

Clinton focuses on sports during forum on race

HOUSTON (AP) — Giving a sharper focus to his national dialogue on race, President Clinton on Tuesday urged Americans to look to the world of sports as an example of how individuals of different races can join in a common effort.

"It is important that people see that in athletics in America that the rules are fair, that people get their fair chance," Clinton said in leading off a 105-minute nationally televised discussion on the role of race in sports.

An avid fan of college basketball and major professional sports, Clinton is well versed in sensitive issues like white dominance in coaching and sports team ownership. He said that if professional sports wants more minority coaches but cannot find them, "then there's something wrong with recruitment."

The meeting, broadcast live on ESPN, was the second of Clinton's three planned nationally televised town hall meetings on race. The first was in Akron last December.

The 11-member panel discussed several topics but returned often to the relative shortage of minorities in top sports management jobs. Georgetown University basketball coach John Thompson said blacks must be given more opportunities, even if they are not seen as sure-fire coaching successes right away.

"I'm sick of us having to be perfect to get the job," Thompson said. But Thompson

took exception when former Cleveland Browns running back Jim Brown also suggested that black college stars turn more often to black agents in launching their professional sports careers.

Joe Morgan, a member of baseball's Hall of Fame, said baseball has made only small progress.

While noting that some of the greatest players in baseball history are black, "once they're finished, there is no place for them to go" in the sport business, he said.

Morgan said baseball has failed to aggressively recruit talent in urban black areas. One reason for that, he said, is a lack of black scouts for major league teams.

Clinton said he was optimistic that talking about race in the context of sports can help the nation deal with broader racial issues.

"America, rightly or wrongly, is a sports crazy country," he said. "And we often see games as a metaphor or symbol of what we are as a people."

At the close of Tuesday's program, Clinton said he hoped the message would get through to America's youth that athletics can help develop racial harmony.

"The lessons learned from athletics carry over into good citizenship, including attitudes about people of different races," Clinton said. "If that happens, we're going to be a lot better off."

Cornyn takes Republican AG nomination

AUSTIN (AP) — John Cornyn, who won the Republican nomination for attorney general in a rancorous runoff, hardly had time to catch his breath before Democrat Jim Mattox was throwing jabs his way.

But Cornyn said his battle with Barry Williamson had prepared him for the upcoming campaign against Mattox.

With nearly all precincts reporting in Tuesday's runoff, Cornyn had 58 percent of the vote to 42 percent for Williamson, who quickly supported Cornyn.

"It's been sort of like boot camp to get me ready for the main event in November," said Cornyn, who gave up a seat on the Texas Supreme Court to run for attorney general.

Mattox, who called himself

"the people's lawyer" during his stint as attorney general from 1983 to 1991, positioned himself as the champion of average Texans. He sought to portray Cornyn as siding with big business.

The Democrat also claimed the title of law-enforcement candidate and said he has a history of representing consumers and being a protector of the environment.

Known as a tough campaigner, Mattox challenged Cornyn to run a positive race in the general election. But Mattox said he can respond appropriately if things turn negative.

"If he doesn't accept the challenge, I'll have to fight with the same tools he's fighting with," Mattox said. "I'm going to let him pick the weapons."

Cornyn, who cited his experience as a lawyer and judge, said he expected the battle to be between their beliefs.

"I think it's mainly going to be a question of philosophy — conservative versus liberal philosophy," Cornyn said.

Williamson said Cornyn has his "100 percent support."

"He's the best man to be attorney general in the state of Texas. I'm confident he'll beat Jim Mattox," said Williamson, a Railroad Commission member.

Williamson finished first in the March 10 primary, with 38 percent of the vote to Cornyn's 32 percent. But in the runoff, he faced accusations from Cornyn that he wasn't qualified to be the state's top lawyer and that he had padded his resume.

Williamson attacked Cornyn for holding two offices simultaneously: Supreme Court justice and presiding judge handling administrative duties for 22 counties. He also slammed Cornyn for taking money from lawyers practicing before the high court.

