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Big Spring VMC seeking photos of locals for new chapel

Members of the Vietnam Memorial Committee are still trying to locate the photos of 22 Howard County residents who were killed in action in Vietnam.

Committee spokesman Jerry Groves said the photos will be copied for display in the Gold Star Chapel, which will be dedicated on Memorial Day.

Photos are being sought of the following:

Howard Lynn Bartley, Walter Rogers Blalock, James Michael Butler, Robert Bailey Green and William T. Hale.

Also, Ismael Holguin, Edward M. Hudgens, Doward Leroy Jones, Jr., Terry Dewayne Kinman and Donnie R. Martin.

Also, Dean Moore, Michael M. O'Brien, James Edward Oxley, Gary Don Pagan and Augustin C. Paradez.

Also, Jimmy D. Peacock, Charles H. Penn, Huey Dyson Rogers, Reynaldo A. Sanchez and Richard A. Spangler.

And Gene Vaughn and Raymond Austin White III.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

□ Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third.

TUESDAY

□ Intermediate line dance classes, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center.

WEDNESDAY

□ Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room.

□ Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Cactus Room.

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

□ Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

THURSDAY

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

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

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Symphony to take regional approach in effort to expand audience

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

The 21st season of the Big Spring Symphony will sport a West Texas flavor, with performances by Jody Nix, the Texas Boys Choir and Austin Ballet Folklorico.

"This program has not been approved by the Big Spring Symphony board of directors, but this is the program we will be presenting for approval," said Suzanne Haney, outgoing president of the board.

Incoming president for the board Stan Hanes, who is also music director for First Baptist Church, said the focus this year will appeal to a wider range of musical interests, and will feature some local talent as well as other musicians throughout

Texas. "We've been thinking of what we can offer the citizens of Big Spring that we might not have offered in a long time. We want to offer something that all kinds of people will be interested in going to hear," Hanes said.

The 1999-2000 Symphony Season will begin in October with Jody Nix, Tumbleweed Smith, and Midland's Lone Star Brass. These musicians will be performing a repertoire of West Texas/Cowboy music, Haney said.

Then in November the Texas Boys Choir will perform, followed by Austin Ballet Folklorico in January.

