# Post office 'Addressing the IRS Big Spring Style' tonight

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

**News Editor** 

Waiting until the last minute — at least the last day - to file one's personal income tax return has become almost a rite for taxpayers throughout the country, and Big Spring residents are no exception.

As a result, the Big Spring Post Office will be like hundreds of others across the United States today, remaining open until midnight to provide assistance to local taxpayers.

"This will be a first for the Big Spring

Saxton said. "Post offices in a number of cities have done this for several years, but this will the first time we've been open to provide last-minute postmarks for our customers.

"In addition, we'll be there to give those filing at the last minute help in buying stamps, envelopes and whatever else they need," Saxton said.

The postmaster noted that the office will be open for its regular hours today, 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., and close for one hour before reopening at 6 p.m.

"We're calling this 'Addressing the IRS Big Spring Style," Saxton said.

Post Office," Postmaster Richard "Customers can join us in a sort of celebration by stopping by, mailing their tax forms and enjoying friendly conversation and light refreshments.

"Most people are just happy to get this day behind them as they see that envelope dropping into the mail depository," Saxton continued. "We just want to help make it a little easier by providing some service and a break.

Saxton noted that the post office has most generic IRS forms available in the lobby, but more obscure forms have to be obtained from the IRS.

In addition, some local accounting firms have copies of the less-used

April 15 is one of the busiest days of the year for the Postal Service. Nationwide, millions wait until the deadline for filing their tax returns.

And according to the IRS Austin Service Center, almost 850,000 taxpayers in the North Texas District, which includes most of the Permian Basin, will wait until tonight before filing their returns.

More than 250,000 more will be filing extensions, which provide four extra months for filing a return. However, the extensions only provide additional time for filing the return, it does not

By STEVE REAGAN

tions are in order

Howard County's commission-

ers aren't ready to declare war

with the city of Big Spring over

the proposed new city prison,

but they believe some explana-

The commissioners expressed

concern over certain aspects of

the city's proposed deal with

Cornell Corrections for a new

prison unit on land south of the

At issue is the city's plan to

allow Cornell to operate the

prison without having to pay ad

valorem taxes for the next 35

years. While commissioners

concede the city is well within

its right to negotiate such a

deal they are unset that the

county and other taxing entities

weren't consulted about the deal

The deal will result in a de

facto tax abatement worth

between \$2.6 million and \$4.8

million, according to county

entity that can (make this sort

of deal without having other

entities sign off first),"

Commissioner Bill Crooker

said. "But they haven't talked to

us, and they're cutting us out of

the ad valorem taxes. That's

Crooker and Commissioner

Sonny Choate met with city

officials Monday morning in an

what we don't think is fair."

"The city is the only taxing

Staff Writer

airpark.

beforehand.

estimates.

give the taxpayer extra time to pay taxes due.

Those who are able to file by today's deadline, but can't pay the tax due can request a monthly payment plan when they file, according to IRS District **Director Bobby Scott.** 

Scott noted that those wishing to pay their taxes on a payment plan should attach Form 9465 to the front of their tax return and show the amount they propose to pay each month and on what day.

To set up an installment payment plan, the IRS charges a \$43 fee which will be billed at a later date, Scott said.

'I consider this a

35-year, 100 per-

and I don't think

resentatives from the city,

county, Howard College and Big

Spring Independent School

District — will meet at 1 p.m.

today to learn more details of

A first reading of the proposal

will be heard at a special city

council meeting today at 5:30

Crooker said representatives

from the other taxing entities

are just as eager as the commis-

sioners to learn more details

"I consider this a 35-year, 100

percent abatement, and I don't

think that's fair." he said. "By

state law, entities can abate

taxes to new industries for up

to 10 years ... after which, you

start collecting taxes. With this,

The commissioners were

quick to say, however, that they

are in favor of anything that

brings economic expansion to

'Very definitely, we want

some industry to come in here

and hire 100 people, and we

we won't see any taxes."

the county.

-BILL CROOKER

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the proposed deal.

about the proposal.

p.m.

Commissioners

on prison plans

want answers

# Early voting off to slow start

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Early voting for the May 3 Big Spring City Council and **Big Spring Independent School** District Board of Trustees elections went about as expected -

Fewer than 100 voters cast ballots during the first day of early voting Monday.

At the city secretary's office, which is handling early voting for the three contested council races, 36 voters cast early bal-

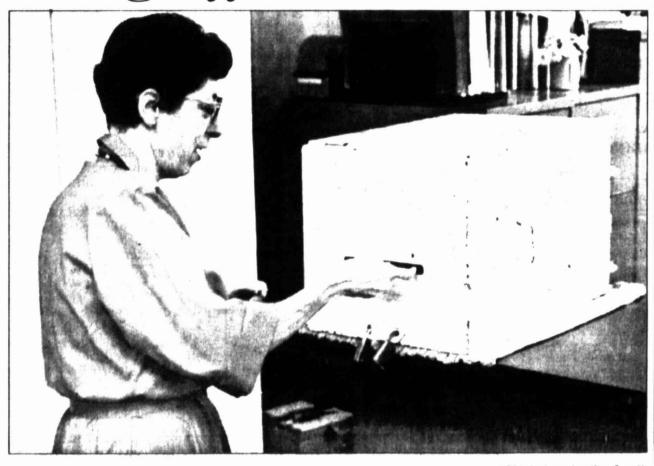
The council races being contested this year are in Place 2, where incumbent Pat DeAnda is facing challenges from Oscar Garcia and Bob Taylor; Place 4, where challenger Tommy Tune is facing incumbent Tom Guess; and Place 6, a three-way battle between Randy Mason, Ray Rinard and Greg Biddison.

Place 6 incumbent John Paul Anderson announced earlier this year that he would not seek re-election.

Early voting at the city secre tary's office continues through April 29. Voting hours are between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Early voting for the Big Spring ISD school board elections also was light Monday.

Officials at the Howard County Clerk's office, which is handling early voting for the school district, said 48 total



Wanda Anderson casts her ballot. She was the first to vote this morning, as early voting for Big Spring Independent School District Board of Trustees entered its second day. Fewer than 100 cast ballots in both the BSISD and city council races Monday.

early ballots were cast Monday. Steve Jeter drew 10 votes; and ers Monday. incumbent Steve Fraser and incumbent Donnie Baker and challenger Mike Robinson attracted 28 voters; the District 2 race between incumbent

The at-large race between the District 4 race between challenger Frank A. Long drew 10 votes.

Larry G. Hollar and challenger were sent to school board vot- general election.

Early voting at the court house continues through April 29. Mail-in ballots must be received at the clerk's office by In addition, 18 mail-in ballots 6 p.m. May 3, the date of the

# County faces air conditioning costs at annex

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners learned Monday that it may cost up to \$25,000 to fix or replace leaking air conditioners at the county annex.

Phil Furqueron, the county's construction administrator, told commissioners during their Monday meeting that the time has come to replace up to seven of the 11 air conditioners sitting atop the annex building across the street from the courthouse.

Furqueron said the air conditioner units, which range in size between 2 tons and 7.5 tons, were recently inspected by Crim & Bradshaw Engineering of Big Spring and found to be in various stages of disrepair.

The major reason for the leaks can be placed with the units' age. All of them are at least 10 years old, which is near the end of their estimated life.

Furqueron estimated replacement costs at about \$21,000 with repairs to other units costing

Furgueron added that commake repairs to the leaky units, but it may cost them more in the long term.

"We could put curbs under the leaking units," Furgueron said. "The units may last another two or three years, or they may not last through the summer."

Commissioners then authorized Furgueron to work up specifications for a bid to do the necessary work on the units.

In other business, commis-

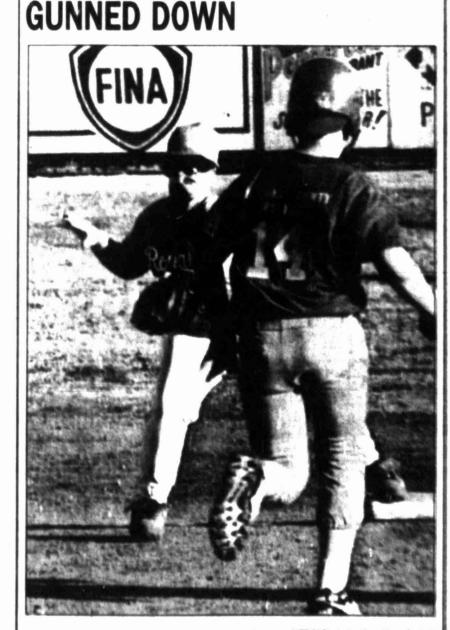
 Put their official support missioners could elect just to behind a resolution in favor of a veteran's home in Big Spring.

· Declared this week to be Safety Public Telecommunications Week in Howard County, recognizing the county's various 911 employ

 Approved addition of a full time worker in the road and bridge department and a parttime worker in the sheriff's department.

· Authorized the letting of bids for fuel and asphalt.