Cornyn, 46, served as a Bexar County district judge from 1984 until a gubernatorial appointment as an administrative judge in 1989. He was elected to the Supreme Court in 1990.

Two other statewide Republican runoffs were conducted, for nominations to seats on the Court of Criminal Appeals.

Mike Keasler defeated Vicki Isaacks for the Place 1 nomination for the state's highest criminal court.

UT asks Morales to appeal Hopwood ruling

AUSTIN (AP) — University of Texas System Chancellor William Cunningham has asked Attorney General Dan Morales to appeal a ruling in the landmark Hopwood case that could reopen the whole issue of affirmative action in state college admissions.

An appeal, which must be filed by Monday, would allow the full seven-member 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to review the earlier decision against affirmative action by a three-judge panel.

UT vice chancellor and general counsel Ray Farabee said Cunningham on Tuesday asked Morales to pursue the matter.

"We remain concerned that we do not have a level playing field" in Texas college admissions, Farabee said.

Assistant Attorney General Jay Aguilar, who defended UT in the original case, said a deci-

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U.S. District Judge Sam Sparks ruled March 20 that the University of Texas must pay \$776,760 to the lawyers who represented Cheryl Hopwood and three other white applicants to the UT Law School.

the UT Law School admissions program was discriminatory and sent the case back to Sparks to consider damages and attorneys' fees.

Farabee said UT would challenge the attorneys' fees Sparks assessed "together with any and all other issues that prevent UT-Austin and all other institutions in Texas" from using affirmative action.

Sparks had denied the four plaintiffs' demands that they get more than \$5 million in damages and instead awarded them one dollar apiece.

Steve Smith, an attorney representing two of the plaintiffs, said he will appeal the damage award and the lower-than-requested attorneys' fees and Sparks' decision that the applicants would not have been admitted to the law school if there had been no affirmative-action program.

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Domestic politics, old disputes to dominate summit

TOKYO (AP) — Shohei Yamamoto still remembers the dogs jumping into the sea, struggling against the waves to follow the ship that was taking him from his island home.

Yamamoto was among the more than 10,000 Japanese forced to leave their homes after the Soviet military occupied the southern Kuril islands in the closing days of World War II.

Times have changed dramatically since.

But when President Boris Yeltsin comes to Japan for a summit this weekend with Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto — if politics at home even allow Yeltsin to come — he will find one thing remains unchanged.

Japan wants the islands back.

More than any other issue, the dispute has soured relations between Russia and Japan over the past five decades, and has even kept the two countries from signing a peace treaty to formally end World War II.

In a meeting in Siberia last November, Yeltsin and Hashimoto promised amid hugs and kisses to work toward a treaty by 2000.

Neither side, however, was willing to budge on the territorial dispute.

Officials say the two leaders — both of whom are under intense political fire from domestic critics — will take up where they left off when they meet Saturday and Sunday in the seaside resort of Kawana, just south of Tokyo.

The tiny islands of Kunashiri, Etorofu, Shikotan and the Habomai group — known to the Japanese as the Northern Territories — cover a total of 4,000 square miles, or slightly larger than Puerto Rico.

The waters are rich in fish, and the islands' location in the northern Pacific makes them of strategic importance.

But what is really at stake is national pride.

Russian public opinion remains strongly opposed to

giving up the islands, which are home to 17,000 Russians. The history of the islands' colonization is a complex one, and the Russian and Japanese claims are as emotional as they are political.

Even so, relations between Russia and Japan have gradually thawed.

The two nations have been discussing large-scale projects, including the upgrading of the Trans-Siberian railroad, construction of a pipeline from a Siberian gas field and oil projects off Sakhalin Island in the Far East.

The agreement in Siberia included steps to boost Japanese investment in Russia and Tokyo's support for Russian economic reforms. It also dealt with cooperation in energy projects and between the two countries' armed forces.

"Never have relations been better," said Muneo Suzuki, head of Japan's Hokkaido Development Agency, which oversees the islands' issue. "We have to start with what can be done. This is going to take time."