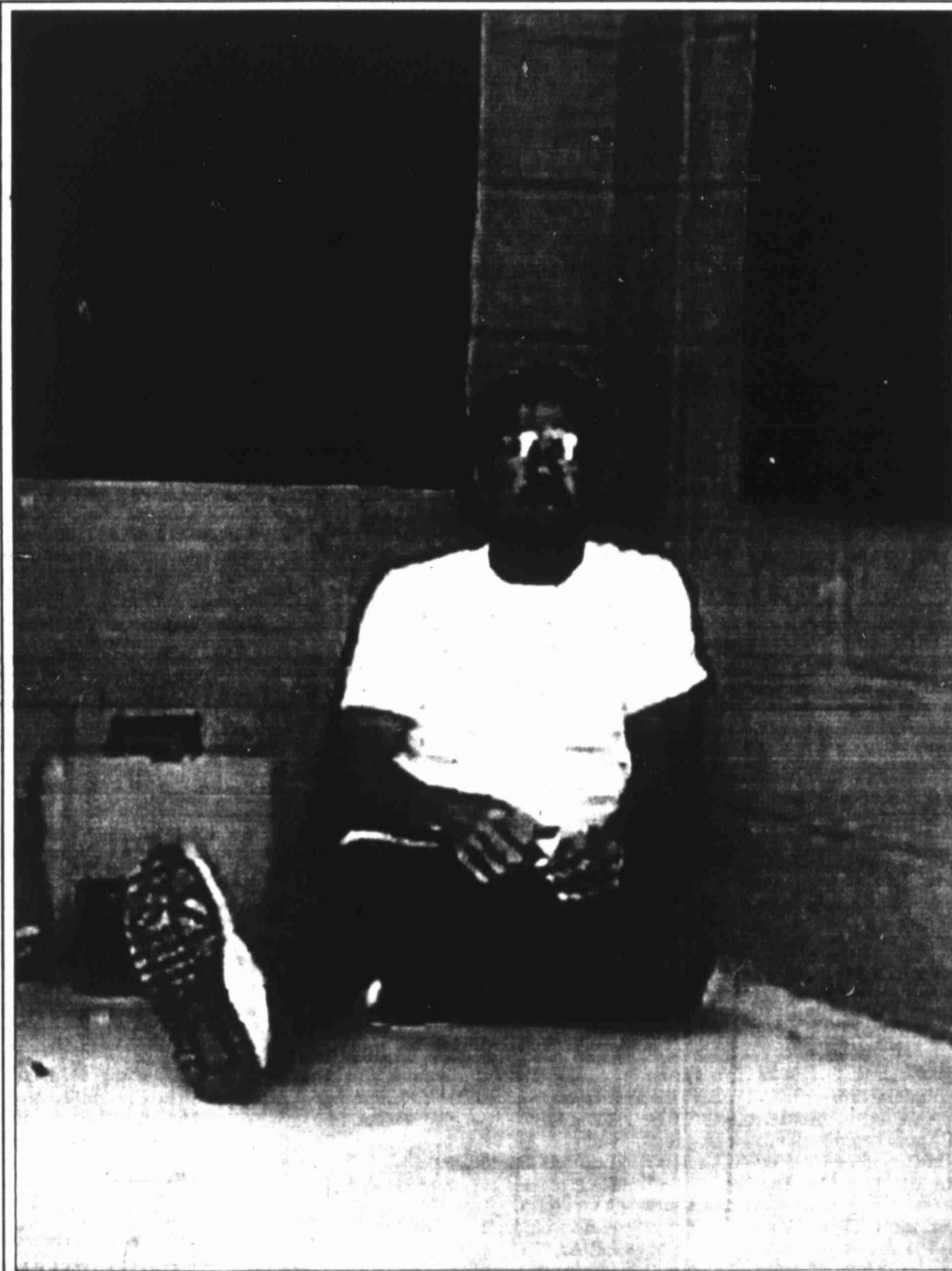
In March 2000, the Big Spring Independent School District All-

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Incoming Big Spring Symphony president Stan Hanes and outgoing president Suzanne Haney go over the proposed schedule for the 1999-2000 season, the symphony's 21st.

HERALD photo
Marsha Sturdivant



Gene Wilson, a member of the Vietnam Memorial Committee, takes a break in the chapel Sunday. Wilson was one of five men working on the roof of a new storage building being built near the M-60A tank at the west end of the memorial. Another group of four persons were working on the chapel's interior. Dedication for the Gold Star Chapel will be held at 11 a.m. on Memorial Day.

HERALD photo/John H. Walker

Council

Wilderness housing to be discussed, but no action expected when council meets

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

Big Spring City Council isn't likely to take any action on housing for the Wilderness Camp inmates when it convenes at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, but that's because officials from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice are still reviewing information from the proposed sites. TDCJ officials were in Big Spring last week to look over sites which are being considered to house the 100-plus inmates who perform labor in and around the city.

"We were concerned because the contract runs out June 1, but we have talked with them and they are aware of the situation," said Big Spring City Manager Gary Fuqua. "The ball is in their court, basically. They are looking at the information and will be getting back to us. In the meantime we'll be asking for an (contract) extension."

Though the item is on Tuesday's council agenda, no action is expected unless TDCJ makes a quick decision on the site, which is not expected, said Fuqua.

Selection of a mayor pro tem is on the agenda. Chuck Cawthon has been serving in that capacity, but since he was re-elected to his district earlier this month, the council will have to pick a pro tem again.

Council members will be asked to consider recommenda-

tions by the traffic commission specifically the installation of electric traffic control signals or lights at 5th Street and Main and the installation of four way stop signs on Main and 6th Street.

A resolution authorizing the city manager to enter into a communications agreement with Puka Lambro is another agenda item for first reading. The agreement deals with the telecommunications company's wish to lease space on a water tower in Big Spring at \$500 per month. It is similar to an agreement which the council will consider on second reading, leasing space to Puka Lambro at the Settles Building, also for \$500 per month.

