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WEATHER

Tonight:



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TONIGHT 55°-58° TOMORROW 88°-90°

HCVFD to host awareness event today, Friday

The Howard County Volunteer Fire Department will be hosting an inservice training class titled "Radioactive Awareness" at the Coahoma Community Center today and Friday from 6 p.m. until 10.

Interstate 20 is the route that radioactive waste products will be shipped by truck to the new dumpsites in West Texas and New Mexico.

The training will better alert those attending to the dangers of the products and to familiarize them on the types of materials, and the methods of transport.

The course will be a total of eight hours.

For more information or to register for the training, call Kelly Overton at 394-4278 or Tommy Sullivan at 267-1900.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

□ Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association, 5:30 p.m., RSVP-offices, 501 Rannels.

□ American Legion 506 meets at 6 p.m. 3203 West Highway 80.

□ Rackley-Swords Chapter 379, Vietnam Veterans of America, 7 p.m., 124 Jonesboro Road.

□ Masonic Lodge No. 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m., at 2101 Lancaster.

FRIDAY

□ Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Bring a lunch.

□ The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

□ AMBUCS meets at noon at La Posada.

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

SATURDAY

□ Howard County Scottish Rite Club, 7:30 a.m., Masonic Lodge, 21st Lancaster.

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Red Raider Tour to be highlight at Health Fair 2001

VALERIE AVERY

Herald Correspondent

Health Fair 2001 organizers made a big push this year to involve the entire family in Saturday's offering at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.



TARTER

"Our theme this year is heart-healthy, and that includes the entire family," said Dana Tarter, co-chairman of Health Fair 2001. "We will have cooking demonstrations to show the kids how to prepare healthy snacks, and ways to exercise with their dog, but we're really excited about the Red Raider Tour."

The "Red Raider Tour" includes interactive inflatable games for all ages, Tarter said.

HEALTH FAIR 2001

When: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday

Where: Dorothy Garrett Coliseum

What: Health care screenings and information

Admission: Free

Tour games include "Pop A Shot," the "Quarterback Challenge," and an

"Obstacle Course." Children and adults will be allowed to test their individual skills in these huge inflatable games.

"I've seen photos of what they have to offer and it's very impressive," said Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Secretary Debbye ValVerde. "I think the kids will really enjoy it."

The Red Raider Tour will be set up outside of the coliseum from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The ambulance serving Howard County and the United Blood Services unit also will be available for viewing by the public on the grounds outside the coliseum.

Former Pittsburgh Steeler and Super Bowl Champion Larry Moore is scheduled to appear at the Health Fair and sign autographs, according to organizers.

More than 50 businesses

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Road construction moving along

By CARL GRAHAM

Staff Writer

There's light at the end of the tunnel.

Art Barrow, Big Spring area engineer with the Texas Department of Transportation, said this week that the much-awaited completion of the \$3.2 million reconstruction project along U.S. Highway 87 between Interstate 20 and Third Street is within about four weeks of being completed.

"We expect all the concrete work to be completed by Friday," said Barrow. "Once we get over that hurdle the weather should not be a factor in the completion date of the project."

Barrow said the actual completion will be the end of May but by mid-May both lanes of traffic should be open to traffic again.

"I know that will be good news to the merchants along the route of the con-



Juan Barrientos and Arturo Perez, employees of Reece Albert Inc., prepare the road at Fourth and Gregg Street for pouring of concrete mix. All concrete work should be finished up by Friday and the project is on schedule to be completed by mid-May.

struction," said Barrow. "We do appreciate their patience while the project has been going on and we

hope that will continue to be until the work has been completed."

The project, originally

estimated to take eight months, is behind schedule

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Capitol

Sen. Duncan selected for joint budget committee

HERALD Staff Report

State Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, was named to the Budget Conference Committee on Wednesday.

The powerful committee is responsible for hammering out the state's budget for the next two years.

"I am honored by the confidence placed in me by the lieutenant governor in naming me to this post," said Duncan. "It has been great working with chairman Rodney Ellis and I look forward to serving with chairman Rob Junell and the other committee members as we seek to appropriately budget the taxpayers' money in an equitable and efficient manner."

The joint committee will work out the spending difference in the Senate and House versions of the state's \$111 billion budget.

Other conferees named by Lt. Gov. Bill Ratliff to serve include Sen. Ellis, chairman; Sen. Steve Ogden and Sen. Judith Zaffirini. House conferees named by Speaker Pete Laney were Rep. Junell, appropriations chairman, Rep. Garnet Coleman, Rep. Pete Gallego, Rep. Talmadge Heflin and Rep. Buddy West.

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Dow indicted for aggravated assault

By CARL GRAHAM

Staff Writer

Among the 10 indictments handed down Wednesday by a Howard County grand jury was one against 21-year-old Johnny Dow of Big Spring for aggravated assault on a public servant.

Dow was arrested on Feb. 20 after allegedly attempting to pull a handgun on Department of Public Safety Trooper Kneel Stallings during a traffic stop.

Dow was a passenger in a

pickup pulled over by Stallings after the trooper noticed the woman driver was not wearing a seat belt.

After Stallings had completed his business with the driver he went to the passenger side of the vehicle and asked Dow to step out, according to DPS reports. Stallings had instituted a check for any outstanding warrants on Dow when another vehicle pulled up on the scene and a woman and two children got out and began talking with the

woman in the pickup.

According to DPS reports, Dow turned his back on Stallings for a moment. At that time, Stallings heard the slide of a gun go back and noticed an expression of surprise on the faces of the two women. He took a position of cover and fired several shots at Dow, striking him in the hand and the leg. Dow, who never got a shot off, spent several weeks at Scenic Mountain Medical Center recovering from his wounds before being

released to the Howard County Sheriff's Office where he is still incarcerated.

The same grand jury that indicted Dow on Wednesday no-billed Trooper Stallings on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Other indictments were three for felony driving while intoxicated charges. They were 27-year-old Scott A. Bailey of Bastrop, 38-

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Area students get ready for regional academic contests

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Area high school students gear up for University Interscholastic League competition on Friday and Saturday to vie for a place at state.

Big Spring High School theater students are taking

their production of "What I Did Last Summer," to regional competition in San Angelo at Angelo State University campus on Friday.

The cast* and crew includes Ana McLaughlin, Amanda Sheedy, Haley Layne, Toryn Haynes, Lacey Knight, John Giles, Samantha Loper, Brent

Moore, Holli Cobb, Brandi Hutchison, Jeremy Knight, Laura Schnake, Devin Collier and Chris Wigington.

Big Spring High School is sending seven students to regional competition at Angelo State Saturday.

Students competing are Nathan Smith, Janae Giles and Chris Correa in team

spelling and vocabulary. Smith is also participating in the event as an individual.

April Ward will make a second run for state competition, competing in both news writing and headline writing. Ward competed at state competition last year.

Other students competing will be Brent Moore in cur-

rent issues. Melissa Flenniken in computer applications and Chris Wigington in literary criticism.

In area high school 2A competition, Coahoma, Forsan and Stanton are sending 16 students to UIL academic competition on

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Earth Day tree planting tops extension activities

By CARL GRAHAM

Staff Writer

Earth Day activities, a Rangeland and Wildlife Management Conference

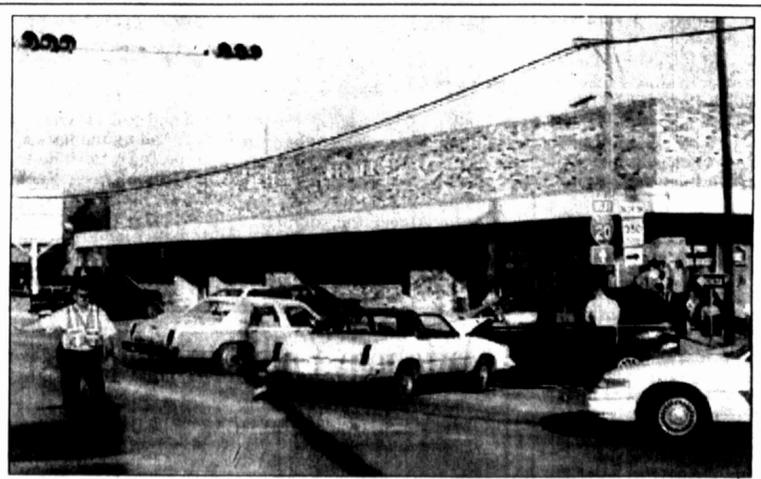
and a Home and Garden Clinic are all on tap over the next several days, according to David Kight, Howard County Farm Extension Agent.