#### want what's best for the comeffort to clear the air. A meeting munity," Choate said. 'And if of the county's tax abatement this deal is what's best for Big sommittee - composed of rep-Spring, we're for it, too."



Allen Risner catches a throw and prepares to tag Gary Keener ou at second base during a Little League game between the Re and Royals Monday.

# Stanton council selects two for housing board ISD school board opted to do

**HERALD Staff Report** 

STANTON — Natha Mitchell and Albert Garza were elected to Stanton's Housing Authority Board during the regular meeting of the city council Monday night.

Mitchell and Garza will serve two-year terms on the board. which oversees administration of public housing in Stanton. In other business, council

members decided: • Tabled a proposed ordinance

Administrator Danny Fryar said the ordinance will be rewritten to include all utilities. Council members also tabled

a proposed ordinance governing recreational vehicles within the city limits. Fryar said it also will be rewritten.

Decided to sponsor the West

AREA MEETINGS

Texas Wildcats youth basketestablishing electric service ball team. The city's sponsorstandards. ship will make the team eligible for grants, Fryar said. Authorized advertising for

bids on this year's sealcoating project and airport mowing. **Grady ISD** 

races are unopposed, the Grady

LENORAH Because both

away with next month's scheduled trustee elections.

District 5 trustee Jody Yates and District 6 trustee Roy Cooper are both unopposed for re-election, and will be seated at the May regular meeting. according to information released Grady Superintendent Johnny Tubb In other business, trustees:

Selected James Mitchell and

Please see MEETINGS, page 2

By KELLIE JONES

A man has been arrested for

robbing a woman at the Cosden Employees Credit Union. William Franks, 20, of Big Spring, allegedly stole a purse containing \$444 from Norma Perkins, 72, Monday afternoon.

According to Howard County Deputy Clifford McCartney, Perkins was going to the bank to cash her IRS refund and to get some money orders. "Mrs. Perkins was walking into the credit union and was holding

the door open for someone. She had a clutch purse under her arm. The subject ran up to her and took off with her purse. He got into a car and fled the area." McCartney said.

tions of the suspect, the vehicle and the driver of the car were given out to all local law enforcement authorities. Big Spring Police Cpl. Jimmy Mayes spotted Franks in the 2500 block of Kentucky Way and a foot pursuit began involving deputies, police officers and

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'S WEATHER



Today: Sunny, turning partly cloudy tonight. High in the mid 70s. Low in the upper 40s.

Wednesday: Partly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms. High in the lower 70s. Low int he 40s.

Extended outlook: Thursday through Saturday, partly clody. Highs in the upper 70s to mid 80s. Lows in the upper 40s to the lower 50s.

# Man arrested in purse snatching

**Features Editor** 

The deputy added descrip-

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# **OBITUARIES**

# Demaris E. Wiley

Graveside service for Demaris E. Wiley, 85, Big Spring, will be 11 a.m. Thursday, April 17, 1997, at Odessa.

Mrs. Wiley died Monday, April 14, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center following a long

She was born on July 23. 1910, in Cleburne. She had been a resident of Odessa for over 40 years and had been a resident of Big Spring Care Center since March 21, 1997. Mrs. Wiley was a homemaker and had assisted her husband, Charles B. Wiley, Repair Service in Odessa. Mr. Wiley preceded her in death on May 22, 1984.

She is survived by: one nephew. Neal Cumberland, Md.

Arrangements under the Funeral Home & Chapel.

# Norma Jeanne Clark

Norma Mesker Nelson Clark 54, of Mansfield, formerly of Big Spring died



April 12, 1997 in a Fort Worth hospital. Graveside service will be a.m Wednesday. April 16, 1997 at Mt. Olive

Memorial CLARK Park with Dr Lacey, pastor of Robert Hillcrest Baptist Church, offici-

She was born on Jan. 29, 1943, in Orange, Texas

She came to Big Spring as a child with her family. She attended Big Spring schools and graduated from Howard College. She also attended Sul-Ross State University. Mrs. Clark was owner and manager of Clark Plumbing for many years and then drove the special education school bus for Big Spring Independent School District. She had lived in Mansfield for the past two years, moving from Big Spring.

Norma was always there for anyone (young or old) in trouble, needing help, or just someone to talk with. For her entire life, she was the steady and guiding rock for her family. Her greatest achievement was being a mother and grandmother to not only her own children but to everyone else's. She was deeply loved and will be greatly

## **MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME** & CHAPEL

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DeMaris E. Wiley, 85, died Monday. Graveside services will be 11:00 AM. Thursday at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Odessa

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Norma Mesker Nelson Clark, 54, died Saturday Graveside services will be 10.00 AM Wednesday at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

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She was a member of the Hillcrest Baptist Church. Norma served in the United States Navy in the Nurses Corps.

Survivors include: one daugh-Sunset Memorial Gardens in ter, Brenda Clark of Mansfield; two grandchildren, Joseph D. Clark and Jeanne L. Clark; a sister. Barbara Stroud of Mansfield; two brothers, Robert-Mesker of Diboll and David Mesker of Portersville, Calif.; nine nieces and nephews and eight great-nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Harrison (Sam) and Lucille Mesker; one brother, Billy Mesker; one daughter, Toni Jo Clark; and an uncle in operating Wiley Television and aunt, J.O. (Oral) and Gertrude Whitefield of Whitefield Plumbing.

The family suggests memorials to: Tarrant County Cancer Hughes, Care Services; 605 W. Magnolia; Fort Worth, Texas; 76104.

Family will receive friends direction of Myers & Smith from 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Paid obiniary

# **MEETINGS**

Continued from page 1 Brad Dannell to serve on the Merit Award

· Adopted the Professional Development Appraisal System as the teacher appraisal instrument for Grady ISD

 Rescheduled the May board meeting from May 5 to May 12. · Heard an update on proposed property tax relief legisla- (home). The committee needs

state legislature Moved \$47,036 from the fund balance to cover purchase of a school bus.

#### Stanton ISD

The Stanton STANTON school board decided to forego the election of a pair of unopposed candidates scheduled for

Two of the three trustee posi tions up for election are unopposed, so the board declared those candidates elected. They will be seated at next month's

board meeting. The third trustee position is being vacated by Bobby Holland, who is retiring from the board. Candidates for his atlarge spot are Rocky Barnes. Teri Carson and Larry Simer

The election will be held May 3 Early voting will be held through April 29 at the Martin County Clerk's office

In other business, trustees · Adopted a tentative school calendar for the 1997 98 school year. Under the calendar, class es would begin Aug. 14 and rus through May 28 1998 High school graduation would be held the next day

. Awarded the districts proerty insurance business t Allen Insurance of Stanton

Voted against ordering a

new school bus · Approved a 20 percent home-

stead exemption to the district's · Adopted the Professional

Development Appraisal System as the teacher appraisal instrument for Stanton ISD

# BRIEFS

THE BIG SPRING BAND boosters meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the BSHS band hall at "p.m. For more information call Cyndi Marsh at 263-6706.

THE GLIC AND GFMIC Settles. members are having a meeting at 11 a.m. at the Golden Corral on Friday

Scenic Mountain Medical Center 1601 W. 11th Place 263-1211



OPENING SOON

263-3402

THE STATE PARK IS having a Fun Run fund raiser Saturday starting at 8 a.m. Participants can compete in a 5K or 10K run or a 5K walk. Entry fees help support the park. Late registration starts at 6:30 a.m. the day of the race. Event leaders are Park Manager Ron Alton and Cavan and Donna McMahon. The event fee is \$5 for those with a State Park pass or \$8 for nonstate park pass holders. For reservations, call 263-0211, 1-800-734-7641, 263-7641 or 263-4931. Several prizes will be awarded to the winners.

THE ANNUAL HEALTH FAIR is Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. This year's theme is "Health on the Horizon."

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PATIENT care and office work at Family Hospice. Volunteer training begins Thursday and continues through May.

For more information, call Mary Kuykendall at 263-4673 or 1-800-505-4265.

THE JUVENILE DIABETES FOUNDATION is having their annual Walk-a-thon in Midland at the Chapparal Center on May 10. We are trying to raise money for research to find a cure. If you would like to participate in the walk or like to make a tax deductible donation contact Karen Davila at 264-7938 or Laurie Churchwell at 263-0087.

PERSONS INTERESTED IN TAKING part in the 1997 Relay For Life event on May 16-17 should contact Judi Johnston at 267-1014 (work) or 267-1904 tion being considered by the help with on-site events.

For more information, call Jay or Kim Phinney at 267-1480.

THE 34TH MOORE COM-MUNITY REUNION is Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m. at the 14th and Main Church of Christ, enter from north side of 14th or from front on Main Street.

All current and former residents, teachers, ex-students, their decedents and members of their families are invited to attend.

THE HOWARD COUNTY FEED & Supply, along with Purina, is hosting a seminar on Thursday, April 24, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Days Inn. Speakers are Dr. Joe Neff, DVM, Dr. Botb Cobb, DVM, and Susan Whittingslow, horse specialist

# SPRINGBOARD

IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES IN A SPRING-BOARD ITEM OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CON-TACT GINA GARZA, 263-7331 ext. 238, BETWEEN 8 A.M. AND 2 P.M. All Springboard items must be submitted in writing. Mail to: Springboard, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, Texas 79720; bring it by the office at 710 Scurry; or fax it to 26-4-7205.

