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Big Spring Blood drive set Saturday at Big Spring Mall

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WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

□ Disabled American Veterans Chapter No. 47, 6:30 p.m., VAMC room 212.
□ Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third.

TUESDAY

□ Intermediate line dance classes, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center.
□ Democratic Club of Howard County will meet on the second floor of the courthouse, 6 p.m. All interested persons are welcome to attend.
□ Big Spring Art Association, 7 p.m., library annex, 500 Main, community room.

□ Big Spring Chapter No. 67, Order of the Eastern Star, 7 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.
□ 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 a.m. for 55 and older.
□ Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

WEATHER

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State says tropical storm changed private property to public

GALVESTON (AP) — Tropical storm Frances so severely eroded the Texas coastline that the state may force 107 homeowners to move because their homes are now on public beaches.

The September storm left many houses on the beach, deemed public property under the Texas Open Beaches Act.

State Attorney General John Cornyn is expected to decide this week whether to pursue Texas Land Commissioner David Dewhurst's recommendation that the state take legal action to force removal of the 61 houses in Galveston County and 46 Brazoria County homes from beaches.

Since October 1986, those buying a beach-front home have signed a release

acknowledging that they would have to move the structures if erosion shifted the beach beneath them, Dewhurst said.

"Although I am determined to protect hardworking men and women and their private property rights, the Texas Open Beaches Act requires open access to our public beaches," Dewhurst said last week.

John Arlington, a Bermuda Beach resident is one of the Galveston County homeowners who may be forced to move.

"The General Land Office is trying to tell us the Texas Open Beaches Act excludes any consideration of my property rights," he said. "Don't tell me I

don't have property rights under the Constitution."

Ken Hixon, another resident, said Dewhurst's effort to push the homes without compensating their owners is unconstitutional.

"The great thing about the Constitution is that it uses few words to tell you what your rights are," he said. "The Fifth Amendment says, '... nor shall private property be taken for public use without compensation.'"

Arlington said the land office also should be concentrating on how to fight erosion instead of battling homeowners. "They sit on committees and vote down putting sand on our beaches to

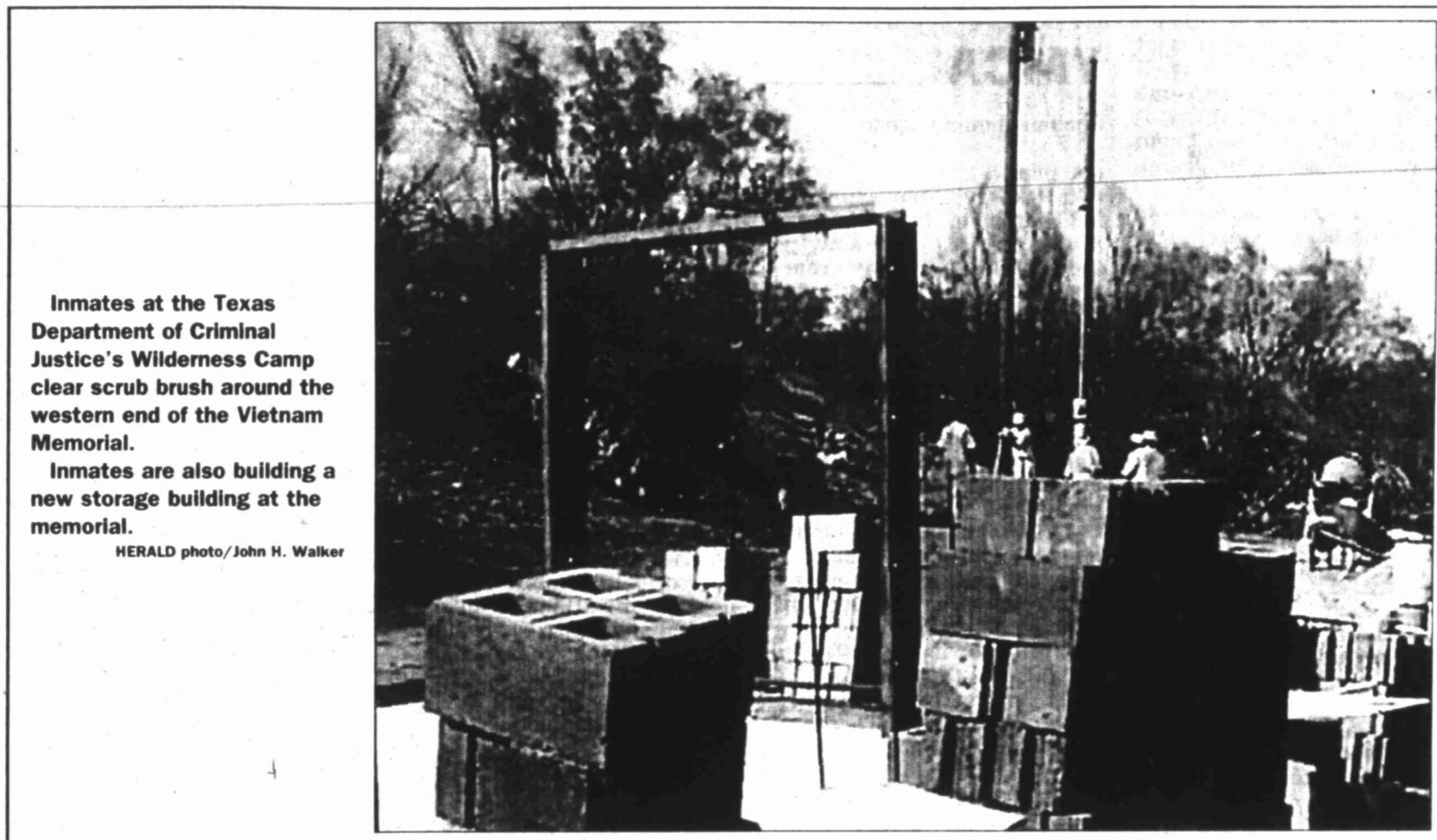
regenerate them," he said. "I think Dewhurst should allow people to spend their own money repairing their homes and get out of the picture. Leave the property owners alone."