Other new business includes an appointment to a citizen's advisory board and a request for a three-month review of city council appointments.

Under discussion items, council members will hear information on a proposed district by district cleanup regarding tree limbs, a statewide transportation enhancement program and an agreement with Moore Development to lay water line to the State Veterans Home site.

Also on the agenda is final reading authorizing submission of a grant for the West Texas Narcotics Task Force. Council members may also wish to consider amendments to the operating agreement with Cornell Corrections.

TxDOT to hold second meeting on Gregg project

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

A second public meeting on the proposed reconstruction of U.S. 87 from Fourth St. to Interstate 20 has been scheduled for Tuesday, June 22, according to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT).

A meeting held earlier this month allowed citizens and business owners to view the project and make suggestions.

S&B Infrastructure, Ltd. of Houston will conduct the June meeting, scheduled for 5:30 p.m. in council chambers at City Hall. Officials from SBI will present the new driveway layouts and outline the re-permitting of the new driveways, as well as present proposed drainage improvements.

The \$1.8 million project will be undertaken in two segments.

The first will begin at the Interstate 20 south frontage road and end at the railroad bridge. The second segment will begin at Fourth Street and end at the railroad bridge. The bridge itself is not part of the project.

The proposed project will also address storm water runoff in the U.S. 87 and North Lancaster Street area. Storm water runoff has been the most discussed portion of the project by citizens to TxDOT and S&B officials.

In the earlier meeting, officials said efforts will be made to keep traffic flowing and access to businesses and residential areas open during the reconstruction process.

"We will take into account the proximity of schools, churches, the impact to residents and businesses, noise, the environment impact... cost estimates, public safety," said Charlotte L. Teague, project manager for S&B.

Art Barrow, area engineer for TxDOT, said the project will

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This troupe of mimes, comprised of area youth, performed a routine in the street in front of the Howard County Courthouse as part of the March For Jesus activities Saturday. Officials estimated that more than 1,000 persons participated in the march, which moved south on Scurry and west on Eighth before marching south on Gregg Street to 10th, as well as the rally that followed at the Courthouse. Big Spring was one of several thousand communities nationwide that held marches on Saturday.

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NATO bombing blunders threaten to erode Congressional support

WASHINGTON (AP) — After two months of NATO airstrikes in Yugoslavia, allied and congressional support is eroding because of an increasing number of bombing blunders against embassies, hospitals, and ethnic Albanian refugees and fighters.

Germany is so worried the alliance might "lose our moral ground" that its foreign minister was heading to Washington to talk with Secretary of State Madeleine Albright about new diplomatic approaches to end the conflict.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott said Sunday the air war's mistakes unfairly are blemishing the U.S. military, which he said has been sent on a mission in Yugoslavia that air power alone cannot win.

However, the commander of the NATO air war told The Washington Post in Monday's edition he believes Serb forces inside Kosovo will be routed by bombing raids alone within two months.

In an interview in Vicenza,

Italy, Air Force Lt. Gen. Michael C. Short told the paper he has deployed within the past week a second squadron of A-10 Warthog tank killers, which he described as the "optimum weapon" for finding and destroying targets in the Kosovo environment.

"If you are getting pounded by B-1s and B-52s and A-10s are chasing you every day, and if you know that every time you move you are liable to be hit, at some point your spirit will break, particularly if you are not getting any help from Belgrade," Short said.

"I don't have a good feel for knowing how close they are to breaking, but I'll tell you that if we do this for two more months, we will either kill this army in Kosovo or send it on the run."

From President Clinton's perspective, NATO is more unified than when the bombing began March 24, though not without differences, he wrote.

"While there may be differences in domestic circumstances, cultural ties to the

Balkans and ideas on tactics, there is no question about our unity on goals and our will to prevail," he wrote.

Albright, appearing on CBS' "Face the Nation," said the airstrikes eventually would force Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic to agree to NATO's peace terms.