TODAY ·Comanche Lake Duplicate, 1 p.m. Dora Roberts Civic

Center ·Most Excellent Way, a chemical dependency support group, 7 p.m., Living Water Church, 1008 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-1424 after 5 p.m. or 263-3168

between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. ·Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, 7 p.m.;

Spanish services. •Al-Anon. 8 to 9 p.m., 615

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# ROUND THE TOWN

 Narcotics Anonymous, 6:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at the VA Medical Center on fourth floor.

·Big Spring Art Association, 7 p.m., West Texas Center for the Arts, Howard College Campus. •G.F.M.I.C. and G.L.I.C. meeting, 11 a.m., Golden Corral.

# ROBBERY

Continued from page 1 Department of Public Safety troopers. He was apprehended in the 1000 block of Baylor and a resident whose yard Franks ran through filed a criminal trespass charge against him.

Franks is being charged with robbery, criminal trespass and evading arrest. McCartney said he is still investigating the incident and searching for the driver of the car so an arrest warrant can be issued. Franks remains in the city jail under totaling \$15,000. McCartney said the \$100 cash and the IRS refund check of \$344 has not been recovered.

# RECORDS

Monday's high 69 Monday's low 41 Average high 78 Average low 48 Record high 97 in 1935 Record low 28 in 1928 Precip. Monday 0.00 Month to date 0.14 Month's normal 0.57 Year to date 4.31 Normal for the year 2.71 \*\*Statistics not available

# MARKETS

May cotton 71.95 cents a pound, down 41 points; May crude oil 20.05, up 15 points; Cash hogs steady at \$2 lower at 53.50; slaughter sceers \$1 lower at 67; April lear, hog futures 82.52, down 17 points; April live cattle futures 70.12, down 17 points. Courtesy: Delta Corporation.

Noon quotes provided by Edward D Jones & Co.

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Sun	244 -
Texaco	103 nc
<b>Texas Instruments</b>	85% + 2%
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Unocal Corp	364 +4
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# Texas Lottery

POLICE The Big Spring Police Department reported the follow-

ing incidents during a 24-hour period ending 8 a.m. Tuesday: • JAMES PEREZ, 19, of 1600 Mesquite, was arrested on outstanding warrants for burglary of a building. He was transferred to the county jail and

later released on a \$2,500 bond. • WILLIAM FRANKS, 20, of Tyler, was arrested for robbery, evading arrest and criminal trespassing.

 LAFAWN FAYE JOHN-SON, 24, of 2401 Main, was arrested on outstanding local warrants. · CHAD ALLEN MUS-

GROVE, 29, of Route 1 Box 655, was arrested on outstanding local warrants.

County warrant.

address given, was arrested for burglary of a vehicle.

· CRIMINAL MISCHIEF in the 1400 block of Lincoln, 400 VANTES, 18, of 2625 Albrook,

of E. 11th Place. SouthWest College Institute for released on a \$1,000 bond. the Deaf. A printer was stolen from the campus.

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W. Fourth. WARNING ISSUED in the on a \$1,500 bond. 1900 block of N. Lamesa Highway and 2600 block of

Barksdale. · DISTURBANCE/FIGHT in the 1500 block of Lincoln.

• GAS THEFT in the 1700 block of Wasson Rd.

 INVESTIGATING SUSPI-CIOUS ACTIVITY at the Vietnam Memorial.

· CRIMINAL TRESPASS-ING in the 1000 block of

# SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following incidents during a 24-hour period ending 8 a.m. Tuesday: ALAN CANTON POWELL.

23, of 3604 Boulder, was sentenced to 10 days in jail for his second charge of driving while intoxicated.

· JASON GLENN RAMSEY, 18, of Coahoma, was arrested on a warrant for criminal trespassing and released on a \$1,500 bond. JAMES CLIFFORD

MOORE JR., 37, of Forsan, was arrested for issuance of a bad check, paid his fine of \$297.90 and was released. LUCINDA PALENCIA, 39,

of 101 N.W. Eighth, turned her-

PICK 3: 9, 9, 7 CASH 5: 8, 14, 15, 19, 32

> issuance of a bad check and was later released on a \$800

self in on a warrant for

· PHILLIP DELL CLARK, 43, of 4107 Muir, was transferred from the police department after being arrested for driving while intoxicated. He was later released on a \$1,500

 JAVIER CHAVEZ LUNA, 45, of Ackerly, was transferred from the police department after being arrested for driving while intoxicated. He was later released on a \$1,500 bond. · DAVID CRUZ, 30, of

Ackerly, pleaded guilty to public intoxication and failure to identify himself to a peace officer. He was fined a total of \$125, received \$50 credit for one day in jail, paid the difference and was released.

 GUY DAWAYNE WEB-LUANNA TREVINO STER, 23, of Coahoma, was FRANCO, 34, of 1407 Scurry, transferred from the police was arrested on a Comal department after being arrested for fleeing arrest. He was later • JESSE JONES, 29, no released on a \$1,000 bond.

• JODI LELEK, 17, of 4000 Parkway, was transferred from · CALVIN LYTE, 25, of 4207 the police department after Parkway, was arrested for no being arrested for fleeing driver's license and no insur- arrest. He was later released on a \$1,000 bond.

 JOSE REFUGIO CERblock of E. 24th and 1100 block was transferred from the police department after being arrested • THEFT OVER \$50 at for fleeing arrest. He was later RONNIE

FREEMAN, 39, of 204 W. 10th, • THEFTS in the 500 block of was arrested by DPS troopers Dallas, 900 block of Willia, 2600 for his second charge of driving open container, no driver's license and no insurance. He BANCE in the 500 block of was later released on bonds totaling \$1,985.

• MARK ARGUELLO, 22, of A VEHICLE in the 500 block of Coahoma, was arrested by DPS troopers for driving while CRIMINAL TRESPASS intoxicated and later released

> JOSE MARTINEZ HER-NANDEZ, 21, of Brownwood, was arrested by DPS troopers for driving with an invalid license.

 ALBERT DEMERSON JR., 51, of Midland, was arrested by DPS troopers for possession of marijuana under two ounces and later released on a \$1,000 bond.

· DENNIS CLAUDE PAGE. 33, was transferred from the police department after being arrested for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and later released on a \$4,000 bond.

· ARMANDO SAUCEDO. 28. of 1907 Eubanks, was arrested on a motion to revoke his probation. He had been on probation on his second charge of driving while intoxicated and later released on a \$1,500 bond.

VEHICLE CHASING WOMAN on Moss Lake Road. The complainant reported two men in a vehicle were chasing a woman who was on foot. Deputies were unable to locate the vehicle. FAMILY DISTURBANCE

at a residence on West County Road 52. · MINOR ACCIDENT on North Highway 87.

 JUVENILES THROWING somewhere in ROCKS Coahoma. Deputies were unable to locate the juveniles.



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# House kills effort to repeal parent-taught driver's ed

AUSTIN - Texas parents still can teach their children how to drive after the state House killed a bill to abolish such teaching. State lawmakers in 1995 approved a program allowing parents to teach their children a driving course approved by the Department of Public Safety.

The program went into effect last week after the DPS made the course material available.

Parents have to pay \$20 to get the course material. They also must certify that their children attend the required hours of 'class' and practice driving a required number of hours before the students can take a DPS written test for a license.

Rep. Keith Oakley, D-Terrell, on Monday said the course was meant only for children taught in home schools.

### House repeals helmet requirement for most adult riders

AUSTIN — The Texas mandatory motorcycle helmet could be hitting the road soon.

The Texas House is expected to give final approval today to a bill repealing the law for riders 21 and older. The bill, which Gov. George W. Bush says he likely will sign, would have to go back to the Senate to consider House changes.

The Senate author, Sen. Jerry Patterson, R-Pasadena, on Monday said he could live with the changes.

"It's about the right to choose for yourself whether to wear a helmet," Rep. Jim Pitts, R-Waxahachie, House sponsor of the bill, said Monday. "It's all about freedom."

The House on Monday gave first-round approval to the bill. It also removed a Senate requirement that motorcycle riders who don't wear helmets carry \$10,000 in additional health insurance. It also removed a Senate provision that no state funds used to treat people with spinal cord and head injuries could be spent on motorcycle riders hurt while not wearing helmets.

## Groups representing needy Texans rally at Capitol

AUSTIN — Not satisfied with simply moving the "welfare poor" up one level to the "working poor," groups representing needy Texans rallied at the Capitol.

"Next year I hope to pay taxes instead of receiving (welfare) benefits," said Stacy Peoples, a 27-year-old mother of three who is receiving job training to go from a \$7 an hour job to making \$12 an hour.

The job training is available through the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) fund.

"What we're asking is that legislators take the money from welfare reform and invest it in job training programs," Peoples said.

