

## Kids' Zone work day slated for May 31

Friends of the Park have planned a work and repair session for Kids' Zone on Saturday, May 31. The session, which will include the repairing of broken and damaged equipment, the sanding and re-sealing of wood surfaces and the erection of a new swing will begin at 8 a.m. In addition, boards will be put up to help complete the Buy-A-Board project. The Buy-A-Board project was a fundraiser that included the placement of names on a board through the use of a router. The boards were then placed around the playground as pickets on the fence. Persons who paid for — but

cannot find — boards for the fence are asked to contact Friends of the Park and provide them with the information for the board. Volunteers are encouraged to join in on the work day project, which was completed on May 12, 1996 — just two days after a hailstorm ravaged the community. The park was built entirely with donated money and labor and the city provided the land within Comanche Trail Park for its location. Since its completion, thousands of youngsters have used the park. For more information, contact Renee Carr at 263-6255.

## Bill Chrane begins serving 21-month prison sentence

By JOHN A. MOSELEY  
News Editor

Big Spring chiropractor Dr. Bill T. Chrane began serving the 21-month federal prison sentence he received last month when he reported Monday to the Bastrop Federal Correctional Institution, located about 50 miles east of Austin. Chrane and Edward Martinez were sentenced in a Lubbock federal court on April 25 for their December 1996 convictions on charges of mail fraud against Service Lloyds



CHRANE

Insurance Company. Chrane was sentenced to 21 months in prison, fined \$4,000 and will also receive three years supervised probation after his prison sentence is completed. The U.S. Attorney's office in Lubbock said Chrane was also ordered to pay \$2,000 in restitution to the Texas Worker's Compensation Fund and \$35,000 restitution to Service Lloyds Insurance Company. Martinez, a patient of Chrane's, was sentenced to five years probation and fined \$1,000. Both Chrane and Martinez pleaded guilty last fall to a single count of conspiracy. Each faced a maximum penalty of up to five years imprisonment and a fine not to exceed \$250,000 or both imprisonment and a fine, plus three years probation.

According to the U.S. Attorney's Office, Chrane and Edward Martinez, from sometime in 1991 on or until about April 11, 1996, conspired and agreed to defraud and obtain money and property from the Service Lloyds Insurance Company. Chrane was also charged with falsifying patient sign-in sheets and patient treatment records to show that Martinez was present at Chrane's business, Chiropractic Health Center, and received treatment from Chrane. Martinez signed several patient sheets during the period in question showing he received treatments from Chrane, knowing he would not receive treatments on those dates. Around Nov. 21, 1991, Chrane began mailing false claims to Service Lloyds Insurance

Company requesting payments for treatments Martinez did not receive. As part of their agreement Chrane wrote checks to Martinez on or around the following dates splitting the insurance proceeds from false their billing scheme, March 19, 1992, for \$650; June 21, 1993, for \$327.50; Aug. 13, 1994, for \$300; May 2, 1995, for \$225; and on March 12, 1996, for \$180. As part of his plea agreement before his presentence investigation, Chrane agreed to permanently surrender his license to practice chiropractic medicine in the state of Texas and not engage in medical practice again. In addition, he agreed that the \$15,110 seized from his office during a federal search last fall be applied as partial restitution to Service Lloyds.

## City's 2nd year of bike patrols to begin

By JOHN A. MOSELEY  
News Editor

Buoyed by the success experienced in its first summer of operating bicycle patrols in Comanche Trail Park, the Big Spring Police Department will expand the program this year. Friday afternoon's start of the Memorial Day weekend will mark the start of this summer's program, according to Police Chief Jerry Edwards, who noted officers will continue to work the patrols on Friday evenings throughout the summer. "We really hadn't planned to begin the bicycle patrols until this year, but we were able to get a head start," Edwards said, "and with the success we've had — not only in having a presence in the park as a deterrent to crime, but in the response from the public — we decided it makes sense to expand the schedule." Edwards said the public's favorable response to the bicycle patrols was not unexpected. "It's like a foot beat," Edwards explained. "Police agencies throughout the country will tell you that the foot beat is the best you can have, both for the officer and the community. We really don't have a downtown area that requires a foot beat anymore, but the bicycle patrols give our officers the same chance to get to know the public and to let the public know them. It's more of a one-on-one con-