But Yeltsin's domestic troubles are overwhelming. Lawmakers are balking at confirming his choice for prime ministers; the dispute forced Russia and Japan to postpone the summit from last weekend to this one.

Given Yeltsin's problems at home, Russia watchers say, giving ground to Japan on the islands' issue could be political suicide.

"Yeltsin can't afford to become isolated at home," said Shigeki Hakamada, a professor at Aoyama Gakuin University and a Russia expert. "Any agreement will leave plenty of gray areas."

For his part, Hashimoto is under fire for his failure to bring Japan out of its economic doldrums.

Because expectations for a breakthrough on the islands are low, all he really needs is confirmation from Russia about its commitment to a peace treaty.

Tax deadline prompts political hoopla

WASHINGTON (AP) — As tonight's filing deadline approaches, politicians and activists plan debates, rallies and even mock funerals to spread their message that the current tax system has got to go.

People catching the issue's political hoopla for the first time may not realize these events are part of a multimillion-dollar lobbying campaign by these groups to push their vision of a tax overhaul.

One of the best financed among them, Americans for Fair Taxation, is planning a funeral procession in front of the Internal Revenue Service's Baltimore office. A coffin and musicians playing a dirge will symbolize their push to bury the federal tax code.

The group plans to spend \$10 million by the end of the year to promote replacing the current federal income tax and Social

Security payroll taxes with a 23 percent national sales tax on "all final sales of new goods and services."

To offset the regressive nature of such a tax, the group would send to all taxpayers a monthly rebate check to cover basic living expenses and purchase necessities. It contends a national sales tax would make Americans more aware of their federal tax burden on a daily basis, not just on April 15.

"That's part of the benefit of this: People will know the cost of government, truly," said Grover Jackson, president of Americans for Fair Taxation and a former general counsel at Coca-Cola. "I think a lot of people are confused with the situation now."

The group, which counts NationsBank Chairman Hugh McColl as a supporter and whose political fans include House Ways and Means

Virginia executes Paraguayan

JARRATT, Va. (AP) — Despite pleas by the World Court and a warning from Secretary of State Madeleine Albright about the safety of Americans abroad, a Paraguayan man convicted of murder was executed in Virginia.

Angel Francisco Breard, 32, condemned for the 1992 slaying and attempted rape of an Arlington woman, was executed by injection Tuesday night. The deed sparked anger in his homeland.

"Breard's guilt is not in doubt, but the United States acted in an overbearing way in its lack of respect for an international treaty," said Miriam Delgado, a government employ-

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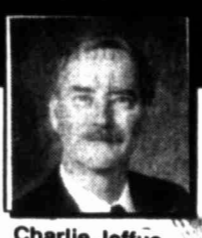
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even has a "Fairies welcome" sign for the space. "It's the folklore that makes herb gardens interesting."

Since there isn't much top soil where she lives, Weaver plants many of the herbs in raised beds, which are built up and filled with soil. Raised beds allow for good drainage, which herbs need. Mulch between the beds helps level the ground and

insulate the plants.

To help with drainage, Waco resident Cindy McGregor uses sand and rocks around some of the herbs in her landscaping.

"The sand makes it drain better, and the plants will take nutrients from the rocks," she said.

McGregor began growing herbs about 10 years ago after developing an allergic reaction

to onion.

"I needed to learn to cook without onion. It's hard when you're used to cooking with it," said McGregor, who has about 30 varieties of herbs in her back yard.

Unlike Weaver who landscapes strictly with herbs, McGregor uses herbs to complement her landscaped yard. "They're pretty easy to grow,

and they add some fragrance and texture to your garden," McGregor said. "I find that I can cut them out of my garden almost all year round unless there's a super-hard freeze."

Gardeners can use herbs in a landscape design in several ways, including mixing and matching with other plants and flowers and placing them in containers.