A crowd of approximately 300 representing organizations from across the state gathered Monday to hear success stories and make sure legislators retain funding for their programs.

## Utilities deregulation taken up in House committee

AUSTIN — After the Senate version of a bill that would deregulate electric utilities stalled in committee last week, the measure tried to find life in a House committee.

"I guess somebody's got to convince me that we need a bill," said Rep. Mark Stiles, D-Beaumont, the author of the House deregulation bill.

"I'm certainly open to suggestions," he said, "To this point, there have been no good faith negotiations (among utilities). It's

been their way or the highway and I'm not driving." On Monday, the House State Affairs Committee heard testimo

ny, but took no action, on Stiles' deregulation bill. Representatives of investor-owned utilities, large industrial customers, municipally-owned utilities, cooperatives and power marketers spent last week discussing points of a bill filed by Sen. Jerry Patterson, R-Pasadena.

# Committee revamps tax cut plan

AUSTIN (AP) - A House committee trying to lower local school property taxes has reduced its targeted cut by \$500 million a year but has proposed a plan to help schools pay off their current debt.

The new plan could be voted on by the committee as early as this afternoon.

The House Select Committee on Revenue and Public Education Funding had been expected to vote soon on a proposal to lower local school property taxes by about \$3 billion a year. That did not include help paying off current debt on school buildings.

The new proposal would lower those taxes by about \$2.5 billion

promise to dedicate about \$300 / ered are increases on Sadler said, referring to three million over the next two years to help pay off current debt.

The committee is considering a plan to replace local school property taxes by expanding the state business tax, increasing some other taxes and adding to the list of goods and services subject to the state sales tax.

That list of goods and services was changed Monday after hearings last week in which Texans told the committee why they opposed some of the proposals, including sales taxes on taxi rides, commercial leases and haircuts.

All those services, and some others, no longer are being considered for sales taxes or higher a year and includes a state taxes. New items being consid-

parimutuel racing fees and annual fees on automated teller machines and coin-operated machines like car washes.

Rep. Paul Sadler said the list was changed after considering public testimony that some proposals would hurt the economy. He said lobbyists had little to do with the changes

"The testimony was very good. These final changes have been carefully thought out," said Sadler, D-Henderson.

The new plan also would guarantee state funding to help pay off debt for current schools and would give some money to help pay for new schools.

"This is where the Supreme Court said we were lacking,"

school funding plans ruled unconstitutional by the Texas Supreme Court before the cur-

rent plan was adopted in 1993. The current funding system includes the so-called Robin Hood funding formula in which 91 school districts with an abundance of taxable property have to share their income with districts low on taxable property.

That system would be replaced with a state tax on business property, rather than local school taxes on business property.

The latest changes would lower the cap on local residential taxes for school operation and maintenance to 70 cents from the current \$1.50 cap.

# Reno again rejects independent counsel

WASHINGTON (AP) -Failing again to move Attorney General Janet Reno to request an independent counsel, outraged Republicans now will have to rely on congressional investigations of campaign finance abuses unless new evidence persuades Reno to change her mind.

Reno on Monday rejected the latest Republican demand for an independent investigation, contending there was no specific credible evidence to implicate the highest Clinton administration officials in felonies. She said career Justice-Department officials would continue their probe of the fund-

Before Reno's decision, House Speaker Newt Gingrich suggested that she should be called before the Judiciary Committee to explain her reasons "under oath" if she refused to name an independent counsel.

The chairman of that committee, Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill., said that Reno had "misread both the letter and spirit" of the independent counsel law, and "failed to recognize, at the very least, the obvious political conflict these allegations of wrongdoing create for her and other political appointees within the Justice Department."

Senate Majority Leader Trent sel a month ago, Reno promised:

Lott called Reno's decision "inexcusable" and Gingrich said he saw no way for her to defend her decision.

Angry Republicans may get their chance to question Reno when she appears Wednesday at a Senate Judiciary hearing on victim's rights. But her spokesman, Bert Brandenburg, said that she could not be forced into changing her mind.

"This attorney general makes her decision based on the facts and the law, not political pressure," he said.

In letters to Hyde and Senate Judiciary Chairman Orrin Hatch, who asked for the coun-

"Should future developments make it appropriate to invoke the procedures of the act, I will do so without hesitation.

In her letter to Hatch, R-Utah, she said: "At this point, it appears to me that the task should be performed by the Department of Justice and its career investigators and prosecutors.

She said a Justice Department task force continues to receive new information and promised to monitor the probe closely. While Reno has sole authority to recommend appointment of a counsel to a federal court, both houses of Congress are conducting their own probes.

# Air Force holds slim hope for missing A-10 pilot EAGLE, Colo. (AP) — The of Vail, there has been no sign Outfitters in nearby Avon. "The

search has been fruitless grim days of jets and helicopters flying over the snowy Colorado mountains in a grueling attempt to find a missing Air Force plane and its pilot.

Yet the military says there is a slim chance that Capt. Craig Button is alive, nearly two weeks after his plane vanished.

"We think he was with the aircraft," Col. Denver Pletcher said Monday. "We're hoping he's still with it and alive."

But after more than 200 flights over the snow-covered peaks and wooded valleys southwest

of the \$9 million warplane, the four bombs it was carrying or its pilot.

look at another possible crash site today after prospector's equipment detected "things like aluminum and iron. Two Army UH-60L Blackhawk

The Air Force said it would

helicopters especially suited for high altitude work have joined the search, ferrying ground search teams to the rugged terrain on New York Mountain.

"It's a very rough area, lots of peaks, lots of deep valleys," said Dick Dixon, owner of Dixon's eastern portion, because of avalanche danger and steepness, is very difficult.'

Also joining the search was an SR-71 Blackbird, a spy plane with highly sensitive radar that can fly high enough to see the curvature of the Earth.

Air Force officials initially doubted Button bailed out because the ejection seat automatically sends out a homing beacon. But pilots have the option of switching off the beacon because it sends out a signal that could be intercepted by the enemy in wartime.

8 Compelling Reasons Why:

Christ Is Coming "Very, Very Soon"

"The pilot could manually disable the ejector seat beacon,' Capt. Mike Richmond said, reiterating what Air Force officials said a week ago. Button, 32, and his A-10

Thunderbolt disappeared April 2 during a practice run in Arizona. Radar data and witness accounts indicate he broke away from his formation and flew to Colorado. Air Force officials said they don't know why.

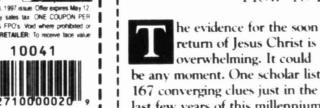
The Air Force has said Button had made many cross-country flying trips during his training and they may have involved stops in Colorado.











overwhelming. It could be any moment. One scholar lists 167 converging clues just in the last few years of this millennium. The following are eight: 1. Israel's rebirth.

As Jesus prophesied, the Jews were scattered during the Jewish-Roman war of A.D. 70 (Luke 21:24). Also prophesied to occur before Christ's return, the nation of Israel was miraulously reborn on May 14, 1948. Israel is called "God's time clock."

2. Plummeting morality. Studies show a shocking breakdown just since mid-century (2 Timothy 3:1-4).

Famines, violence and wars. Like birth pangs that intensify, Jesus said that the days just before His coming would see increased famines, violence and ethnic wars, a clear pic ture of our planet (Matthew 24: 6-8). One of six people on earth suf fer from hunger. Violence is epidemic, and a study of wars since 500 B.C. shows a recent, dramatic increase. Of 82 world conflicts since just 1990, all but three have been civil or ethnic

4. Increase in earthquakes. A recent study shows a dramatic increase in worldwide earthquakes. just since the decade of Israel's rebirth. Like increasing birth pangs. in the 1940s there were 51 above Richter 6.0; the 1950s, 475; the 1980s, 1,085; and in the 1990s at the current rate, a projected 1,540 (Matthew 24:7).

5. Explosion of travel and education

Two key conditions described about 2,500 years ago for the Second Coming are that "trovel and e-hicution shall be vastly increased" (Daniel 12:4, Living Bible). In all of history. the vast increase in travel has come just since mid-century with the explosion of both ground and air transportation; in education, with the advance of science and computers.

6. Explosion of cults and the occult.

Counterfeit spirituality is everywhere with cults and false Christs (Matthew 24:24), psychic phenomena, spiritism, Satan worship, witchcraft, nature worship and the New Age movement (1 Timothy 4:1). What is a cult or the occult? See FREE REPORTS below.

7. The New World Order. Increased centralization of world financial and political power is a prelude to the soon-coming world power system in the hands of "Antichrist," who will be the incarnation of Satan and who will deceive most of the world (Daniel 7-12, Matthew 24:15, Revelation 13).

8. Increase in both apostasy and faith.

The Bible predicts in the last days, "A form of godliness, although they have denied its power" (2 Timothy 3:5). Today many churches deny the eternal truths of Scripture and power of the Holy Spirit, replacing them with ungodly, temporal and "politically correct" values. But also, a prophesied outpouring of God's Spirit is causing hundreds of millions worldwide to come to true faith in Christ in record numbers, virtually unnotived by the media.

