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The appraisal district's phone number is 263-8301.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

□ VFW Post No. 2013, VFW Hall, 7 p.m.

□ Big Spring Chapter No. 67, Order of the Eastern Star, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 219 Main.

WEDNESDAY

□ Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room
□ Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room. Call Terry Hansen at 264-5175.

□ Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, Industrial Park.

□ Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

THURSDAY

□ Gideons International Big Spring Camp No. 4206, 7 a.m., Hermans.

□ Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classes, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 55 and older.

□ Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

□ Christmas in April, noon, Lions Club Den, 1607 E. Third. Call Bob Noyes at 267-6095.

□ Friends of the Library, noon, Howard County Library. Call Loraine Redman at 264-2260.

□ American Legion Auxiliary, 7 p.m. Call 263-2084.

□ Masonic Lodge No. 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

□ Big Spring Newcomer's Club contact Pat Mireles for time and location at 267-8741.

FRIDAY

□ Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281. Bring a lunch.

□ AMBUCS (American Business Club), noon, Brandin Iron Restaurant.

□ Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. All seniors are invited.

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Up With People's arrival will be marked with a welcome parade

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Flashing lights, bells and whistles mark the arrival about 5 p.m. Wednesday of the upbeat, high energy Up With People cast.

Motorized fanfare hails their entrance into town with vrooming American-made motorcycles, black and white patrol cars and restored classic automobiles, as local groups form a parade around the tour buses.

"The Up With People Welcome Parade begins the visit of the international cast. This grand entrance should not be missed,"

said Jeannie McFarland, coordinator for the program.

Officers with the Big Spring Police Department in their patrol cars, Harley Owners Group members and members of the Rod and Custom Car Club will escort the three colorful tour buses filled with 120 Up With People cast members through the heart of Big Spring, she said.

"Up With People travels in three big, shiny buses," said Filo Lopodoto, another coordinator with the show.

The parade route begins south of Big Spring on Highway 87 at Hearn Street and continues to FM 700.

Here the caravan will turn east and travel to Birdwell Lane, north to East Third, west to Gregg Street and then south to Whipkey Drive.

Concluding at the Dora Roberts Community Center on Whipkey Drive, the cast members will be met by their host families, who should arrive about 6:15 p.m.

"At Dora Roberts Community Center, more than 100 people from 25 different countries will unload 450 pieces of luggage," McFarland said.

"Up With People students will stay in Big Spring four days, to

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Up With People's production of "Roads" features two hours of contemporary music presented by performers from more than 20 countries.

Warm winter enhances tick problem, vets say

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

Local veterinarians and humane society staff are warning pet owners about the rising incidence of "tick fever" in dogs.

"It's been bad for several years," said Dr. Neal Tindol of Sierra Animal Clinic. "There are a lot of ticks, and we haven't had a good winter" to kill them.

Tindol said it only takes one bite to spread the disease, caused by the organism ehrlichia canis.

"All it takes is one tick carrying that organism," Tindol said.

Dr. Debra Hill of Western Hills Animal Clinic said the tick problem has been so bad this year she was seeing dogs infested with them at the end of January.

"This is the second year it's been that bad," Hill said.

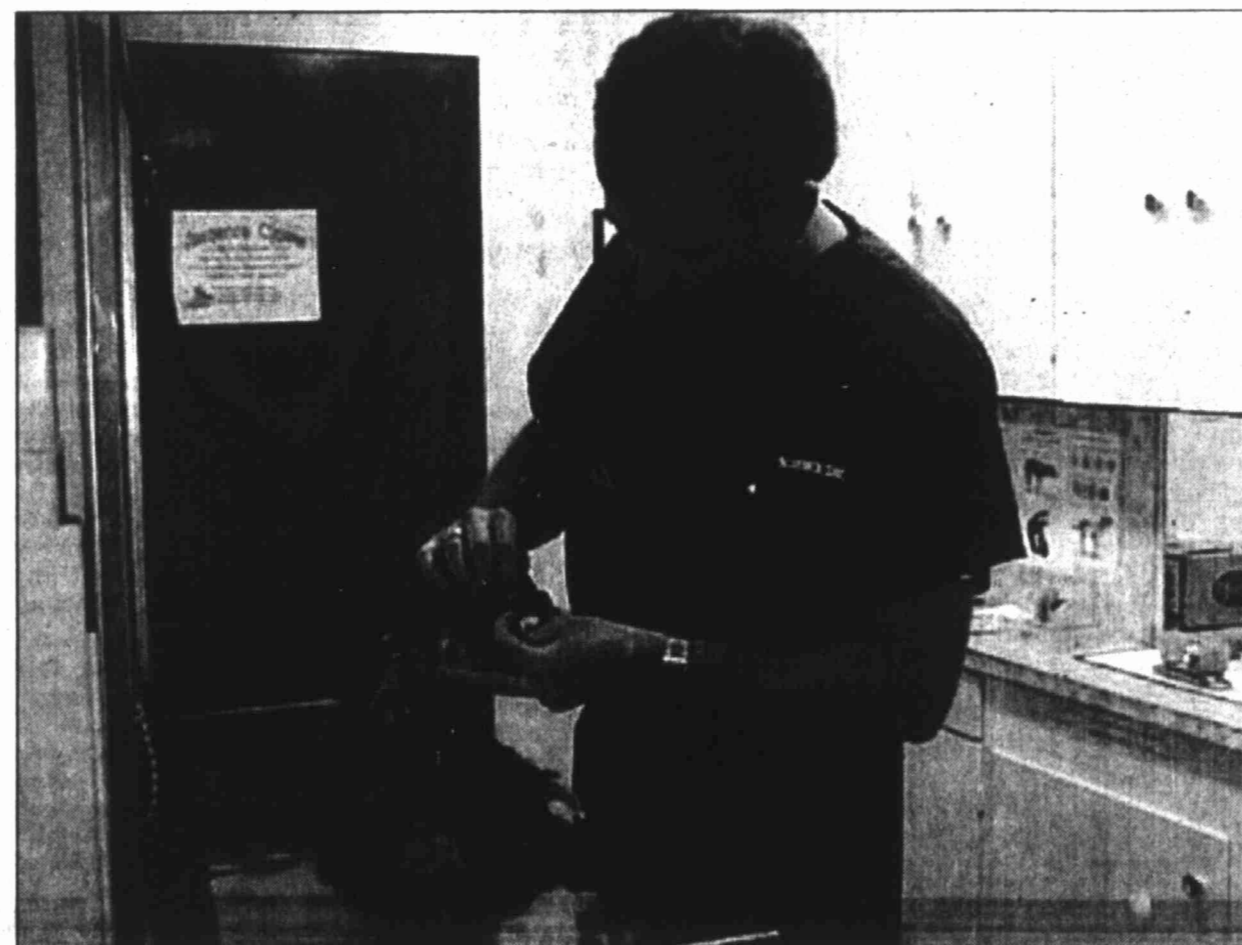
Fran Turrentine, manager of the Big Spring Humane Society, said the group has been beset by calls about ticks and ehrlichia.

"To be so early in the year, we're seeing animals completely covered by ticks; I mean completely covered,"

Turrentine said. They have already dipped animals at the shelter four times since the first of the year, she said.

Local experts urged pet owners to check their dogs for ticks, dip or spray them and treat the yard to kill the resistant pests.

"They (ticks) like to burrow down in the ground, and what little moisture we've had lately is bringing them back to the



Dr. Scott Burt of Highland Animal Hospital examines Fritz with a check of the dog's gums. Burt and other local veterinarians are warning dog owners that ehrlichia, or "tick fever," is extremely prevalent this year.

surface," Turrentine said. She recommended dipping the animal and treating the yard with a chemical every two weeks for at least one month. If you find your dog has ticks, don't wait until you see signs of tick fever before seeking medical attention, she said.

"It would be a good idea to get a blood test done just to make sure," she said.

Hill said many people will

need to treat their houses as well.

"The kind of ticks we have, have adapted to living in the human house," she said.

Tindol said veterinarians will test a sample of blood to determine if the dog has tick fever. If it is positive, the treatment is usually antibiotics. But Dr. Scott Burt of Highland Animal Hospital said the more resistant strains of the disease

require new treatments. He is currently using a newly approved drug from Africa in some cases.

He warned pet owners that ehrlichia can be difficult to detect.

"The dog may feel bad for two or three days and then seem to feel better," Burt said. "It might be several months later when he starts showing other symptoms."

Sentences imposed on Purple Cow defendants

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Sentences have been imposed in federal court on the defendants of Operation Purple Cow, a massive drug bust that occurred in Big Spring Nov. 13, 1998.

More than 20 individuals were arrested from a two-year investigation by more than 25 law enforcement departments, making Purple Cow one of the most extensive drug busts in Howard County history.

U.S. assistant District Attorney Dick Baker in Lubbock has prosecuted all of those arrested in the sweep.

