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Veterans prepared for Saturday's Poppy fund-raiser

Saturday is Poppy Day, when members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will sell red poppies to benefit former soldiers who now face hard times.

"This will benefit our veteran's fund," said VFW Post 2013 Commander Leo Welch, a veteran of the Normandy invasion in World War II. "That fund helps veterans in need, with any kind of need they may have."

The VFW supplies needy and down-on-their-luck vets with everything from hygiene items to gasoline.

VFW members will be at various locations throughout Big Spring on Saturday, selling the bright red "buddy" poppies. The small flowers, assembled by disabled veterans, have a wire stem that can be inserted into a buttonhole.

"We hope people will wear the poppies, keeping them on from now through Memorial Day," said Welch.

Look for VFW members on Saturday at Wal-Mart, Big Spring Mall, Denny's, Herman's and other locations beginning about 9 a.m.

Blood drives set throughout area

United Blood Services will hold a blood drive from 1-4 p.m. Saturday at Big Spring Mall.

To make an appointment, call Kathy Lusk at 267-3853. Appointments are not necessary, but can save time.

Other drives are scheduled from 9-12:30 p.m. May 26 at Scenic Mountain Medical Center and on May 27 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Texaco Vincent and from 3:30-5 p.m. at Fiberflex Products.

WEEKEND TICKET

SATURDAY
 □ Dance 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third. Everyone welcome.
 □ The Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 □ The Potton House, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 to 5

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200 Big Spring High School students to receive diplomas tonight

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Commencement exercises for the Big Spring High School Class of 1999 will begin tonight at 8 p.m. in Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Two hundred students will receive diplomas.

Valedictorian for the Class of '99, Alison Woodall, who maintained a grade point average of 4.0 over a four-year period, will speak to those assembled.

Ashley Burson is the 1999 Salutatorian. Ashley's four-year grade point average is also a 4.0, and she will also speak at commencement.

R. Kent Bowermon, high school principal, will certify the class. Irene Bustamante, Mike Dawson, Steve Fraser, Larry Hollar, Frank Long and Larry McLellan, members of the board of trustees, will present diplomas to the graduates.

Class of 1999 president Dusty Clayton will address the graduates, followed by a special music performance of the Meistersingers, accompanied by Linda Lindell.

Lindell will also perform the processional, "Pomp and Circumstance," and the recession.

The program will conclude with the Class of '99's rendition of "Dear Ol' Big

Spring High."
 Big Spring High School 1999 Graduates are:

Vanessa Dawn Adams, Larissa Gail Adkins, Audrey Ann Agüero, Jesus Jaime Aguirre, Cheyenne Arguello, Naomi Salazar Arguello, Brian Heath Bailey, Amanda Nicole Bair, Katie Lynn Balthrop, William Guy Beckworth, Darshna Dilip Bhatta, Tiffany Michelle Birrell, Joshua Earl Bodine, Richard Earl Brackeen II, Lorie Michelle Broussard, Slaten Montgomery Broyles, Jeremy Allan Brunson, Penny Lyn Bryant, Joshua Caleb Burcham, Robert Allen Burris, Ashley Marie Burson, Heather Michelle Burt, Kasha Lanna

Burton, Nicolas Ray Bustamante.

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Christians will take to the streets Saturday

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

When they step out to proclaim their faith Saturday morning, participants in the March for Jesus will end months of work to organize the citywide event.

March for Jesus occurs around the world on the same day. Local organizer Jack Nixon called it "a global worship celebration of Jesus."

A steering committee has been meeting since February to plan the march, which begins at 10 a.m. on the Howard County Courthouse lawn. March for Jesus features music and choreographed flag routines, with marchers of all ages and denominations.

Nixon said the committee has worked with the dedication of people called to their task.

Assistant organizer and choreographer is Lisa Wiggins. Will Lovelace has served as site organizer.

Marsha Douglas was committee secretary, while Ron Alton worked as publicity chairman. Geoff Hughey serves as treasurer for the group.

"There's a lot of work to it, when you do it like it needs to be done," said Nixon, who will be joined by hundreds of people from more than a dozen local churches when the march begins.

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



HERALD photo/Marsha Sturdivant
 Samuel Warren, left, Elizabeth Klaus, Sterling Chaney, and Jacob Nixon, members of a children's marching group, practice flag choreography for Saturday's March For Jesus.

"This is for anybody who is in the body of Christ. ... We will all just lift up the name of Jesus," Nixon said.

March For Jesus began in London, England in the early 1980s when a church revival swelled the building and organizers took it 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 worshipping.

Most of those participating

will gather between 8:30-9 a.m. Saturday, and anyone is welcome to join them, Nixon 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. Spectators are also welcome, and usually line the route.

After the marchers reach their destination, the worship continues with prayer and praise on the east side of the courthouse.

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Excellent Experiences integrated youth and community

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Big Spring High School students who shared Excellent Experiences, a mentoring program sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, performed more than 400 hours of service to the community.

"This was very successful, with 100 percent completion. We had no drop outs within the six-month program," said Andrea Earle, convention and visitors bureau



EARLE

director, and organizer of the Excellent Experiences program.

Earle selected 16 students to be paired with an adult in the community. The teams worked together toward learning various community projects, as well as the career and job duties of the mentors.

"They also did three fund-raisers, and raised the money for their own graduation banquet, which we had at the Dora Roberts Community Center May 7," Earle said.

The students were required to perform all the duties for their own volunteer work and projects, she said. A chairman was appointed for the banquet.

"They did all the hard labor and all the leg work, and they

reaped the rewards. All I did was point them in the right direction, and grease the wheels, so to speak," Earle said.

One student, Adam Michael Edens, won the grand award for the most number of hours of volunteer work.

Edens donated 280 hours to the Big Spring Police Department, working with the animal control officers and his mentor, Police Chief Lonnie Smith.

"I thought this was a good way for kids to get involved with the community. When we first started out, I didn't really know any of the other kids in the program, but by the time it was finished, we were all really good friends," Edens said.

He received many prizes for his efforts, from about 17 local merchants who helped sponsor the program, she said.

"For every 10 hours of volunteer work, Kevin Ritz (movie theaters) donated a movie to the student, and a local restaurant (Santa Fe, Furr's, Sonic, Kentucky Fried Chicken and Pizza Inn) donated a meal. So per 10 hours of volunteer work, the student got a free movie and a meal," Earle said.