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Big Spring Police Department Cpl. Javier Becerra shows off one of the new Police Trek-brand bicycles the city will utilize in its bicycle patrol this summer. The patrol enters its second year Friday for the four-day Memorial Day weekend.

tact situation and it's especially big with the kids," he added. "They had a kids' concert last year and our bicycle patrol officers pulled up just as it was over and they were about as big a hit as the performer was." Edwards said 12 to 14 officers will take part in the park patrols this season, being paid on an overtime basis. Lt. Pam

Jordan coordinates the program, which is funded through grant money. The police chief also noted that the department has added two more bicycles for use in the patrols. "We definitely learned some things last year, particularly about the equipment needed by the officers," Edwards said.

"The first bicycles we purchased were regular bicycles and they simply didn't hold up. Now we've bought Police Trek bikes that are specifically designed for police patrols." The new bicycles cost between \$700 and \$800 when equipped with lights and a Please see BIKE, Page 2

## Local dealers: Styling of plan doesn't matter, just do something with the tires

By JOHN A. MOSELEY  
News Editor

While a tire dealers association decries a bill currently being considered by the Texas House, saying it will hamper recycling efforts and lead to illegal tire dumping, local tire dealers say they simply want to be rid of a problem that won't go away.

Under Senate Bill 1586, sponsored by Sen. J.E. "Buster" Brown, R-Lake Jackson, a number of changes in the Waste Tire Recycling Program initiated by the 71st Legislature would be changed. Most notable among those changes would be a shift in who would receive funds generated by the recycling fees consumers pay when buying tires. The bill would require that the scrap tire recycling fund be used only to pay "end users," rather than waste tire processors and operators of energy recovery facilities. However, the Texas Tire Dealers and Retreaders Association (TTDRA) contends that the bill will make less state funding available for the collecting and shredding used tires. TTDRA spokeswoman Kay Knapp said SB 1586 would not only limit the money available for recycling efforts, but would leave the state's consumers paying the same if not more for tire recycling. "With less funding for scrap tire recycling, it will be less feasible for scrap tire processors to collect and shred tires, especially in rural areas of the state," Knapp said. "If Senate Bill 1586 becomes law, Texans can count on a drastic increase in the number of illegal tire dumps."

"It's a mess is what it is," said James Salvato, owner of Big Spring Tire. "The state has put some rules into effect that they have to have the shredded tires sold before they can pick up the scrap tires from dealers." Charlie Rodriguez, owner of Phillips Tire, was even more critical. "This has been a problem since they started," he said. "I don't think they knew what they were getting into, and to some extent, they still don't." Both Salvato and Rodriguez said they haven't had any prob-

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lems getting their scrap tires hauled away in recent months — a marked improvement from a large portion of last year when the recycling operation in Peyote was closed. "They're still not picking up the really big tires," Rodriguez said, "so all we can do is just stack them back behind the store." Knapp also noted that illegal tire dumps are cited as producing four types of mosquitoes which transmit diseases by both the American and Texas Mosquito Control Associations. The TTDRA also maintains that SB 1586 encourages the burning of scrap tires over what it calls "true recycling." However, Brown's press secretary, Wendy Taylor, noted Monday afternoon that the Legislative Information System's bill analysis report of SB 1586 shows that the bill would make intentionally burning scrap tires or dumping them in locations not authorized by the Texas Natural Resources Commission for recycling purposes would be state jail felonies.