# The "Angel Factor"

As an angel announced Christ's First Coming (Daniel 9:20-25; Luke 1:26), there have been recently reported visits trom angels saving, "He is coming very, very soon." For a fascinating free, detailed account of two verified incidents,

# The Escape Plan

Christ will soon come and rescue His people from the approaching "Great Tribulation" (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18). He will later rule and bring peace on earth-after He judges the world and every person (Matthew 25:31-46).

God's judgment is, indeed, coming on a world in rebellion. He cannot deny His nature. His attributes of perfect holiness and justice demand judgment for sin, of which we are all guilty. "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).

The result of sin is death, or sepe from God. "For the sugges of site is death" (Romans 6:23). Wages are some thing we carn, or deserve.

How To Be Prepared For History's Greatest Event But "God is love" (1 John 4:8). Is "love" in conflict with "judgment". Answer: God's wisdom reconciled the dilemma-The Son of God would take all our judgment upon Himselt! "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners

Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

To escape God's judgment, we each must receive His free gift of forgiveness and love, "But the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord' (Romans 6:23). A gift is something we do not earn, or deserve.

# How to receive Him

In any gift exchange, there has to be giver and receiver. God has already given us the gift, His Son; now we must receive Him. "But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God" (John 1:12).

We receive Him by faith. "For by

grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, that no one should boast" (Ephesians 2:8.9). We receive Him by personal invitation.

(Christ speaking) "Behold, I stund at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him" (Revelation 3:20). Do you hear

The following is a suggested prayer: "Lord Jesus, I believe you are the Son of God and that you died on the cross for my sins to save me from eternal death. 1 open the door of my life and receive you as my Savior and Lord. I give you my life. Help me to be what you want me to

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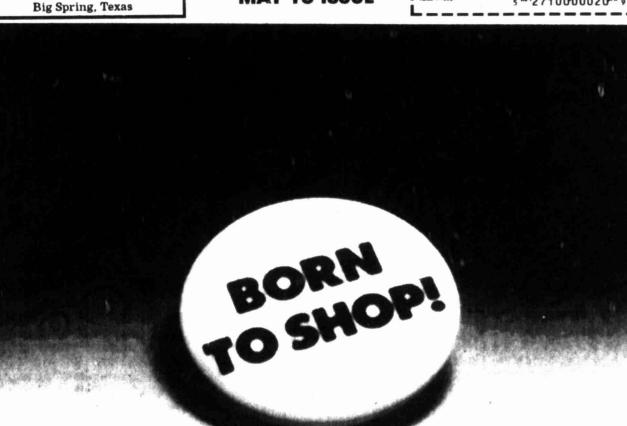
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# OUR VIEWS

# Beals Creek news good; Time for UP to ante up

he word that cuty of Big Spring will get some of the relief it was looking for to help offset the increased costs of the Beals Creek project from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is good for the com-

Big Spring City Manager Gary Fuqua has been told by Col. Peter Madison of the Corps that Big Spring will be allowed to use the city landfill as in-kind credit for disposing of additional contaminated soil at the Beals Creek site

While the exact dollar amount of the credit is not known, indications re that it will be substantial as much, perhaps, as \$1 million.

That in kind approval could mean the difference between the project's continuing -- or the Corps pulling out because Big Spring couldn't come up with the rest of the funds.

The initial soil contamination found a few years ago was thought to be minimal and isolated to one spot. and Madison said seven borings done at various locations of the site did not reveal any additional contamination.

The additional amount of contaminated soil the Corps, the city and the contractor are dealing with now is the equivalent of a football field 13 1/2 high.

According to officials involved with the project there is still no solid explanation as to how the additional contamination occurred, but the city is currently acquiring easements for remediation, which includes dealing with the Union Pacific Railroad.

And while there is no solid explanation of how the additional contamination occurred, one thing is certain ... the contamination location and flow is consistent with being in close proximity to the old railroad roundhouse, shops and fueling station.

The bottom line is that because of the additional contamination, the project costs have just about doubled for everyone.

Instead of the original cost estimate of \$5.73 million \$4.24 million being paid by the corps and \$1.49 mil lion by the city of Big Spring — the additional conta mination has increased the estimated project cost to \$10,885,800, of which \$2,721,450 would be owed by the

Just as the people of Big Spring have agreed to ante up for this project through increased taxes, we believe the single industry that will benefit the most from the work Union Pacific should hav its fair share

After all, when the creek stays in its banks, the railroad's work is not disrupted the cost of its doing business is not increased and its -mployees are not placed in jeopardy

We don't think it's too much for Union Pacific to come to the table and ask how it can help the city. meet its financial obligations 1. 17beneficial/least painful way possing

And that doesn't necessarily mean dellars - it can mean an in-kind contribution of equipment or personnel We don't know what it could be we just believe that Union Pacific should be participating in this pro-

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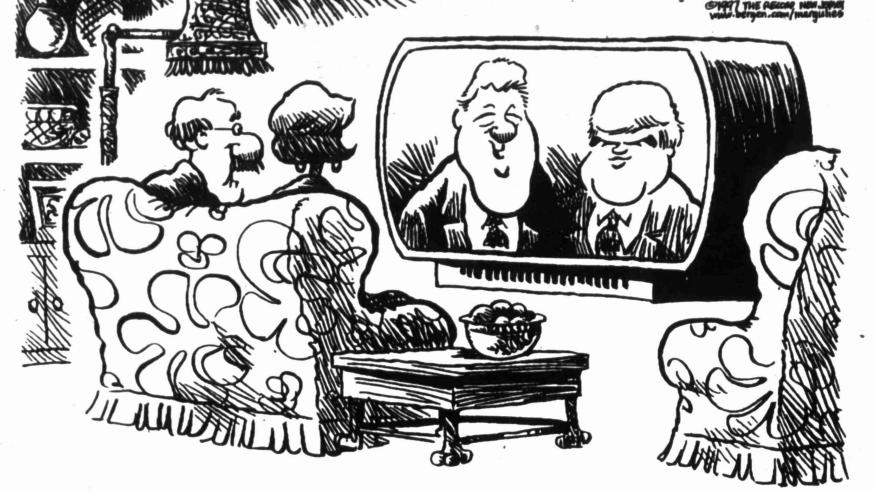
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# Failing to balance the federal budget ancing the budget since at least

national debt is \$5 trillion. Numbers that large, however, are difficult to grasp.

It may help if you know that in the Milky Way, our galaxy, there are fewer than 1 trillion stars. So the American

Charley Reese Syndicated people Columnist owe more than five

times as many dollars as there are stars in our galaxy This debt is just the sum of accumulated annual deficits plus interest. The interest is

accruing at the rate of approximately \$45,000 a second Balancing the federal budget. of course, is just the first step. To pay off the national debt. the federal budget must be in

surplus and that surplus must be used to retire the debt Do you think this will be

done 'I don't Politicians in both parties have been talking about bal-

You know, of course, that politicians deliberately mislead the public. They talk about

"working toward" and "achiev ing" a balanced budget as if it were some forest that had to be cleared or some mountain that had to be climbed. What stands in the way of a

1980, when Ronald Reagan was

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add to the national debt. Even

today, the Republicans claim

that they won't be able to bal-

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budget was \$576 billion. This

year it is \$1.6 trillion. Every

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ingness of the members of the House and the Senate to bal-

They could balance it this year. They could have balanced it last year. They could have balanced it 17 years ago. The budget has never been unbalanced either by accident or because Congress couldn't prevent it from being unbalanced. Every unbalanced budget has been a deliberate act of

We all know that people who

pay taxes don't want to pay more taxes. We all know that people who receive money from the government don't want to receive less money.

But what will be the consequences if the budget is not balanced? There is no bankruptcy court

for governments, so when they can't pay their bills, they inflate the currency. Our government has already been doing this on a gradual basis. Today's dollar buys about 25 cents worth of goods and services compared to the 1967 dollar. In other words, in 30 years, the value of the dollar has declined about 75 percent.

A lot of the people who own this \$5 trillion worth of government paper know about the inflation scenario. When they sense it's about to begin at a. rapid rate, they'll dump the paper on the market. That could precipitate a financial collapse. That's one reason the Federal Reserve is so antsy about inflation, so much more eager to see rising unemployment than rising wages.

There are tons of programs that could be cut flat out and not cause any great harm to the nation. Despite the

rhetoric, however, you can see from the size of the budget each year — always larger never smaller — that there has not been a whole lot of cutting going on. Attribute that to political cowardice and the willingness of politicians to trade the national interest for the favors of special interests.

Fate, from time to time, puts nations as well as individuals to the test. Sometime they rise to the test and pass. Sometimes they don't and fail. The United States is facing such a test. To pass we will need political leaders rather than politicians. We will need men and women willing to do the right thing, even if it means they don't get re-elected.

But what we all ought to do is stop evading reality, stop pretending the situation isn't serious, stop pretending that we have lots of time to straighten it all out. It's not a game. If we fail, the consequences will be cruel and bru-

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# Chemical weapons tangled in broader dispute taries of defense agreeing with

By WALTER R. MEARS

AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON Since nobody is in favor of poison gas and the United States is destroying its own stockpile. the treaty for an international ban on chemical weapons sounds like a logical next step But opponents say that it would be a stumble, worsening the risks of toxic weapons in the hands of rogue nations or terrorists.