"Herbs growing in a container at the back door or in hanging baskets are real convenient for your kitchen to use in cooking," McGregor said. "Or you can have a special kitchen garden if you have a sunny area nearby."

Most herbs need at least six full hours of sun, but in the

summer heat, morning sun is better than a blazing afternoon sun, she said.

"South facing is the best place to plant anything because it gets morning sun and is away from the north winds," she added.

When landscaping with herbs, many people plant in squares, circles or lines. It's better to use odd numbers of plants for balance, McGregor said. If planting a longer bed, plant the larger plants in the back and graduate down to smaller ones in the front.

"I use big pots of things in the garden for focal points or large rosemary bushes or bay trees," she said.

When mixing and matching

herbs with other plants or flowers, like roses, McGregor advises using organic methods to avoid spraying pesticides, especially near herbs you plan to eat.

To keep insects off, McGregor uses a concoction of garlic and hot pepper tea. She mixes garlic chunks in water and hot pepper with salad oil. Use this mixture early in the season, though. It will burn the plants in hotter weather, she advises.

"When you spray plants, you want it to be a weak solution," she said. "If you spray for fungus, you can spray with a solution of baking soda and water."

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

WEDNESDAY

*Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920.

*Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. 12 and 12 study.

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*Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

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*Grief Support related to the death of a loved one. Call Nurses Unlimited, Inc., at 264-6523.

*Alzheimer's Association Support Group, fourth Thursday of the month, Comanche Trail Nursing Center, 3200 Parkway, 7 p.m.

*Narcotic Anonymous, 8 p.m. St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

FRIDAY

*Turning Point A.A., 8-9:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

*Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. Big Book Study.

SATURDAY

*Alzheimer's Association Support Group, second Saturday of the month, Carriage Inn Retirement Center, 501 W. 17th, 10 a.m.

*Family support group for current and former patients and their families, 1 p.m. weekly, Reflections Unit of Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Call Beverly Grant, 263-0074.

*Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon, 8 p.m., 10 p.m. open meetings, 615 Settles.

*"So I Forget," Attention Deficit Disorder support group for individuals and couples, first Saturday of the month

from 9 to 10:30 a.m., Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas, Inc., Midland. Call the center at (915) 563-4144 or 1-800-329-4144. Cost is \$15.