## Downtown beautification project moving on schedule

By JOHN A. MOSELEY  
News Editor

City crews and inmates from the city inmate work camp are now in the process of installing a new irrigation system for the lawn surrounding the Howard County Courthouse as part of the city's downtown beautification project. The idea behind the beautification project is to begin the revitalization process of Big Spring's downtown area. A committee of local residents



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and city officials, including City Planning Coordinator Tara Kersh, Ben Bancroft, Polly Mays, O.L. Cooper and Gary Tabor, was formed last fall to plan an effort to beautify the downtown area at the request of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. The committee decided to begin with the courthouse and the retail shops surrounding it. "The committee's goal was to explore possibilities for long-

term improvements to the appearance of the area," Kersh said. "Although several options were presented, we knew the importance of finding a solution that would provide an immediate impact to the appearance of the area while still remaining within what we perceived to be a reasonable budget parameter," Kersh added. In addition repair and replacements made in the irrigation

### WEATHER

Today	Wed:	Thur:	Fri:

Mostly cloudy tonight with a chance of showers. Lows 55-65. Chance of thunderstorms Wednesday, highs 75-85 with lows 55-65. Thursday and Friday, partly cloudy with chance of showers. Highs in upper 80s. By Saturday, highs will reach 90-95.

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## Passel of parrots refreshes steelworker's life

BRIDGE CITY (AP) — The resonant clang of steel and droning machinery have assaulted Phillip Everett's ears for the better part of two decades. Over the past five years, the 39-year-old steelworker has built and found rebirth in his sanctum — neither a quiet nor lonely place, but a place of solitude, nonetheless. The sounds of nearly 100 tropical birds filter through the leaves of banana trees; bamboo, birds of paradise and bromeliads in his back yard. Birds chirping. Cooing. Cawing.

Cackling. Squawking. Welcome to Everett's tropical paradise. "I get tired physically and mentally and I come back here and get recharged. Although I'm a social person, I can come back here all day and not see anybody and really think I've had a most successful day." Everett's 1-acre getaway sits near the heart of the city in the aptly titled Forest Park subdivision. A few blocks away, traffic rushes along Texas Avenue, six lanes of passing cars and trucks barely audible over the

chorus of birds. The tropical haven started with multicolored parrots, which he began raising about 11 years ago. "I put a fence up to keep the birds out of the public eye a little bit to protect them when they nest," he said. "I thought it would look nice with some plants. It just blossomed from there with no formal plan." Everett enjoys the solace of his garden — often sitting on a bench swing plucking a banjo or mandolin — but he likes to share it, too. The parrots chat-

tered as he took visitors through the maze of elevated steel mesh pens holding red, green, yellow, maroon, violet and blue parrots of various tropical species and sizes. "One gray quaker parrot sat on her nest in a wooden box while her mate stood watch. There are five young in there. The oldest one will be brought in the house at about 21 days old and will be fed by hand. "They can be gentle as pets," he said. "The makeshift aviary hasn't seemed to bother neighbors.



# FBI: Explosive residue found on Timothy McVeigh's clothes

DENVER (AP) — In the first evidence tying Timothy McVeigh to explosives, an FBI agent said the only use for a fine powder found on the Oklahoma bombing suspect's pants, T-shirt and earplugs is to detonate a bomb.

FBI chemist Steven Burmeister said Monday he was "not aware of any other way" the explosive powder known as PETN would show up on McVeigh's clothing other than by his having touched a detonator cord.

Pointing out that McVeigh, 29, scribbles notes in court with his right hand, Burmeister testified the PETN was found in the right pocket of McVeigh's black jeans while an unidentifiable trace amount was in the left pocket.

Traces of the material were found on clothing McVeigh was wearing when pulled over on an interstate north of Oklahoma City about an hour after the bombing, he said. The powder also showed up on earplugs in his pocket, Burmeister testified.

McVeigh faces the death penalty in the federal building bombing that killed 168 people and injured 500 — the worst act of terrorism on U.S. soil. Burmeister was scheduled to return to the stand today for additional cross-examination.