The program proved to be such a success, Earle has designated graduates to be coordinators for Excellent Experiences 2000.

Chris Painter, who was paired

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Long-time educator George White retires as Forsan superintendent

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Forsan superintendent George White retires as the school year ends, leaving behind a legacy of leadership with the Forsan community that spans more than 30 years.

"Graduation will be my last official act," said White, a 1959 Forsan High School graduate who returned to teach and coach in 1969.

Yet his retirement does not mean he will be taking life easy.

His plan is to go to work, and he hopes to start school in the fall, to be a funeral director and mortician, he said.

"My wife says I've got to have a job to do. I think of being a funeral director as a special service I may provide and assistance I may give in a time of grief," he said.

However, the next available mortician school begins in November, and he said he may have another position that interests him by that time.

"I just know I've got to keep working. I'm too young not to," he said.

White's career in education has always provided diversified interests. White began his career teaching history, busi-

ness law, typing and general science for Sterling City from 1963-65.

"I was the coach for the girl's basketball team, and an assistant football coach," he said.

Along with classroom instruction, he has been head football and basketball coach for both Sterling City and Forsan.

And his junior high school and high school classes covered such subjects as earth science, biology and general science.

"When I decided I was going to just teach, I became junior high school assistant principal," he said.

The junior high principal position followed, and then high school principal. He assumed the superintendency six years

ago, he said.

"I've enjoyed everything I've done in the school business, it has all been fun. That's one of the reasons I've got to go to work, I'll miss it, probably," White said.

The fun in education is one emphasis White has placed upon his career, and in his dealings with students and faculty. He said sports activities have changed little in his 36-year career.

"Kids have changed a little, but there's not much difference in sports. Kids still have fun playing, and it is important to the educational experience to play and have fun," White said.

White said students today seem smarter than their

counter parts 30 years ago, and classroom instruction has evolved as well.

"We understand the educational process better today, and we know now that everybody doesn't learn the same way," he said.

Effective teaching is a vocation, he said, and the key to being a good teacher is rapport with children.

"I don't care what a teacher knows, if she doesn't like children I don't want her in my school. If you do not like kids, don't teach," he said.

And some of his fondest memories are of seeing student successes, and the ways they

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Suit

West Texans eyeing lawsuit over low-level bomber flights

Staff and Wire Reports

PECOS — Although a lawsuit filed over the Air Force's plans to increase low-altitude bomber training flights in New Mexico has no connection to a proposal being sought by Dyess Air Force base, it will be interesting to see the outcome, area opponents contend.

Holloman Air Force in New Mexico is proposing to bring B-1B and B-52 bombers from several bases to train at altitudes as low as 300 feet over areas mostly in New Mexico. The area includes a small portion of Texas.

A group of farmers and ranchers sued the agency over plans to boost low-level flights over much of the region by more than 1,000 a year.

Apparently, the Air Force is backing off, although the plaintiffs are ready to go to court, they say, if it doesn't.

"The Air Force came along with an offer to settle, and they are really trying to stay out of court," Karre Remme, co-owner of McCoy Land and Cattle Co. and one of the five plaintiffs in the dispute, said.

"If it's not settled pretty quick, we'll be going to court on Aug. 8," he said.

Remme blames the over-flights for loss of sleep by residents, structural damage and harm to livestock, and contends that it constitutes a violation of the Third Amendment, which says citizens should not be forced to quarter military troops during peacetime.

"Some people laugh" at the Third Amendment argument, Remme said. "The people who did not file lawsuits in the past ... they've been quiet, so they're called patriots."

Meanwhile, West Texas farmers and ranchers are awaiting the outcome. They, too, plan to file suit if the Air Force doesn't back off from its proposals to conduct flights over a wide expanse of the area.

"We'll be looking at what happens in that case to see if private property means anything," said Buster Welch, president of the Heritage Environmental Preservation Association, a group formed to fight the Air Force's proposal.

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Clinton says he will sign Kosovo bill, but warns of future vetoes

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton is ready to sign a bill that provides \$15 billion for the air assault on Yugoslavia, aid for disaster victims, farm aid and other programs. But he's warning Congress that veto battles over upcoming budget bills may lie ahead.

Capping three months of wrangling, lawmakers sent Clinton the Kosovo legislation Thursday on a 64-36 Senate vote. The House approved the measure on Tuesday.

Clinton said he would sign it, citing its funds for the U.S. military, farmers, and residents of Honduras and other Central

American nations still struggling to recover from last autumn's devastating Hurricane Mitch.

But in a written statement after the vote, he warned that he opposed provisions lawmakers included "that reward special interests, weaken environmental protection, and undermine our campaign to stop teen smoking."

He added, "I call on Congress to end these stealth attempts to weaken environmental and public health protections. I have vetoed bills in the past because they contained anti-environmental riders and, if necessary, am fully prepared to do so

again."

Clinton also criticized language forbidding the federal government from claiming any of the \$246 billion the states have won from tobacco companies in a legal settlement. Clinton wanted to use some of that money for health care and anti-smoking initiatives.

But the nation's governors, who wanted to keep the money from going to Washington, were jubilant.

"States now have the certainty and flexibility to meet the health and welfare needs of the citizens in their own states," said the chairmen of the National Governors' Association.

Republican Michael Leavitt of Utah and Democrat Thomas Carper of Delaware.

Senate Republicans voted for the bill 32-23, with many of the most conservative members voting against it. Democrats supported it by 32-13, with opponents citing excessive spending or objectionable environmental amendments.

In a split at the top of the GOP hierarchy, the measure was supported by Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., but opposed by Sen. Don Nickles of Oklahoma, the No. 2 Senate Republican and a leader of the chamber's conservatives.

Conservatives criticized the package because it is stuffed with local provisions that they said were hardly the emergencies the bill proclaims them to be. These included \$250,000 to help revitalize a downtown Los Angeles neighborhood; \$2 million to intensify security at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington; and increased federal payments to some Northwestern wheat farmers.

"The freight train has stow-aways hidden all the way through," said Sen. Tim Hutchinson, R-Ark.