On Friday, a tree planting will take place at the Coahoma Elementary at 1:30 p.m. in observance of Earth

Day. According to Coahoma Elementary Principal Cindy Fowler, this will be a project of the third grade Junior Master Gardener program.

"In honor of Earth Day, which falls on Sunday, April 22, our third grade Junior Master Gardener program will be planting 14 trees around the south playground area," said Fowler. "We would like to invite parents or anyone else to join us during this occasion. Those that are enrolled in the program will be wearing their Junior Master Gardener T-shirts. They are excited about it."

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Howard County Chief Deputy Gary Pitchett helps control traffic through the intersection of Third and Owens this morning following a three-vehicle accident. There were no injuries reported.

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OBITUARIES

Edna Belle Haney Cook

Edna Cook, 91, Big Spring, formerly of Balmorhea, died Tuesday, April 17, 2001, in a local nursing home. Her funeral service will be at 3 p.m., Friday, April 20, at the First Baptist Church, Balmorhea, with the Rev. Rick Moon, Toyahvale, officiating. Burial will follow in the Balmorhea Cemetery.



She was born on Dec. 21, 1909, in Pontotoc, Miss., to William Henry Haney and Fannie Cordelia Selman Haney. Her parents were pioneer Big Spring farmers coming to the area from Johnson County in 1925 when she was 16 years old. Edna accepted Jesus Christ as her Savior when she was about 12 years old. At that time the family lived at Lillian. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Balmorhea.

She married Marvin Ott Cook on Feb. 16, 1929, at the East Fourth Street Baptist Church in Big Spring after a Valentine Party. They lived in the Howard-Borden County area where he worked on ranches in the 1930s. They moved to the Reeves County area in the early 1940s. They lived in Balmorhea and raised their family there. In the late 1970s, they returned to Big Spring.

Besides participating in her husband's activities of farming, ranching and trail riding and being involved with her family, Edna was an avid flower and vegetable gardener; she enjoyed bottle collecting and rock hunting. When Edna was 73, her interest in painting was brought to fruition by attending classes at the Spring City Senior Citizens Center. Her numerous paintings covered a variety of subjects and in 1984, five years after she started painting, she won a first place at the Howard County Fair.

She is survived by two sons, Pecos Cook and his wife, Elizabeth of Balmorhea, Jack D. Cook and his wife, Sherry of Odessa; four daughters,

Juanita Rogers and her husband, John of Lubbock, Dolly Bryant of Big Spring, Vera Martin and her husband, Benny of Big Spring, Maggie Linda Armstead and her husband, Charles of Levelland; one brother, Edward Haney of Carlsbad, N.M.; two sisters, Opal Barber and Vera Peterson, both of Big Spring; 24 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband Ott Cook; one son, Otto Cannon Cook; one daughter, Fannie Wanda Stanley; two sons-in-law, James R. Stanley and Billy W. Bryant; one granddaughter-in-law, Mona Cook; one great-grandson, Jason De Ax; four brothers, Johnny Haney, Sam Haney, Myrle Haney and R. E. Haney; and four sisters; Vio Haney, Anna Haney, Thelma White and Ivy Summers.

Grandsons will serve as pallbearers. Arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Paid Obituary

Antolina Paredez

Antolina Paredez, 94, of Big Spring, died on Tuesday, April 17, 2001, in a local hospital. Rosary will be said at 7 p.m., Thursday, April 19, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral mass will be at 11 a.m., Friday, April 20, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. James Plagens, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

She was born on Sept. 2, 1906, in Chihuahua, Mexico, and married Benito Paredez Sr., in August 1922, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death on Aug. 17, 1979.

Mrs. Paredez was a long-time resident of Big Spring. She was known as "Little Granny" to her many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren, who loved her and will miss her.

She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and a Gold Star Mother, due to her son, Sgt. Augustine Paredez, being killed in Vietnam.

Survivors include one son, Guadalupe Paredez of Big Spring; one daughter, Carmen Lara of Goldsmith; 28 grandchildren; 67 great-grandchildren; and 13 great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by one daughter, Magdalena P. Correa and four sons, Benito Paredez Jr., Sgt. Augustine Paredez, Alfredo Paredez and Pedro Paredez.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. www.npwech.com

Paid Obituary

HEALTH

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and organizations will offer free screenings, information and giveaways during the event. It is free and open to the public.

Door prizes will be given away all day. For more information, call ValVerde at 263-7641.

ROAD

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by about two weeks due to inclement weather that prevented the crews from working.

Reece Albert Inc. of San Angelo has been the primary contractor for the extensive reconstruction project

which called for removing all the old pavement and concrete as well as adding or replacing all the curb, gutter and sidewalks throughout the project area.

INDICTED

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year-old Santos Mendoza Jr. of 901 N. Gregg and 35-year-old Johnny Olivarez.

Indicted on charges of burglary of a habitation were 17-year-old Brandon Jones of 1109 Ridge Road and 24-year-old Larry J. Lee of 1106 Ridge Road.

Other indictments were: • Melinda B. Baluch, 26, of Midland, on charges of forgery;

• Charlene Bingham, 41, on charges of theft over \$20,000 but less than \$100,000;

• Jeremiah L. Clay, 20, on charges of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle;

• and Rene Gonzales, 45, on three counts of possession of a controlled substance.

ACTIVITIES

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On Tuesday, a Rangeland and Wildlife Management Conference will be held at the Lynn Glass Ranch in Glasscock County. The conference, sponsored by the Howard and Glasscock County Extension Service, will begin at 8:30 a.m. with a welcome by Kight and Steve Sturtz, Glasscock County Extension Agent.

At 8:45, Dr. Charles Hart will be presenting chemical control methods for prickly pear and mesquite rangeland, followed by a demonstration of mechanical control options in rangeland presented by Gibson Feagins and Oral Turner at 9:50 a.m.

At 10:35 a.m., Dr. Charles Hart will give an economic summary of mechanical versus chemical treatment in rangeland. At 10:45 a.m., there will be a break until 10:50 a.m. at which time there will be a presentation on brush sculpting/habitat management for deer and quail in rangelands. The presentation will be given by Dr. Dale Rollins and Ken Cearley.

The program will adjourn at 12:15 p.m.

Kight said that there will be two continuing education units given for the completion of the program.

The Range site is located on the East side of Highway 33 (The Garden City Highway). The site is 1.5 miles North of the county line on Lynn Glass Ranch.

Also slated for Tuesday, a Home and Garden Clinic will be conducted at the Big Spring Mall between the hours of 3:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. The clinic will be conducted Lynn Rowe, a horticulturist from Ft. Stockton. Rowe will be available for a question and answer session and several Master Gardeners will also be on hand for any questions.

For questions on any of these upcoming events contact David Kight at 264-2236.

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Saturday at Abilene Christian.

Students competing for Coahoma High School are Monica Chen in computer applications and science, Leslie Phinny in prose, Jesse Hall in accounting, Brandon Wyatt in current events and James Barton in science and mathematics.

Competing for Forsan High School are Rachel Kaelin in literary criticism and ready writing, Josh Gibson in Lincoln Douglas debates, Taylor Bristow in informative speaking and

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Lori Ellis in news writing, feature writing and informative speaking.

Also, Meagan Knight in literary criticism, Kacy Liles in spelling, Ashley Pierce in poetry, Ross Rhoton in Lincoln Douglas debate and Kesha Christian in poetry.

The team of Kaelin, Knight and Elizabeth Sutton will vie for a state position in literary criticism.

FHS one-act play will be making a bid for 2A state competition on Friday at Abilene Christian University for their production of "Tevya and His Daughters."

Cast and crew members include Michael Thomas, Laura Moore, Codi Graves, Kesha Christian, Kristen Newton, Kaci West, Heather Hise, Clay Vickers, Cliff Dunnam, Jarrett Hopper, Taylor Bristow, Ross Rhoton, Amy Braddock, Haley Burks, Lori Ellis and Cassie Christian.

Pablo Teveni will represent Stanton High School in ready writing.

Sands and Grady high schools will be sending 13 students to regional competition at Hardin-Simmons in Abilene on Friday and Saturday.

Sands students are Amanda Watkins in spelling and vocabulary and Ben Campbell in science.