In addition to trying to con-

nect McVeigh to PETN, the prosecution also demonstrated the explosive power of ammonium nitrate, a fertilizer that McVeigh is accused of buying in large quantities from a farm supply store.

In 1993, the FBI had exploded several cars in the New Mexico desert using 1,250 pounds of urea nitrate, similar to ammonium nitrate, as a test of what to look for in such bombings. A videotape of the test was shown Monday.

One juror gasped and victims winced as a fireball from the test sent tires flying and destroyed three vehicles. The amount of urea nitrate used was one-fourth the amount of ammonium nitrate believed used in the Oklahoma City bomb.

Prosecutors charge McVeigh packed the explosives in a rented Ryder truck in retaliation for the fatal FBI raid on the Branch Davidian complex near Waco, Texas, two years beforehand.

The bomb work and explosion left McVeigh spattered with clues, prosecutors charge.

Burmeister said explosive material was found on both of the T-shirts McVeigh had on: a dark blue baseball-style shirt and, over that, a short-sleeved white T-shirt with a picture of a tree dripping with blood and the Thomas Jefferson quotation:

"The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants."

On the earplugs, Burmeister found PETN and two other substances — nitroglycerine and EDGN — a combination he said "suggests a dynamite."

Burmeister escaped the most scathing criticism in a recent Justice Department report critical of the FBI lab, but others were accused of bungling tests or slanting their findings in the bombing case in favor of the government.

McVeigh's attorneys earlier accused an FBI scientist of mishandling and staging the collection of the fragments of the Ryder truck used in the blast.

McVeigh's attorneys also raised suspicion about the handling of McVeigh's clothing after his arrest near Perry, Okla., about 78 miles from Oklahoma City. McVeigh's yellow Mercury Marquis was initially pulled over for a missing rear license plate, but he was found carrying a pistol and booked on gun charges.

Marsha Moritz, who checked McVeigh into the Noble County Jail, said his clothing was kept in an unlocked area of the jail, along with a copy machine and mattresses where trusted inmates slept.

# Ambassador University, founded by televangelist Armstrong, set to close

BIG SANDY (AP) — A college founded a half-century ago by famed evangelist Herbert W. Armstrong has held what it says is probably its final graduation.

More than 350 candidates received degrees Monday at Ambassador University at Big Sandy.

The school, whose enrollment was about 650, plans to shut its doors on August 31. The college has been hit by financial difficulties and declining enrollment. Church officials said in December that the college would be closed after the spring semester unless a buyer could be found.

However, university spokesman Brian Tyson said Monday that the school would offer a limited number of courses and hold a three-week youth camp this summer.

The campus has no potential

buyers "at this time," Tyson said. Unless the university is sold "as a going institution," it will close Aug. 31 and the physical plant will be sold, he said in a prepared statement.

It once was called Ambassador College. Armstrong founded the school in 1947 at Pasadena, Calif. He used radio, television and magazines to spread the word of his 80,000-member Worldwide Church of God.

The church received strong financial support that made it a powerful evangelistic organization. The Plain Truth and Quest magazines and "World Tomorrow" television programs are part of the ministry, which is still based in Pasadena.

Armstrong died in 1986 at the age of 93. His son, Garner Ted Armstrong, was the heir apparent of the church until the two

had a falling out in 1978. The elder Armstrong excommunicated his son after the younger Armstrong publicly denounced what he called the church's lavish expenses.

The younger Armstrong then began his own independent ministry in Flint, about 10 miles south of Tyler, called the Church of God International. He stepped down in 1995.

The campus of more than 350 acres includes an airstrip, golf course, homes for faculty members, and a farm.

The potential shutdown of the school, on U.S. Highway 80 near Big Sandy, could have a major financial impact on the town of 1,200.

The university, which had about 150 employees when its possible closing was announced, will have only a "skeleton staff" after Thursday, Tyson said.

