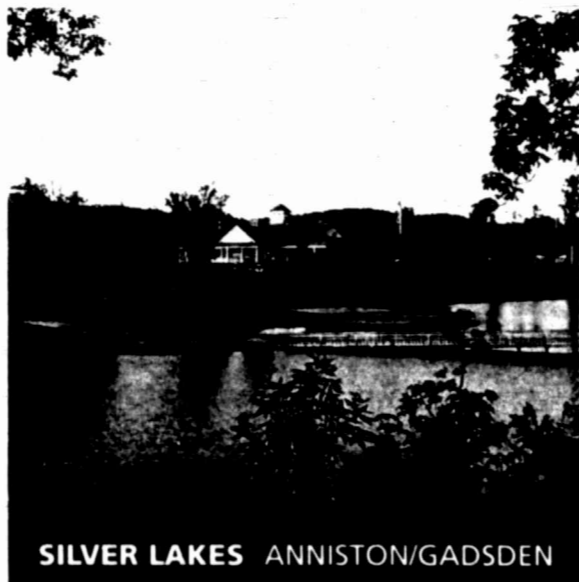
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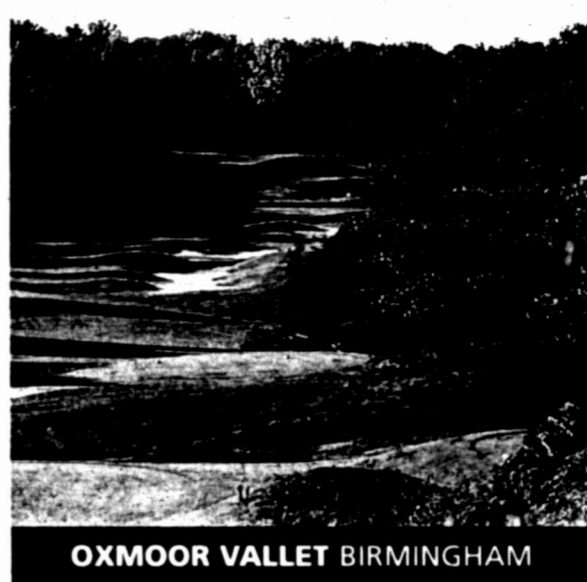
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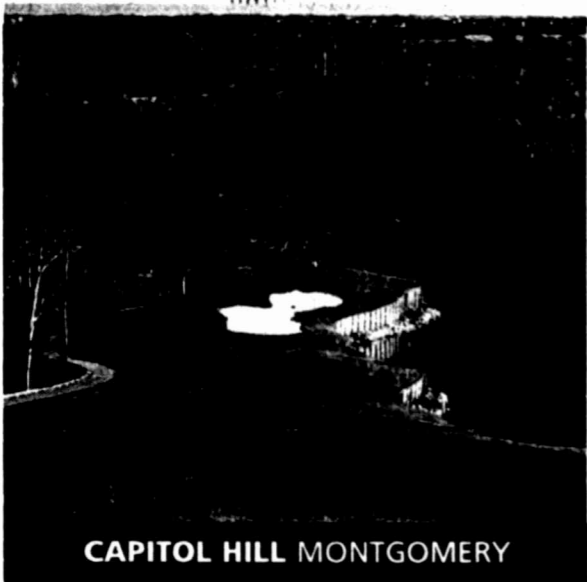
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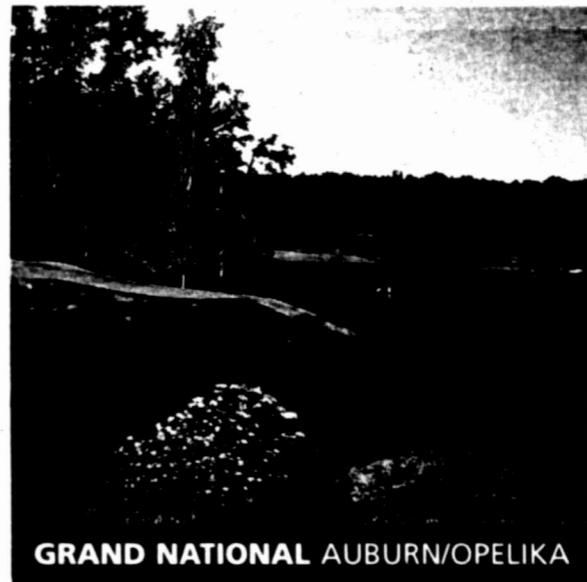
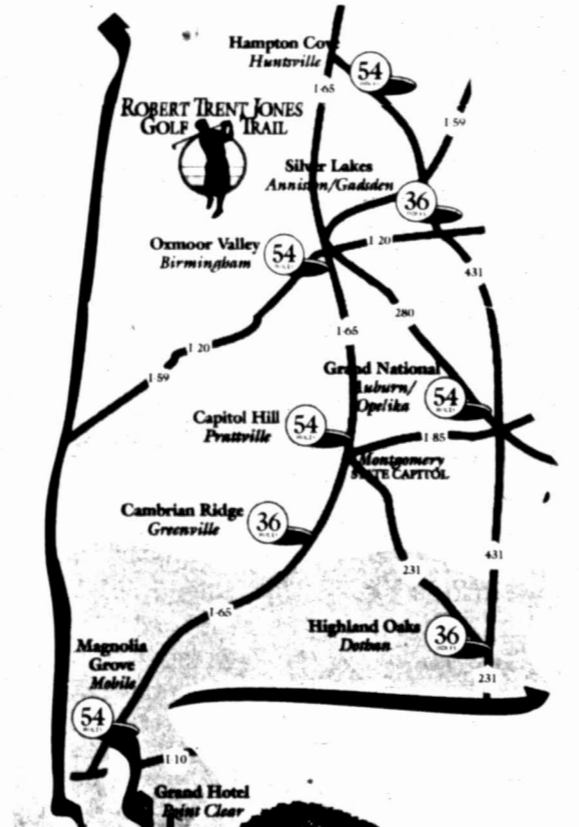