Two of the individuals arrested sought justice through a jury trial. They were convicted, and the others have pled guilty to the charges and received their sentences following a pre-sentencing report.

Those sentenced recently are:

• Spencer Lee Coker, 27, who received 30 months in prison and three years supervised release for distribution of less

than 500 grams of cocaine, and aiding and abetting.

• Wesley Todd Watson, 20, received 46 months in prison and three years supervised release for distribution of less than five grams of cocaine base, and for aiding and abetting.

• Karen Lawson Harrison, 40, received 14 months in prison and three years supervised release for distribution of less than 500 grams of cocaine and for aiding and abetting.

• Arthur Earl Jackson, 21, received 97 months in prison

and eight years supervised release for manufacture of five grams or more of cocaine base within 1,000 feet of a public school, and for aiding and abetting.

• John Jay Flores, 27, received 27 months in prison and three years supervised release for distribution of less than 500 grams of cocaine and aiding and abetting.

• Casey Chance Harrison, 29, received 30 months in prison

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Cowboy Reunion Rodeo parade to get a later start

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

At least one major change is in the works for the 66th annual Big Spring Cowboy Reunion Rodeo when the parade is moved to a 5:30 p.m. start on Saturday, June 19.

"We're continuing to look for ways to increase attendance and participation in the rodeo parade," explained rodeo board member Johnny Middleton. "We looked at a couple of options for the parade and thought we would try a later start on Saturday."

After years of being held on the opening day of the rodeo, the parade was switched a few years ago to a Saturday morning start. The route will remain the same, with the parade beginning in front of State National Bank and moving north on Main Street to Third, then turning west to Scurry and south to 10th Street.

The parade will be sponsored by the Herald and KBST.

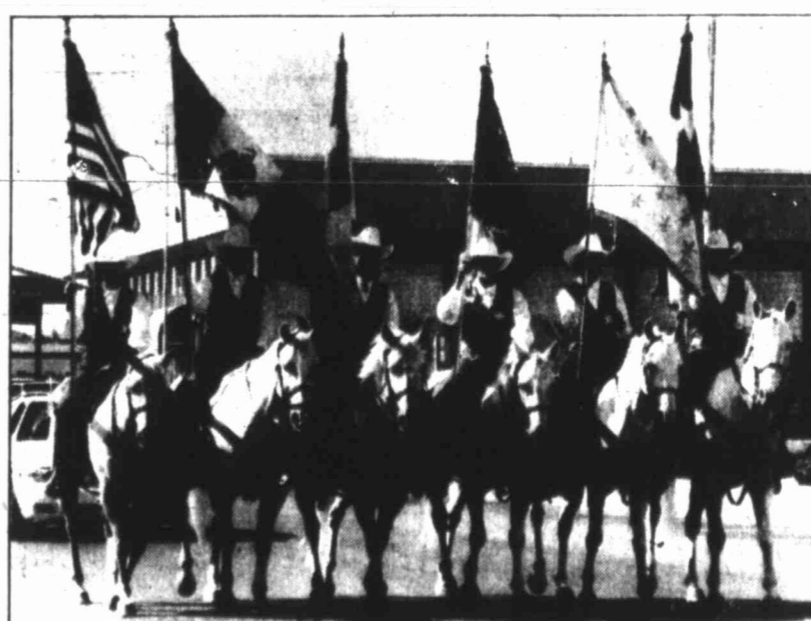
With the switch to a late afternoon start, parade officials felt the award winners could be given more recognition.

The top three floats in the parade will participate in the grand entry ceremony while the top riding clubs will also be presented their awards during the grand entry.

"The rodeo parade committee felt like having the float winners participate in the grand entry as well as presenting the riding club awards at that time would get a little more recognition for the work the winners put in," Middleton explained.

While Fiesta Dodge will once again sponsor a bicycle decorating contest, the kid's rodeo will not be held this year. First prize in the decorating contest will once again be \$100.

Invitations to participate are being extended to both the Odessa Jackalopes and Midland



The seven white horse of Hardin-Simmons University are a featured part of the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion parade, set for a 5:30 p.m. start on Saturday, June 19.

Rockhounds mascots, as well as to the mascots of all Crossroads Area high schools.

In addition, an effort will be

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RBTI

Area farmers, ranchers set to oppose AF training flights

By BILL MCCLELLAN
News Editor

Buster Welch has been making phone calls. He's trying to encourage anyone he can to attend Wednesday's public hearing in Snyder on the proposed Realistic Bomber Training Initiative. "There is a route coming up through ya'll and I believe it is at 300 feet. They are claiming they won't go below 3,000 feet here, but my understanding is it will be 300 feet there," said Welch, a rancher and president of the Heritage Environmental Preservation Association (HEPA), a non-profit group formed to fight an Air Force proposal to conduct bomber training flights over the area.

The route Welch is warning Howard Countians about is called an MTR, or Military Training Route. The 300 feet is the low level at which the Air Force plans to simulate combat operations within the MTRs. From MTR, the planes - B-1s and B-52s - will enter the MOAs or Military Operation Areas.

Welch's understanding about the proposed military routes is backed up by maps, released last month in a Realistic Bomber Training Initiative (RBTI) draft environmental impact statement. According to the statement, the low-level MTR runs north, directly up the Howard-Mitchell County line. When it reaches Scurry County, it runs into the MOA, which includes Borden, Fisher, Dawson, Fisher, Stonewall, Kent, Garza and Lynn counties. Specifically, that area has been designated the Lancer MOA by the Air Force.

The draft environmental report contends that the flights will not impact the area, but Welch and a number of other farmers and ranchers aren't buying that.

"The report by the Air Force is the biggest farce. How anybody could sit 1,000 miles away and study the impact on this area and not take into consideration our cattle operations, our farming operations... and claim it to be an impact study, period. That is just a farce."

"It's a very unfair thing. The Air Force has hired someone to say what it wants to hear. It's one of those 'Tell me what you believe and I'll find the facts to back you up' deals. They have not done an impact study, period. That is just a farce."

The Air Force has said that the only area it will conduct training below 3,000 feet is in the MTA corridor, and not in the MOA, where Welch lives. And Welch isn't buying that, either.

"They say they need to fly over this area for the different terrain, the bluffs and canyons and rivers. What difference would a 300-foot bluff make if they were going to stay at 3,000 feet? But at 3,000 feet, they might as well be over the ocean," said Welch. "We don't

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OBITUARIES

Oleta Reynolds

Funeral service is pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home in Stanton, for Oleta Reynolds, 84, Stanton. She died Monday, April 5, 1999, at a Midland hospital.

Johnnie P. Hogg

Funeral service for Johnnie P. Hogg, 90, Big Spring, was 10 a.m. today at First Baptist Church, O'Donnell, with her grandson, Brad Snellgrove, officiating, and Richard Rush, pastor, assisting. Burial will be in O'Donnell Cemetery under the direction of White Funeral Home of Tahoka.

She died Sunday, April 4, 1999, in Big Spring.

Mrs. Hogg was born Sept. 16, 1908, in McCulloch County and moved to the Key community of West Texas as a young person. She married Alvin Hogg on Dec. 25, 1929. They lived in Ackerly for several years and moved to O'Donnell in 1956 where they farmed and were members of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include: two daughters, Venita Blessingame and her husband Joe of Big Spring, and Daphne Snellgrove and her husband Buster of O'Donnell; four grandchildren, Melissa Brooks and her husband Marty of Coahoma, Eddy Blessingame and his wife Joyce of Big Spring, Brian Snellgrove and his wife Julie of O'Donnell, and Brad Snellgrove and his wife Julie of Plainview; three great-grandchildren, Collin McMillan of Coahoma, and Ashton and Drew Snellgrove of O'Donnell.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Alvin Hogg, in December 1976.

The family suggests memorials to First Baptist Church, O'Donnell.

Arrangements under the direction of White Funeral Home, O'Donnell.

Paid obituary

Jose Ontiveros

Funeral service is pending for Jose Ontiveros, 88, Big Spring, with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. He died Monday, April 5, 1999, at a local nursing home.

R. Pershing Morton

Funeral service for R. Pershing Morton, 80, Big Spring is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. He died Tuesday, April 6, 1999, in a local nursing home.

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Billie Jo Chavera, infant daughter of Ramona Olivarez and Billy Chavera, died Monday. Rosary will be 7:00 PM Wednesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Graveside services will be 2:00 PM at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Joe Ontiveros, 68, died Monday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

R. Pershing Morton, 80, died Tuesday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Mary (Mrs. W.C. "Buster") Bell, 81, died Tuesday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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Billie Jo Chavera

Rosary for Billie Jo Chavera, infant daughter of Ramona Olivarez and Billy Chavera, will be 7 p.m. Wednesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Graveside service will be 2 p.m. Thursday, April 8, 1999, at Mount Olive Memorial Park with the Rev. Jeremiah McCarthy, pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, officiating. She died Monday, April 5, 1999, in a Lubbock hospital.