So Senate ratification of the treaty before April 29, when it goes into effect with or without U.S. approval, is in doubt

Republicans started the treaty process when they controlled the White House Indeed, President Reagan signed the law under which the United States is unilaterally eliminating about 31,000 tons of chemical weapons, a process well under way and due to be completed by 2004.

Now, conservative Republicans are aligned against the treaty that President Bush signed near the end of his presidency and that President Clinton is trying to push to ratification in the GOP Senate. "We've got to have 67 votes," Clinton said. "We're going to try to do it

The treaty has become part of

a dispute over broader ques tions of foreign policy and weaponry. For example, it is linked by some Republicans to their demand for an anti-missile defense system akin to the one Reagan began.

Sen. Jesse Helms of North Carolina, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee and the most formidable opponent of a treaty he called dangerously defective, wants a ratification resolution that would set 30 conditions for U.S. approval. The administration has agreed to 22, but says the other eight would effectively undo American approval of the treaty

For one thing, Helms wants the treaty itself amended, which would require renegotia tion of a pact signed by 161 nations since early 1993, and ratified by 70. That number is more than enough to put it into effect on April 29 under United Nations auspices.

The treaty bans the possession, production, or transfer of chemical weapons and requires that those already on hand be destroyed by 2007. It includes inspection and verification terms sponsors call the strongest ever set in an armscontrol agreement.

Helms and his allies say the verification system won't work

to impose unconstitutional, and expensive, reporting and inspection rules for the U.S. chemical industry

The chemical industry supports ratification, wary of trade restrictions that would be imposed against nations that don't sign on. The administration has estimated the potential cost at \$600 million in exports; Helms says that is vastly over-

Under Helms' conditions, U.S. ratification wouldn't be effective until Iraq, Libya, North Korea and Syria, Iran and China all have ratified the pact. With that as a prerequisite. Senate ratification would be meaningless. The first four haven't taken the initial step of signing the treaty, and aren't likely to.

Helms has accused the administration of stonewalling by not accepting his terms. "As long as the administration stonewalls, I can stonewall, too," he told Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, who urged ratification at a Senate hearing that heard first from a lineup of opponents. "This treaty is about other

people's weapons, not our own," she said.

Opponents said it is about much more, four former secre-

Helms that it's bad deal. Two other former secretaries, and the current one. William S. Cohen, the Republican in Clinton's Cabinet, all have urged ratification. So has the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and four of his predeces-

In that clash of expert witnesses, opponents say the treaty would undermine U.S. efforts to develop chemical weapons defenses, and raised the prospect of international inspectors wandering the nation for warrantless searches of American chemical plants. Not so, the advocates contend.

The list of contradictory arguments goes on, to the point that it sounds at times as though the rival sides are appraising different treaties. They do agree on one thing.

"Everybody I know detests chemical weapons," former Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger said in urging rejection of the treaty. "So people who oppose this treaty are not people who favor poison

Walter R. Mears, vice president and columnist for The Associated Press, has reported on Washington and national politics for more than 30 years.



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# Former pitcher Joe Black remembers a young Jackie Robinson

NEW YORK (AP) - Joe Black paused for a moment to collect his thoughts and construct an appropriate response to the question.

"Tuesday night means a lot to me," the old pitcher said. "I live a good life because of a guy named Jackie Robinson. I appreciate

everything he did." Baseball marks the 50th anniversary of Robinson's debut as the first black man to play in the majors tonight at Shea Stadium, with Clinton ROBINSON President

speaking during ceremonies in the fifth inning of the game between the Los Angeles Dodgers and

New York Mets.

Acting commissioner Bud Selig and Robinson's widow, Rachel, will join the president. Black will be there, too.

They were roommates with the Brooklyn Dodgers, Robinson the pioneer who integrated the game in 1947, and Black the huge pitcher who arrived five years later.

The first thing Robinson noticed was the pitcher's size. He advised the rookie not to get in any fights. It would be easy, given the abuse a black player had to face in those days.

Black was surprised that sort of thing was still going on. Robinson assured him that it was even though by then blacks had a firm foothold in the majors, particularly on the Dodgers' roster with Roy Campanella doors for those behind him," Black

and Don Newcombe arriving shortly after Robinson.

"I had Campy and Newk and Jackie," Black said. "He had nobody. When Jackie got there, there were guys who didn't speak to him, guys who wouldn't play catch with him. He understood.

A gesture of friendship by Southerner Pee Wee Reese, a team leader, broke down the barriers.

"Ninety percent of them came around," Black said. "I don't think he had 100 percent, but 100 percent of

them cashed that (World Series) check

in October.' Black said Robinson was devoted to

"He realized that he was opening

said. "He was hired to prove that blacks could play and that blacks and whites can play and work together. That's what he did.

Black said he hoped baseball's outpouring for the anniversary would make more young people aware of the legacy of his old friend.

"I want them to take time to ask who Jackie Robinson was, what he did and what he stood for," he said. "It's more tan being the first guy that played. That alone doesn't mean anything.

"They don't understand. They don't know what it is to see separate restrooms marked 'White' and 'Colored.' They don't understand having to stay in separate hotels, the team getting on a bus and the rest of us

waiting for cabs to take us to the other side of town.

"They don't know about going down for breakfast at 8 a.m. and maybe get-

ting served by 10. Black remembers tepid desegregation after a few years when some hotels permitted teams to stay together as long as the black players maintained a low profile, took meals in their rooms and stayed away from the swimming pool.

Some Dodgers, like Jim Gilliam, Campanella and Black, wouldn't accept the prison-like rules.

"We said we're leaving," Black said. "Jack said he was staying. He said, 'They're not chasing me out.'

And they didn't. Not from the hotel

# Braves scalp Cincinnati by 15-5 tally

ATLANTA (AP) Atlanta Braves used to be a team that plodded along one base at a time, waiting for the

three-run homer. Since the arrival of Kenny Lofton and Michael Tucker, that approach has changed.

The defending NL champion is now a team that can beat its opponents with speed, as evidenced by a 15-5 rout over the Cincinnati Reds on Monday night for Atlanta's ninth victo-

ry in 10 games. Lofton went 5-for-6 to equal his career high for hits in a game, scored five runs to tie an Atlanta team record and stole two bases. Tucker set a career high with four RBIs in a 3-of-6 performance, meaning the Braves got eight hits out of the top two players in their batting order — not to mention a whole lot of havoc that helped the rest

of the hitters. In other NL games, Colorado beat Montreal 10-8, San Francisco edged New York 3-2 and Houston defeated St. Louis

Atlanta scored four runs in the fourth and fifth innings and added five more in the seventh. when Lopez hit his grand slam off Stan Belinda.

Braves starter Denny Neagle (1-0) won despite allowing five runs and six hits in 5 2-3 innings.

Deion Sanders, who started a furor over Cincinnati's road uniforms when he shortened his sleeves in honor of the 50th anniversary of Robinson breaking baseball's color barrier, set a career high and tied a team record with four stolen bases.

"We're hitting pretty well," Terry Pendleton said. "Deion looks as good as he ever has. It's a matter of straightening out the pitching. We've got veterans. They'll come around."

Threatened with fines because league rules specify that all players must wear sleeves the same length, the Reds decided as a team to alter their uniforms to match the style Sanders went to after he saw a picture of Robin som.

Rockies 10, Expos 8 Andres Galarraga broke a sixth-inning tie with a two-run single at Coors Field, and Vinny Castilla followed with his sixth homer, connecting off Everett Stull, who lost in his

major-league debut. Larry Walker increased his league-leading RBIs total to 18 by driving in three runs.

Jerry DiPoto (1-0) got the victory despite allowing two inherited runners to score in the

Glants 3, Mets 2

A day after spraining his neck in a collision, Jeff Kent returned and homered against his former team again.

# Lady Steers hold spirited scrimmage; Waiting to learn opponent's identity

By JOHN H. WALKER

Managing Editor

ig Spring's Lady Steers (22-6) held a spirited scrimmage Monday afternoon and have another planned for today as they wait to find out who their first-round playoff opponent will be.

"We won't even know until Wednesday," Lady Steers Coach Wes Overton said Monday at Roy Anderson Softball Complex.

Early speculation had it that Big Spring would play El Paso Parkland, but Overton said that wasn't the case.

"We've found out there are three teams tied for third and they're having to have a playoff to see which one winds up third — we won't even be able to start making phone calls to try and set up a playoff spot until Wednesday."

Overton said he hoped whoever it is that the Lady Steers play that a neutral site could be agreed upon.

"I'm hoping for Carlsbad (N.M.) or Alpine ... I hope we don't wind up flipping for home and home.

Big Spring finished its first University Interscholastic League sanctioned-season as co-champions of District 4-4A with a 7-1 record — although the Lady Steers enter the playoffs as the No. 2 seed after losing a coin toss to Andrews. Sweetwater is the district's third representative in the playoffs.