Grady High School is sending 11 students to attempt to qualify for 1A state competition, including Scott Swift in mathematics, number sense, science, biology, chemistry, physics and calculator application; Haley Madison in news writing; and Samantha Yates in feature writing.

The calculator application team of Mary Harryman, Swift and Blythe Long, the number sense team of Swift, Trent May and Er unnell and the science team of Swift, Kristyn Hambleton and Joshua Tunnell will vie for state.

Also participating are Harryman in calculator applications; Hambleton in biology, editorial writing, and ready writing; Audra Cooper in news writing and feature writing; Josh Tunnell in science; and Whitney Hanks in prose interpretation.

Six students will represent Garden City High School at regional competition on Friday at South Plains College in Levelland, including T.J. Pelzel in computer science, M'Lynn Niehues in science and computer applications and Ryan Batla in science.

The computer science team of Pelzel, Erik Halfmann and Brady Kujawski and the team science team of Niehues, Ryan Batla and Boyd Batla will also attempt to qualify for state.

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Lottery numbers are unofficial until confirmed by the state lottery commission.

Spring City Senior Citizens Center /267-1628 or Crossroads Auction Company 263-8200, David Lefever, auctioneer. All proceeds go to Senior Citizens Center. All donations appreciated.

Wal-Mart/Mexico 26.5 - 27
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Europacific 29.96 + 78
Prime Rate 8 %
Gold 261.55-264.35
Silver 4.38-4.45

AMERICAN LEGION

POST 506 Fish Fry, Saturday, April 21st from 12-3 p.m. \$6 a plate. Carry out and delivery available. Every one welcome. 3203 West Hwy 80. 263-2084.

GARDEN CITY HEAD START

registration will be April 23-27 for children who are 4 years of age by Sept. 1, 2001. Bring proof of income, birth certificate, immunization record and Social Security (for all members of the household). Applications will be taken in the Garden City Head Start classroom from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Contact Delia Pierson at 354-2413 for more information. Your child will be accepted based on our Head Start Point System.

MOORE COMMUNITY AND SCHOOL REUNION

will be held Saturday, April 28, from 1 - 4 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall North Building of the 14th and Main Church of Christ. All current and former residents, teachers, ex-students and their descendants are part of the Moore Reunion. Time will be given for each one who wishes to relate any of their memories from years past. Any information regarding those who have died since our last meeting would be appreciated. Please call Zirah Bednar at 267-2900.

PARENTS WHO CARE

will meet Monday, April 23, at the Big Spring High School library at 7:30 p.m. All parents of the junior class are invited to attend as plans are being made for the After-Prom Party. For more information, please contact Clara Wester at 263-8554.

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Du Pont	45.82 -.56
Exxon Mobil	84.96 -.17
Halliburton	35.53 -.6
IFCO Systems	2.25 -.05
IBM	114.12 +7.62
Intel Corp	31.32 +.04
NUV	9.07 -.03
Patterson Ener	32.5 -.45
Pepsico Inc	42.19 +.13
Phillips Petro	58.26 +.46
SBC Comms	41.4 -.34
Sears Roebuck	36.73 -1.08
Texaco Inc	69.71 -.56
Texas Instrument	37.62 +1.48
TXU	41.75 -1.15
Total Fina	70.67 -.23
Unocal Corp	36.51 -.69
Wal-Mart	52.27 -.46

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activities between 8 a.m. Wednesday through 8 a.m. today:

• **ADOLFO SEGOVIA LOPEZ**, 51, of 209 Circle, was arrested on a motion to revoke probation of a charge of driving while intoxicated. (HCSO)

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activities between 8 a.m. Wednesday through 8 a.m. today:

• **WILLIAM VANDERPOOL**, 40, no address given, was arrested on local warrants.

• **RONNIE FREEMAN**, 43, a transient, was arrested on a charge of criminal trespass.

• **MARY KATE NELSON**, 39, of 6201 CR 134, was arrested and held for the Howard County Sheriff's Office.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 300 NE 9th and in the 1400 block of W. 3rd.

• **ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported at Horse Pen Road.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 1100 block of Main.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1300 block of State St.

FIRE/EMS

The following is a summary of the Big Spring Fire Department and EMS:

12:47 p.m. — 500 block of Westover, medical call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

5:38 p.m. — 700 block of W. 14th, trauma call, one patient transported to SMMC.

8:34 p.m. — 1300 block of Settles, traffic accident, service refused.

9:12 p.m. — 600 block of Caylor, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

RECORDS

Wednesday's high 72
Wednesday's low 46
Precip. Wednesday 0.00
Record high 96 in 1987
Record low 34 in 1933
Average high 81
Average low 51
Month to date 0.84
Year to date 3.68
Sunrise Friday 6:11 a.m.
Sunset Friday 7:19 p.m.

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Edna Cook, 91, died Tuesday. Funeral services will be 3:00 PM, Friday at First Baptist Church in Balmorhea, Texas, with burial at Balmorhea Cemetery.
Lorene Hodges, 85, died Tuesday. Graveside services will be 2:00 PM, Friday at Trinity Memorial Park.

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Hate crimes vote rescheduled; Perry accused of trying to pull support

AUSTIN (AP) — Hate crimes legislation, one of the Legislature's most anticipated debates, is hung up in one of the session's most heated political fights.

Both the Texas Senate and House postponed action on bills Wednesday after Senate sponsor Rodney Ellis accused Gov. Rick Perry of pressuring Republicans into pulling their support of the vote.

"It is my understanding that the governor has gotten

involved and has discouraged members from voting to bring the bill up," said Ellis, D-Houston. He said he had enough supportive votes on Wednesday morning to bring up the bill in the Senate.

Perry, a Republican, denied Ellis' accusation that he strong-armed senators into withdrawing that support.

The governor said he was simply trying to ensure a fair debate after learning

from Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, that two GOP senators were absent.

"During no time in the conversation was there any mention that you shouldn't do this or this is a bad idea," Perry said. "The concern was that you have 31 senators and when you don't have a full contingent, it could completely change the complexion of this legislation."

Perry has argued that the proposed hate crimes law

would create "new classes of citizens" and that all Texans are adequately protected under current law.

He said Wednesday he would look at any hate crimes bill should it make it to his desk, but would not say whether he would sign or veto it.

The next battle was scheduled for today, when Rep. Senfronia Thompson, D-Houston, planned to bring the House version of the hate crimes bill to the floor.

After consulting with Ellis, Thompson postponed the scheduled vote in that chamber before the long-awaited debate began.

The James Byrd Jr. Hate Crimes Act, named for the black man dragged to death behind a pickup in 1998, strengthens penalties for crimes motivated by race, religion, color, disability, sexual orientation, national origin or ancestry. The sexual orientation part of the bill, which enhances protec-

tions for gays and lesbians, has been the sticking point.

"I'm convinced if members are left to their consciences on this bill, it will pass," Ellis said. He said if Perry could not support the legislation, Ellis preferred the governor "not get involved, that he not send out subliminal messages, he not give winks or nods."

Duncan said his talk with Perry didn't sway his decision not to support a Wednesday vote.

Timing of pleas baffles lawyers; prosecutors keep mum on details

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Attorneys for eight police officers accused of protecting Central Texas drug shipments say they are confused over timing of plea bargains recently offered to their clients.

Federal prosecutors drafted and handed out the deals before the defense attorney had seen all the evidence and before the judge set a trial, they said.

"I'm really perplexed by the offer," defense lawyer Jimmy Parks told the San Antonio Express-News. "I don't understand the timing of it."

The officers have reportedly been offered between eight and 22 years in prison if they accept the plea bargain, instead of life sentences they could face if they're convicted.

Assistant U.S. Attorney David Counts declined to detail the offers.

The officers were arrested as part of an FBI investigation that began in 1997, after agents heard rumors that officers in the area had been working with drug dealers.

Charged with attempting to possess and distribute cocaine were San Antonio officers Conrad Fragozo, Patrick Bowron, David Anthony Morales, Peter Saenz, Arthur Gutierrez Jr., Lawrence Bustos and Manuel Cedillo Jr.

Officer Alfred Valdes was charged with aiding the attempted possession and distribution of cocaine.

Twelve people in all were arrested in the FBI's police

corruption sting, including Bexar County Sheriff's Deputy Richard Rowlett "Bucky" Buchanan, who was charged with theft of public money.