Survivors include: her parents of Big Spring; her sister, Cindy Marie Chavera of Big Spring; maternal grandparents, Pedro and Mary Rodriguez of Big Spring; paternal grandparents Marcos and Carmen Chavera of Coahoma and her great-grandmother, Susana Moreno of Big Spring.

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

Mary Bell

Funeral service for Mary (Mrs. W.C. "Buster") Bell, 81, Elysian Fields, formerly of Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. She died Tuesday in Longview.

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want them at 300 feet. We don't want them at 3,000 feet. We don't want them period. We don't want them practicing destruction over production."

That production Welch is talking about is his livelihood, farming, ranching, hunting leases.

"It's unbelievable that something like this can happen in America," said Welch. "I've worked my whole life to get my ranch and now the Air Force wants to put me out of business overnight. I can tell you, low-level bomber training will destroy our livelihood, our way of life and the environment."

According to the draft environmental statement, the number of project sortie operations would range -- depending on segments of the training corridor to the military operations area -- from as few as 305 to as many as 2,660. In the MOA itself, projected sortie operations are 2,350.

"This is a dramatic increase in Air Force activity in the area from about 100 sorties a year to over 2,300," said HEPA attorney Frank Bond. "That's an increase of over 2,000 percent and the jet bombers are much louder and fly much lower than the planes we're used to."

Said Welch, "We've got to fight this thing."

To fight it, or at least learn more about it, Welch is encouraging everyone to attend a public hearing Wednesday evening from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Worsham Auditorium on the Snyder High School campus.

The meeting was at first scheduled for the high school cafeteria, but has been moved to the auditorium, which will seat more people. And the scheduling of the event is another thing that has Welch hot.

"This how the Air Force works. They first scheduled it in a cafeteria that no one knew where was and with very little parking. They set it on a Wednesday night, a church night for most people. And they set it from 5 to 9 p.m., when most rural folks would be eating supper. How much more trouble could they go to to keep people away, put armed guards around the door?"

And if Welch is overstating his feelings just a bit, his sincerity is genuine.

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into this area. There won't be any hunters. No one wants to live under an air raid," he said. "I have a brother who is a retired colonel and I lost another brother in a bomber crash in World War II. We've given a lot to the Air Force, but I swear we don't want to give up our land to them and our livelihood."

PARADE

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made to get a marching band to participate in the parade.

"We want as much music as we can get, and we'd love to have one of the high school bands, or maybe even an alumni band," Middleton said.

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participate in community service and to perform the Broadway-style musical "Roads," McFarland said.

Up With People is a 30-year old non-profit organization that provides educational experiences for youth 18-26 through world wide travel and entertainment.

Cast members audition in each town, and once selected study six weeks in Colorado, learning the musical songs and dances.

There are five groups each year, with about 120 cast members each. These cast members are from 45 different states and 30 different countries.

Once the tour in Big Spring leaves here, they will be headed north to Ontario, Canada, then on to Denmark, Sweden and Japan, McFarland said.

The musical is planned for 7:30 p.m. Friday in the Municipal Auditorium. Tickets are \$10 for adults, and \$8 for senior citizens, students and children.

Tickets may be purchased at Blum's Jewelers in the Big Spring Mall, at the chamber of commerce, the Howard College Student Union Building Dean of Student's office, and at both Premiere Video locations.

DEFENDANTS

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and three years supervised release for distribution of less than 500 grams of cocaine and for aiding and abetting.

Larcarnley Cross, 55, received 21 months in prison and three years supervised release for distribution of less than 500 grams of cocaine and for aiding and abetting.

Tally Green received 151 months in prison and eight years supervised release for conspiracy to manufacture, possess with intent to distribute and distribution of five grams or more of cocaine base; distribution of less than five grams of cocaine base within 1,000 feet of a school; manufacture of five grams or more of cocaine base with 1,000 feet of a school and aiding and abetting; distribution of five grams or more of cocaine base within 1,000 feet of a school, and aiding and abetting.

Robert Mendoza SR., 40, received 120 months in prison as a consecutive term to a parole commission revocation and three years supervised release for possession of an unregistered firearm.

Michael Shay Vanderbilt, 24, received 130 months in prison and eight years supervised

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release for conspiracy to manufacture, conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute or conspiracy to distribute cocaine base.

Ralph Rodriguez, 34, received 21 months in prison and three years supervised release for distribution of less than 500 grams of cocaine and for aiding and abetting.

Donald Ray Vanderbilt, 24, received 108 months in prison and six year supervised release for conspiracy to manufacture, possess with intent to distribute and to distribute five or more grams of cocaine base.

Marcus Caitano Chavarria, 20, received 12 months in prison and three years supervise release for distribution of less than 500 grams of cocaine, and aiding and abetting.

Ruben R. Gamboa, 42, received 37 months in prison and three years supervised release for distribution of less than 500 grams of cocaine and aiding and abetting.

Roy Olivas Garcia Jr. received 12 months in prison and three years supervised release for distribution of less than 500 grams of cocaine and aiding and abetting.

Raymond Vasquez Jr., 34, received 30 months in prison and three years supervised release for distribution of less than 500 grams of cocaine and aiding and abetting.

Anthony Ray Hayes, 33, received 108 months in prison and eight years supervised release for conspiracy to manufacture, possess with intent to distribute and to distribute five grams or more of cocaine base; distribution of less than 500 grams of cocaine base within 1,000 feet of a school; aiding and abetting.

Aggravated assault ends in man's arrest

The Big Spring Police responded to a call on Thursday at about 7:45 p.m. in response to a call about an aggravated assault.

After arriving on the scene in the 1000 block of North Main, 49-year-old Jose Lopez advised police officers he had been

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SEARS
In the Sears Ad circulars dated 4/04 "Storewide Bonus Bucks", 4/08 "Cash Back on all Home Appliances over \$399" and the 4/22 "All Home Appliances on Sale". The disclaimer fails to mention that the Maytag Gemini Range is EXCLUDED from these offers. Also Sears Best Customer. Coupons are not valid with Maytag Neptune or Gemini Home Appliance.

TEXAS LOTTERY

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stabbed in the upper torso with a knife.

Lopez was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center, where he was listed in stable condition.

Police arrested Francisco Moreno, 35, at scene in connection with this offense. Judge Gary Tabor set Moreno's bond at \$25,000 and he was transferred to Howard County jail, where he remains in custody.

Unattended death found to be of natural causes

On Friday police responded to call for assistance by the Emergency Medical Service in the 1600 block of South Main. Upon arrival, officers discovered a subject, later identified as Edwin Lawson, deceased in his home.

Justice of the Peace Marilyn Carson arrived on the scene and pronounced Lawson dead of natural causes. There was no sign of foul play.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Monday and 8 a.m. today:

JUVENILE PROBLEMS was reported in the 1800 block of Benton, 110 block of Northeast 11th and 2500 block of Gunter.

THEFT was reported in the 1100 block of Lamesa and at the police station.

SHOTS FIRED was reported in the 1500 block of Wood.

DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 1500 block of Wood and 1000 block of Stadium.

CLASS C ASSAULT was

reported in the 800 block of Gregg.

CLASS C THEFT was reported at the police station.

ROGER EDWARDS, 42, was arrested for county warrants.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1000 block of North Main.

SIMON ALCANTAR, 33, was arrested for Howard County warrants.

MYRELL THOMPSON, 25, was arrested for parole violation.

MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 400 block of Marcy, at 10th and Main, 2000 block of Gregg and at the 400 block of East Third.

WEEKEND REPORT indicates nine assault, two aggravated assaults, three family violence assault, one attempted suicide and two burglary of a vehicle reports.

Also 10 criminal mischief, two criminal trespass, two driving while intoxicated, three driving while license invalid and one possession of drug reports.

And two runaway, five theft, three convenience store thefts, one unattended death, one unauthorized use of a vehicle, one major accident, three minor accidents and 23 arrests reported.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Monday and 8 a.m. today:

JUANITA DELORES BOWERS, 43, was arrested for cruelty to animals.

DAVID ARTHUR WITTREIN, 19, was arrested for a prohibited weapons and for theft more than \$50 and less than \$500.

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Clinton toughens terms for Milosevic: Peace is not enough

WASHINGTON (AP) — While offering Kosovo refugees temporary shelter, the Clinton administration is toughening terms for a settlement for Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic, demanding that he go well beyond a simple peace offering for Kosovo.

"A commitment to cease killing and a Kosovo denied its freedom and devoid of its people is not acceptable," President Clinton said Monday, declaring that NATO would prevail in an escalating battle with the Yugoslav leader.

Clinton charted a course, backed by increased firepower,

to expel Milosevic's forces from the Serbian province of Kosovo, return hundreds of thousands of ethnic Albanians to their homes and allow NATO troops in to ensure self-government for the Kosovars.