Overton said his team turned things around when they beat San Angelo Lake View in the Snyder Invitational Tournament to snap a three-game losing streak.

Overton said he told the team they had a choice that they could continue to play as they had been and continue to get beat or they could decide to fight.

"... Well, they decided to fight," he said.



**HERALD file photo** 

Lady Steer pitcher Angle Phillips is shown in an earlier game this year against San Angelo Lake View. Phillips finished the regular season with an 8-2 record.

# Clippers gain NBA playoffs at Mavs' expense

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The LA Clippers, rotten record and all, are in the play-

Los Angeles qualified for the postseason for first time since 1992-93 on Monday night by beating the Dallas Mavericks 99-93. The Clippers will open next Thursday or Friday against the Utah Jazz, a team they trail by 24 1/2 games.

The Clippers have a three game lead on Sacramento with three games to play, but Los Angeles clinched the playoff spot because it has the tiebreaker edge over the Kings.

Los Angeles currently has a 36-43 record, and might end up as the only sub-.500 team in the postseason. Minnesota and Phoenix are 39-40 and fighting for the sixth seed.

Last season, the Sacramento Kings (39-43) were the only team to make the playoffs with a losing record.

In other NBA games, Indiana edged New York 110-107 in OT. Washington beat Philly 131-110, Chicago drubbed Toronto 117-100. Charlotte topped Cleveland 94-82, Minnesota beat Miami 95-87, Orlando beat Detroit 100-91, Sacramento topped San Antonio 120-106 and Golden State defeated Denver 103-93.

Martin scored 21, Malik Sealy 15, Vaught had 14 points and 15 rebounds and Brent Barry added 14 for the Clippers

Pacers 110, Knicks 107

Reggie Miller scored seven of Indiana's 11 points in overtime, Dale Davis had 23 points and 18 rebounds and Jalen Rose added 20 for the Pacers, who needed a win to avoid being eliminated from playoff contention.

Patrick Ewing was ejected for picking up two technical fouls after being whistled for his sixth personal foul early in the extra session, and the Knicks

turned to Larry Johnson when they needed a basket in the final seconds.

But Johnson's 10-foot jumper over Antonio Davis with three seconds left caught the front of the rim, and Mark Jackson grabbed the rebound. He hit both free throws, and the Knicks were unable to get off a final shot.

Bullets 131, 76ers 110

At Philadelphia, Allen Iverson scored 40 points, but his final basket a 3-pointer with 19 seconds left - was uncontested.

The Bullets were miffed that the 76ers called timeout with 24 seconds left to set up a shot for Iverson, who has scored at least 40 points in five straight games. When play resumed, the Bullets didn't even defend Iverson, who came down and made an unguarded trey to extend his streak.

Bulls 117, Raptors 100

At Chicago, Michael Jordan had his first triple-double since coming out of retirement 25 months ago, leading the the Bulls to their 69th victory

Jordan finished with 30 points, 11 rebounds and 10 assists

Hornets 94, Cavallers 82

At Charlotte, the Hornets tied a club record with their eighth straight win and moved a game ahead of Detroit in the race for the fifth seed in the East.

Charlotte's reserves had a 36 3 advantage in scoring, a 20-3 edge in rebounding and a 14-1 assists edge over Cleveland's

Timberwolves 95, Heat 87

At Miami, the Timberwolves frittered away a early 16-0 lead, but Terry Porter scored nine of his 16 points in the fourth quarter as Minnesota gained just its third victory since the All-Star break against a winning team

# Jim Leyritz 'thanks' Yankees for trading him by blasting home run

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jim Leyritz showed the New York Yankees they might have made a mistake when they shipped him to the Anaheim Angels

One of New York's many heroes in the World Series, Leyritz celebrated his return to Yankee Stadium with a two-run homer that capped a four-run eighth in Anaheim's 5-1 victory Monday night.

"Being the first night back, it was kind of special," Leyritz said. "It was nice to know you

and that the fans remember."

Last October, Leyritz's threerun homer off Atlanta closer Mark Wohlers in Game 4 helped the Yankees to an improbable victory that swung the momentum in the World

In December, the Yankees traded Leyritz — who often asked for more playing time, and was sometimes criticized for being too self-centered — to Anaheim for two minor leaguers. At the time, Leyritz had played in pinstripes longer

were part of something here, than any current New Yorker. from 1990-96.

In other AL games, Boston defeated Oakland 10-1, Seattle beat Cleveland 6-1, Milwaukee blanked Detroit 7-0, Baltimore beat Minnesota 4-2, Kansas City edged Toronto 3-2 and Texas beat Chicago 3-1.

Red Sox 10, Athletics 1

Tim Wakefield allowed one hit in seven innings, and Mo Vaughn hit his first homer in 12 games this season. Damon Mashore opened the

game with a bloop double at hits in eight innings, and Fenway Park, but Wakefield (1- Jeromy Burnitz and Gerald

1) retired the next 20 batters before Mark McGwire walked with two outs in the seventh. Mariners 6, Indians 1 Dennis Martinez (1-0) allowed

two hits in six innings at Jacobs Field to beat his former Rangers 3, White Sox 1

Rusty Greer hit a two-run homer in the eighth off Wilson Alvaez (0-3), dropping visiting Chicago to 3-8. Brewers 7, Tigers 0

Cal Eldred (2-0) allowed four

Williams highlighted a threerun sixth with RBI singles as Milwaukee beat visiting Detroit for its fifth win in six games. Orioles 4, Twins 2

Scott Erickson pitched eight innings of five hit ball to improve to 2.0 for the first time, and Baltimore stretched its winning streak to four

Royals 3, Blue Jays 2

Jay Bell homered in the first and sixth at off Woody Williams, the third multihomer game of his career, and pinchhitter Bip Roberts singled in the go-ahead run in the eighth.

# SPORTS BRIEFS

Staff and wire reports

Big Spring Little League report

The Ackerly Ponies played the Coahoma Reds in Coahoma Major League action recently. No final score was provided in the report to the

Top hitters during the game were Abel Gomez. who had a three-run home run, and Catlin Barraza, Adrian Abrego, Kody Roger and Brandon Hart, who all had two hits

Stanton's Stallings anchors Gators' relay

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. - Jeremy Stallings, University of Florida senior from Stanton, anchored the Gators' winning 4x800-meter relay last weekend at the Sea Ray Relays.

Stallings ran a leg of 1:49 on the team, which won with a time of 7:29. He also finished third in the open 800-meter run at 1:49.2 and ran the 1600meter leg on the Gators' distance medley relay which finished third in 9:51.

'Nu Kru' wins YMCA volleyball tourney

"Nu Kru" won the Big Spring YMCA's end-ofleague tournament following completion of the

1997 winter co-ed power volleyball league. Team members included Leigh Powell, Connie Ramirez, Yolanda Mendoza, Margaret Hilario, Pat Duenez, Eli Torres, Tommy Hilario and Junior Lopez.

"Nu Kru" also won the regular season, finishing ahead of "Slammers." "Swoosh" finished second in the tournament.

Big Spring CC sets men's tourney

The Big Spring Country Club will hold a twoman scramble golf tournament Saturday and Sunday, April 26-27. For more information, contact the Pro Shop at 267-5354.

Coahoma Bulldogettes win District 2-2A

SNYDER - The Coahoma Bulldogettes reign supreme in District 2-2A again. The Bulldogettes won their fifth straight dis

trict title with an 11-4 victory over Hermleigh Monday in Snyder

Kelli Buchanan scattered three hits and struck but 11 in picking up the win for the Bulldogettes

(11-11, 2-0)Leading hitters for the Bulldogettes were Cassie Tindol, who had three hits, and Stephanie Stone, who had a pair of hits. Catcher Allison West, outfielder Julie Hernandez and infielder Tori Elmore had fine defensive games, coach

Rob Dickerson said. The Bulldogettes, who advanced to the Class 2A state finals last season, have a bye in the first round of the playoffs this season. Coahoma will face the winner of the Eula-Albany playoff at a site and date to be determined

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Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-

Difficult. ARIES (March 21-April 19) Opportunities are varied. Understand what is going on with a key friendship. Also, determine what is important to you financially. You are putting too much energy into a particular relationship. Buy a card or a gift for a loved one. Tonight: Go for what you

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Venus moves into your sign, adding to your appeal and desirability. Prospects come from several different direc-

tions; you might feel overwhelmed. Consider news before you change plans. All eyes turn to you. Tonight: Make a "must" appearance.\*\*\* **GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) Be more friendly and upbeat. Clear up a feeling of being stepped on. An opportunity to

> the direction of your career. Be wary of a moneymaking opportunity. Tonight: Go to a favorite spot. \*\*\*\*\* CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your more possessive side comes out. A mate could be confused about his future. A new friend is exciting; the result of this pairing could be dynamite! Money flows, if you