Buchanan, 44, has been placed on proposed termination by the department, and Sheriff Ralph Lopez said Buchanan will remain on leave without pay until his case is resolved.

Legal experts say plea bargains are generally used to put pressure on defendants to cooperate, which can help bolster a weak case.

Geary Reamey, a St. Mary's University criminal law professor, said the officers' attorneys have a difficult choice to make because the plea offers come when they have little information about the prosecution's case.

"Rushing people can work to the benefit of the government, particularly if there are weaknesses in the government's case," Reamey said. "Even if there are no weaknesses, it still gives the defense less time to prepare."

Counts said he has never used plea offers to pressure defendants and cautioned anyone to underestimate the government's case.

"If somebody thinks there's a weakness there, they'll just have to make their own call because there's not," Counts said.

Attorneys for Fragozo, Bowron, Cedillo and Gutierrez, confirmed that prosecutors offered their clients deals.



Here are the winners from the Big Spring Junior High School computer fair. From left, are: Billy Daves, Jacob Murphree, Becky Cheyne and Darryl Newberry. Not pictured are Tony Emerson and Mallory Schumpert.

BSJHS students win awards for showing at computer fair

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Six students walked away with top awards at the Big Spring Junior High School computer fair on Wednesday, held at the school's library.

"The fair will show the skills they learned in the classroom this year," said Don Weeks, coordinator of the event. "Technology is an everyday fact of life. If someone does not have any computer skills they will be left behind."

The top awards for the computer fair went to seventh-grader Becky Cheyne for power point/multimedia, Tony Emerson for Web page and Mallory Schumpert for desktop publishing.

Also, the team of eight-graders Darryl

Newberry, Billy Daves and Jacob Murphree earned the top award for digital graphics.

The students received a medallion to recognize their work.

According to Weeks, the students were working with technology used in everyday business such as creating a power point presentation or designing a web page.

The entrees were judged by Bob Fishback, computer specialist for the Forsan Independent School District, and Gayla Williams, computer instructor at Howard College.

Other students who participated were Sloan Diaz, Agnes Garcia, Pamela Inchassi, Melody McDaniel, Conner Phillips, Stephanie Smith and Heather Vassar.

Expert says technology may lead to oil exploration breakthrough

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

A geophysical expert says a breakthrough in seismic technology could result in the discovery of billions of additional barrels of oil in the Permian Basin and other oil-producing regions of the United States.

Jasha Cultreri, exploration manager for Vecta Exploration Inc. of Midland, said the breakthrough is the result of a three-year, \$15 million research project conducted by Vecta Exploration, the University of Texas and a consortium of industry partners.

In a presentation Wednesday to the Midland Society of Independent Earth Scientists, Cultreri said new technology will allow oil and gas operators to find potential drilling targets that could not be seen by conventional 3-D seismic technology.

Cultreri said 3-D seismic, the major seismic breakthrough 20 years ago, was responsible for finding billions of barrels of oil in structural traps, but could not show porosity.

The new technology, he said, would allow producers to actually get images of the more porous sections of rock formations where oil and gas are found.

"I think we are on the edge of a whole new era," Decker Dawson, of Midland-based Dawson Geophysical, said.

Altering recipes requires a little skill, some experimentation

For many people dieting means giving up all of their favorite family recipes and living solely on diet food.

This feeling of punishment and deprivation is one of the major reasons why fad diets fail.

Although many of our favorite recipes are high in fat, sugar and calories, recipes don't always have to be followed exactly. Subtle changes in ingredients and

preparation methods can reduce calories without noticeably changing taste or texture.

And while calorie savings per recipe may not be large, over weeks, months and years these moderate calorie savings can add up to lifetime weight control.

Three techniques for reducing calories in recipes:

Change the method of preparation. Steam, bake or broil foods instead of frying them. Trim visible fat from meat, remove the skin from poultry before cooking, and drain fat from canned fish.

Prepare soups, stews and gravies in advance: let them cool, then remove accumulated surface fat

before serving. Instead of greasing baking dishes, use a non-stick spray or line with wax paper.

Reduce the amount of the high calorie ingredients in the recipe. Many recipes call for more fat or sugar than is required for good taste.

In some recipes, you can reduce sugar and fat by as much as one-third without significantly affecting the taste or texture of the final product.

Use fresh or water packed fruit when the recipe calls for fruit. Experiment with your favorite recipes to determine how much sugar and fat you actually need.

Substitute a lower calorie ingredient for a high cal-

orie ingredient.

For example, when preparing sauces and dressings, use low-calorie bases such as vinegar mustard, tomato juice, fat-free bouillon, instead of high calorie ones such as mayonnaise, creams, fats and oils.

Some of the following tips may be helpful in modifying some of your favorite recipes.

When reducing the amount of sugar or oil use 2/3 cup to one cup in the original recipe, this works best in quick breads, muffins and cookies.

The minimum amount of fat for muffins and quick breads in one to two tablespoons per cup of flour, the minimum amount for cakes

is tablespoons of fat per cup of flour.

Try substituting applesauce for 3/4 cup of the oil, butter, margarine or shortening in some muffin and quick bread recipes.

Use two egg whites instead of one whole egg.

You may reduce the sugar in some recipes by one-fourth or one-third. This works best in muffins, pancakes and some desserts, it is less desirable for some cakes.

You should use 1/2 cup of sugar per cup of flour in cakes, one tablespoon sugar per cup of flour in quick breads and muffins, one tablespoon sugar per cup of flour in yeast breads.

When reducing sodium in

the diet remember that many baking products have sodium in them. In many products you can gradually reduce the amount of sodium and you will soon adjust to the less salty taste.

Foods can be good for you and still taste good as well. Try out some of your favorite recipes making some of the above substitutions or alterations.

It sometimes takes more than one try to come up with an acceptable final product, so if you are lowering fat and cholesterol or trying to reduce sodium, everything that tastes food isn't necessarily bad for you, maybe just altered a little.

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OUR VIEWS

Take time to check on your health

It has oft been noted that nothing is as important as one's health. Adages on the subject abound. And for good reason, because anything else, with the exception of one's spiritual condition, pales in comparison.

Unfortunately, far too many of us are conscientious when it comes to making sure we're in good health — we're too busy, we believe, to schedule a doctor's appointment for a check up and in some cases ignore symptoms of potentially life-threatening conditions.

That's why it's important that we all take advantage of free health screenings Saturday at Health Fair 2001.

Doors to Howard College's Dorothy Garrett Coliseum will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. to more than 50 booths supplying free screenings and information.

Free screenings, such as those for prostate cancer, depression, bone density, skin cancer, body composition, stroke risk, blood sugar and blood pressure are just a small sampling.

A morning cooking demonstration presented by the Texas Agriculture Extension Service will show youngsters how to prepare heart-healthy snacks.

Information also will be available for children on how to recognize if a parent is suffering a heart attack and what to do if one occurs.

Children's fingerprinting and videotaping for identification also will be available for young visitors.

Several other events will be held in conjunction with Health Fair 2001. Scenic Mountain Medical Center's Fourth Annual "Master the Mountain" Fun Walk/Fun Run will begin at 9 a.m. at Big Spring State Park.

The cost is \$13, and race-day registration begins at 8 a.m. T-shirts will be awarded to all participants, and trophies will be awarded to winners in different divisions.

Races will include a 5K fun-walk, a 5K fun-run race, and a 10K fun-run race.

The Texas Agriculture Extension Service will kick off the first mile of "Walk Across Texas" at 9 a.m. at Big Spring State Park. Eight-person teams are pitted against each other in a friendly competition recording the number of miles walked each week.

We encourage everyone to get involved this weekend and pay a little attention to healthy living.

It just might be the best and most important fun you've ever had.

OTHER VIEWS

When the 24 military service personnel held in China returned home last weekend, President Bush was not in sight. Instead of seizing the cameras himself, Bush spent a quiet Easter in Texas. Think of how Bill Clinton would have handled the homecoming. He would have hopped aboard Air Force One for a cross-country trip to where news was being made. He would have expressed warm words of welcome and appreciation — and gained a slice of television time for himself.

The presence of the president adds intensity to any news event. Clinton was constantly

on view at disasters and celebrations as well in situations where some presidential action was required. Adding the Clinton scandals, there seemed to be some kind of Clinton drama going on all the time.