Clinton promised an "undiminished, unceasing and unrelenting" air campaign until Milosevic reverses a campaign that has forced NATO into the position of seeking to return hundreds of thousands of refugees to their homes rather than the original goal of keeping more from being pushed out.

Secretary of State Madeleine

Albright ticked off the U.S. demands in a speech Monday night honoring Gabrielle Kirk McDonald, who is president of the war crimes tribunal for Yugoslavia.

Albright said Milosevic must pull military, police and paramilitary forces out of Kosovo, return all refugees to their homes, accept the deployment of an international security force in the province and create a democratic political framework in Kosovo.

Strongly hinting that Milosevic would be held accountable for war crimes, Albright said: "There can be no

question that war crimes and crimes against humanity are being committed in Kosovo.

"Nor can there be doubt that the orders to carry out these acts are coming from the top," she added.

With an estimated 800 people an hour fleeing the Serbian province, which is part of Yugoslavia, the State Department now estimates close to 400,000 more ethnic Albanians have been routed, often by Serb troops — or even Serb neighbors — since the NATO attack began March 24.

Clinton called for private donations to Kosovar refugees

and offered haven for up to 20,000 at the outset. Pentagon officials said a refugee camp likely would be set up at the U.S. base at Guantanamo, Cuba, which the United States considers U.S. territory and has been used to care for Haitian and Cuban refugees.

Other NATO countries are offering to take in up to 80,000 more.

Moved by Milosevic's campaign from the original goal of simply stopping ethnic repression in Kosovo, the Clinton administration insists the Yugoslav leader will not be permitted to succeed; that the reset-

tlement is only temporary and the refugees will go home again. Officials also deny the sustained NATO bombardment was having the unintended result of helping Milosevic achieve his goal.

Appealing directly to Americans to help the victims of Milosevic's "expulsion policy," Clinton announced a toll-free number, 1-800-USAID-RELIEF, that people can call to donate money to nongovernmental relief efforts for ethnic Albanians expelled from Kosovo.

"We're doing all we can, we need more help," Clinton said.

Non-economic issues could hamper trade settlement

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. and Chinese negotiators are engaged in a down-to-the-wire push for an agreement to open China's vast market to American exports. But non-economic issues ranging from charges of nuclear espionage to human rights concerns may thwart a trade deal.

Chinese Premier Zhu Rongji, scheduled to arrive in Los Angeles today for the start of a nine-day American visit, would like to strike a deal that would pave the way for China to gain entry into the World Trade

Organization.

But the Clinton administration insists it will not accept an agreement that does not open Chinese markets to U.S. manufacturers and farmers. In addition to the economic concerns, the administration faces a tough sales campaign in a Congress upset over allegations of Chinese nuclear espionage and a new crackdown on human rights.

Zhu, in an interview with Wall Street Journal executives distributed Monday, accused President Clinton of caving in

to Congress and changing the standards for China's entry into the WTO.

He told the newspaper that Chinese concessions had brought a WTO agreement within reach, but "due to pressure from the U.S. Congress, the U.S. government has shown a change in attitude." He called Washington's new demands "unreasonable" and said China is not inclined to make further concessions. "Make no mistake," he said. "China is not begging for accession to the WTO."

The two countries would like to have a tentative accord ready for Zhu's meeting with Clinton on Thursday.

But administration officials insisted Monday the priority is to get an agreement that will open China's vast market, not one that simply meets the Thursday deadline.

"Rather than looking at a calendar, we're going to look at the details of a deal and we're not going to take anything but a good deal," presidential spokesman Joe Lockhart told reporters.

FBI agent says suspect confessed role in four killings

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A Michigan man held on weapons charges has admitted an extensive role in what authorities believe was the kidnapping and murder of atheist leader Madalyn Murray O'Hair and her two adult children, according to federal court testimony.

The San Antonio Express-News reported in a copyright story for early Tuesday editions that Gary P. Karr admitted involvement in four Texas murders, including at least one in which the victim was decapitated and mutilated.

FBI agent William O'Leary testified about the confessions in a Detroit courtroom on

March 26, saying Karr also told investigators where the victims were buried, the newspaper said.

"(He) told me the city," O'Leary said.

More than three dozen FBI agents spent much of Easter weekend scouring a 5,000-acre ranch about 120 miles west of San Antonio. But officials wouldn't say what, if anything, they found and refused even to confirm that the search involved the O'Hair disappearance.

An FBI official in San Antonio didn't return a telephone call from The Associated Press on Monday.

The atheist and her grown children, Jon Garth Murray and Robin Murray O'Hair, abruptly left Austin in late August 1995 and spent a month in San Antonio before they vanished for good.

Authorities believe they might have been killed for \$500,000 in gold coins. The fourth slaying involves Danny Fry, who might also have been involved in the O'Hair disappearance.



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Well-preserved Inca mummies have been found frozen in Andes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Archeologists have discovered three well-preserved Inca mummies high in the Andes Mountains, the National Geographic Society said today.

The three, relics of an Inca sacrificial ritual, were found beneath 5 feet of rock and earth on a burial platform atop Argentina's Mount Llullaillaco. The bodies of two girls and a boy may have been frozen since being placed there some 500 years ago, officials said.

Archeologist Johan Reinhard said in a statement that CT scans on the mummies showed all internal organs intact and blood appeared to still be present in the heart and lungs, as if the three had died only recent-

ly. The expedition included U.S., Argentine and Peruvian scientists and was supported by a grant from National Geographic.

The researchers said the burial platform held offerings to the Inca gods, including 35 gold, silver and shell statues, bundles of ornate textiles, moccasins and pottery, some of it still containing food.

One of the female mummies appeared to have been struck by lightning, the researchers said. The others were undamaged.

The Inca empire once stretched 2,500 miles from present day Colombia to central Chile. It collapsed in 1532 with the Spanish conquest.

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OUR VIEWS

Let's give a boost to BSHS band kids on Saturday

On Saturday, you will have a chance to support a source of Big Spring pride — the Pride Drive of Big Spring High, to be exact — our band. The Band Boosters plan a giant garage sale at the band hall to benefit a trip next month to Disney World in Florida.

Director Rocky Harris sent in a tape of a band performance, and they were selected to play at pre-parade festivities May 25 in the Magic Kingdom. They will spend a total of four days, taking time to visit the local amusement parks.

The band is made up of students who spend their own time, and many their own money, to develop their skills at playing an instrument. Then they entertain us at football games, concerts and other events.

Most of them have other commitments to school activities, church and family or even jobs. They have homework, projects and play sports. But for them, making music is important and thus, it becomes a priority.

The Band Boosters group is made up mostly of these kids' parents, who care enough about their children's activities to "boost" them with some hard work of their own.

Let's reward both of them for their attitude by supporting this garage sale. Without a huge success, the band's Florida trip could be cancelled because, as it is with most extracurricular activities, money is tight.

These students have already been working to raise their own money for the trip, and will depend on the Band Boosters to kick in a significant portion. Let's not put this trip out of the reach of some deserving students.

If you can donate an item for the sale, Band Booster Joy Horn will be at the band hall Friday from 4-9 p.m. Baked goods are also going on sale for the event.

If you just want to shop, do so — it will be a win-win situation. You might go away with something nice, for a donation to some special students. The sale runs from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday only.

OTHER VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, all of the businesses and volunteers that contributed to the Big Spring Junior High Track Meet held on March 26, at Blankenship Field.

If it wasn't for volunteers and businesses like you, we would not have had such a successful

track meet.

Again, thank you for your contribution.

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Equal Pay Day relies on gross misuse of statistics

Attention working women: 1999 won't begin for you officially until April 8. That's the day feminists have decreed Equal Pay Day — the number of days into the new calendar year the typical woman will have to work to catch up with the average man's earnings of the previous year.

Confused? Don't worry. So are the feminists who thought up the cockamamie observance. They claim that women earn, on average, 74 cents for every dollar men earn and consequently must work more than 15 months to earn what the average man makes in 12. What they don't bother to mention is that women, on average, work fewer hours per week, have less work experience and work at different — often less demanding and less dangerous — jobs than men. These differences alone account for a substantial portion of the 'pay gap' between men and women.

For years, left-wing feminists have been misusing statistics

to demonstrate broad-scale economic discrimination against women, and the press and a great many politicians have been happily regurgitating their propaganda. Rarely, outside of academic economics journals, have the feminists' data engendered much skepticism.

Now comes "Women's Figures: An Illustrated Guide to the Economic Progress of Women in America," published by the establishment American Enterprise Press and the feisty Independent Women's Forum, to debunk much of the feminists' voodoo economics. Written by Diana Furchtgott-Roth and Christine Stolba, the short monograph details the rapid upward mobility of American women in a series of easy-to-read charts and graphs.

Among the most enlightening figures they present: Young, childless women between the ages of 27 and 33 earn 98 percent of the average earnings of childless men their age. The pay gap simply doesn't exist for this group of women. Why? A number of factors come into play.

First, younger men and women are more likely to have similar educational experience than older cohorts.