They also complained that all but \$2 billion of the measure's

price tag would be paid with this year's federal surplus, which comes from Social Security — money Republicans had pledged to leave alone.

Defenders focused on the bill's \$12 billion for the conflict with Yugoslavia, the Kosovo Albanian refugees, Balkan countries near the fighting and U.S. forces around the globe. They said rejecting the package would hurt American troops in combat — something few lawmakers want to be accused of doing.

"Do you think for one minute that I'd vote not to give them the equipment they need?" Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, said of U.S. troops.

Public education panel approves funding plan

AUSTIN (AP) — A \$3.8 billion proposal to give every Texas teacher a \$3,000 pay raise, fatten school funding and provide about \$1.2 billion in property tax relief was unanimously approved Thursday by a House panel.

The bill is expected to reach the House floor for debate on Sunday afternoon.

"The commitment of our state to \$3.8 billion out of a \$6.4 billion surplus says very good things about the priorities we have in our state," said Public Education Committee Chairman Paul Sadler, D-Henderson.

"I think all Texans can be very proud we have made the commitment to improving public education and at the same time attempting to take measures to ease property tax burdens."

we send money back to the taxpayers."

As passed by the House committee, the school funding bill would result in reduced property tax rates in districts ranging from the wealthiest to poorest.

Sadler said the statewide reduction would average 6 cents per \$100 worth of property value.

Schools rely on state aid, local taxes and some federal money.

The House committee also passed Bush's initiative to curtail "social promotion" — the practice of moving academically unprepared students from one grade to the next — by providing \$173 million in remedial programs.

The legislation also calls for a \$3,000 across-the-board pay raise for teachers, funding for school facilities debt, \$215 million in additional spending over the next two budget years for enhanced kindergarten and pre-kindergarten programs, and \$85 million for "second chance" high school programs aimed at ninth graders at risk of dropping out.

After shooting, Georgia school cancels classes

CONYERS, Ga. (AP) — The first bell hadn't sounded yet and the students in the commons area at Heritage High School were gabbing and munching on cinnamon rolls. It was the last day of class for the seniors.

Suddenly came a loud, startling "pop," then another, another and still another. Some figured it was a prank — maybe firecrackers — until they heard shouts of "he's got a gun!"

Then came the panic, screams, tears — and blood.

On the day Heritage High seniors were looking forward to picking up their yearbooks, their suburban community became the new focus for a nation on edge after months of fear and concern about violence in America's schools.

Six students were wounded in Thursday morning's attack, none critically.

The suspect, a 15-year-old sophomore friend said was upset over a failed romance, dropped to his knees, pulled the gun away from his mouth and, witnesses said, surrendered with a tearful "Oh my God, I'm so scared!"

The gunman was identified by friends as Thomas Solomon Jr., nicknamed T.J. He was charged with aggravated assault and other charges were being considered. Solomon must appear in juvenile court before he can be charged as an adult, something not expected before Monday.

Rockdale County Sheriff Jeff Wigington said today that the suspect broke into a locked gun cabinet in his family's base-

ment to get the weapons — a .357 Magnum and a rifle. The suspect fired 14 shots, 11 from the rifle and three from the revolver, according to a preliminary investigation.

"Apparently he was shooting at the hip, basically. He was not aiming the rifle at one particular person," Wigington said.

After the shooting, Assistant Principal Cecil Brinkley followed the student outside toward the football field and asked the suspect to hand over the handgun, which was raised at him.

"I stepped back a couple of steps and I turned to him again and I said, 'Give me the gun,' and I said again, 'Give me the gun,'" Brinkley said today. "I saw him lower the barrel of the gun and I kept getting closer and closer to him. Then I held

out my hands and he laid the gun in my hands.

"Then he gave me a real big bear hug and he said, 'I'm scared, I'm scared,'" he said.

Classes were canceled for today, though students were expected to return to Heritage High on Monday. School officials said graduation would go on as scheduled May 28.

The attack was the sixth mass shooting at an American high school or middle school since October 1997.

Many of these same students and parents had watched television coverage of the Littleton shooting a month ago. "You, like, watch it on TV and it's not your school and it's not like this," said Scottie Sanders, an 11th-grader struggling to reconstruct the morning's events. "It was like a blur."

Sadler said lawmakers this session will be able to deliver about \$2 billion in total tax reductions, including cuts in property taxes and other levies such as sales and franchise taxes.

Although that falls short of the \$2 billion in property tax cuts and \$600 million in sales and business tax reductions that Gov. George W. Bush has sought, on Thursday he described the House bill as "good progress."

"I think it is a strong step... I'm pleased at the progress being made," he said.

Scott McClellan, Bush's spokesman, added: "Governor Bush believes it is important that in times of plenty that we don't overspend on a bunch of government programs and that

"This is the greatest thing since sliced bread for teachers," said Jay Levin of the Texas State Teacher's Association.

The committee's decision came a week after legislative budget-writers informally agreed upon an estimated \$99 billion state budget for the next two years.

Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander recently announced that lawmakers would have an extra \$807 million to spend, bringing the surplus to \$6.4 billion.

Nurse accused of taking Beanie Baby from girl's hospital bed

HERSHEY, Pa. (AP) — Authorities have accused a former nurse of stealing a Beanie Baby toy from a 12-year-old girl's hospital bed while the girl was recovering from open-heart surgery.

"I just was very floored that it would happen," said Michele Kiser, the mother of patient Nicole Kiser. "I just could not believe that someone would steal from a sick child."

Police said former Hershey Medical Center nurse Suzanne E. Pinkney, 50, stole the "Angel Halo" Beanie Baby from the child Dec. 8, then later struggled with officers who confronted her.

She was charged last week with theft by unlawful taking, resisting arrest and disorderly conduct.

Nicole, who nearly died from a closed heart valve and complications, was given the \$70 toy as a gift. Police have since returned it to her.

Hershey Medical Center officials would say only that Ms. Pinkney no longer works there.

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Missile defense bill goes to president

WASHINGTON (AP) — House proponents of a national missile defense system say they will make sure that President Clinton lives up to legislation committing him to build a system capable of stopping attacks from rogue and terrorist states.

The House approved and sent to the president Thursday a Senate-modified bill that would commit the United States to a limited anti-ballistic missile defense system.

Clinton is expected to sign the bill.