## TEXAS BRIEFS

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### Texas fugitive dies after shooting himself

SPOKANE, Wash. — A cross-country custody dispute ended here with a police standoff in which a Texas fugitive held his 19-month-old son hostage before shooting himself in the head.

Kevin Ronald Miller, 31, held a pistol to the head of the toddler for nearly three hours Monday morning before he turned the gun on himself.

Miller died Monday night in Sacred Heart Medical Center's intensive care unit, nursing supervisor Connie Dietz said.

Miller's son, Dylan, was unharmed.

### Teenager survives 26 hours trapped in car

WACO — Suspended upside-down from a seat belt of her overturned car, Alicia Jenkins was trapped — hidden from anxious parents and other searchers on the road above for more than 24 hours.

One of Ms. Jenkins' arms was pinned behind her back and the roof of her car was crushed. She was rescued after a passing letter carrier spotted the wreckage beside a creek.

The 16-year-old is in serious condition today at Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center's intensive care unit.

"I guess God was just smiling down on that little gal," postal worker Ron Smith told the Waco Tribune-Herald. "I'm just glad I could help."

Smith alerted authorities Monday and watched as McLennan County sheriff's deputies and county constable Dewey Holze pulled the Waco Midway High junior to safety.

### Texas bases could be affected by review

WASHINGTON — The Clinton administration's proposal to pare the nation's active-duty military by an additional 60,000 jobs is provoking concern among Texans on Capitol Hill.

A congressionally-mandated review issued Monday by Defense Secretary William Cohen proposes a reduction of 60,000 active-duty jobs, bringing the force down to 1.36 million. Civilian employment in the military would be slashed by an additional 80,000 jobs, down to 640,000.

"I am not pleased with the force reduction numbers that I am seeing," said Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, who sits on the defense

appropriations subcommittee. Military manpower "is stretched pretty much to the limit right now," she said.

House National Security Committee member Solomon Ortiz, D-Corpus Christi, also is worried about the proposed manpower cuts. "I think that we are going to jeopardize the readiness of our troops," he said.

Added Ortiz: "I don't think, in my opinion, this is going to fly."

### Cancer doctor to be retried on contempt charge

HOUSTON — After 14 years of investigating a cancer doctor for violating Food and Drug Administration rules, the federal government was headed to the courthouse today armed with a single contempt charge.

The case against Dr. Stanislaw Burzynski was suddenly and dramatically slimmed down Monday when U.S. District Judge Sim Lake granted an unusual request from prosecutors and dropped 40 of 41 counts against the physician.

It was a surprise move, considering the federal government's relentless pursuit of Burzynski that began shortly after the Polish-born doctor opened his Houston-area clinic in 1983.

The remaining count accuses Burzynski of disobeying 1983 and 1984 federal court orders that forbade him from moving his unproven antineoplastons treatment across state lines.

### Property tax committee hits impasse

AUSTIN — Reconciling the differences between two proposals meant to lower local school property taxes has reached impasse in a statehouse conference committee.

The lawmakers can continue discussing differences between the plans — as they have done for the last week, Sen. Chris Harris, R-Arlington, said Monday. Or, he said, they could start looking for a compromise.

"There may not be one," said Rep. Paul Sadler, D-Henderson, chairman of the conference committee.

The committee of five senators and five representatives has been trying to reconcile two proposals that would raise some state levies to give property tax relief.

The House and Senate both have passed plans to lower local school property taxes by raising state taxes.

## Female Air Force officer faces 55 years in prison

NEW YORK (AP) — A female Air Force officer faces 55 years in prison, if convicted of charges that stem from an affair she had with a married officer that produced a child.

Lt. Crista Davis, 28, of DeKalb, Ill., was an Air Force Academy classmate of Lt. Kelly Flinn, the nation's first female B-52 pilot who has made national news fighting her own adultery charges.

"Our cases are linked by the fact that we're both women and they're slamming us," Davis told the Daily News in today's editions.

Davis said an Air Force major, her English instructor at the Air Force Academy, fathered her son Christophe. She said she became involved with Maj. Greg Russell in 1995, two years after she graduated. She said she broke off the relationship in 1996, after she found out he was married.