Women now earn more than half of all undergraduate and master's degrees, as well as about 40 percent of professional

degrees. But this is a fairly recent phenomenon. Before 1980, women earned fewer than half of all four-year and master's degrees, and only one quarter of professional degrees. Older female workers' pay thus reflects their lower educational attainment, while younger women earn higher salaries commensurate with their greater education.

Motherhood is even more important in explaining pay differences between men and women. Although most mothers now work outside the home, they are still more likely than fathers to take extended time off when their children are born. These interruptions, which can amount from a few weeks to several years, have consequences, which are reflected in the lower average earnings of women.

But the decision to have children doesn't just reduce the number of consecutive years of work experience for most working mothers, it also influences the types of jobs women choose in the first place. Most mothers reject jobs that require very long or unpredictable hours or extensive travel, even though they may be higher paying.

One study cited in Women's Figures notes that among the highest earning women, about half are childless. Another study shows that the most com-

mon reason female associates give for leaving their law firms before attaining partnership is the difficulty they encounter in meeting the demands of their job after they have children.

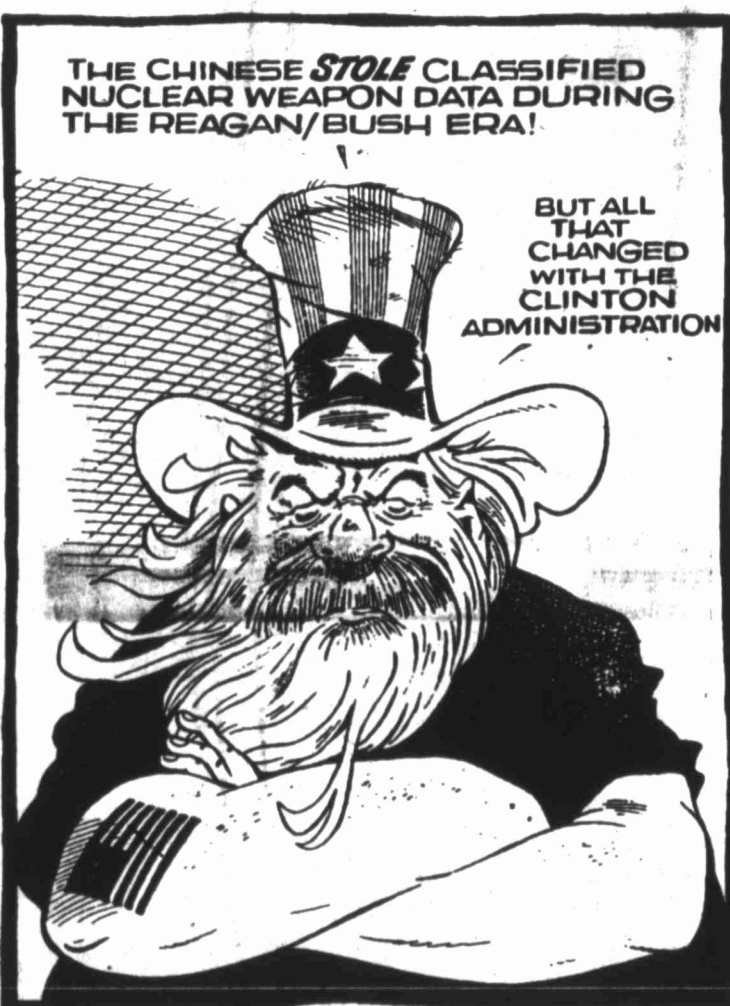
Feminists have traditionally blamed discrimination for the high concentration of women in certain jobs — which they've dubbed the "pink collar ghetto." But it is really discrimination that drives more women to become secretaries, elementary school teachers and retail clerks than, say, pest controllers, truck drivers or loggers? The authors of Women's Figures don't think so. They note, for example, that men are more likely to be employed in the worst — and most dangerous — jobs. Twenty-three of the 25 worst jobs, from The Jobs Rated Almanac, are more than 90 percent male, and men account for 92 percent of all job-related deaths even though they are only 54 percent of the work force.

It's about time feminists started giving ordinary working women credit for making choices that suit their needs and interests.

The organizers of Equal Pay Day would do better to spend April 8 reading Women's Figures instead of handing out buttons complaining about the 26-cent gap between men and women's earnings.



LINDA CHAVEZ



America needs to be reborn as a Christian nation

America is a Christian nation, or at least it used to be. The Continental Congress, during the Revolution, authorized the importation of 20,000 Bibles and later authorized and endorsed the American printing of the Bible. Today, however, most government schools that regularly expose children to information about homosexuality and abortion will not allow the distribution of Bibles.

Postmodern types who have obsessively pursued a campaign to convince Americans that the Founding Fathers were not Christians have, in the manner of those who rewrite history to suit ideological goals, used quotations out of context and even fabricated them.

John Adams is often quoted by these secular missionaries as having said, "This would be the best of all possible worlds if there were no religion in it."

This is a great example of propaganda, as you will see when you read what Adams actually said. In a letter to Thomas Jefferson lamenting petty squabbles between different sects and preachers, Adams wrote:

"Twenty times in the course of my late reading have I been on the point of breaking out, 'This would be the best of all possible worlds, if there were no religion in it!' But in this exclamation I would have been as fanatical as Bryant or Cleverly. Without religion this world would be something not fit to be mentioned in polite company. I mean hell."

As you can see, Adams, who was a devout Christian, actually said the opposite of what people pretend he said by taking one part of a quotation out of context.

For those of you interested, David Barton's book "Original Intent" (WallBuilder Press, Box 397, Aledo TX 76608) does an

outstanding job of documenting the Christian orientation of the nation's Founding Fathers.

Rabbi Daniel Lapin, an orthodox rabbi, recently wrote an article in The American Enterprise magazine entitled, "Why Jews Should Pray for a Christian America." Here is part of what he has to say:

"And it is Christianity that has been responsible for, among other things, the founding of America and its flowering into the greatest civilization the world has ever known. It is my fervent belief that America has been blessed as a place for Jews to live not in spite of the deep-seated Christian beliefs of most Americans, but because of them. It is also my great concern that all Americans — including Jews — are endangered by a weakening of Christianity in our society today."

Rabbi Lapin warns that what Jews should fear is a post-Christian America and says that he enthusiastically endorses the Christian conservative movement.

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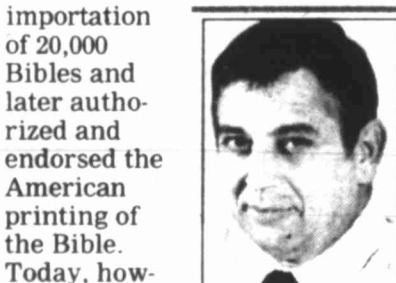
Christian," he writes, "I recognize that the prosperity and security of America — and all of its people — depend upon retaining the moral fiber of its Christian founding."

He's quite right. A few years ago, however, when Mississippi Gov. Kirk Fordice remarked casually at a news conference that he thought America should return to its Christian values, the Anti-Defamation League angrily demanded that he apologize. He didn't, of course.

George Washington was right when he said in his farewell address that a republic could not survive without a virtuous population, and that nothing could impart virtue to people better than religion. Therefore, he concluded, any man who is an enemy of religion is an enemy of republican government.

Folks who value liberty had better pray for a rebirth of a Christian America. The mass murderers of this century have all been secular leftists.

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IN BRIEF

BSHS golf boosters to meet Wednesday

The Big Spring High School Golf Boosters Club will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the high school's athletic training complex.

Parents of all high school golfers are urged to attend.

Troy Gray wins bass club event; meeting is tonight

Troy Gray edged Todd Tubbs for first place during the Big Spring Bass Club's monthly point tournament staged at Lake Leon during the weekend.

Randy Klaus finished the event in third place.

The bass club's next meeting is set for 7 tonight at the Best Western Motel's meeting room.

The club's next tournament will be April 24-25 at Lake O.H. Ivie.

Snappers to play host for softball tournament

A softball tournament hosted by the Snappers softball team of Big Spring has been scheduled for Friday and Saturday at Cotton Mize Field.

Entry fees will be \$110 per team, and Wednesday will be the deadline for entries.

For more information, call Jim Rangel at 264-6475 or Jacob Rios at 263-5955.

Bass club's open tourney slated May 1 at O.H. Ivie

The ninth annual Big Spring Bass Club Open Tournament has been scheduled for May 1 at Lake O.H. Ivie.

Guaranteed prize money based on 150 entries will be \$4,400, with the first-place winner taking home \$1,500.

In addition, a grand prize of \$20,000 is available for anyone landing a new lake record largemouth bass. The current record is 13.71 pounds.

The tournament's big-bass prize will be \$300, with the runner-up receiving \$200.

Entry fees are \$40, and entries mailed to the club must be postmarked no later than April 25.

For more information, call Jim Crenshaw at 267-6129.