The vote was 345-71, but many of the chief sponsors said they were dissatisfied with the final compromise worked out by the Senate to meet administration objections.

Their concern was that it was not strong enough to force the administration, long lukewarm about missile defense, to move ahead with deployment.

If Clinton signs the bill, said House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, "we can by rights conclude that he agrees with the plain English language


of that bill, and that is that the United States is committed to deploy a national missile defense as soon as is technically possible."

Rep. Norman Dicks of Washington, a leading Democratic defense expert, cited military testimony that it will be at least 2005 before tests can determine whether a credible defense system can be built.

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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

Each Friday, the *Herald* salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play.

This week we salute:

• **BIG SPRING PARTICIPANTS** in the Muscular Dystrophy Association's annual Lock-up.

• **VOLUNTEERS AT BIG SPRING STATE HOSPITAL**, including Don Newson, who was honored with the Jack Y. Smith Award.

• **JANICE ROSSON BOND**, who is retiring after 37 years as an educator, including 35 with Big Spring ISD.

• **VIE NAM VETERANS** who visited classes at Goliad and Runnels to talk about their experiences with the students.

• **THE 17 CERTIFICATE RECIPIENTS** who completed the best Leadership Big Spring class.

• **ELBAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND THE COMMUNITY**, who helped promote a prayer time at the school and to Central Baptist Church pastor Robert B. ... who organized the event.

Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and a brief description of their achievement. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.

OTHER VIEWS

If you made a list of burning issues before the current Congress, flag burning would not be among them. A proposed constitutional amendment to allow federal laws to prohibit desecration of the American flag is a truly big deal to only a small group of people. To the majority, including many members of Congress who support the proposed amendment, it is a low priority.

We hope the campaign fails again. Not because we support flag burning, but because for political reasons, a demonstration of such a kind is intended to offend Americans and offend the vast majority of Americans. But what if the flag burning live in a country where burning the flag is a daily interpreted as a form of political speech, behavior for which you cannot be thrown in jail. The basic right of freedom of speech would be violated. The historical standards are constantly under attack.

As a practical matter, if the Citizens Flag Alliance (CFA) really want to burn the flag, they should abandon their campaign for a constitutional amendment. The average protester will get more

more mileage out of defying a law than just burning a piece of cloth.

THE REGISTER-GUARD, EUGENE, ORE.

Here's a way to dramatically improve television: Get rid of the "Jenny Jones Show." It is tasteless, insensitive and seems designed to appeal to the lowest common denominator of its audience.

However, that should be a decision left to the court of public opinion, not the legal system.

The recent \$25 million verdict against the show stands as an example of how people in this country — sometimes jurors, sometimes elected officials — often want to overlook constitutional protections of whatever they regard as obnoxious.

What we see happening is that juries want to find ways of punishing people they don't like. However, the consequence of tearing down such safeguards as the First Amendment — among the most important hallmarks of American civilization — is that everyone's freedom is endangered. It's not just the unpopular that have rights, and it's not just the unpopular that will suffer if the rights of all are not protected.

SOUTH COUNTY JOURNAL, KENT, WASH.

Religion in school: Discussion, yes; instruction, no

Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, in one of his more ebullient moments, six years ago leaped headlong into the continuing legal conflict between church and state. He described one line of decisions as a ghoul that comes back from the grave to haunt the high court's jurisprudence.

The ghoul is back again. Now pending on a petition for review is a case that raises substantially the same issues that the high court thought it had settled in 1993. In the case immediately at hand, the Full Gospel Tabernacle of Far Rockaway, N.Y., having outgrown its own building, sought to rent a local high school auditorium for its Sunday services.

The community school district refused the request, the church went to court, and it is *deja vu* all over again.

The identical issues were before the Supreme Court last year. The Bronx Household of Faith wanted to rent the gym/auditorium of a middle school for Sunday services. Bronx authorities said no. The

U.S. Court of Appeals voted 2-1 to affirm that decision and the Supremes declined to take the case.

The leading case, under the same state law of New York, is known as *Lamb's Chapel*. This was the 1993 case that inspired the macabre metaphors of Justice Scalia. It involved a request by an evangelical church to rent a school room to exhibit a film on rearing children according to Christian principles. The law clearly permits discussion of child rearing. It was the Christian principles that local authorities found constitutionally intolerable.

In an opinion by Justice Byron White, the court agreed unanimously that school administrators cannot discriminate by reason of content. If the law permits "discussion" of child rearing, the discussion cannot be fenced to keep religion out.

Now comes the Full Gospel Tabernacle with its suit against New York's Community School District 27. The facts are not in dispute. The state's education law permits local school districts to make school premises available for a wide variety of uses "pertaining to the welfare of the community."

The permitted uses include "instruction in any branch of education, learning or the arts."

A manual of regulations provides: "No outside organization

or group may be allowed to conduct religious services or religious instruction on school premises after school.

However, the use of school premises by outside organizations or groups after school for the purpose of discussing religious material or material which contains a religious viewpoint or for distributing such material is permissible."

The regulation recalls the famous instructions given to little Billy by his mother as he headed for the swimming hole: "You may hang your clothes on a hickory limb, but don't go near the water." A congregation may freely DISCUSS the Bible, so long as no one professes belief in it.

Members of the Full Gospel Tabernacle may sing the old hymns to their hearts' content, so long as the singing is for entertainment and not for worship.

Surely something here is seriously askew.

New York's Community School District 27 has approved hundreds of applications for use of its school facilities.

The Tabernacle's petition cites dance recitals, basketball programs, union meetings, gospel singing, a "sacred concert," and Congressman Charles Schumer's town meeting.

Only religious "services" are excluded.

The Constitution does not demand such hostility to religion. The Founding Fathers

had no such animus. They dated their document on the 17th day of September "in the year of our Lord 1787." They approved the First Amendment: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." Then they provided at once for chaplains in the military and in the chambers of Congress.

No law? Congress has made Thanksgiving a national holiday. In our own time we have added "under God" to the Pledge of Allegiance. Our tax laws accord favored treatment to churches. The Supreme Court itself opens its sessions with a prayer to God "to save this honorable court."

It is only in recent times that establishment-clause jurisprudence has lapsed into what Scalia has termed a strange geometry.