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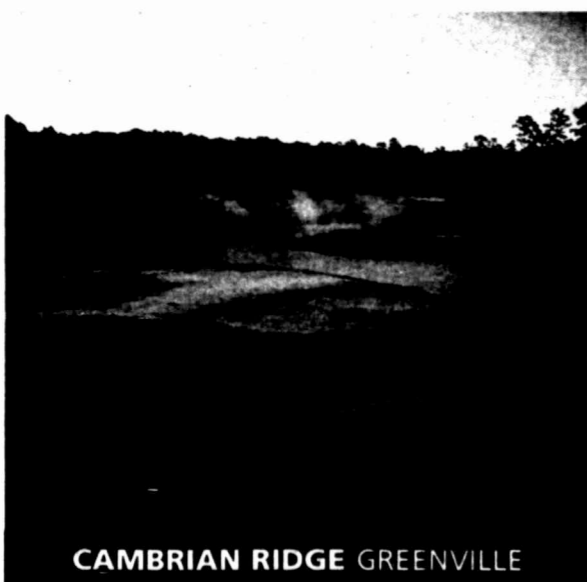
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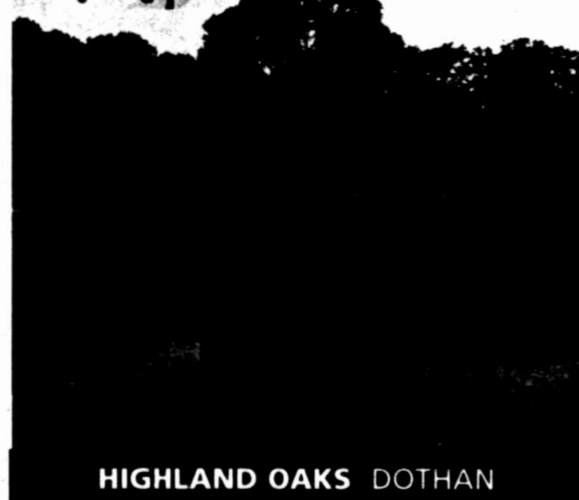
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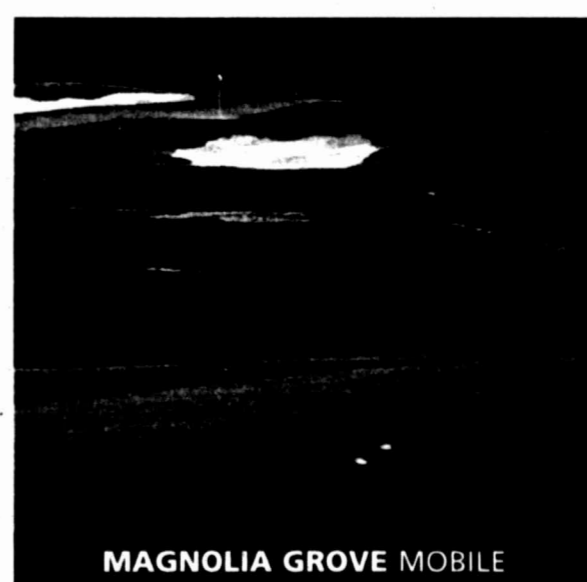
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"We can't put this one in here, Dolly. You've got Grandma's e-mail address on it."