When Bush stays calm, it helps keep the rest of the country calm. Many situations are better understood on their own terms without switching emphasis to the president. A president does not have to make news every day. Less noise is sometimes better. If everything is played too loud, eventually we don't hear anything.

THE ELKHART (IND.) TRUTH

In need of a midnight heart-to-heart

Well always have Paris, I tell the niece. Forget Paris, her body language says.

She's slumped deep in her chair and a middle-school melancholy. Someone at school has criticized her clothes.

Our packed bags are in the doorway. The cats are out, the bills are paid. Chelsey's first passport arrived in the nick of time. Tomorrow we leave for France, a trip I always promised we would make.

But Chelsey's in a funk. At the new school, she's uncool. Her world's not spinning in greased grooves, to paraphrase Steinbeck.

I talk to her about individuality, a sermon she's heard before. I insist on the advantages of being the new kid.

In desperation, I show her my old high-school yearbook, the one with the funny hairstyles and

clothes. She says my unrequited love looks like he's wearing road kill on his head. That handsome lad who never paid me a bit of mind does appear a bit odd in retrospect.

But even the comic-book look of the 1960s does little to cheer her. Not tonight.

I feel a little cheated myself. Part of Chelsey's charm is her ability to anticipate. She's always loved motels and museums and every detail about travel. And this is the ultimate road trip.

We should be dancing around the living room, speaking our pidgin French. Instead, we've collapsed on the sofa, reliving the miserable workweek. France is still a world away.

If I could spare every child the torment of early adolescence, I would. It's a painful period for most of us.

I remember well the horrors of seventh grade. Zane Smith found out about my accordion lessons and followed me through the hallways making squeeze-box motions.

I tell Chelsey this, and she barely grins. Maybe she figures the accordion was asking for it.

Chelsey's mother also shares her darkest memories. Her great junior-high sin was knowing how to sew, making her own clothes, she says. Not to mention an Alabama accent hauled North, to faraway Kentucky.

We both survived, we tell her.

But those distant hurts don't mean much to Chelsey, whose pain is fresh. A life pressed between the pages of some old yearbook is not real. Last week is real. Tomorrow is real.

It seems only yesterday Chelsey was standing before a full-length mirror, admiring herself. It was summertime, and I'd given her a new dress with a full pink skirt and a mermaid on its bodice.

"You're so pretty," I said, ever the doting aunt.

"I know," she sighed.

And just last year she lugged a bass fiddle to school on the bus, proud to be part of the orchestra, proud to be a bit different.

What happens to that innate confidence that most small children possess, at least the ones who are loved?

How does it evaporate between the ages of 11 and

12, leaving behind a tortured soul? Why must we learn to despise ourselves, especially our bodies, in that critical period of change?

And why are children so cruel to one another? Why does society bombard them with impossible standards of beauty and thinness?

Chelsey uses a verbal pie chart to divide her class into tidy sections: the popular kids, the OK gallery, the brains. I remember those divisions.

We wear ourselves out — Chelsey, her mother and I — talking about our respective adolescent tormentors, suggesting solutions. Until someone finally decides it's time to go to bed.

Chelsey looks a little relieved, like she's unloaded a great burden. Finally, she smiles.

I think about the teenagers with nobody to talk to. I think about the ones who take their hurt to bed, their gun to school.

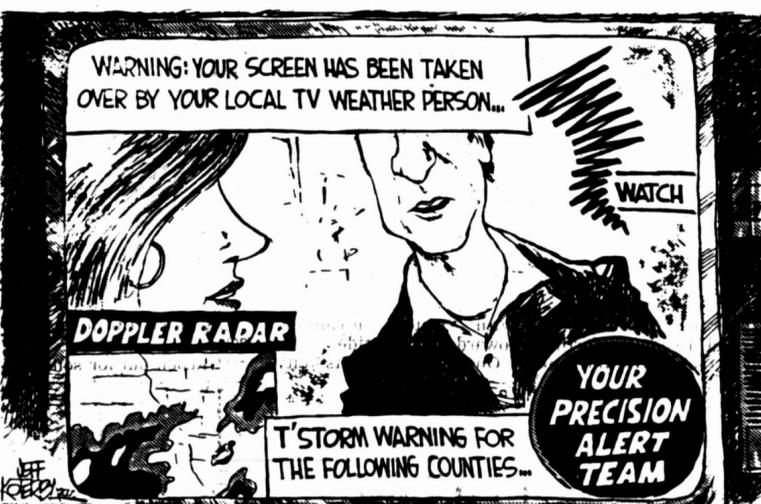
I tuck Chelsey in the way I used to, give her an extra hug. She always looks so young beneath the covers.

Paris in the springtime is nice.

But a midnight heart-to-heart might be more important to a child.



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Government-sanctioned monopolies

Only one kind of monopoly should exist: a government monopoly.

Most private monopolies are illegal — and they are illegal for a reason. They prevent competition, which harms consumers. But there are legal private monopolies, and they do not work.

Among these are public utilities and the semi-autonomous Amtrak. In each instance, these are state-regulated monopolies. These corporations pretend to be normal companies, complete with boards of directors, chief executive officers and the like, but unlike real corporations, they have no competition. Unlike real corporations, they are given state-sanctioned authority to raise rates or, in the case of Amtrak, to tap Congress to make up for deficits.

During the Great Depression, utility companies were going broke, so the Roosevelt administration proposed and Congress passed the Public Utility Holding Company Act in 1935, effectively creating publicly regulated private monopolies.

The Energy Policy Act of 1992, however, opened the door to disaster by allowing deregulation of supplies while allowing states to continue regulation of sales.

Then came the great California public utility debacle to prove that those companies could go bankrupt when deregulation is allowed. Not understood is that California only regulated half the industry. It was a matter of supply-side deregulation under the Energy Policy Act. California public utilities were compelled to pay market prices for fuel, but they were regulated on what they could charge businesses and consumers. One part free market plus one part government control equaled disaster. Their costs went

through the roof while their income only crept slowly upward, resulting in massive losses.

Meanwhile, other public utilities continue as before. To guarantee them profits, states keep granting rate hikes. Amtrak, on the other hand, doesn't make a profit, so Congress keeps granting it more money. In all of these instances, the results are the same. Consumers pay more and receive less — less in service, quality and reliability.

The solution is obvious. If an industry is conducive to competition, let the free market thrive. If not, let the government take complete control, just as it does in the case of national defense and police work. This is not to say that government monopolies are efficient.

Monopolies are inherently inefficient. That is why there are so many complaints about government bureaucracy and red tape. But when we add government bureaucracy — such as state public utility commissions — to private

monopolies, we get the worst of both worlds.

Remember when AT&T had the monopoly on long distance telephone service? That company was regulated, which meant that it was guaranteed a profit. As a result, AT&T's long distance rates stated in 1998 dollars were \$1.33 per minute in 1960 versus \$.07 per minute today. This glaring example clearly demonstrates how monopolies stifle competition, especially when they are government-sanctioned and government-regulated monopolies.

Even today, local telephone service continues to be a government-regulated monopoly. The result? A one-minute call to your next-door neighbor is more expensive than a one-minute call from New York to California.

Monopolies are evils best exercised by government alone — and only when they are necessary evils. The key is to know when they are no longer necessary, as in the case of long distance telephone service.



JACK ANDERSON



U.S. over

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U.S., China wrap up talks over return of spy plane

BEIJING (AP) — U.S. and Chinese negotiators ended a second day of talks described as productive but producing no sign of agreement Thursday on the return of an American spy plane or Beijing's demand to end surveillance flights near its coast.

The Americans had threatened to break off the meeting Wednesday. Talks resumed today only after U.S. Ambassador Joseph Prueher won a promise from Chinese officials to discuss the return of the American plane.

The two sides gave few details, but Deputy Undersecretary of Defense Peter Verga, leader of the eight-member U.S. team, sounded a positive note.

"We covered all the items that were on the agenda, and I found today's session to be productive," Verga said.

A Chinese spokeswoman called the talks "very frank."

"The sides have agreed to keep in touch, and future talks will be held at a time and place to be determined through diplomatic channels," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Zhang Qiyue told reporters.

In Washington, White House spokesman Ari Fleischer described the 90-minute session as businesslike and said the next meeting will discuss how to avoid future incidents. He said a meeting previously scheduled for Monday has been postponed to allow time for preparing an agenda for the next session.