Bermuda Beach resident Lee Wiley, who said his home also was one of those in danger, expressed disappointment with Dewhurst.

"We have to be aware that these are politicians we're dealing with," Wiley said. "When Dewhurst came in, I thought he was in favor of property rights."

Wiley called himself a longtime

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Inmates at the Texas Department of Criminal Justice's Wilderness Camp clear scrub brush around the western end of the Vietnam Memorial. Inmates are also building a new storage building at the memorial.

HERALD photo/John H. Walker

HC offering first-ever hunter safety course

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Howard College is offering a two-day hunter safety course that will cover the basics needed to receive a hunting license in Texas, along with several other areas of sportsmanship.

"We will be covering things about our history and our heritage and the sportsman's role in wild life management. We'll go all out. This will be a typical Howard College affair," said Joe

Cook, organizer of the course and a law enforcement instructor with the college.

The classes are set for Wednesday and Thursday, May 26-27, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The cost is \$25, which includes lunch, morning and afternoon snacks, transportation and materials.

Along with the hunter's safety course, demonstrations in archery and black powder shooting will be shown the students, Cook said.

"They will learn modern fire

arms, the basics about them, as well as black powder and archery, the primitive fire arms," Cook said.

Students will be transported to a private firing range by Howard College, and each class day will offer videos, and discussions, he said.

"The discussions and classroom time will be kind of informal time, as the instructors get the information across to them," he said.

The two-day class is limited to 50 students and will be taught

by certified hunter safety instructors.

Also, hunter safety as well as emergency response will be taught, he said.

"They will be taught their first responsibility is to avoid getting hurt. They will also be shown basic first aid, and the process you can apply and how to recognize different types of injury, as well as hypothermia, thing like that," Cook said.

Students will use instructors

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New activities for tap for YMCA's summer program

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

Registration for summer participation is under way at the Big Spring Family YMCA, with two new activities planned.

For the first time, the YMCA will offer baseball for children age five through 12.

"We have had some folks tell us that a lot of kids are done playing ball at the beginning of June and are looking for a

chance to play some more," said Cindy Kincaid, YMCA program director.

Incredible Tee Ball will be held for five- and six-year-olds; Coach pitch is for those age seven to nine; and Kids Pitch will be held for age 10 through 12.

A seven-game season will be played. The program fee includes a T-shirt. Games will begin June 26. Deadline to register is June 12.

The other new activity is a

mini-gymnastics camp. The week-long camp is scheduled to be held in July, before the Sidewinder team leaves to compete in Savannah, Ga. Camp I will be July 5-9 and Camp II will be July 26-30. Instruction will be from 9 a.m. until noon. The camps are for children age six and older.

Summer swim lessons sessions are planned to begin June 1. Classes will meet weekdays for two weeks.

"During the summer months,

the YMCA offers a parent/tot class for families with children age two and younger in addition to the pre-school and school-age classes offered all year," said Kincaid.

For children age three and older, the YMCA offers beginner, intermediate and advanced level classes.

The YMCA swimming pool will be open to the public from 2 until 5 p.m. and from 7 until

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As many as 2,500 expected for Saturday's March for Jesus

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

The local 1999 March For Jesus promises to be an intermingling of numerous members of various Christian denominations, as they take to the streets proclaiming their faith.

And the number of persons participating in the rally could range from 250 to 2,500.

"Things are going really well, and everything is starting to fall into place," said organizer Jack Nixon.

"This is a global worship celebration of Jesus," he said.

Local pastors involved in organizing the event are Craig Felty of Cornerstone Church, Don Snipes of Baptist Temple, Robert Lacey of Hillcrest Baptist, Leo Free of Living Water and Greg Taylor Miracle Revival Center.

"This is for anybody who is in the body of Christ. There are not specific denominations, we will all just lift up the name of Jesus," Nixon said.

March For Jesus began in England in the early 1980s, he

MARCH FOR JESUS

- WHEN — Saturday
- WHERE — Howard County Courthouse lawn
- ROUTE — South on Scurry to Eighth, west to Gregg, south to 10th, east to Main and north back to the Courthouse

said. A church revival swelled the building in London, and organizers took their meeting into the streets, he said.

Since that time, people all around the world have joined together to march through the streets, declaring their faith and worshiping.

"The whole thing starts at sunrise in Tonga, New Zealand, and for 24 hours there is not a moment goes by that somewhere around the world, someone is marching for Jesus," Nixon said.

Locally, the march begins at 10 a.m. on the Courthouse lawn.

Most of those participating will begin reaching the site about 8:30 or 9 a.m., he said.

The route will take the marchers south on Scurry to Eighth Street, west to Gregg, south again to 10th, east to Main and then north back to the Courthouse.

"We will then have prayer and praise at the Courthouse, on the east side," he said.