Still, allies clearly have become edgy in recent days as incidents causing civilian casualties through "collateral damage" or mistaken attacks piled up this month.

• Joschka Fischer, Germany's foreign minister, suggested NATO re-evaluate its targeting strategy.

• Canadian Foreign Minister Lloyd Axworthy warned that further foul-ups could stymie delicate negotiations for a diplomatic solution.

• Premier Massimo D'Alema of Italy urged a three-day ceasefire once a draft U.N. resolution for a Kosovo peace deal is approved.

So far, 13 incidents have been claimed by Yugoslavia or admit-

ted by NATO. Seven were in May, with three in the past three days. As many as 312 people have died, including ethnic Albanian civilians and members of the rebel Kosovo Liberation Army.

"We will do everything we can in NATO ... to make sure the targets we identify are valid military targets," Air Force Maj. Gen. Charles Wald said Saturday at the Pentagon.

After about 26,000 sorties, or flights, over Yugoslavia, and about 15,000 bombs or missiles, NATO estimates that its mistake rate is less than 1 percent.

Lott, appearing just after Albright, said the bombing is hurting U.S. prestige.

"Quite frankly, these little boo-boos, where you're hitting a KLA headquarters, where you're killing innocent citizens, I think is hurting the image of the military, which is unfair," Lott said.

Lott, R-Miss., said Congress should "be supportive of the (airstrikes-only) decision, now that the decision has been

made, and hope for the best. Absolutely. But I am very dubious about the likelihood for success just with bombing."

Lott was asked if the Senate would support sending in ground combat troops, possibly from a force of 50,000 peacekeepers that Albright said the administration wants to amass as quickly as possible near Kosovo.

"If you're talking about fighting their way in there, absolutely not," Lott said. "The president has repeatedly told the American people that we would not use ground troops in a combat mode there."

Newsweek magazine reports in this week's edition Clinton has authorized the CIA to train ethnic Albanian rebels in sabotage and the National Security Agency to meddle with Milosevic's international bank accounts.

While refusing to discuss or confirm the existence of such a presidential authorization, U.S. officials speaking on condition of anonymity said there are no plans to arm or train Kosovar rebels.

In Berlin, Foreign Ministry

official Ludger Volmer said ground troops are "not a topic" for discussion between the German foreign minister and Albright. Their talks will focus on diplomatic areas where breakthroughs might be possible, Volmer said.

"Diplomatic efforts are reaching a decisive point," he said. "The difficulty is that many actors must be in synch to take a courageous step."

In advance of Fischer's arrival, Germany's ambassador to Washington, Juergen Chrobog, said NATO must tread a fine line.

"We have to be very, very careful not to lose our moral ground," Chrobog said on ABC's "This Week." That has not happened so far, "but I am afraid it could happen," he said.

Axworthy, the Canadian minister, said at a conference in Norway that errant strikes like one that damaged a Belgrade hospital Thursday "are a serious mistake."

"They come at a time when it is very important that we accelerate and underline the important search for a resolution of the conflict," Axworthy said.

Report: Diet drug company accused of funding favorable medical journal articles

DALLAS (AP) — A medical researcher says he would not have written an article promoting fen-phen had he known it was paid for and edited by the company that made half of the popular diet drug combination.

"It's really deceptive," said Dr. Albert Stunkard, whose article was published in the American Journal of Medicine in February 1996. "It sort of makes you uneasy."

A lawsuit claims that Wyeth-Ayerst Laboratories hired ghostwriters for articles promoting obesity treatment and then used prominent researchers such as Stunkard to publish the works under their names.

The suit accuses the company that made the "fen" half of the drug combination hid health risks associated with the drugs. The company allegedly tried to play down or remove descriptions of side effects from the articles. The Dallas Morning

News reported Sunday.

Only two of the 10 articles paid for by Wyeth actually were published in medical journals before the company pulled the drugs from the market in September 1997, when studies linked the combo to heart valve damage and an often-fatal lung disease. Plans to publish the eight others were canceled.