Big Spring UGSA's registration continues

Officials with the Big Spring United Girls Softball Association have announced that registration will continue until Friday at All-Star Sports, formerly Neal's Sporting Goods.

Parents should bring each child's birth certificate and registration fee of \$25 when signing up their children for the league.

Tryouts for Division I, II, III and IV teams will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Roy Anderson Complex.

LOCAL GAMES

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

- 5 p.m.
 - Fort Stockton Prowlers at Big Spring Lady Steers.
 - Coahoma Bulldogettes at Miles Lady Bulldogs.

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

- 5 p.m.
 - Snyder Tigers at Big Spring Steers.
- 7 p.m.
 - Coahoma Bulldogs at Morton Indians.

JUCO SOFTBALL

- 3 p.m.
 - Howard College Lady Hawks at Midland College Lady Chaparrals (DH).

ON THE AIR

Radio

- HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL
 - 5 p.m. — Snyder Tigers at Big Spring Steers, KBST-AM 1490.

Television

- MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
 - 6:35 p.m. — Philadelphia Phillies at Atlanta Braves, TBS, Ch. 11.
 - 7:30 p.m. — Detroit Tigers at Texas Rangers, FXS, Ch. 29.
- NBA BASKETBALL
 - 7 p.m. — Orlando Magic at New York Knicks, TNT, Ch. 28.
 - 9:30 p.m. — Utah Jazz at Los Angeles Lakers, TNT, Ch. 28.

Tigers make Rangers' season opener an 11-5 defeat

ARLINGTON (AP) — Don't expect the Detroit Tigers to do too much celebrating after their lopsided 11-5 victory over Texas on opening day. After all, they still vividly remember what happened last year.

The Tigers opened 1998 with an 11-6 victory over Tampa Bay, then waited a week for their second win. Their fourth win took two more weeks and by April 29 they were 5-18, eight games out of the division lead.

So as excited as everyone was about Monday's victory, everyone in the Detroit locker room knew not to get carried away.

That's a shame, too, because there sure was a lot to be savored — from Brian Moehler's near no-hitter to Juan Encarnacion's homer on the game's first pitch to the fact every starter had scored a run or driven one in by the sixth

inning. "We won big in the opener last year and we all know what happened from then on," said Damion Easley, whose three-run homer capped a seven-run third inning. "We've got to take each game for what it's worth."

This one was worth a lot because of the way it was earned.

Moehler (1-0) overcame a pregame case of the jitters to hold Texas, the AL's top-hitting team last year, without a hit until one out into the seventh inning.

The thought of making his first opening day start got to Moehler. Although he got 10 hours sleep, he cut his warmup short because he didn't feel comfortable on the bullpen mound. He also had a queasy stomach.

"For the first time in my career, I felt like I was going to throw up," Moehler said.

But the right-hander settled down quickly and retired the side in order in five of the first six innings. His only jam was the second when he walked Juan Gonzalez and Rafael Palmeiro, but got out of it with a double-play grounder and a pop out.

Gonzalez's single in the seventh ended Moehler's bid to join Bob Feller as the only pitchers to throw no-hitters on opening day. Palmeiro followed with an RBI double that got the Rangers within 1-1.

Detroit jumped all over Texas starter Rick Helling (0-1), although he did much of the damage to himself.

Helling allowed four of the first five Tigers to reach base and ended up being tagged for seven runs, five earned, in just three innings. He faced six batters in the fourth and gave up a three-run homer to Bobby Higginson, a double and

hit two batters — after getting two strikes on each.

"I gave up that home run on the first pitch of the game, but I felt like I settled down after that," said Helling, who was 20-7 last year. "I felt like I made some good pitches, but when I had the chance to put some hitters away, I couldn't do it. I just wasn't real good with my location."

Gonzalez, the reigning American League MVP, may be off on another chase of Hack Wilson's RBI record as he went 2-for-3 with two RBIs. Palmeiro was 1-for-3 in his first game for Texas since 1993.

The hitting stars for Detroit included Encarnacion going 2-for-5 with two RBIs and two runs; Easley going 2-for-5 with one run and three RBIs; and Dean Palmer and Deivi Cruz each going 2-for-4 with a run.

Lady Hawks into crucial stretch

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

Just how important are today's and Wednesday's doubleheaders pitting Howard College's Lady Hawks and Midland College's Lady Chaparrals?

Monumental. That's at least the way Lady Hawks coach Andy Mace sees them — important enough, in fact, for him to call from his bed at Lubbock Methodist Hospital to discuss the week's upcoming games just two days after undergoing double bypass surgery.

And just as importantly, Mace wanted to make sure he had an opportunity to thank Big Spring softball legend Cotton Mize for stepping in and serving as interim coach for the Lady Hawks.

"I've never had a chance to him (Mize), but he'll never know just how much I appreciate that he's agreed to step in while I'm here and going through rehab," Mace said Monday.

"The way I see it, Big Spring is tremendously lucky to have somebody like Cotton Mize living here," he added. "And there's no question that the college and I are the luckiest of all."

But the Lady Hawks' 3 p.m. opener with the Lady Chaps, which along with both of Wednesday's doubleheader games, also set for a 3 p.m. start, are of paramount importance.

The Lady Hawks, now 37-11 overall following their second-place finish at the Midland College Tournament over the weekend, currently lead the Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJAC) with a 4-2 record.

El Paso Community College's Lady Tejanos, who took a 3-2 win over Howard in the Midland tourney's championship game Saturday evening, are one game back at 3-3 in WJAC action, while Midland is 2-4.

"There's no way to explain how important these games are ... not only to our chances of getting into the playoffs ... but in getting recognition for the few sophomores we have on the team," Mace noted.

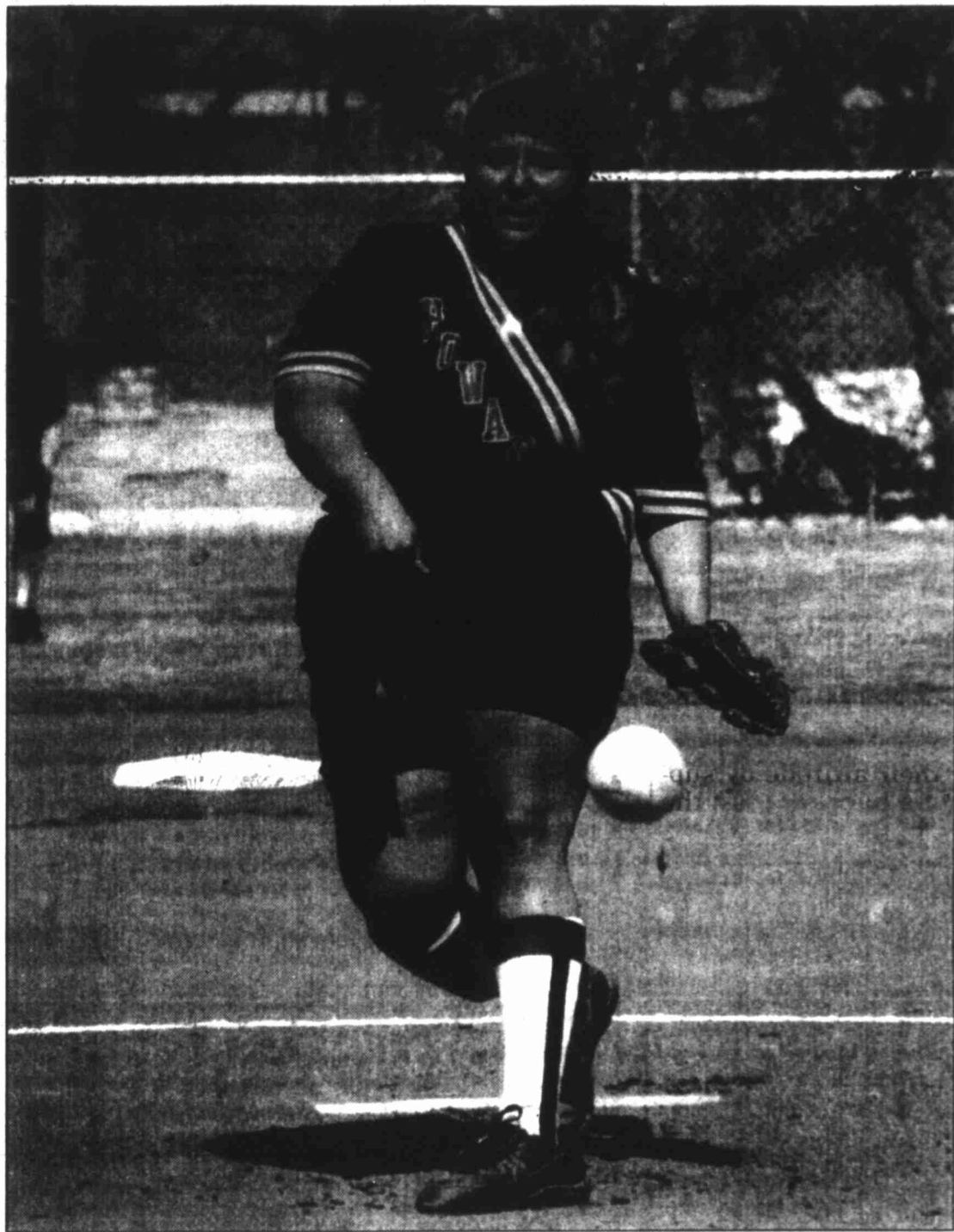
"All three of the teams in our conference are every bit as good as any of the teams in the northern conference, but only two of us are going to get to go to the regional tournament," he explained. "That makes these games in Midland and the doubleheaders Friday and Saturday when El Paso comes here a matter of life and death, because that's going to close out conference play."