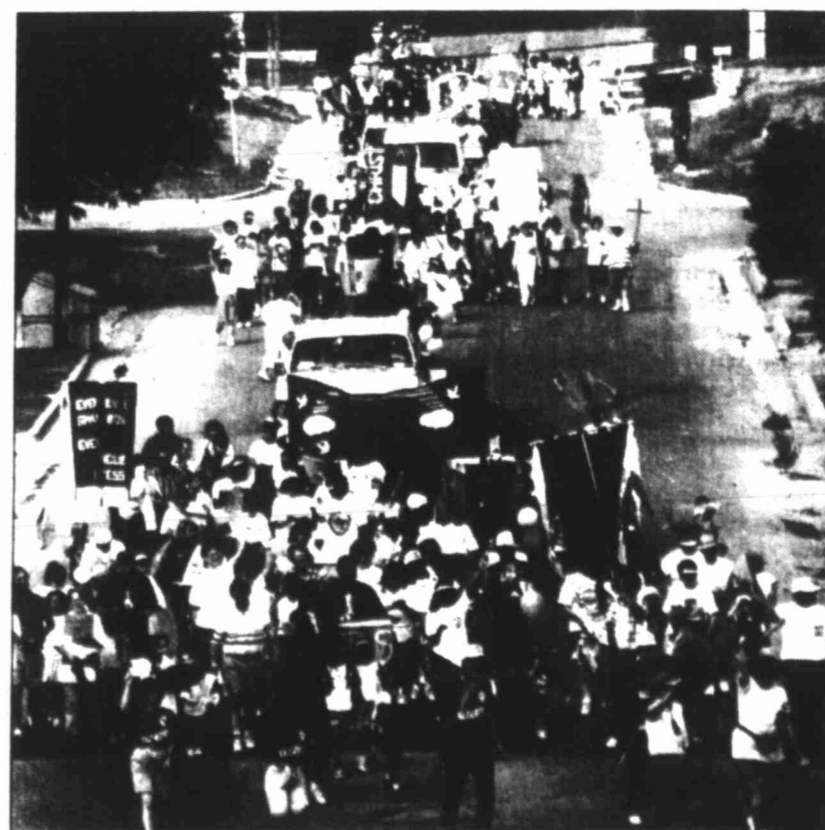
Special March For Jesus music will be played by KBST Radio, he said.

"They do that for us every year. Big Spring has been involved in the march since 1993," he said.

For the first several years, attendance grew to nearly 2,500 marchers, but then the crowd thinned to less than 300.

Nixon said organizers are hoping for greater attendance this year, as a result of the other local endeavors toward uniting Christians, such as the Day of Prayer, and the Prayer For Rain rallies.

For more information, contact any of the pastors on the committee, or Nixon at 264-9318.



Participants from a previous March for Jesus in Big Spring are shown in this file photo.

Police

Injury to child, elderly assault and vandalism keeping BSPD officers busy

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

The Big Spring Police Department are actively investigating an injury to a child and an assault of an elderly person that occurred this weekend.

Sgt. Roger Sweatt, public information officer with the BSPD, said officers are also investigating a vandalism that occurred at Goliad Middle School Friday night.

"Everything is pretty hectic, and I have read the reports and am still looking into these matters," Sweatt said.

On Sunday at about 5 p.m., a 13-year-old girl was assaulted by a 45-year-old man known to her. Leslie Currie was arrested for injury to a child, and held on \$16,500 bond.

"The injuries were not life threatening, and she was not taken to the hospital," Sweatt said.

And on Saturday, a 76-year-old man was assaulted by another 45-year-old man, and was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

"I know these injuries were not life threatening either, but I do not know for sure that he as not admitted to the hospital," Sweatt said.

Terry Poindexter, 45, was arrested for assault of the elderly. His bond was set at \$15,000.

Sweatt said the assault occurred on the west side of Big Spring, and there is a evidence that the suspect might have been intoxicated at the time.

Also, police officers are investigating vandalism that occurred about midnight at Goliad Middle School.

About 35 windows and a glass door were broken by rocks, with an estimated damage total of \$3,500, Sweatt said.

"Of course, we won't know

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U.N. mission meeting with Milosevic before going on to Kosovo

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — A U.N. delegation was in Belgrade today, preparing to make the first trip to Kosovo by international authorities since nearly half the province's population was driven out and NATO launched airstrikes against Yugoslavia.

President Slobodan Milosevic has reportedly agreed to meet with the delegation before they leave to assess humanitarian needs throughout Yugoslavia. It

Twisters

Two killed in Western Iowa as twisters hit 4 counties

LOGAN, Iowa (AP) — Two people died in tornadoes that injured at least 14 in western Iowa and caused damage in at least four counties.

Many of the injured Sunday were taken to Community Memorial Hospital in Missouri Valley. Names of the two people who died were not released pending notification of relatives, said Jim Seymour, a hospital administrator.

"We're trying to piece all this together," said Harrison County Sheriff Terry Baxter. "We're looking at possibly three tornadoes between Logan and Beebeetown."

The tornadoes, which developed about 4 p.m., destroyed six homes, damaged several others and destroyed a bridge on a rural gravel road, the Harrison County sheriff's office said.

The Iowa Welcome Center near Missouri Valley had parts of the roof blown off, Baxter said. U.S. Highway 30 and Iowa Highway 127 were closed due to extensive damage reported in the area, including downed trees and power lines.

In Pottawattamie County, authorities reported two tornadoes touching down near State Highway 92, one of them reportedly more than a mile wide.