> are open with a partner. Aim

for what you want, then go for

travel presents itself. Seek to

learn more and perhaps change

it. Tonight: Indulge.\*\*\*\* LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You are full of fun and lightness. Investigate an unusual opportunity that arises through ork. A boss smiles on you. However, don't allow yourself to be disillusioned about what can happen. Seek guidance from a trusted friend. Tonight:

Just ask. \*\*\*\*\* VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Gather information. Be ready

for a special offer that is coming your way. Your more spiritual side emerges when among loved ones. Make an effort to plug into work, and let your imagination loose. Take time for something that is important to you. Tonight: Be mysterious.\*\*

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

A partner offers you something you can't decline. Your eyes open wide in amazement. A love relationship is enhanced by the joy of the day. You feel nothing can hurt you. Dance, play and have fun. You need to share this kind of happiness. Tonight: Celebration abounds.\*\*\*\* SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Stand tall, and enjoy the lime-

light. A partner enjoys the moment, and seems to be doing everything to make your life easy. Agree with a boss; the good humor will be contagious. Recognize limitations. You don't have the whole story! Tonight: Socialize, don't cocoon.\*\*\*\*

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

An extra ounce of caution goes a long way in preventing a money problem. You mean well, as does a work associate. Still, that doesn't mean things can't get out of whack. Return messages; there is good news. Plan a fun meeting. Tonight:

Stop at the record store.\*\*\*\* CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

You are confused and can't see the whole picture in an important business matter. Evaluate an investment. Romance breeds a new sense of direction. You feel recycled! Overindulgence and celebration are OK, with this much good news. Tonight: Be with your

favorite person.\*\*\*\* AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You have pulled the universal luck card, and others respond to your energy. A change on the home front could be exciting, adding to the quality of your life. A strong sense of commitment and direction helps keep things organized. Tonight: Sort through invita-

tions.\*\*\*\* PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) A work theme dominates the day. You, however, still enjoy a flirtation or a fun cooking adventure. You seem to be able to mix it all. Your level of professional commitment adds to your desirability. Purchase a

card for a loved one. Tonight: Head off to the gym!\*\*\* ©1997 by King Features

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DEAR ABBY: You advised a pre-op transsexual to use the ladies' rest room, and I'll bet you caught heck for it. Abby, people who object to transsexu-



**Abigail** Van Buren

pre-op Columnist transsexuals REQUIRED to live as a woman for one year prior to the surgery. This includes obtaining a driver's license in the new gender and name, with a signed form from their endocrinologist. They should not continue to use the men's rest

A pre-op transsexual has, by virtue of hormones taken, no interest in being in the women's rest room other than to use it. These individuals are doing everything they can to deal with their new identity. A male-to-female pre-op transsexual has, for all intents and purposes, made a permanent commitment and deserves support in this decision.

Believe me, they do not want to be discovered. They take great pains to make sure they are not. It's surprising that the person who wrote to you had not received coaching from his

In this era when gender and sexual expression are no longer being hidden in the closet, the woman next to you in the rest room may or may not look like she belongs in the ladies' room, but appearances are not a reliable clue to her real identity. Sign me ... WATCHED MY EX-

BOYFRIEND GO THROUGH THE WHOLE PROCESS

DEAR WATCHED: I received a slew of mail from women who were outraged at the thought of a male using the women's rest room for any reason. So I did some further research and contacted John Bancroft, M.D., director of the Kinsey Institute for Research in Sex. Gender Reproduction. He said:

"I advise my transsexual or transgendered patients that when they present themselves as women they should use the women's rest room and vice versa. Women should feel no concern about the occasional transgendered person doing this. What such people want more than anything else is to be seen and accepted as a normal female. I provide my gender reassignment patients with a formal 'To Whom It May Concern' letter to carry at all times, explaining that they are in this process of transition and if there are any questions, to contact me."

I would like to thank you and Dr. Bancroft for your valuable contribution to this column.

DEAR ABBY: My daughter is graduating from high school in May. She is a very special girl who has touched the lives of many people. We would like to extend invitations to these people to attend an open-house party, but we do not want them to feel obligated to bring a gift.

How can we tactfully commu-

nicate this message on our

invitations? - MINNEAPOLIS **MOTHER** DEAR MOTHER: Use the old standby: "Your presence will be our daughter's cherished gift.

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**APR. 15** 

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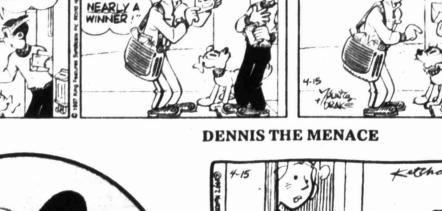




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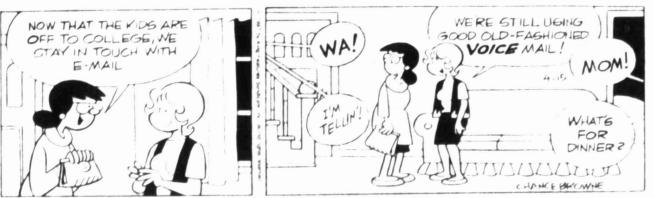




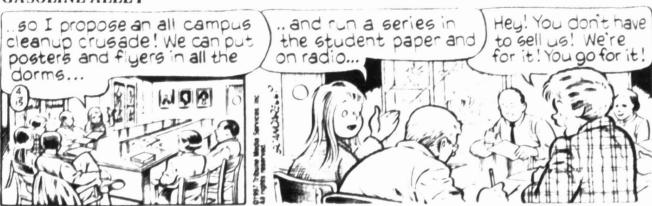
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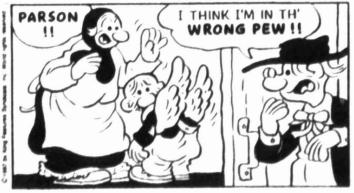


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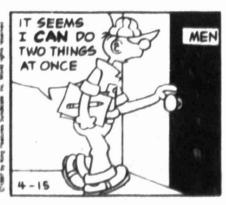




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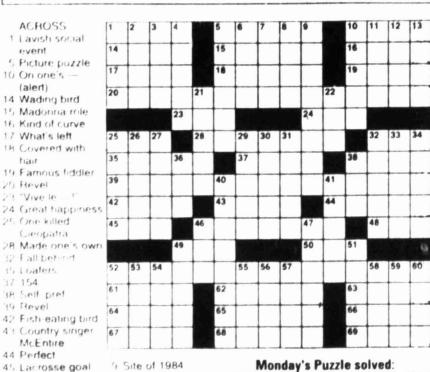
Today is Tuesday, April 15, Boston Braves, 5-3.) the 105th day of 1997. There are

260 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On April 15, 1947, Jackie Robinson, modern baseball's first black major-league player, made his official debut with the Brooklyn Dodgers on opening day. (The Dodgers defeated the

On this date:

# THE Daily Crossword by Edgar R. Fontaine



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In 1817, the first American school for the deaf opened in Hartford, Conn.

\*I DIDN'T TAKE A NAP, BUT MY FOOT

WENT TO SLEEP. DOES THAT COUNT?"

In 1850, the city of San Francisco was incorporated.

In 1861, three days after the attack on Fort Sumter, S.C., President Lincoln declared a state of insurrection and called out Union troops.

In 1865, President Lincoln died, several hours after he was shot at Ford's Theater in Washington by John Wilkes Booth. Andrew Johnson became the nation's 17th president.

In 1912, the British luxury liner Titanic sank in the North Atlantic off Newfoundland, less than three hours after striking an iceberg. About 1,500 people died.

In 1945, during World War II, British and Canadian troops liberated the Nazi concentration camp Bergen-Belsen.

In 1959, Cuban leader Fidel Castro arrived in Washington, D.C., to begin a goodwill tour of the United States.

In 1986, the United States launched an air raid against Libya in response to the bombing of a discotheque in Berlin on April 5; Libya says 37 people, mostly civilians, were killed. In 1989, 95 people died in a

crush of soccer fans at Hillsborough Stadium Sheffield, England. In 1990, actress Greta Garbo

died in New York at age 84.

Ten years ago: A jury in Northampton, Mass., found Amy Carter, Abbie Hoffman and 13 other protesters innocent of charges stemming from a demonstration against CIA recruiters at the University of Massachusetts.

Five years ago: Russia's deeply divided Congress of People's Deputies formally endorsed President Boris Yeltsin's economic reforms. Countries barred Libyan jets from their airspace and ordered diplomats to go home because of Libya's refusal to turn over suspects in the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103. Hotel magnate Leona Helmsley began serving a prison sentence for tax evasion (she was released from prison after 18 months).

One year ago: President Clinton began a weeklong, round-the-world trip, heading for a three-day visit to Japan after a brief stopover in Cheju. South Korea. Funeral services were held in Pescadero, Calif., for Jessica Dubroff, the 7-yearold girl who died trying to become the youngest person to fly across America.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Michael Ansara is 75. Country singer Roy Clark is 64. Actress Claudia Cardinale is 58. Rock singer-guitarist Dave Edmunds is 53. Actress Amy Wright is 47. Actress-screenwriter Emma Thompson is 38.

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