The lines are crooked and they rarely intersect. A Christmas creche in a public park is OK if it includes Santa Claus with Mary and Joseph. A state may provide maps and a globe for a parochial school, but not a bus trip to the zoo.

My thought for a sound public policy is to treat the evangelical applicants like everybody else, in a class with unions, shareholders, veterans and basketball teams. There's nothing wrong with letting Christians use a vacant gym on Sunday mornings — as long as they pay the rent.



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Guns are not more accessible in America today

The current push for more federal gun control is fueled by the Littleton, Colo., tragedy

and based on a lie that is repeated over and over not only by gun-control ideologues but by talk-show hosts and politicians.

The big lie is that guns are more accessible today.

This is factually false. It is demonstrably false. The truth is that despite the Second Amendment, guns are less accessible today than at any time in American history. There are more than 20,000 gun-control laws and regulations already on the books.

Prior to 1968, there was no federal regulation at all of ordinary handguns and long guns. The only federal regulation was one passed in the 1930s

that did not ban guns but required a special license to purchase fully automatic weapons, sawed-off shotguns and silencers. Prior to that legislation, anybody who wanted to could buy a submachine gun, fully automatic, at most any store without filling out any paperwork at all.

Guns are to America what the sword is to Japan. We would not exist as a country today without guns. For the majority of America's history, guns were as common in an American household as a broom or cooking pot.

Today, most states will not allow children to own a BB gun or to shoot one unless an adult is present. I received my Daisy BB gun at age 5, and I shot it unsupervised. I received a .22-caliber rifle for my 8th birthday, and I already possessed my own pistol, a .380 semi-automatic which had been given to me by my brother-in-law, who had fought at Normandy. It was among a duffel bag full of pistols he brought back from the war.

American soldiers brought home all kinds of enemy weapons — pistols, rifles, true

assault rifles, submachine guns. Today, even an admiral or a general is forbidden to bring back a rifle as a souvenir.

There have been changes, and one change is that guns are less accessible than before. Another is that more and more Americans have been born and reared in big cities, where they had no opportunity to use a gun recreationally or for personal security. Another is that with the end of the draft back in the 1970s, fewer and fewer Americans have had an opportunity to be trained in weapons use in the military. Another change, probably related to the others, is that more journalists and politicians are simply ignorant of firearms, though that never stops them from talking about guns and wanting to regulate their ownership and use.

What happened in Littleton had nothing to do with firearms. Every other kid at that high school had the same access to firearms as the two shooters, and that's true in all the other school shootings. If you're going to argue that all the other kids had the same

access to culture and they didn't go berserk (therefore, you can't blame culture) then you must acknowledge the same argument applies to firearms.

What you are seeing all around you is the old Hegelian principle at work — thesis, antithesis, synthesis. First you create or call attention to a problem, then you generate hysteria about it, and then, voila, you offer a solution. In this case, you fan hysteria and propose, as a solution, restrictions on the right of all Americans to acquire and own firearms.

The land of the free is gradually becoming the land of the unfree. There are Americans, you know, who don't believe in freedom — at least not for others. We should never forget that humans are humans regardless of their nationality. There are always some people who have a terrible lust to control the lives of other people.

Better to be free in a society with risks than a safe slave in a dictatorship.

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Texas House tentatively passes electric deregulation legislation

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas House has endorsed legislation for utility market deregulation, which lawmakers predicted could mean lower electric rates for most of the state's residential customers.

The bill by Rep. Steve Wolens, D-Dallas, faces final House approval today after getting preliminary approval late Thursday by a 142-4 margin. It will then be sent back to the Senate which passed its version of the bill in March.

"I truly believe this will provide economic development for our state," said bill sponsor Rep. Steve Wolens, D-Dallas.

Under the legislation, electric rates would be frozen until 2002, when most electric customers could begin shopping for a new provider.

Among those voting against the legislation was Rep. Tom Uher, D-Bay City.

"There is no guarantee that this will result in lower prices," he said.

Uher said utility deregulation was still an experiment and data from other states, including California, indicated industrial customers — not residential users — would see the largest benefit.

Also voting against the bill were Reps. Zeb Zbrank, D-Winne; Ron Wilson, D-Houston; and Delwin Jones, R-Lubbock.

The bill has been criticized by some consumer groups that complained that it didn't go far enough in assuring lower prices for residential customers and in keeping incumbent utilities from keeping their market power.

"While we're uncertain whether deregulation will work this bill has many good provisions," said Tom Smith of Public Citizen.

Smith said he liked some of the environmental and consumer protection measures, including one in which facilities that have been grandfathered from environmental regulations for nearly three decades would have to

reduce emissions by 2003 or close down.

Jane Briesemeister, senior policy analyst for Consumers Union, said the bill improved significantly as it made its way through the legislative process.

"The bill now includes many of the provisions we've been pushing for," she said, noting a measure to provide assistance to low-income customers.

Still, she said, her group could not endorse the bill.

"Electric deregulation is not something consumers in this state are demanding," Ms. Briesemeister said. She added that consumers are being

asked "to take a leap of faith that deregulation will be good for them."

Bill supporters expect utility companies to be enticed into moving to Texas to offer lower prices and new technology, which could range from selling "green power" to providing gadgets that tell consumers when they are wasting the most electricity.

"This bill represents a momentous action by the Texas Legislature in recent history," said Tom Baker, president of TU Electric's distribution business unit. "Electricity customers in Texas should soon be able to choose options and new technological innovations," he said.

Senate approves gun legislation

WASHINGTON (AP) — Propelled by a shocking outbreak of school violence, the Senate passed legislation Thursday night to require the sale of safety devices with handguns and expand a system of background checks for firearms purchasers.

The vote was 73-25, and came a few hours after Vice President Al Gore eagerly broke a 50-50 tie in favor of an amendment to require background checks for all firearms transactions at gun shows and pawn shops.

Passage sent the measure to the House, where Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., has signaled support for fresh restrictions on guns. Republican and Democratic leaders were dis-

cussing plans to bring the issue to the House floor as soon as mid-June.

"What we have seen today is for the first time in a major kind of gun control issue, rejection of the National Rifle Association and a vote for common sense," Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., said as the bill neared final passage.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., said Democrats "think gun control is a good political issue and that will solve everything. I say we got all these laws on the books that are already there" that should be more strongly enforced.