"I saw it tear through some houses and a couple of barns went up and then the tornado maxed out," said Matt Ver Steeg, a storm spotter for Des Moines station KCCI-TV.

Pottawattamie authorities said there were no immediate reports of injuries.

A tornado destroyed at least one farmhouse in Crawford County, but no injuries were reported, a Crawford County sheriff's dispatcher said.

Also Sunday, thunderstorms in eastern Iowa dumped more than 3 inches of rain by late evening.

Heavy rainfall caused flooding in several counties, including Hardin County in central Iowa and Black Hawk, Buchanan, Delaware and Dubuque counties in northeastern Iowa, the National Weather Service said.

was not clear if that meeting would take place today.

The 15-member team, driving a fleet of white four-wheel drive vehicles followed by a diesel fuel tanker, arrived in the Yugoslav capital on Sunday.

"We are worried about the hundreds of thousands that are said to be on the move in that province," team leader Sergio de Mello said Sunday. "It's the first time we are able to embark in this kind of way and right in the middle of a war — we are determined to do as professional a job as possible."

NATO officials said poor weather forced the cancellation of most NATO flights over Yugoslavia early today, with only 83 strike sorties carried out.

"Three-quarters of the strike packages had to be canceled as a result of the bad weather," NATO spokesman Jamie Shea said in Brussels, Belgium.

A statement said the attacks that did take place occurred in southwest Kosovo. Since

Sunday, a small number of Serb armor, military vehicles and artillery positions were struck. Strategic strikes included the airfield at Sjenica, NATO said.

The state-run Tanjug news agency said 10 explosions were heard near the town of Cacak, 70 miles south of Belgrade, and a NATO missile was shot down.

State-run and private media also reported attacks near the town of Uzice, 75 miles southwest of Belgrade, and near Krajevo in central Serbia.

Belgrade was not bombed overnight, but air defense units fired at unmanned spy aircraft above the capital, Tanjug reported.

In Washington late Sunday, a senior Pentagon official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said two Yugoslav soldiers held by NATO in Germany would be released. Their pending release comes after the release earlier this month of three U.S. Army soldiers captured along the Kosovo-Macedonia border.

NATO targets on Sunday

included Kosovo's second largest town, Prizren, which is near Korisa, the village where Yugoslavia reported 87 civilians killed late Thursday in the single most deadly civilian bombing of the war.

American and British officials expressed increasing suspicion that Serb forces deliberately trapped civilians next to a military command post in Korisa to use them as "human shields."

Yugoslavia, which has denied the charges, says NATO's intensive bombardment is obstructing a partial withdrawal of its troops from Kosovo. NATO, however, says there is no evidence of any of the estimated 40,000 Serb troops and special police withdrawing from Kosovo, a province in the Yugoslav republic of Serbia.

NATO launched its air campaign March 24 to force Milosevic to accept a peace plan. Their demands include total withdrawal of Serb forces, the return of refugees and the deployment of an international

peacekeeping force.

Some 790,000 ethnic Albanians — nearly half the population — have since been expelled by Serb forces or fled Kosovo.

Beta, the private news agency, reported Sunday evening that according to unofficial estimates 95,000 people — 35,000 Serbs and 60,000 ethnic Albanians — have left Pristina, the capital of Kosovo. Before the current crisis, the population was 240,000.

In Macedonia, ethnic Albanian refugees from the Urosevac area of southern

Kosovo said those left behind are enduring a terrifying existence of constant food shortages, sporadic killings and deadly raids from Serb forces.

"In our village, they separated the men from the women and some 40 people were gunned down, said Ajim Gasi, one of 800 Kosovo Albanians who crossed the border Sunday. "We need immediate help from the West in Kosovo, both in terms of humanitarian aid and military aid to save the people still inside. It's a very harsh situation — a catastrophe."

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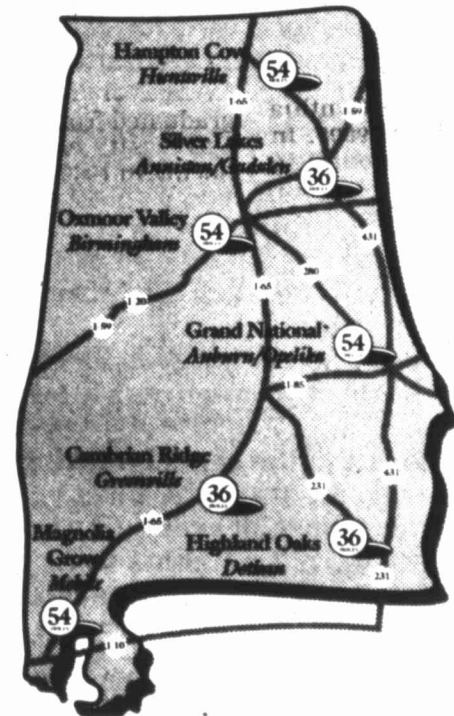
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EDITORIAL

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OUR VIEWS

One more time Big Spring, you walked the walk

You did it, Big Spring. You talked the talk — and more importantly — you walked the walk. You raised more than \$100,000 to fight cancer last weekend.

Five years ago, when 19 or so teams got together during Relay For Life and raised about \$23,000, it must have seemed like a miracle. Image, one dollar for every man, woman and child in the community. How many cities could do that?

How many could raise more than \$4 for every man, woman and child? That's what you accomplished this year.