"And when you look at there being just a two-game spread between the three of us, it's pretty clear you can go from first to last in a hurry."

While there's no question that advancing to the playoffs would benefit Lady Hawks sophomores, at least one of them, pitcher Maria Lopez, isn't going without recognition.

Lopez, a second-team all-American for Mace at Eastern Oklahoma as a freshman, is currently the nation's strikeout leader.

Going into last weekend's tournament,



HERALD photo/Jim Fierro

Howard College's Maria Lopez, shown here throw a three-hit shutout over Midland's Lady Chaparrals on March 20, currently leads the nation with 206 strikeouts. She and her Lady Hawks teammates head into crucial conference doubleheaders with Midland today and tomorrow before closing out WJAC play hosting El Paso's Lady Tejanos on Friday and Saturday.

Lopez had fashioned a 20-5 record and struck out 206 batters, while Seminole (Okla.) College's Amanda Cave was second on the national leaders' list with 192. Lopez improved her record to 24-5 in pitching all but one of the Lady Hawks' five tourney wins.

Lopez and Julian both earned all-tournament honors.

Mace said he was particularly pleased to hear that freshman Brandy Smith, who'd been sidelined for two weeks with shoulder pain, had returned to the starting lineup and pitched well in the title game loss to El Paso.

"There's no question that we were getting in an uncomfortable position," Mace said. "Maria's a great pitcher and she's strong enough to start a lot of games, but she needs a break and we were really concerned when Brandy wasn't able to come back as quickly as we'd hoped. That's why it was great to see Kristine DeVoss come in and pitch the win over UTPB in that first game of the tournament."

The Lady Hawks will close out WJAC play this weekend, playing host to El Paso in 1 p.m. doubleheaders Friday and Saturday at the Big Spring ISD Softball Complex.

McGwire's, Griffey's homers highlight openers

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

For all those fans who spent the winter wondering whether Mark McGwire could do it again, start counting.

McGwire hit home run No. 1 Monday night when he connected on opening day — just like did last season on the way to a record-breaking 70.

"Last year is over with. Turn the page," McGwire said after his St. Louis Cardinals lost to Milwaukee 10-8. "It was a great year."

Said David Weathers, who served up the shot: "Welcome to 1999."

A little bit later, Ken Griffey Jr. also went deep. He hit his seventh home run on opening day, one behind Frank Robinson's record, in an 8-2 loss to Chicago. The Seattle star did it after career homer king Hank

Aaron threw out the first ball at the Kingdome.

Yet even before Big Mac and Junior homered, there was plenty to jazz up Monday's 11 openers.

Roger Clemens made his debut for the World Series champion New York Yankees, striking out eight in 6 1-3 innings in a no-decision at Oakland. The Rocket and his new teammates wore a No. 5 on their left sleeves, a tribute to the late Joe DiMaggio, but lost 5-3 in a rain-shortened game.

Cal Ripken, of all people, hurt himself and had to leave a game. Kevin Brown, the \$105 million man, was knocked out in his matchup with Randy Johnson. Detroit's Brian Moehler took a no-hit bid into the seventh inning.

And, just like last year, there were home runs. Lots of them. Albert Belle broke loose for

Baltimore. Raul Mondesi went wild for Los Angeles. Jose Canseco connected for Tampa Bay. Bernard Gilkey hit two off Brown.

Juan Encarnacion wasted no time — he homered for the Tigers on the first pitch of the afternoon at Texas.

After an opening day appetizer Sunday night in Mexico between Colorado and San Diego, baseball began in earnest.

"I call this my holy day," Orioles fan Robin Steel said at Camden Yards. "That's what it is for those of us who worship in the church of baseball."

The morning began with the traditional opening-day parade in Cincinnati. Later, ailing Andres Galarraga threw out the first ball at Atlanta, via TV hook-up from his home. At night, McGwire, Griffey and Clemens took over.

Sammy Sosa, who hit 66 last year, and the Chicago Cubs open tonight at Houston.

"Last year I was ready, but I think in 1999 I am more ready because a lot of people are expecting me and Mark to come back and do the same way," Sosa said after a workout at the Astrodome. "I have to say that he's ready and I'm ready."

Belle was ready, too.

Playing his first game for the Orioles, the star who figures to challenge for the home-run lead this year in cozy Camden Yards hit a three-run homer that highlighted a 10-7 win over Tampa Bay.

Belle's teammates and the crowd of 46,733 gave him a standing ovation, and the surly slugger responded with a rare curtain call. Belle also had an RBI single, more than enough to offset Canseco's 398th lifetime homer.

Duval already dominating Masters field

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — David Duval didn't even bring his golf clubs to Augusta National and he still managed to dominate the first day of practice for the Masters.

While Duval did nothing but have a little lunch in the clubhouse and formally register for the first major of the season, player after player walked off the 18th green Monday with the hottest player in the game on their minds.

Even the changes made to toughen up the golf course came in second to talk about the streak Duval finds himself on.

"I wish he would play a little less, so maybe I might win one," Justin Leonard said. "What he's done is incredible. If there was somebody whose respect he didn't have before this year, I think he's gained it."

The winner of his last two tournaments, and four already in the young year, Duval is a favorite not only in the Las Vegas sports books (5-1), but also among his peers to do what he agrees is necessary to validate his career — win his first major.

Not since Tom Watson in 1980 and Johnny Miller six years prior to that has a golfer dominated on the PGA Tour like Duval has in the last two years.

"He hasn't won a major yet," Fred Couples said. "But he's won 11 of the last 34 times he's played. That's borderline ridiculous. I don't know of anyone else who's done that."

Duval, who never plays on the Monday of a tournament, arrived with little fanfare on the back of a golf cart to take in the scene and have a bite to eat before getting down to business Tuesday with his tournament preparation.

He enters the week fresh off wins at The Players Championship and the BellSouth Classic, just two hours down the road in Atlanta. He also enters with the added confidence of having played well enough last year to miss a playoff only when Mark O'Meara knocked in a 20-footer for birdie on the last hole to win his first major.

"I can't imagine he's going to suffer any kind of letdown," said Mark Calcavecchia. "It's got to be a pretty good way to come into this tournament, winning two in a row."

Not surprisingly, Duval agreed.

"I think it's helpful to win the week before you go somewhere," Duval said. "It makes you realize that what you're doing, you're doing right. And I know I can do it."

Duval's streak not only shaved Tiger Woods out of the favorite's role, it also overshadowed the changes made to the golf course inspired by the runaway win by Woods two years ago.

Two new tee boxes have lengthened the course and a heftier cut of rough might make it more difficult to stop the ball on Augusta's slick greens if players miss the generally forgiving fairways.

The changes will be most evident on the par-5 15th, where fairway mounds that many times funneled balls further down the fairway have virtually been eliminated and 20 mature pine trees planted in their place.