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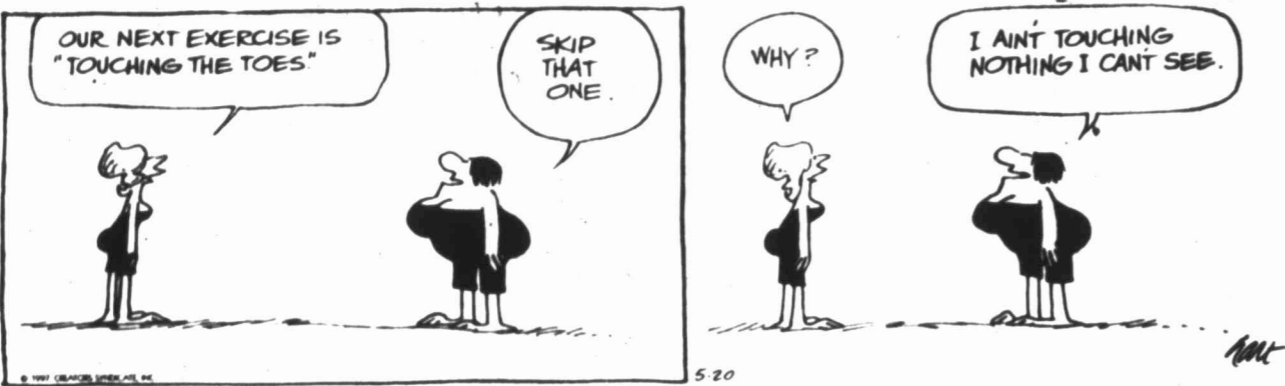
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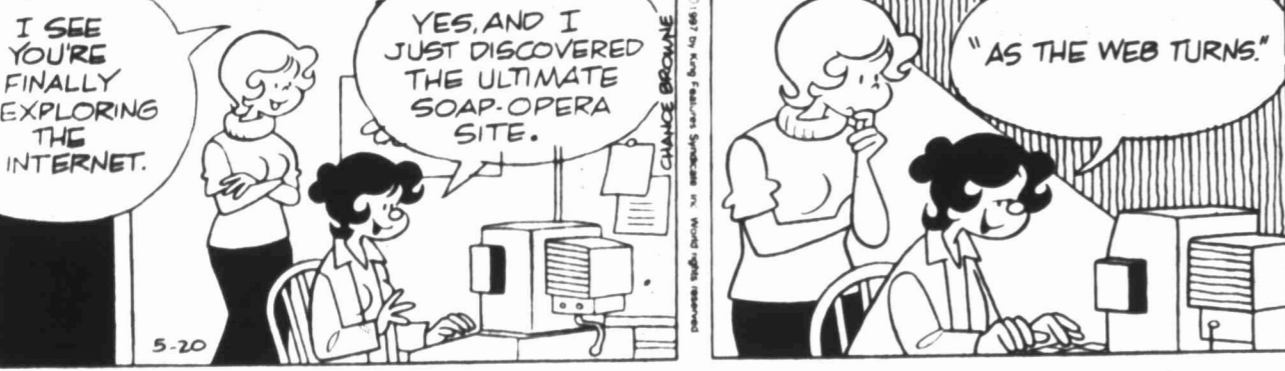
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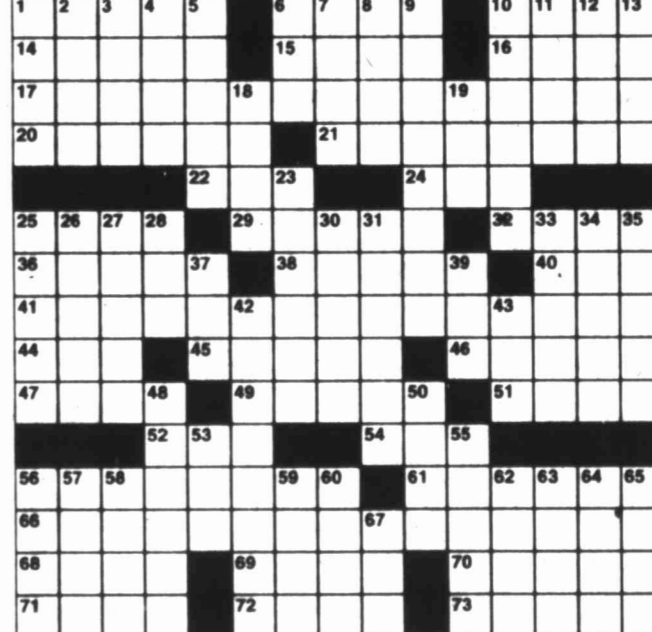
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140th day of 1997. There are 225 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On May 20, 1927, Charles Lindbergh took off from Roosevelt Field in Long Island, N.Y., aboard the Spirit of St. Louis on his historic solo flight