Did someone say "depressed economy?" Yes, we could use some rain, a little boost in the tax base. We just didn't let those facts get in the way of a common goal. Bankers, teachers, oil field workers, farmers, preachers, doctors, students, social workers — people from all walks of life joining together. Perhaps that is because cancer is just as indiscriminate. Perhaps it is just Big Spring people, pulling together as always for a common good.

Nothing this successful can take place without the planning and hard work of a lot of people, and the Relay For Life chairmen and committee chairmen are to be commended. They did another terrific job.

Hats off also, to all of the businesses who got into the spirit, allowed employees time off, paid for signs and banners and posters and held extra fund-raisers, all for the battle against cancer.

Thanks, too, to all the walkers. They made 5,836 laps around the quarter-mile track. A record 58 teams were represented this year.

Thanks to those who volunteered their time to entertain us. You made it a much more festive and fun place to be.

Our hearts go out to the cancer survivors and those who are currently fighting the disease. You are the reason for this very special event. And because of you, we will continue until the fight is won.

Thank you, Big Spring, you did it again. You walked the walk.

OTHER VIEWS

The preparations for the arrival of Kosovar refugees at Fort Dix, N.J., had a peculiarly American touch...

For people who had been evicted at gunpoint from their burning homes, seen their neighbors murdered and lived in unbearable squalor of a makeshift camp, the GIs installed toddler gates on the stairwells.

The refugees are truly in America now — but only temporarily, the Clinton administration insists.

"We will not let Mr. Milosevic succeed in keeping you out of your homes," first lady Hillary Clinton told the first 453 refugees, almost half of them children, of an expected 20,000.

They would be going back, she promised, "as soon as possible."

And, based on press

interviews, most of them plan to — for now. ...

The Kosovars are ethnic Albanian and Muslim from one of Europe's poorest and remotest regions. Other immigrant groups have succeeded despite similar handicaps; there's no reason to suppose the Kosovars will be any different.

The government will try to ease them — temporarily, of course — into American society through English classes, job training, help with the rent and support from private groups. ...

However, if the Clinton administration is serious about the refugees being here only temporarily, it should hurry up and evict the Serb military in Kosovo. ...

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CALLER-TIMES

Precise language also Kosovo casualty

By WALTER R. MEARS
AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the language of the air war that NATO does not call a war, "ethnic cleansing" is a strangely antiseptic phrase for repression and killing, coined by perpetrators, now used by their foes.

It sounds better than the reality of ruined, torched homes and people driven from them, some killed, some exiled. Not quite genocide, but related. But the Balkan phrase routinely is used by NATO and U.S. officials.

"The ethnic cleansing of Kosovo, which has led to the killing of thousands of people and the relocation of hundreds of thousands, is a deliberate and systematic crime." President Clinton said in apologizing for the mistaken NATO bombing of the Chinese Embassy in Belgrade.

That was a tragic error, he said. It could not be written off in the usual NATO euphemism for the inadvertent killing of civilians or off-target destruction because in this case, the embassy was targeted by blunder, when the bombs were meant for a weapons direc-

torate. The CIA got the address right, but gave the military the wrong directions on where it was.

"It was a big mistake," Secretary of Defense William Cohen said at a Senate hearing. "It was not a pilot error; it was not a mechanical error. It was an intelligence failure."

That accounting has one advantage over much of the jargon used in the NATO air campaign against Yugoslav Serbs — "campaign" being the word for bombing and missile raids.

Cohen used terms that meant what he said.

"Ethnic cleansing" does not. It is a Serbian term for driving out other people, in the current case the Albanians of Kosovo, the province the Yugoslav regime wants rid of them. While variations of the usage date to the earliest days of World War II, it is a 1990s usage, by Serbs and Croats, for what they were doing and sometimes, for what they said was being done to them.

Slobodan Milosevic said in 1987 that the Albanian majority was seeking to "ethnically clean Kosovo."

NATO began bombing Serb targets because Milosevic

refused to accept a settlement with an international peacekeeping force to prevent the Serbs from doing violence against the ethnic Albanians.

The Serbian word "ciscenje" gains something in the translation to "ethnic cleansing" in English.

To cleanse is a good thing — defined by the dictionary as "to release, deliver or absolve from sin or guilt." Or to wash clean.

What really has happened, by U.S. and independent accounts, is ethnic repression, destruction and murder.

NATO has its own vocabulary in the conflict over Kosovo. The declared mission is to "degrade" Serb forces and their ability to drive the Albanians from Kosovo. That means to destroy their command posts, weapons, supplies and supply lines and, obviously, to kill some of them in the process.

The aim is to force Milosevic to accept a settlement including NATO peacekeeping forces, who then could go into Kosovo in a "permissive environment," meaning they wouldn't have to fight the Serbs to make way for the return of the Kosovo Albanians who survive "ethnic cleansing."

"In our time," George Orwell wrote in 1946, "political speech and writing are largely the defence of the indefensible. ..."

"Thus political language has to consist largely of euphemism, question-begging and sheer cloudy vagueness." In "Politics and the English Language," Orwell told — and foretold:

"Defenceless villages are bombarded from the air, the inhabitants driven out into the countryside, the cattle machine-gunned, the huts set on fire with incendiary bullets: This is called pacification."

"Millions of peasants are robbed of their farms and sent trudging along the roads with no more than they can carry: This is called transfer of population or rectification of frontiers."