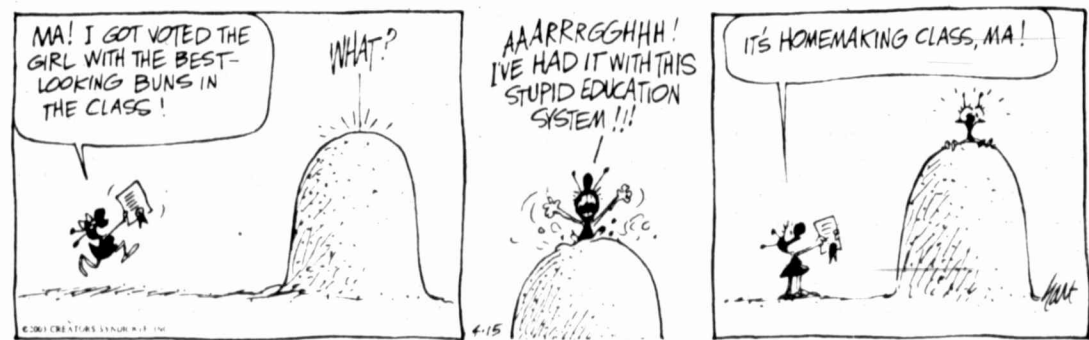
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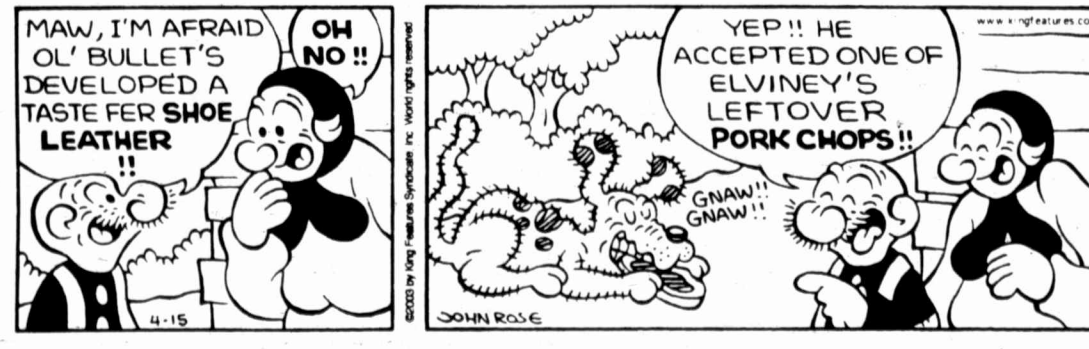
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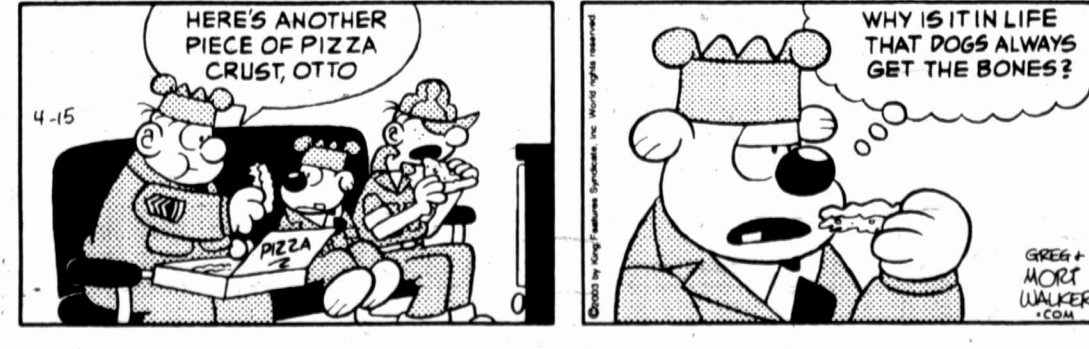
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People In The News

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES - Arnold Schwarzenegger, who's portrayed robots both killing and kindly, will host an upcoming TV special about the top 100 heroes and villains of the screen. An American Film Institute poll asked voters to choose among 400 nominated characters from American film history and decide which should be considered wicked or virtuous. Schwarzenegger's T-800 killer robot is nominated twice, once for the attacking character he played in 1984's original "The Terminator," and again for 1991's "Terminator 2: Judgment Day," in which the android he played was a protector. The show is scheduled for June 3 on CBS and will fea-

ture interviews with actors including Kirk Douglas, Susan Sarandon, Kathy Bates, Glenn Close, Harrison Ford, Dennis Hopper and Christopher Reeve. AFI has sent ballots to nearly 1,500 directors, actors, studio executives, critics and others in the entertainment industry. Some characters are nominated en masse, such as the zombies from 1968's "Night of the Living Dead" and "The Wild Bunch" cowboys from director Sam Peckinpah's 1969 western. Previous AFI lists included the 100 best American films, led by "Citizen Kane" and the 100 funniest movies, with "Some Like It Hot" at No. 1.

WASHINGTON (AP) - When she was being considered for the starring role in "Bend It Like Beckham," Parminder Nagra told the director she had a little experience playing soccer.