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8:30 PM	Spin City (CC) Sports Night	P.J.s (CC) Family Guy	Exploring Your Brain	Movie: When You	Something Borrowed	Spin City (CC) Sports Night	Just Shoot Me Relative	Phillys at Atlanta	Mentira	Five No Dessert	Roger Miller Remembered	Hangin' With the Home-	Player (CC) Movie: City of Angels (CC)	Horatio Hornblower	New Detectives	FBI Files	York Knicks NBA	Orlando Magic at New	Baseball: Detroit Tigers	Cassius Clay: Early Years		Sparks (CC) Thea
9:30 PM	NYPD Blue (CC)	Mad Abt. You Nanny (CC)	Frontline (CC)	Remember Me	Something Blue (CC)	NYPD Blue (CC)	Dateline (CC)	Braves (35) Movie:	Primer Impacto Noc.	Dad	(CC) boys (CC) Movie: Boyz	The Wall (CC)							at Texas Rangers	Baseball Tonight	W.C. Fields: Straight Up	Comickov
10:30 PM	News (CC) Nightline	Jerry Springer (CC)	News-Lahrer	700 Club	News (35) Late	News (CC) Nightline	News Tonight Show	The Final Countdown	P. Impacto Noticiero Uni.	Walt Disney Presents	Dallas (CC)	N the Hood (CC)	(15) Movie: Swept From the Sea (CC)	Sógranos (CC)	Round Up	Law & Order (CC)	Spytek	Basketball: Utah Jazz at	Sports News	Sportscenter		BET Tonight
11:30 PM	Pol. cally Inc. Hollywood	Cops (CC) Newsradio	Monty Python Monty Python	Show-Funny Show-Funny	Show (CC) Marned. With	Ent. Tonight Politically Inc.	(CC) (32) Late	(45) Movie:	Mejor-Ritmo	Zorro (CC) Mickey Mouse	Dukes of Hazzard (CC)	(25) Movie:	the Sea (CC)	Private Dicks: Men Exposed		Biography	New Detectives	Los Angeles Lakers	FOX Sports News	Baseball Sportscenter	Chickadee 227 (CC)	Sparks (CC) 227 (CC)
12:30 AM	(12:06) Ricki Lake	Martin (CC) Judge-Brown	Monty Python Monty Python	Paid Program	Late Late Show	(12:06) Oprah Winfrey (CC)	Night (CC) (31) News	ank	Gordo y Flaca El Blablazo	Movie: No Deposit, No	Roger Miller Remembered	Boys Will Be Boys	Beverly Hills Women	Movie: Falling Down (CC)	News Round Up	Horatio Hornblower	FBI Files	Insid NBA Movie: The	Last Word Ultimate	Sportscenter	(12:05) Movie: The	Midnight Love

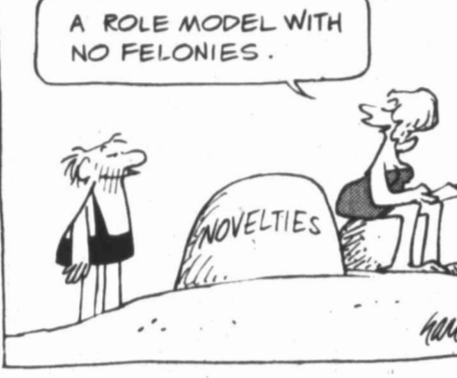
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"If that's Granddad's cloud, he must be sittin' on the other side of it."

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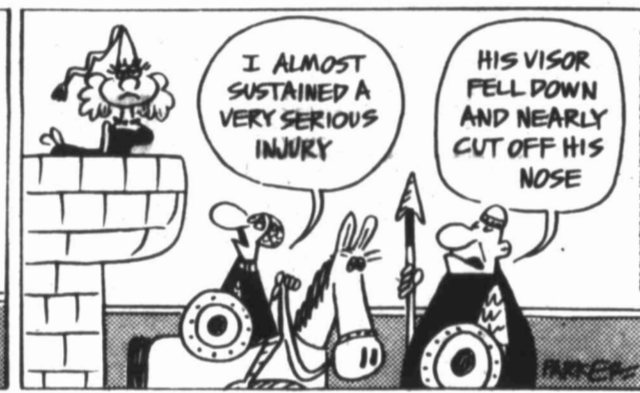


"IF YOU CAN'T LICK 'EM, COLLECT 'EM... HUH, MR. WILSON?"

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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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Today is Tuesday, April 6, the 96th day of 1999. There are 269

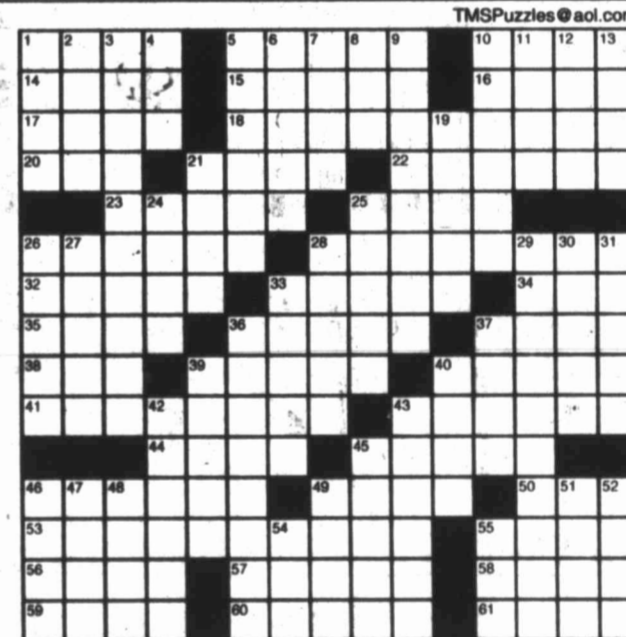
days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History:
On April 6, 1909, explorers Robert E. Peary and Matthew A. Henson became the first men to reach the North Pole. The claim, disputed by skeptics, was upheld in 1989 by the Navigation Foundation.

On this date:
In 1830, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints was organized by Joseph Smith in Fayette, N.Y.
In 1862, the Civil War Battle of Shiloh began in Tennessee.
In 1896, the first modern Olympic games formally opened in Athens, Greece.
In 1917, Congress approved a declaration of war against Germany.
In 1945, during World War II, the Japanese warship Yamato and nine other vessels sailed on a suicide mission to attack the U.S. fleet off Okinawa; the fleet was intercepted the next day.
In 1965, the United States launched the Early Bird communications satellite.
In 1971, Russian-born composer Igor Stravinsky died in New York City.
In 1985, William J. Schroeder became the first artificial heart recipient to be discharged from the hospital as he moved into an apartment in Louisville, Ky.
Ten years ago: Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev met with British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher in London, holding daylong talks that were characterized as argumentative, but friendly.

THE Daily Crossword

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- ACROSS
- Islands discovered by Tasman
 - Madonna movie
 - Fewer
 - Touch against
 - Centering points
 - Unemployed
 - Conway and Curry
 - Wed
 - Psychic's gift
 - Isinglass
 - Air intake
 - Wiretap
 - Far from the Madding Crowd* star
 - Bates
 - Female surfer
 - Medieval weapon
 - Mountain ridge
 - Pine Tree State
 - Ram's mate
 - Venetian honcho
 - Recorded
 - Turner of "Madame X"
 - Flightless Aussie bird
 - Wise ones
 - Mosquito or flea, e.g.
 - Holy places
 - Trivial
 - Granny
 - Breadth
 - Nearly
 - Fashion of the moment
 - Coop item
 - Behave
 - Gift-tag word
 - Make eyes at
 - Roundup
 - Unlikely
 - Favorites
 - Severe
 - Bid first



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Monday's Puzzle Solved

DOGS	VENT	ASKED
ALOT	APER	PIECE
IDLE	NICE	ODEON
SIDEKICKS	LENNY	
YEARN'S	SALT	
	OHIO	MORALS
FROST	CATO	ARIA
LORI	MOTOR	CELL
EYED	ONER	SKATE
ASSERT	RIOT	
	BEEP	PUNDIT
GENOA	SIDE	BURNS
IDEAL	ARAN	RICA
SNARL	LANE	SEAR
TARDY	MEAD	ERNS

DOWN

- Destiny
- Sacred
- Egyptian bird
- Move too soon
- * a Most Unusual Day
- Lure
- Utterance
- Notion
- Vietnamese holiday
- Hair shade
- Equates
- Best of Hollywood
- Tab's target
- Genesis character
- Backspace
- Lion's locks
- Sacred ceremony
- Zodiac sign
- Splashes in the shallows
- Lure of the Kitchen
- Agulhas and Cod, e.g.
- Get off
- Property holder
- Worm-out
- Molten rock
- Jeezers
- Rhythmic cadence
- Secret store
- Commanded, old-style
- \$100 bills
- Dupe
- Baseball's "Big Poison"
- On the apex
- Box seat
- Run in the heat?
- Take the bus
- Tipper's last
- Feds
- Straw drawn
- Partner of

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Five years ago: Supreme Court Justice Harry A. Blackmun announced his retirement after 24 years. The presidents of Rwanda and Burundi were killed in a mysterious plane crash near Rwanda's capital; widespread violence erupted in Rwanda over claims the plane had been shot down. A Palestinian suicide-bomber killed seven Israelis in an attack on a bus in Afula.

One year ago: The Dow Jones industrial average closed above 9,000 points for the first time. Energy Secretary Federico Pena announced his resignation. Country singer Tammy Wynette died at her Nashville, Tenn., home at age 55.

Today's Birthdays: Composer-conductor Andre Previn is 70. Actor Ivan Dixon is 68. Country singer Merle Haggard is 62. Actor Billy Dee Williams is 62. Actor Roy Thinnes is 61. Movie director Barry Levinson is 57. Singer Michelle Phillips is 55. Actor John Ratzenberger is 52. Actress Marilu Henner is 47. Figure skater Janet Lynn is 46. Actor Michael Rooker is 44. Actress Ari Meyers is 30. Actor Paul Rudd is 30. Actor Jason Hervey is 27. Actress Candace Cameron is 23.

Thought for Today: "History is the ship carrying living memories to the future." — Sir Stephen Spender, British poet and critic.