"People are imprisoned for years without trial, or shot in the back of the head or sent to die of scurvy in Arctic lumber camps: This is called elimination of unreliable elements. "Such phraseology is needed if one wants to name things without calling up mental pictures of them," Orwell wrote.

Walter R. Mears is vice president and special correspondent for The Associated Press.



War is heaven for organized crime

War is hell, they say — except for those who profit from it. According to our sources, the folks reaping the most benefits in the Kosovo conflict are organized crime syndicates in Albania and Macedonia, who are making a pretty penny from the tragic refugee crisis.

These sources say that Balkan gangs, strapped for cash because the bombing has disrupted their heroin trade, are making up for their losses by abducting young women and forcing them into prostitution. "This is a very good situation for them because most of the refugees are women," says Marco Gramegna, coordinator for International Organization for Migration's Task Force on Trafficking in Migrants. "They are easy prey for traffickers."

Gramegna put the number of criminal operatives inside the refugee camps "in the tens," but declined to elaborate. Sometimes the gangs aren't even waiting for the women to arrive at the camps. Press accounts are emerging of armed bands of Albanians holding up refugee convoys and abducting young women. The flood of refugees has cre-

ated so many shady "job opportunities" for the region's under-sirables that one Albanian journalist said it has become "like the Klondike during the Gold Rush."

Says Jim Boyle, a media-relations officer for the U.S. Army in the Balkans: "Albania's organized crime groups are a recognized threat that we take seriously. Soldiers and officers are provided awareness training prior to their deployment, and while the force is deployed, they take appropriate force protection measures against that threat."

Boyle declined to specify how the Army combats the threat, but said he knew of no recent altercations between U.S. forces and Albanian organized crime groups.

That very lack of conflict has allowed organized crime to thrive on the chaos. News accounts describe Western aid shipments being diverted into the black market, customs "agents" demanding bribes and gang-run taxi firms charging as much as 30 times their normal fare to transport refugees less than eight miles from the Kosovo border to nearby Albanian towns.

According to one Albanian journalist interviewed by the San Francisco Chronicle, the gangs have traditionally played the role of Robin Hood, redistributing their profits to the nation's poor.

"When Rugova (former head of the Kosovo liberation movement) held sway and the object was a peaceful settlement, the drug proceeds of Kosovo clans

were at least invested in growth, in things like better housing and health care," said the journalist. "It was a form of social taxation in a sense, and the more illegal the activities, the more that their 'businessmen' were expected to pay."

The Kosovar drug trade underwent a rapid expansion in 1997 after a financial crisis that wiped out the savings of millions of Albanians, causing widespread rioting which culminated in the overthrow of the national government.

Later that year, Interpol, the international police agency, reported that "Kosovo Albanians hold the largest share of the heroin market in Switzerland, in Austria, in Belgium, in Germany, in Hungary, in the Czech Republic, in Norway and in Sweden."

The riots had also been accompanied by looting, which emptied the nation's armories. A follow-up study by the United Nations found that at least 200,000 assault weapons stolen from the armories wound up in the Kosovo Liberation Army's arsenal.

U.S. officials have been raising concerns about alleged ties between narcotics syndicates and the Kosovo liberation movement for years. A 1995 report by the Drug Enforcement Administration worried that "certain members of the ethnic Albanian community in the Serbian region of Kosovo have turned to drug trafficking in order to finance their separatist activities."



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A lost coi Coahoma Bu of playing site week's Clas regional quar The Bulldo over Wall, wi at 7 p.m. Fri Moffatt Field. New Deal regional qu bouncing bac ing game loss County to sw Saturday in series. Reagan Cou game, 6-5, or losing 11-7 Saturday.

Industrial Le meeting set

Coaches fr planning to com er in the Industrial Slo League will tonight at Billiards. The deadline ters to be turn and play will b

BSHS golf tournament

The Big Sprin Golf Boosters C uled a two-mar name for ! Sundayat the Country Club. Entry fees w player, plus ca includes a mul following Satur

Big Spring U holiday ragba

A co-ed M Ragball Tourn held May 28-31. Anderson Comp Sponsored by UGSA, play w robin, doub with a six-gam Teams will l mum of 15 pla and older, and be \$10 per playe For more inf Jo Ellen Canale 267-1884, or Dea 268-9756.

Registration for Crossroad

Applications a accepted from te in playing in t Summer Basket Students ente 12 and 1999 high ates are eligib start Monday, Dorothy Garret at Steer Gym. There will be for both girls a A fee of \$5! includes a leagu For more in Corkery at 267 5043, or Sabri 264-5306 or 264-5

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Television

MAJOR LEAGUE B 7:30 p.m. — Ta Rays at Texas Ran Cable 97.

NBA PLAYOFFS

6 p.m. — Philad Indiana Pacers, TE 8:30 p.m. — Lo Lakers at San Ant TBS.