to France. On this date: In 1506, Christopher Columbus died in poverty in Spain. In 1861, North Carolina voted to secede from the Union. In 1861, the capital of the Confederacy was moved from Montgomery, Ala., to Richmond, Va. In 1902, the United States ended its occupation of Cuba. In 1932, Amelia Earhart took off from Newfoundland for Ireland to become the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic. In 1939, regular trans-Atlantic air service began as a Pan American Airways plane, the Yankee Clipper, took off from Port Washington, N.Y., bound for Europe. In 1961, a white mob attacked a busload of "Freedom Riders" in Montgomery, Ala., prompting the federal government to send in U.S. marshals to restore order. In 1969, U.S. and South Vietnamese forces captured Apbia Mountain, referred to as Hamburger Hill by the Americans, following one of the bloodiest battles of the Vietnam War. In 1970, some 100,000 people demonstrated in New York's Wall Street district in support of U.S. policy in Vietnam and Cambodia. In 1991, the American Red Cross announced measures aimed at screening blood more carefully for the AIDS virus. Ten years ago: The commander of the U.S. frigate Stark, who lost 37 of his sailors in an Iraqi missile attack, broke his silence. Captain Glenn Brindel said he was warned only seconds before the missiles struck, and that he'd had no time to activate the ship's defense system. Five years ago: Proclaiming his innocence to the end, Roger Keith Coleman was executed in Virginia's electric chair for the 1981 rape-murder of his sister-in-law, Wanda McCoy. One year ago: The Supreme Court struck down, 6-3, a Colorado measure banning laws that protect homosexuals from discrimination. In another decision, the court curtailed, 5-4, huge jury awards aimed at punishing or deterring misconduct.

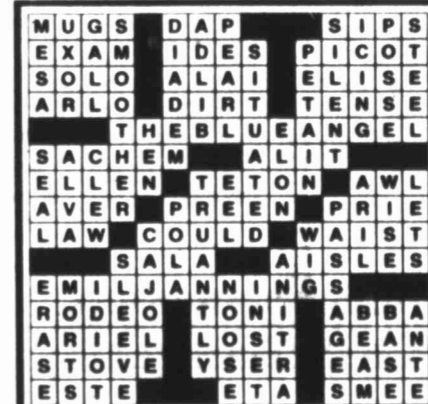
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by Harold B. Counts 05/20/97

Monday's Puzzle solved:



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Today's Birthdays: Actor James Stewart is 89. Singer Joe Cocker is 53. Singer-actress Cher is 51. Musician Warren Cann (Ultravox) is 45. Ron Reagan is 39. Rock musician Jane Wiedlin (The Go-Go's) is 39. Actor Bronson Pinchot is 38. Actor Tony Goldwyn is 37. Singer Susan Cowsill (The Cowsills) is 37. Singer Nick Heyward (Haircut 100) is 36. Actress Mindy Cohn is 31.