As for the U.S. demand that the Navy plane be returned, Fleischer said: "The Chinese officials have said they will continue to discuss the matter."

China has held the U.S.

Navy EP-3E surveillance plane, worth some \$80 million, since it made an emergency landing April 1 on Hainan island in the South China Sea. The 24 crew members were released only after 11 days of protracted negotiations.

Zhang didn't respond to repeated questions about whether China had discussed the return of the plane. She said talking about "related issues" would be difficult before clearing up questions about the collision. She said the plane's fate will be determined by the outcome of China's investigation.

China wants the United States to take the blame for its plane's collision with a Chinese fighter jet, whose pilot is missing and presumed dead. Beijing also wants an end to American surveillance flights near the Chinese coast.

Mississippi River flood peaking in Wisconsin; Iowa set for worst

PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, Wis. (AP) — The muddy waters of the Mississippi River engulfed homes and pushed sandbag walls to the limit after cresting short of predictions 60 miles upriver at La Crosse.

Dorothy and Al Reed moved furniture out of their home in this southwest Wisconsin river town Wednesday, then spent the night in the two-story structure despite water that filled the basement and covered a porch.

"It's not easy to watch your house go under water," Dorothy Reed said. "It's all you own, you don't have any choice. It gives you a sick feeling in your stomach."

Her husband planned to stay, she said, "but if it gets on our regular floors, I'm leaving. That's more than I can take."

The Mississippi crested at

16.4 feet Wednesday morning at La Crosse, a foot and a half below the record set in April 1965. Officials said it could take weeks for the river to slip back into its banks and below the flood stage of 12 feet.

"Our dikes are still holding," said Pat Caffrey, public works director in La Crosse. "Our biggest concern is the weather forecast."

A chance of showers or storms was forecast for the region from Thursday night into early next week, though the rain wasn't expected to be heavy.

Scores of homes in Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa are already surrounded by water or partly flooded, and residents further downstream are watching the river rise as they wait for the crest, expected in Iowa over the next week.

Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa,

said he had asked Federal Emergency Management Agency Director Joe Albaugh to place the agency on alert status. FEMA staff were expected in Iowa as early as Thursday to assess the situation.

"Their quick response could make the difference for thousands of Iowa families," Harkin said.

In downtown Davenport, pump generators dined as dozens of adults and children scooped sand into bags and National Guard members worked with hoses to keep water out of the streets. Earthen and sandbag dikes rose as high as 6 feet above River Drive.

On city streets, city workers marked with pink paint where the water would reach 19 feet, 20 feet and beyond.

Fed's interest rate cut highlights bulls' return to Wall Street trading

NEW YORK (AP) — The Federal Reserve's unexpected interest-rate cut gave Wall Street a triple-digit rally and one of its strongest performances this year. But the real news may be that the bulls are re-emerging.

After months of uncertainty about where stocks are headed, a growing number of analysts believe the worst may be over for the markets.

"While we may see some pullback because this has been such a big day, I do think the trend is upward from here," said Matt Brown, head of equity management at Wilmington Trust. "There's a strong correlation between aggressive Fed action and improved stock market performance."

The optimism comes despite expectations that corporate earnings will continue to be weak for months and a Fed statement Wednesday indicating it is quite concerned about the economy.

Analysts say stocks will definitely slide again, but what's changed is their confidence. They're more convinced than ever that the stock market — and the economy, albeit at a slower pace — are starting to improve.

"As far as the kind of devastation we saw in 2000, the worst is over. We might test our lows again, but as far as the free-fall we saw, that has come to an end," said Charles Pradilla, chief investment strategist at SG Cowen Securities. "This is not the end of the market's problems, but the beginning of its healing process."

The Fed said it was cutting rates for the fourth time this year because of "rising uncertainty about the business outlook," among other concerns. But those worries failed to dampen Wednesday's enthu-

siasm.

Investors sent the Dow Jones industrials up nearly 400 points, while the Nasdaq composite index — which remains in a bear market — rose 156 and the Standard & Poor's 500 index gained 46.

"The stock market's recovery usually occurs before the economy's," said Jeff Hirsch, publisher of the

Stock Trader's Almanac. He said that since 1949, the average gain realized from between the time the Dow bottomed to an end of a recession was about 24.5 percent.

"So if the Dow bottomed in March... then we're looking at the Dow reaching 11,337 by the end of the year," he said.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, April 20:

You deal well with money and love. This year, display and share your innate talents. You often think too much about others' comments and take statements personally. Loosen up. Understand that you might be very sensitive. A friend plays a very important role as you share more of yourself with this person. If you are single, make sure another really is emotionally available before you decide this is the one. If you are attached, share more of your vulnerabilities with a loved one. ARIES understands you.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19) *** Avoid reacting to the planetary overtones, and you'll make others and yourself happier. Others also feel a bit "off" and shaky. Later, you'll suddenly feel more in your element. Express caring in a form that means something to others. Tonight: Do your thing.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) *** Smile at the sudden lightness as Saturn, the planet of responsibility, moves out of your sign, after 30 months. (Your ruling planet goes direct this morning.) You feel relief from recent weeks of tension and misunderstanding. Express more of what you feel. Be vulnerable. Tonight: Could it be a champagne occasion?

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) *** Accept what is going on with a friend. You cannot change this person, and if you try, flak comes your way. Accept responsibilities graciously and understand your limits. Friends and networking are key to your success in the next few days. Tonight: Think in terms of a life goal.

CANCER (June 21-July 20) *** Reach out for someone at a distance. Friends and family will appreciate your efforts right now. You don't always have to entertain. You can opt to invite others to join you at a preferred spot. Learn to take more time alone for yourself, to rest and think. Tonight: Accept someone's praise.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) *** Your words finally get through to another. Deal with recent financial problems. Someone might be more willing to talk turkey in the latter part of the day. Do not lose your focus when dealing with others. A relationship will take a nice twist. Tonight: Follow the music.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) *** Burn up the long-distance lines to get advice about financial matters. Others mean well but could be unusually touchy or difficult. Don't be surprised if a boss or someone in charge becomes even touchier in the next months. Be aware of what you want. Tonight: Respond to someone's gestures.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) *** Plunge into work with a sense of renewal. If you deal more with the big picture and less with details, success will become yours. Recognize that nothing is impossible. Consider another's offer. This person genuinely cares about you. Tonight: Out and about.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) *** You feel a sense of relief, especially when dealing with others. Perhaps you see more of what you are doing to draw another's reaction. Enjoy the increased freedom. Possibilities surround your work and relationships. Plan something special for a friend or loved one. Tonight: Be nurturing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) *** Curb your hot temper with family and close associates. You take a step forward with a friend. Make a business plan before launching into an important job. If single, someone

you meet in the next few months might be far more important than you realize. Tonight: Kick up your heels. Dance in the week-end.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) *** Your ruling planet changes signs, allowing greater creativity with loved ones and projects. Take good care of yourself — especially your bones and teeth. If you are overdue for a dental checkup, schedule it now as a gift to yourself. Build on strong foundations. Tonight: Buy flowers or a plant for your home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) *** News from a distance might affect plans at home. What might have been a burden finally loosens up as you learn that you have other choices. A child or new friend needs more attention, but he could be touchy. Tonight: Respond to a friend's gesture.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) *** Where another might have been difficult or withdrawn over the past few weeks, finally you are able to make an inroad. Don't take a boss's knee-jerk reaction personally. Shop at lunchtime for a card for a dear friend or loved one. Tonight: Your treat.