Stunkard, of the University of Pennsylvania, said he had no idea that Wyeth financed or edited his article.

Officials at Wyeth, a division of American Home Products Corp., defended the articles. "This is a common practice in the industry. It's not particular to us," Wyeth spokesman Doug Petkus said. "The companies have said input, it seen in the initial development of the piece ... but the proposed author has the last say."

However, medical ethicists and editors of prominent medical journals criticized the prac-

tice.

"What they're doing here is clearly an advertisement, but it's couched in a scientifically valid paper," said Dr. Robert Tenery Jr., a Dallas ophthalmologist and chairman of the American Medical Association's council on ethical and judicial affairs.

The fen in fen-phen refers to Pondimin (fenfluramine) and Redux (dexfenfluramine), both sold by Wyeth. Phentermine, the other half of the combo, is not made by Wyeth and is still available.

Six million people in the United States took Pondimin or Redux. Individuals who took the weight-loss combo have filed thousands of lawsuits nationwide.

Wyeth and a company it

acquired hired Excerpta Medica, Inc., to write the 10 articles, according to lawsuit documents cited by the Morning News.

Excerpta, based in Belle Mead, N.J., planned to submit most of the papers to medical journals owned by its parent company, Reed Elsevier Plc, the newspaper reported.

Wyeth officials reportedly said in depositions that the two published articles were reviewed for fairness by independent panels at the journals in which they appeared.

"The articles were not written with a slant toward selling the product," said Dr. Jo Alene Dolan, Wyeth's former associate director of clinical affairs, in a Jan. 15 deposition. "The articles are written with fair balance."

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- A. Clean out the garage;
- B. Wash the dog;
- C. Head for Alabama to play one of the seven sites on the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail.

My buddies and I want to get together to:

- A. Discuss Greco-Roman architecture;
- B. Attend an interpretive dance weekend;
- C. Take on the 414-yard, par four "Assassin" at Oxmoor Valley.

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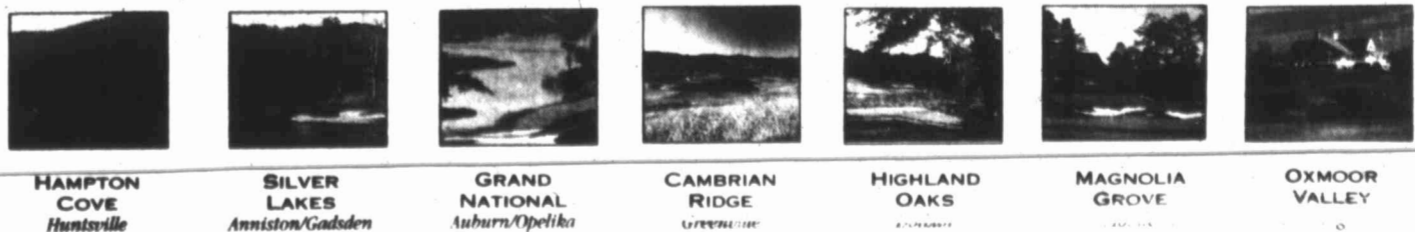
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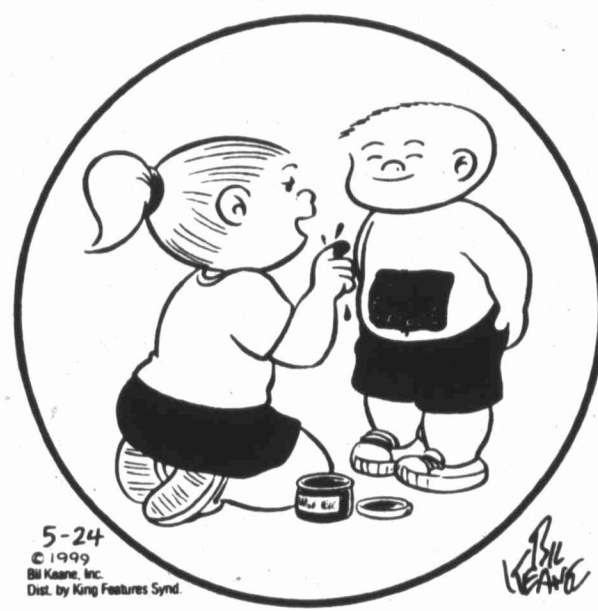
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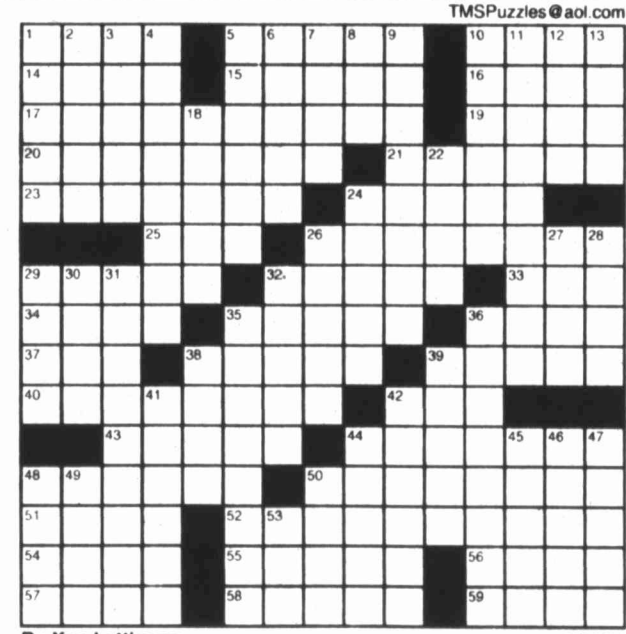
The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Monday, May 24, the 144th day of 1999. There are 221 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On May 24, 1844, Samuel F.B. Morse transmitted the message, 'What hath God wrought!' from Washington to Baltimore as he formally opened America's first telegraph line. On this date:

In 1819, Queen Victoria was born in London. In 1830, the first passenger railroad in the United States began service between Baltimore and Elliott's Mills, Md. In 1881, some 200 people died when the Canadian ferry 'Princess Victoria' sank near London, Ontario. In 1883, the Brooklyn Bridge, linking Brooklyn and Manhattan, was opened to traffic. In 1941, the German battleship 'Bismarck' sank the British dreadnought 'Hood' in the North Atlantic. In 1958, United Press International was formed through a merger of the United Press and the International News Service. In 1976, Britain and France opened transatlantic Concorde service to Washington. In 1977, in a surprise move, the Kremlin ousted Soviet President Nikolai Podgorny from the Communist Party's ruling Politburo. In 1980, Iran rejected a call by the World Court in The Hague to release the American hostages. Ten years ago: China's top army command published a letter strongly supporting hard-line Premier Li Peng, who was reportedly locked in a power struggle with rival factions who opposed his strong stance against student protesters. Five years ago: Four men convicted of bombing New York's World Trade Center were each sentenced to 240 years in prison. The United States and Japan agreed to revive efforts to pry open Japanese markets to U.S. goods. One year ago: A Greek film, 'Eternity and a Day,' won the Golden Palm at the 51st Cannes Film Festival, while the runner-up Grand Prize went to 'Life is Beautiful,' directed by and starring Italy's Roberto Benigni. Today's Birthdays: Comedian Tommy Chong is 61. Singer Bob Dylan is 58. Actor Gary Burghoff is 56. Singer Patti LaBelle is 55. Actress Priscilla Presley is 54. Country singer Mike Reid is 52. Actor Alfred Molina is 46. Singer Rosanne Cash is 44. Actress Kristin Scott Thomas is 39. Actor-dancer Gene Anthony Ray is 36. Rock musician Vivian Trimble is 36. Rapper-recording executive Heavy D is 32. Rock musician Rich Robinson (The Black Crowes) is 30. Actor Billy L. Sullivan ('Something So Right') is 19. Thought for Today: 'Man is what he believes.' - Anton Chekhov, Russian author-dramatist (1860-1904).

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