NHL PLAYOFFS

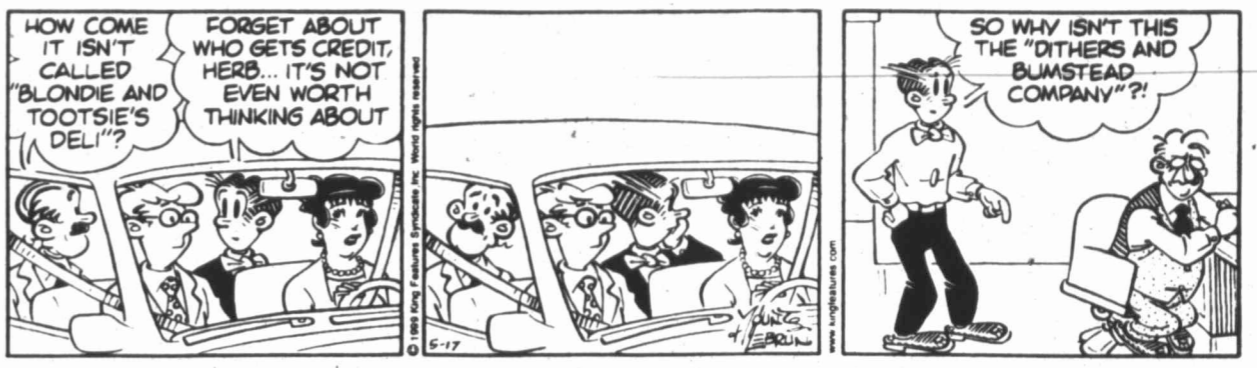
6:30 p.m. — St. Dallas Stars, ESPN 6:30 p.m. — Tor Leafs at Pittsburgh ESPN2

MONDAY		MAY 17																				
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7	PM Movie: Half a Dozen	Melrose Place (CC)	Aniques Roadshow	Life, Camera Life, Camera	Costly (CC) King	Movie: Half a Dozen	Suddenly Mad Abt. You	NBA Basketball	La Usurpadora	Thirteenth Year	Country Dance	Clue (CC)	Movie: The Proposition	Movie: Saturday	Faith Pleases God	Biography (CC)	U.S. Customs	Best of WCW '98 (CC)	Soccer: English Premier	Playoffs: Conf.	Movie: The King and I	Hi List
8	PM Babes (CC)	Ally McBeal (CC)	American Experience	Lonesome Dove	Raymond Becker (CC)	Babes (CC)	Movie: Atomic Train (CC)	Playoffs: Teams to Be	Angela	(10) Movie: Under Wraps	Prime Time Country (CC)	Movie: Beverly Hills	Movie: Saturday	Night Fever (CC)	Light of the Southwest	Investigative Reports (CC)	Story of the Elephant Man	League -- Teams TBA	Semifinal Game 6 --	(CC)	Sparks (CC) Good News	
9	PM 20/20 (CC)	Mad Abt. You Nanny (CC)	(CC) (DVS)	Chicago Hope (CC)	20/20 (CC)	20/20 (CC)	Announced Inside NBA	Cristina: Edicion Especial	(CC) Music Videos	Rotterdam: Fla vs. New York	Ninja (CC) Movie: Furry	Movie: Tricks D.C. (CC)	Thug Life in D.C. (CC)	Murder, She Wrote (CC)	Treasures of the Earth	U.S. Customs	Mortal Kombat	FOX Sports News	Sportscenter (CC)	Captain Horatio	BET Tonight	
10	PM News (CC) Nightline	Jerry Springer (CC)	News-Lehrer (CC)	700 Club (CC)	News (35) Late	News (CC) Nightline	News Tonight Show	Movie: Basic Instinct	P. Impacto Noticias Uni.	Mejor Ritmo	Zorro (CC) Micky Mouse	Dukes of Hazzard (CC) (40) Movie:	in Carwash Company II (CC)	News Secrets	Biography (CC)	Story of the Elephant Man	Movie: Galaxia	FOX Sports News	Baseball Tonight	Hornblower Movie: Seven	Sparks (CC) 2/27 (CC)	
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12	AM (12:06) Raki Lake	Martin (CC)	American Experience	Paid Program	Show (CC) (37) Late	(12:06) Oprah Winfrey (CC)	Night (CC) Frasier	(20) Movie:	Gordo y Flaca El Biabazo	Movie: The Wild Country	Prime Time Country (CC)	Against the Law	Red Shoe Movie: Loose	(12:15) Movie: Faith Pleases God	Investigative Reports (CC)	Treasures of the Earth	U.S. Customs	Mortal Kombat	FOX Sports News	Baseball Tonight	Hornblower Movie: Seven	Sparks (CC) 2/27 (CC)

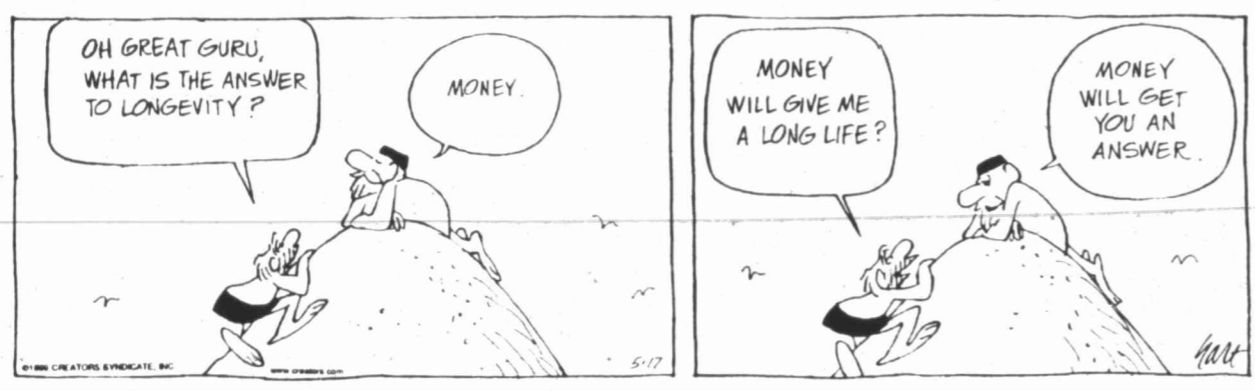
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS
Today is Monday, May 17, the 137th day of 1999. There are 228 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On May 17, 1954, the Supreme Court issued its landmark "Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka" ruling, which held that racially segregated public schools were inherently unequal.