BORN TODAY Actress Jessica Lange (1949), entertainer Carmen Electra (1972), actor Joey Lawrence (1976)

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FISHING REPORT

CENTRAL: BROWNWOOD: Water murky; 68 degrees: Black bass to 7 pounds are fair to good on Rat-L-Traps, white spinnerbaits and soft plastics in 10-20 feet. Striped bass are very good on stripers jigs and Rat-L-Traps. White bass to 12 inches are good on minnows and jigs in 6-10 feet. Crappie to 12 inches are good on minnows and jigs in 6-12 feet. Channel and blue catfish to 14 pounds are fair on chicken livers and nightcrawlers in 5-15 feet. Yellow catfish are fair on shad and perch in 5-15 feet. BUCHANAN: Water clear; 68 degrees: 10.18.35: Black bass to 8 pounds are good on pumpkin Terminator jigs with Texas Smoke trailers and 1/4 oz. crawfish Rat-L-Traps in creeks and coves in 1-12 feet. Striped bass are good drifting live bait and trolling 1/2 oz. white/chartreuse Curbs bucktail jigs just above breaklines of main channels in 14-24 feet and on chrome Rat-L-Traps or jerkbaits over flats or manmade points. White bass are fair to good on jigs jigging 1/4 oz. silver or blue Horizon Pink Minnows and casting or trolling 3 Terminator In-Line spinners and Spin Traps. Crappie are slow. Channel catfish are slow to fair on trotlines and jug lines. Flathead catfish are slow on trotlines. SOUTHEAST: CONROE: Water clear; 69 degrees: Black bass are good on white spinnerbaits and Bass Assassins in 10-20 feet. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs along the shoreline brush. Channel and blue catfish are good on stinkbait and cut shad along creek channel edges in 15-25 feet. GIBBONS CREEK: Water stained; 70 degrees: Black bass are fair to good on Bass Assassins and white spinnerbaits along the shoreline grass. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs along the shoreline brush. Catfish are good on stinkbait, prepared baits and cut shad in 10-20 feet. HOUSTON COUNTY: Water cloudy with clear edges; 65 degrees: Black bass to 8 pounds are good on blue/green worms and white spinnerbaits near the marina. Crappie to 3 pounds are excellent on live minnows and white grubs. Catfish to 3 pounds are good on live minnows at the spitway towards the rocks. LIVINGSTON: Water slightly off color; 4-12 high: Black bass are good on spinnerbaits and black Power Worms. No report on striped bass. White bass are good on Rat-L-Traps, slabs, pet spoons and Hellbenders. Crappie are good on minnows. Channel and blue catfish are good on shad. Yellow catfish are slow. SAM RAYBURN: Water stained to murky; 68-70 degrees: Black bass are fair to good on white Rat-L-Traps, spinnerbaits and shallow-diving crankbaits along river edges over grass mats and on white jigs in green grass. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs in 4-12 feet. Channel and blue catfish are fair on cutbait and shrimp. STENHAGEN: Water slightly stained; 68 degrees: Black bass to 10 pounds are good on dark soft plastics and crankbaits in 3-6 feet. Striped bass to 6 pounds are good on topwaters below the dam. White bass to 2 pounds are good on topwaters and jigs below the dam. Crappie to 12 inches are good on minnows in 3-8 feet. Channel and blue catfish to 4 pounds are fair on cutbait and shad. Yellow catfish to 10 pounds are good on trotlines baited with live bait. TOLEDO BEND: Water murky; 70 degrees: 17.2.04: Black bass are good on buzzbaits and spinnerbaits over grass and on Texas or Carolina-rigged soft plastics along the creek channel points and bends in 14-16 feet. White bass are good on slabs and stripers jigs up the Rio Grande. Crappie are good on shiners around laydowns and tops along the creek channels in 6-8 feet. Striped bass are good on crickets and worms in the shallows. SOUTH: AMSTAD: Water fairly clear; 70 degrees; 35 low: Black bass to 8 pounds are good on Texas rigged lizards and Carolina-rigged watermelon seed or June bug worms. Striped bass to 20 pounds are good on stripers jigs and topwater lures up the Rio Grande. White bass are good on slabs and stripers jigs up the Rio Grande. Crappie are good on live minnows up Devils River past Rough Canyon. Channel and blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow on trotlines baited with perch. PANHANDLE: BAYLOR: Water clear; 62 degrees; 3.25 low: Black bass are good on spinnerbaits on the main lake and green jigs or soft plastic in creeks. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs near the dam. GREENBELT: Water clear; 57 degrees; 4.5 low: Black bass are slow on white/chartreuse spinnerbaits. Crappie are excellent on minnows. White bass are good on minnows. Smallmouth bass to 4 pounds are good on shad colored crankbaits. Walleye to 5 pounds are good on minnows and Rat-L-Traps. Catfish are slow. MACKENZIE: Water clear; 60 degrees: Black bass are good on crankbaits and white spinnerbaits. Crappie are good on minnows. Striped bass to 9 pounds are good on Rat-L-Traps. New lake record 7.87 pound black bass caught on crankbait - pending confirmation. MICREDDY: Water clear; 54 degrees; 1.5 low: Black bass are excellent on spinnerbaits in the backs of creeks. Crappie are good on minnows. White bass are good on minnows. Smallmouth bass are good on spinnerbaits on secondary points and stacked at the mouths of creeks. Walleye are excellent on minnows. Catfish are slow. PALO DURO: Water clear; 58 degrees: Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs near the bridge. White bass are slow. Walleye are slow. Catfish to 11 pounds are fair on shad and minnows. Recent TPW survey gill netted an 11.8 pound walleye and showed an abundance of shad, walleye and crappie. WEST: ALAN HENRY: Water stained; 62 degrees: Black bass to 10 pounds are good on topwaters, crankbaits, spinnerbaits and shad colored soft jerkbaits in the shallows. Crappie are good on small crankbaits and jigs in minnows. ARROWHEAD: Water stained; 63 low; 62 degrees: Black bass are fair on spinnerbaits, crankbaits and dark jigs. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows near the park area. Catfish are fair on cutbait and shad. BRADY: Water lightly stained; 61 degrees: Black bass are fair on white spinnerbaits and crankbaits. Catfish are slow. COLORADO CITY: Water clear; 59 degrees: Black bass are fair on minnows. Crappie are good on minnows in 10-12 feet. Redfish are good on Rat-L-Traps. Catfish are fair on shrimp and cutbait. FT. PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 62 degrees; 5.19 low: Black bass are good on spinnerbaits and crankbaits. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs in the shallows near the discharge. White bass are good on minnows. Yellow Catfish to 30 pounds are good perch and goldfish. Blue Catfish to 15 pounds are excellent on cutbait. HUBBARD CREEK: Water lightly stained; 65 degrees: Black bass are good on topwaters, spinnerbaits and crankbaits in shallows. Crappie are good on minnows. Catfish are slow. The concrete boat ramp is out of the water. A temporary ramp is open near the dam (turn at Wal-Mart and follow the paved/caliche road to east side of dam). KANSWORTHY: Water stained; 60 degrees: Black bass are good on topwaters, spinnerbaits and crankbaits. Crappie are good on jigs and minnows. White bass and stripers are good on minnows and shad. Channel and yellow catfish are good on chicken liver, cutbait and stinkbait. Lake is being dredged of 2-feet of silt (3 year project started summer 2000). MOCCANA: No report available. OAK CREEK: No boat ramps open - no fishing report available. OH. IVE: Water lightly stained; 66 degrees; 13.5 low: Black bass are good on spinnerbaits and Texas-rigged green ribworms, crawfish and mudbugs. Crappie are good on jigs and minnows. White bass are fair on minnows and slabs in 25-30 feet. Catfish to 6 pounds are good on jugs or trotlines with cut shad and rock-reef with cheese bait fished shallow. The road to Concho Park is under construction. POSSUM KINGDOM: Water lightly stained; 64 degrees; 7.5 low: Fishing is still slow toxic algae bloom affecting all species of fish throughout lake. Some striped bass being caught up the river on shad. SPENCE: Water lightly stained; 60 degrees: Black bass are good on spinnerbaits and crankbaits. Crappie are slow on minnows. White bass are good on slabs and minnows. Striped bass 18 to 30 pounds are good on cutbait. Catfish are slow. STAMFORD: Water clear; 61 degrees: Black bass are slow on spinnerbaits and crankbaits. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on live bait. Catfish are good in the shallows on cut shad, cut carp and stinkbait. SWEETWATER: Water lightly stained; 65 degrees; 14.25 low: Black bass are good on crankbaits and spinnerbaits. Crappie are good on jigs and minnows in the shallows. White bass are slow. Channel catfish are slow on trotlines. WHITE RIVER: Water stained; 63 degrees; 17.5 low: Black bass are fair on black, black/blue and pumpkin soft plastics. Crappie are good on minnows. Walleye are fair in shallows on crankbaits. Catfish to 30 pounds are good on cutbait. COASTAL: NORTH SABINE: Trout to six pounds are good on red shad Norton Sand Eels, Bass Assassins, Trout Killers, Hogie's and topwaters in three to five feet of water. Redfish are good on live or cut bait on the north end of the lake. SOUTH SABINE: Trout to six pounds are good on shrimp on the reef and on the shorelines. Flounder are good at North and South Levee road on mud minnows and Bass Assassins. Trout are good on the Louisiana shorelines.