A triumph by gun control advocates in the Republican-controlled Senate was improba-

ble at best until the shootings in a Colorado high school a month ago caused a marked shift in public opinion. A shooting at an Atlanta-area high school earlier in the day gave fresh impetus to the measure.

The legislation requires background checks for all sales at gun shows. It also would close what gun control advocates said was a loophole that allows anyone to pawn a gun and reclaim it without undergoing a check.

"Secure gun storage or safety devices" would have to be sold with handguns. But the measure also extends liability protections for a gun owner who uses a safety lock and whose gun is stolen and used in a crime.

Nuclear waste plan could be unconstitutional

AUSTIN (AP) — A nuclear waste disposal bill pending in the Texas Senate could violate the U.S. Constitution, the state attorney general's office says.

According to the opinion released this week, the measure proposing to privatize a radioactive waste dump would be unconstitutional if it also prohibits the state from accepting waste from other states.

Gov. George W. Bush voiced concern about legislation to allow private companies to store and bury low-level radioactive waste, saying he doesn't want Texas to be the nation's nuclear dump.

A Texas Senate committee last week approved a bill that would allow private companies,

not a state agency, to store or bury low-level waste.

The sponsor of the proposal, Sen. Buster Brown, R-Lake Jackson, said it would provide for a limitation on the amount of waste the private companies could receive. He said Bush's concerns are addressed in the bill, and that he shares the position that Texas shouldn't be a dumping ground.

However, the AG's opinion suggests that it would be difficult, if not impossible, for the state to privatize a waste site without also losing control over the sources of shipments.


The opinion concluded that a law barring private companies from accepting low-level waste from the Department of Energy

would unconstitutionally interfere with interstate commerce and federal activities.

Two private companies, Envirocare of Texas and Waste Control Specialists, are lobbying for the low-level waste site and regard the Energy Department as a lucrative source to supplement smaller quantities that would be shipped from generators in Texas, Maine and Vermont under an interstate compact.

The Senate proposal would eliminate a state agency formed in the 1980s to operate a low-level radioactive waste dumpsite. Under the House plan, only the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Authority could obtain a license.

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possible and will be getting the cards to our sister fellowships very soon.

During the 10:45 a.m. Sunday morning worship service, the Girls' Auxiliary will be recognized. There will also be a time for sharing personal testimonies about the recent crusade. Sunday evening at 6 p.m., our Senior Adult choir will present a musical, "Serve With Gladness." Come and enjoy this presentation.

This Wednesday will be the last meeting of the children's choirs, RAs and GAs until school begins in August. The meal and prayer meeting will continue through the summer with the usual time and the children will meet in the choir room for music camp.

First Church of God

Justin and Dominique Petrick, students from Mid-America Bible College, will be in Big Spring this summer to minister to the youth of our church at First Church of God, 2009 Main Street.

We appreciate you young people with all your enthusiasm and energy.

Justin is working on a degree in "Pastoral Ministry" at MBC. He and Dominique are newly married and have no children. Justin is giving up an opportunity to play baseball this summer to come to Big Spring and be with us. They will be arriving this coming Tuesday evening. Let's give them a big welcome!

First Assembly of God

This Sunday is "Pentecost Sunday." "The Purpose of the Holy Spirit in the Body of Believers" is Pastor R.T. Havener's message in the 10:40 a.m. service at the First Assembly of God Church, Fourth and Lancaster. The message will demonstrate the great need for the ministry of the Holy Spirit in the body of Christ in this hour.

In the evening service at 6, Pastor Havener will speak on "the Diety of the Holy Spirit." Both services will include special music. A fully-staffed nursery is provided in all services.

Pastor Havener and the congregation of the First Assembly of God Church invite you to these inspiring services.

First Christian Church

Saturday the youth of First Christian Church are to meet at the church at 9:30 a.m. They will go together in the church van to assemble with others from the community who are participating in the "March For Jesus" that begins at 10 a.m. at the courthouse.

This Sunday, John Pennington from Sweetwater will be brining the message during the 10:50 a.m. worship service. Also, the closing program for the "All Stars" for Jesus Bible Club will be during the morning worship service. All parents are urged to attend this service to help celebrate the accomplishments of our elementary students.

The Official Board will meet at 5 p.m. Sunday.

'Gift' of papacy received warily by Anglicans

LONDON (AP) — Talk of restoring the pope's authority in the Church of England has proven that the controversies of the Reformation burn on, and may not easily be extinguished. The Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission, which has been exploring the terms of a possible reunion since 1970, said in its latest report that the pope's authority should be received as a "gift" to all Christian churches.

The commission, made up of representatives appointed by the Vatican and the Anglican Communion, only has the power to make recommendations for the churches to consider.

But the proposed gift of papal authority was not gladly received in all quarters of the Church of England.

"Too much too soon," said The Church of England Newspaper, which reflects the Evangelical point of view in England's state church.

The newspaper balked at union with a Roman church that regards Anglican ordinations as invalid and refuses to allow Anglicans to receive the Eucharist in Catholic services.

It also expressed reservations about Pope John Paul II's deep devotion to the Virgin Mary and his revival of "indulgences," or a remission of penalties, for pilgrims coming to Rome next year.

The issue of indulgences, of course, is what drove Martin Luther to nail his 95 Theses to the church door in Wittenberg, Germany, and set Europe on the road to Reformation.

The Rev. Bruce Ruddock, a close observer of Anglican-Catholic dialogue as director of the Anglican Center in Rome, suggests that papal authority will be hard for Anglicans to accept.

"The current style of papacy sits uncomfortably at times with Anglican models of leadership," Ruddock observed in the current issue of the center's journal.

"Whilst for many people Pope John Paul II is 'the man of the century' whom God has used to change the world for the better, he is also head of a church that seems to be hardening its heart on many issues," said Ruddock, who nonetheless professed great admiration and affection for the pope.

Accepting the pope's authority would be a huge step for the Anglican communion, a collection of independent national churches that stem from the Church of England, including the Episcopal Church in the United States and the Anglican Church of Canada.

Religion in the workplace growing as a legal issue

CHICAGO (AP) — Around lunchtime every Friday, Mohammad Abdallah left his sales job in suburban Lincolnshire for the 20-minute drive to his mosque. There, he removed his shoes, faced east toward Mecca and followed his spiritual leader, his imam, in prayer.