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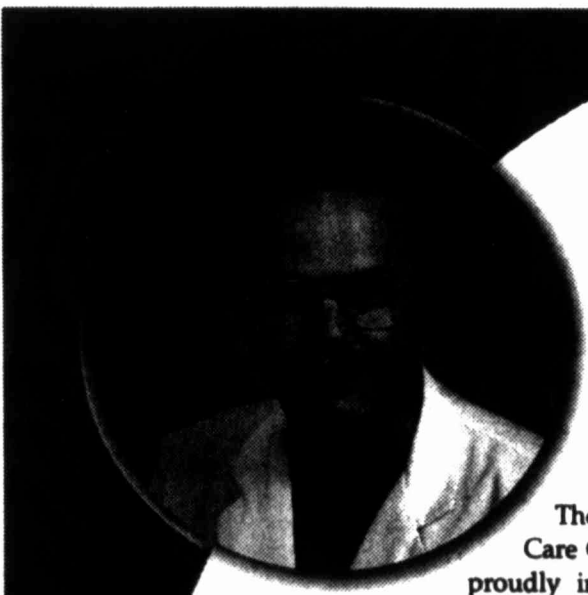
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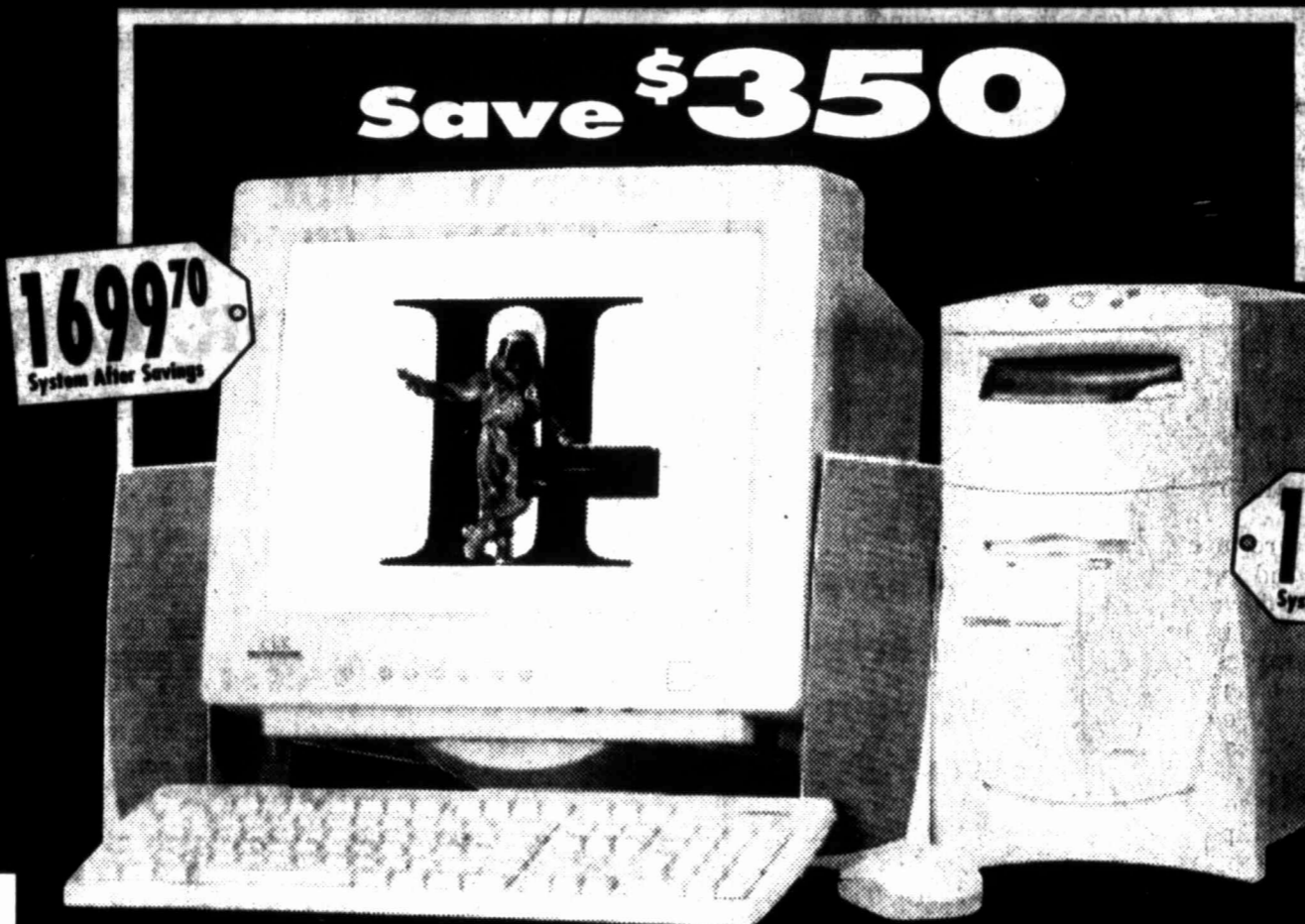