THE Daily Crossword

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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- Mountain passes
- Speedy
- Top point
- Hawaiian feast
- Writer Zola
- Chef
- Genesis: abbr.
- 360 degrees
- Perfect place
- Works dough
- M. Descartes
- Garden plots
- Strong-arm man
- Mata
- Gain a lap?
- Jacob's twin
- Greek letters
- "The Jetsons" dog
- Whitefish
- Ararat of the PLO
- Coll common
- Surrendered formally
- Hawaiian goose
- "Do... others as..."
- Onassis, to pals
- Govt. farm grp.
- Sudden outpourings
- Deeds
- Matinee idol
- Ancient rival of Athens
- Schick's competition
- Half of the world
- Spoken
- District
- Entices
- Jodie Foster film
- Cotton separators
- Idyllic gardens
- Looks at

DOWN

- Soggy, unappetizing food
- Ambiance
- Twosome
- Quantity of sweetener
- Petroleum plant
- Entertain
- Mound
- Out of sorts
- Runner Mary
- Land measures
- Comic Imogene
- Foundry form
- Just manages
- Pakistan's neighbor
- Neighbor of Penna.
- Washbowl
- Islamic destination
- Show seats
- Riyadh resident
- Old Testament book
- Daring feat
- Furious
- Fusses
- Rotating pointers
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- Never still
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- Three-spot
- Narrative
- Building additions
- Paul Newman classic

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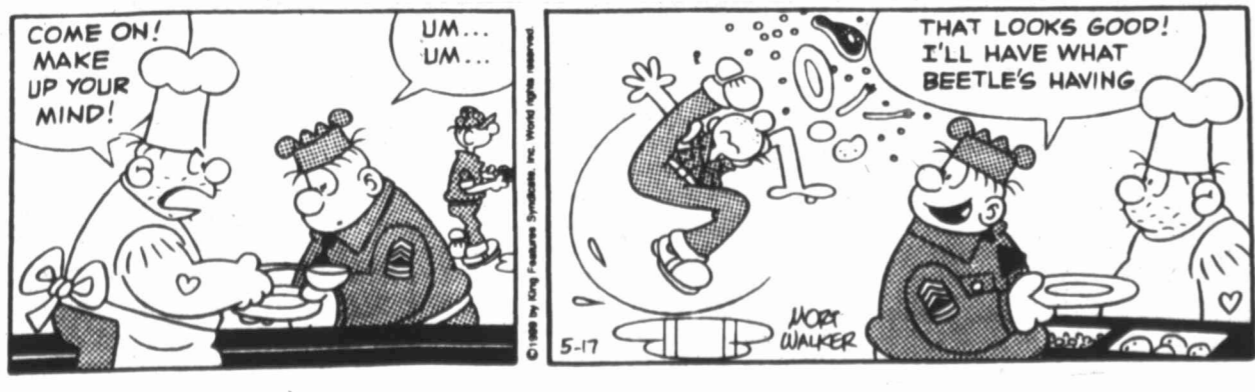
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In 1814, Norway's constitution was signed, providing for a limited monarchy.

In 1849, a fire in St. Louis, Mo., destroyed more than 400 buildings and two dozen steamships.

In 1938, Congress passed the Vinson Naval Act, providing for a two-ocean navy.

In 1939, Britain's King George VI and Queen Elizabeth arrived in Quebec on the first visit to Canada by reigning British sovereigns.

In 1940, the Nazis occupied Brussels, Belgium, during World War II.

In 1946, President Truman seized control of the nation's railroads, delaying a threatened strike by engineers and trainmen.

In 1948, the Soviet Union recognized the new state of Israel.

In 1973, the Senate opened its hearings into the Watergate scandal.

In 1987, 37 American sailors were killed when an Iraqi warplane attacked the U.S. Navy frigate Stark in the Persian Gulf. Iraq and the U.S. called the attack a mistake.

Ten years ago: More than 1 million people swarmed into central Beijing to express support for Chinese students fasting for democracy. A court in Frankfurt, West Germany, sentenced Mohan med Ali Hamadi to life in prison for his role in the 1985 TWA hijacking.

Five years ago: The U.N. Security Council approved a peacekeeping force and an arms embargo for violence-racked Rwanda.

One year ago: Leaders of the Group of Eight nations ended their summit in Birmingham, England, with a plea to Pakistan not to respond in kind to India's five nuclear explosions. New York Yankees pitcher David Wells became the 13th player in modern major league baseball history to throw a perfect game as he retired all 27 batters he faced in a 4-0 victory over the Minnesota Twins.

Today's Birthdays: Former Watergate special prosecutor Archibald Cox is 87. Opera singer Birgit Nilsson is 81. Actor-director Dennis Hopper is 63. Rhythm-and-blues singer Pervis Jackson (The Spinners) is 61. Singer Taj Mahal is 57. Singer-songwriter Jesse Winchester is 55. Actor Bill Paxton is 44. Boxing Hall-of-Famer Sugar Ray Leonard is 43. Actor-comedian Bob Saget is 43. Singer Enya is 38. Singer-musician Trent Reznor (Nine Inch Nails) is 34.