"For Muslims, Friday is the holy day," the 30-year-old Abdallah explains.

The service took him away from work for about an hour and 15 minutes, including the 30 minutes he counted as lunch. "I would make up the time I missed by coming in early or working late," he says.

The weekly observance eventually cost the Jordanian-American his job. He took his case to the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and won a \$49,000 settlement in 1997.

A growing number of worshippers are pursuing workplace complaints: among them, Muslim women who refuse to remove head-scarves at work; evangelical Christians who bring religious objects to the office; and Jews who oppose

working on the Sabbath.

Jean Kamp, an attorney in the EEOC's Chicago office, says it's unclear to what extent an employer has to accommodate an employee's religious beliefs, and so the agency is giving priority to such cases, in hopes the courts will provide answers.

In fiscal 1998, the EEOC considered 1,786 allegations of religious discrimination, compared with 1,584 two years earlier. In 1998, 325 had outcomes favorable to the complainants, compared with 165 in fiscal 1996.

The numbers are much smaller for some other types of cases before the EEOC. In fiscal 1998, for example, there were \$58.7 million in payments to complainants for sex discrimination cases. That compares with \$2.6 million for religious cases.

Chicago attorney Michael Karpeles said employers must try to balance workers' religious interests with their companies' needs.

"If all the employer has to do is to make modest or minimal adjustments, they probably are wise to make those adjustments and work things out with the employee," Karpeles said.

HUFF

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offered to God on their behalf. The only hope I see to insure that more "trench-coat" massacres don't take place is to not only allow prayer to once again be allowed in our schools, but

to encourage our students to pray and get in touch with the Creator of this world. . . God.

As for me, I have had enough of some legal bureaucrat telling me I can't pray in certain

places. It is time to take a stand. And while you're standing, say a prayer. It is the only hope of America.

Roger Huff is pastor at First Church of the Nazarene.

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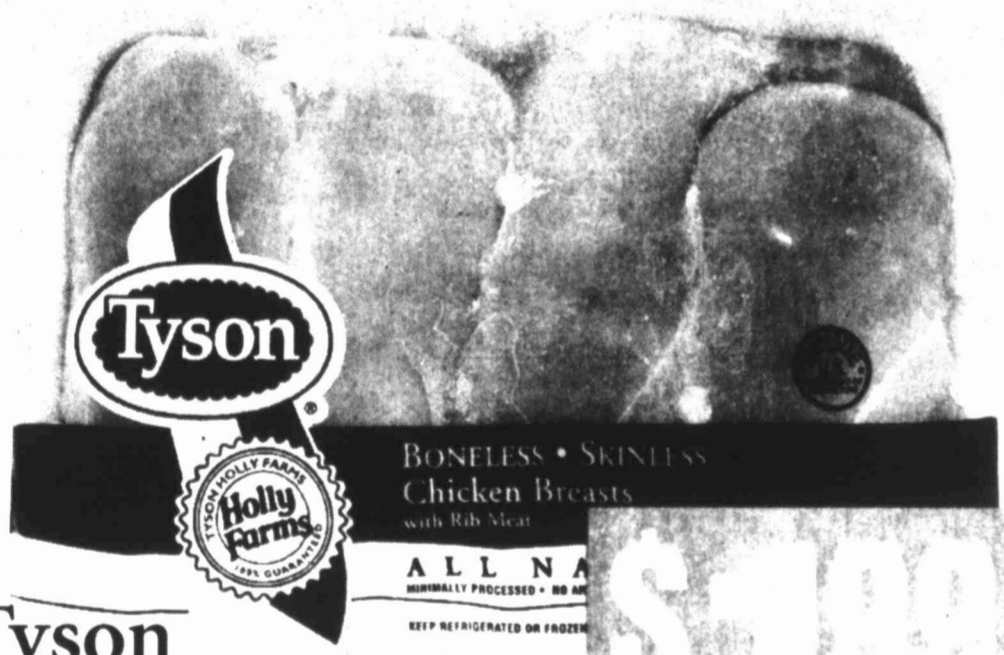


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A fee of \$45 p cover instructi shirt and certifi The deadline f submissions ha ed to the openin For more inf Avery at 264-366

HC Hawks to Little League

Coach Brian Howard College ball team will League skills c p.m. Sunday at Field.

Players shoul glove, bat, cap with them.

There is a \$1 fee and particip to arrive no late registration.

The camp is o sters of all ages.

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The West Te Champs weigh begin June 1 a Training Center High School.

The camp is o pants in grade 5 For more inf Long at 264-3662

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TODAY HIGH SCHOOL BA

7 p.m. • Coahoma Bull Deal Lions, Class quarterfinal playof in Snyder.

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Radio HIGH SCHOOL BA

7 p.m. — Coaha vs. New Deal Lion regional quarterfin Snyder, KBST-AM

Television AUTO RACING

7 p.m. — World Terre Haute Wing TNN, Ch. 35.

COLLEGE BASEBA

7 p.m. — South Conference Tourna to be announced,

MAJOR LEAGUE B

6:30 p.m. — Ch Atlanta Braves, TB

NBA PLAYOFFS

7 p.m. — Easter semifinal, game 3 Pacers at Philadel TNT, Ch. 28.

SPORTS EXTRA

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BOSTON RED SOX—Placed RHP Juan Pena on the 15-day disabled list...

MAJOR LEAGUE STANDINGS

Table with columns for American League East Division, Central Division, West Division, and National League East Division, Central Division, West Division.

AL LEADERS

BATTING—Fernandez, Toronto, .392; Ramirez, Texas, .377; Jeter, New York, .359; Coomer, Minnesota, .354...

NL LEADERS

BATTING—Casey, Cincinnati, .359; Gonzalez, Arizona, .371; Leterbath, Philadelphia, .352; Kendall, Pittsburgh, .349...

Trail Blazers' 84-81 win evens series with Jazz

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

One of the biggest knocks on the Portland Trail Blazers this season has been their lack of a consistent scorer who can get that crucial basket with the game on the line.

Portland beat the Utah Jazz 84-81, but the Blazers couldn't exhale until John Stockton's layup with two seconds to play went in and out.