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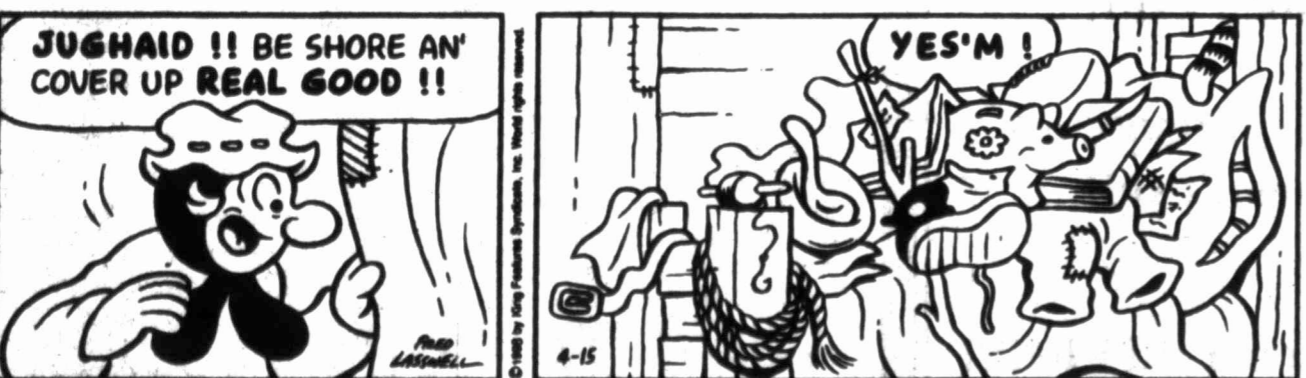
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, April 15, tax day, the 105th day of the year.

There are 260 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: In the early hours of April 15, 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.

On this date: In 1817, the first American school for the deaf opened in Hartford, Conn.

In 1850, the city of San Francisco was incorporated. In 1861, three days after the attack on Fort Sumter, 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 1945, during World War II, British and Canadian troops liberated the Nazi concentration camp Bergen-Belsen. In 1947, Jackie Robinson, baseball's first black major league player, made his official debut with the Brooklyn Dodgers on opening day.

(The Dodgers defeated the Boston Braves, 5-3.) 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 in Sheffield, England.

In 1990, actress Greta Garbo died in New York at age 84. Five years ago: The Group of Seven nations unveiled a \$28.4 billion aid package for Russia at the conclusion of an emergency two-day meeting in Tokyo.

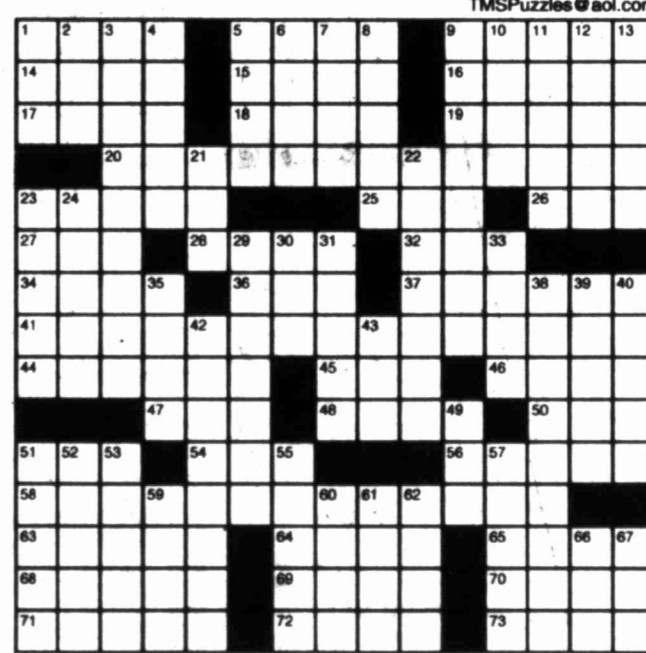
Ten years ago: Former White House spokesman Larry Speakes resigned from Merrill Lynch and Co. less than a week after disclosing that he had, on two occasions, fabricated quotations attributed to President Reagan.

One year ago: The Justice Department inspector general reported that FBI crime lab agents produced flawed scientific work or inaccurate testimony in major cases such as the Oklahoma City bombing. In Saudi Arabia, fire destroyed a tent city outside Mecca, killing at least 343 Muslim pilgrims. Jackie Robinson's number 42 was retired 50 years after he became the first black player in major league baseball.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Michael Ansara is 76. Country singer Roy Clark is 65.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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By Stanley B. Whitten Northbrook, IL

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