She really hadn't. "It was my first experience in what it was like to play soccer even a little bit," said Nagra, who had to train for two months before filming could start. "There were times I was thinking, 'Why exactly am I doing this?' Fortunately, it has been worth it." Nagra, 27, and co-star Keira Knightley were in Washington over the weekend to meet pro soccer star Mia Hamm. Knightley's character idolizes Hamm in the film, while Nagra's character is obsessed with Manchester United star David Beckham.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

HOME ON THE RANGE by Daniel Stark  
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<b>ACROSS</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
1 Fond desire	1 Defeat
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13 ___ and hearty	4 Dagwood's neighbor
14 British noble	5 Patronage
15 Lo-cal	6 Trucked in
16 Composer Stravinsky	7 In ___ (behind)
17 Meditation instructor	8 Become indistinct
18 Atlanta campus	9 Pretty follower
20 Mediocre novel	
22 Luigi's love	
23 Bewildered	
24 Four-door car	
25 Up in the air	
29 Socks holder	
32 Lake transports	
34 Polite word	
35 Take a chance	
39 Boxed	
41 Unskilled worker	
43 Regard as	
44 Greek dawn goddess	
46 Handling roughly	
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50 Tiny bugs	
51 Come to mind	
54 Remote button	
56 Peachy dessert	
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63 Geometry calculation	
64 Hunter's quarry	
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67 Heidi's mountains	
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69 Greet the villain	
70 Track event	
10 "Be quiet!"	
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12 ___ cotta	
19 Ginza money	
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26 Freeway strip	
27 Unrepeated	
28 Mattress filler	
30 Have a bug	
31 Prepare a present	
33 Soak (through)	
36 Diva's delivery	
37 Monthly expense	
38 Units of energy	
40 Forest dweller	
42 Roll with a hole	
45 Japanese warrior	
48 Wipes a floppy	
49 Potatoes, for example	
51 Mantra chants	
52 Boston hoopsters, in headlines	
53 Irish county	
55 Skiers' transport	
57 Fugue master	
58 Mild exclamation	
59 Elaborate party	
60 Ballpark arbiters	
61 Engage, as gears	