Rider scored 21 of his 27 points in the second half, beating the Jazz with his outside shot and an array of post-up moves against Jeff Hornacek and Shandon Anderson.

Tonight's game features the Philadelphia 76ers returning to their home court trying to avoid falling behind 3-0 in their series against Indiana.

and drew contact with Jim Jackson, but the ball went in and out. Game 3 in the series is Saturday, with Game 4 set for Sunday night.

Knicks 77, Hawks 70
Latrell Sprewell scored 31 points for the second straight game for New York at Atlanta.

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NHL PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7)
Saturday, May 22
Colorado at Dallas, 6:30 p.m.

COLONIAL SCORES

Score Thursday from the first round of the \$2.8 million Mastercard Colonial on the 7,010-yard, par 35-35-70 Colonial Country Club Course:

The Big Spring Herald will be closed Monday, May 31st in observance of Memorial Day. Deadlines for Classified and Retail are as follows:

RETAIL
Deadline for Monday, May 31st & Tuesday, June 1st is 12:00 Noon Friday, May 28th and Wednesday June 2nd is 5 pm. Friday, May 28th.

CLASSIFIED
Deadline for Sunday, May 30th is 12 noon Friday, May 28th. There will be no "Too Lates". Monday, May 31st Classified Deadline is Friday, May 28th at 3 p.m.

CIRCULATION PHONES
Monday 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
You will still receive your Monday afternoon paper.

NBA PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
Monday, May 17
Indiana 94, Philadelphia 90
Utah 93, Portland 83

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FRIDAY

MAY 21

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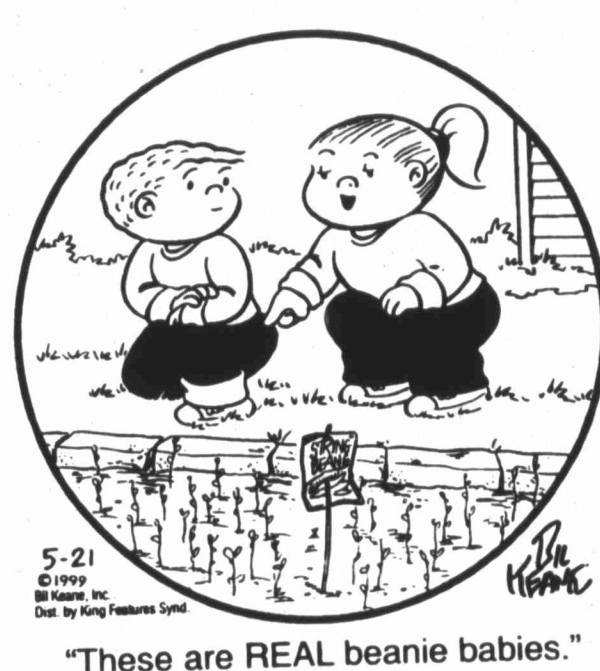
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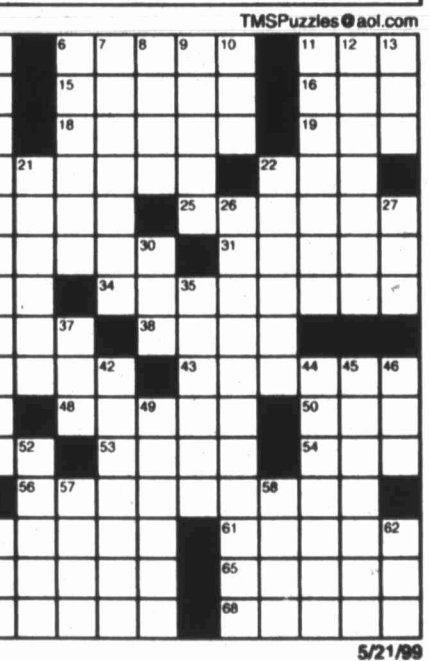
THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Friday, May 21, the 141st day of 1999. There are 224 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On May 21, 1927, Charles A. Lindbergh landed his Spirit of St. Louis near Paris, completing the first solo airplane flight across the Atlantic Ocean.

THE Daily Crossword

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In 1542, Spanish explorer Hernando de Soto died while searching for gold along the Mississippi River. In 1832, the first Democratic National Convention got under way, in Baltimore. In 1840, New Zealand was declared a British colony. In 1881, Clara Barton founded the American Red Cross. In 1924, 14-year-old Bobby Franks was murdered in a "thrill killing" committed by Nathan Leopold Jr. and Richard Loeb, two students at the University of Chicago. In 1956, the United States exploded the first airborne hydrogen bomb over Bikini Atoll in the Pacific. In 1959, the musical "Gypsy," inspired by the life of stripper Gypsy Rose Lee, opened on Broadway. In 1968, the nuclear-powered U.S. submarine Scorpion, with 99 men aboard, was last heard from. The remains were later found on the ocean floor 400 miles southwest of the Azores. In 1979, former San Francisco City Supervisor Dan White was convicted of voluntary manslaughter in the slayings of Mayor George Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk. In 1991, former Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi was assassinated during national elections by a suicide bomber. Ten years ago: Thousands of native Chinese marched in Hong Kong, Paris, Tokyo and scores of other cities in a worldwide show of support for the pro-democracy demonstrators in Beijing. Five years ago: Israeli commandos swept into Lebanon's eastern mountains and abducted Mustafa Dirani, a Shiite Muslim guerrilla leader. One year ago: A gunman opened fire inside Thurston High School in Springfield, Ore., killing two students; the suspect, Kip Kinkel, is also accused of killing his parents a day earlier. In the wake of deadly anti-government protests, Indonesia President Suharto stepped down after 32 years in power and was succeeded by Vice President B.J. Habibie. Frank and Shirley Capaci of Streamwood, Ill., announced they were holding a winning Powerball ticket worth \$195 million. Today's Birthdays: Actor Anthony Steel is 79. Actor Rick Jason is 73. Actor David Groh is 60. Rhythm-and-blues singer Ron Isley (The Isley Brothers) is 58. Musician Bill Champlin (Chicago) is 52. Singer Leo Sayer is 51. Actress Carol Potter is 51. Actor Mr. T is 47. Music producer Stan Lynch is 44. Actor Judge Reinhold is 42. Jazz musician Christian McBride is 27.

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