By BETTY DEBNAM

The Amazon River Basin

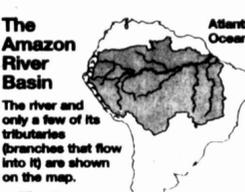


We celebrate Earth Day, April 21, with a story about an amazing part of the world. Our expert for this issue is Dr. Americo Brazil. This is some of what he wants our readers to know about the Amazon River Basin.

We use basins, sinks and bowls to hold things, especially water. Our planet Earth has basins, too. One of the Earth's largest basins is the Amazon River Basin in South America. Rain falls into rivers that flow through this huge basin. Mountains, hills and plateaus form the rims.

The Amazon River Basin covers: • more than 2 1/2 million acres. This river system flows in seven countries, including about half of Brazil. • an area about the size of the continental United States.

Dr. Brazil is a make-believe field biologist created by the Smithsonian Institution's National Zoo. (A field biologist goes into an area and studies the plants and animals firsthand.)



The Amazon River Basin The river and only a few of its tributaries (branches that flow into it) are shown on the map.

The Amazon begins high in the Andes Mountains and flows about 4,000 miles across the continent. Only the Nile River in Africa is longer. The Amazon River has 1,500 tributaries. Seventeen of these are more than 900 miles long. The Amazon carries one-fifth of all the river water flowing into the oceans of the Earth. The mouth of the river is 200 miles wide where it enters into the Atlantic Ocean.



A boat cruises down a river in Peru. Notice the tropical rain forest that lines the banks.

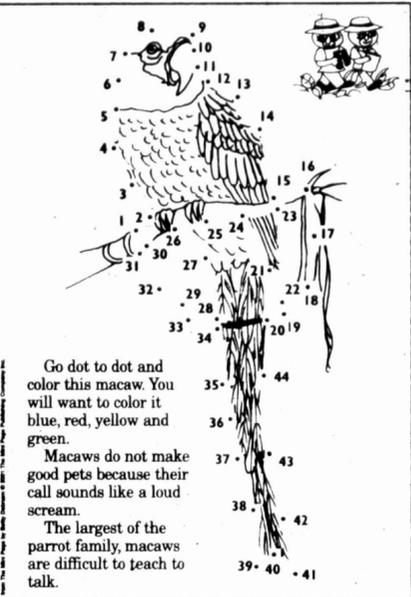
The flooded forest



The Amazon furnishes food and transportation for the people who live along it. Houses along the riverbank are built on stilts. Sometimes the waters rise so much that people must move to their roofs.

Each year, for a six-month period, the banks along the Amazon flood. It's amazing how people, plants and animals adjust to these changes. Waters rise from 20 feet to 50 feet and flood an area as far away as 50 miles from the river.

People Today, about 17 million people live in the Amazon Basin. Of that number, about 250,000 are descendants of the native people who have lived there for 20,000 years.



Rookie Cookies Recipe Black Bean and Beef Casserole

This is a popular dish in Brazil. You'll need: • 1 celery stalk, chopped fine • 2 carrots, chopped • 2 onions, chopped • 3 garlic cloves, chopped fine • 1 bell pepper, chopped • 1/4 cup vegetable oil • 1 (14 1/2-ounce) can stewed tomatoes • 1 pound stew beef, cut into cubes • 2 (16-ounce) cans black beans, drained. What to do: 1. Cook first five ingredients in vegetable oil in a large pot over medium heat for 5 minutes. Stir often. 2. Add tomatoes and beef. Cover. Lower heat to simmer and cook for 30 minutes. Stir every 5 minutes. 3. Add beans. Cook uncovered for 15 to 20 minutes. Serves 8.

Mighty Funny's Funny Phonics

It's fun to learn phonics, or the way letters sound. This week's target sound is the one made by the EA blend, as in the word bread.

Mom: Why didn't you pick up your room like I asked you to? Henry: It was too heavy! Willie: Did you know that smart people are going deaf? Wanda: What did you say? Charlene: How do you make your hair dance? Ginny: With a head band!

Gus Goodsport's report Supersport: Bret Hedican

Height: 6-2 Birthdate: 8-10-70 Weight: 205 College: St. Cloud State Bret Hedican is one very fast ice skater. He plays defense for the Florida Panthers ice hockey team. At the All-Star Game, he has competed in the "fastest skater" competition. Before joining the Panthers in 1999, he played for the St. Louis Blues and the Vancouver Canucks. He has played in more than 500 games in his career. At the 1992 Olympics, he played on the U.S. team that came in fourth. Bret is married to skater Kristi Yamaguchi. They live in Fort Lauderdale during the hockey season and also have homes in Oakdale, Minn., and San Francisco. In his free time, he likes playing golf and the guitar. He likes Italian food.

Meet BBMak

Christian, Mark, Stephen One of the biggest songs last year was "Back Here" by the group BBMak. The members are Mark Barry, 22, flute and lead vocals; Christian Burns, 27, guitar; and Stephen McNally, 22, guitar. They are from northern England. They met when they were each playing in different bands. Before the group became successful, Christian sold cars, Mark was studying how to be a firefighter, and Stephen was a security guard. In their free time they like to play pool. Mark's favorite food is Italian, Christian's is Thai, and Stephen's is his mother's cooking.

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The Amazon's Tropical Rain Forest

The rain forests of the world are shaded on this world map. The Amazon River Basin has the largest tropical rain forest in the world. Temperatures stay in the same range (the 70s and 80s) all year long. Rain falls at the rate of from 80 to 120 inches a year. As plants "transpire" (kind of like breathing), they release water from leaf surfaces. The water rises into the atmosphere, forms clouds and then falls as rain. Moisture also blows in from the ocean. Plants Many trees have special trunks with supports that stick out and keep them from falling over. The rain forest is very dense. As many as 280 different types of trees might be found in an area the size of two football fields. Some trees, such as the kapok tree, grow to nearly 200 feet high. The kapok grows as fast as 12 feet per year. Many plants of the rain forest are valuable. They produce rubber, cacao beans (used in making chocolate), vanilla, figs and Brazil nuts. Many plants are used for medicines. The jaguar is one of the 500 or more species of mammals that live in the rain forest. It is the largest cat in the Western Hemisphere. The emerald tree boa is a constrictor. It coils around prey and squeezes it to death. The falling rain washes nutrients, or plant food, out of the soil. Roots of plants don't go down far but rather spread out along the shallow topsoil. Many plants live on other plants. Vines cling to trees. The whole forest area is supported by a web of shallow roots and vines, mosses, ferns and algae. Whenever anything falls to the ground, it is eaten or quickly decomposes. Biodiversity "Bio" means life, and "diversity" means variety. The biodiversity is probably greater in rain forest areas than anywhere else. Thousands of different animals, including mammals, fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and insects, thrive in the warm, damp climate. This photo will give you an idea of what a flooded area of the rain forest looks like. Plants adjust to being underwater for six months of the year. Animals, including humans, have to make adjustments, too. More types of freshwater fish live in the Amazon River than in any other river on Earth. One fish, the arapaima, might grow to be 9 feet long. Its diet includes some fruit and a wide variety of insects, fish and birds found on the water's surface. The threatened rain forest Mining for oil and other minerals and clearing the land for farms and homes have threatened the rain forests of the world. There is great concern about the future of the rain forest and other wilderness areas. This issue is based on the exhibit "Amazonia" at the Smithsonian's National Zoo in Washington, D.C. The Mini Page thanks staff members Vincent Rico, Ed Smith, William Clements and Mike Morgan for their help. A site to see: natzoo.si.edu/amazonia/index The Mini Page is created and edited by Betty Debnam Associate Editors Anne Chamberlain Lucy Llan Staff Artist Wendy Dealy

Amazon River TRY 'N FIND

Words that remind us of the Amazon River are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward. See if you can find: AMAZON, RIVER, BASIN, BRAZIL, ANDES, NUTS, TRIBUTARIES, BANK, FLOOD, RAIN FORESTS, PEOPLE, TREES, PLANTS, VINES, RUBBER, ROOTS, MONKEY, FROG. A M A Z O N A K W F L O O D A B N T C E R B F N U T S P B A A S E D N A R C L X F B L P N S T R E E S E O Q Y R B A E K I F R E B B U R O S O R N O G N T C Y E K N O M T G A T P R I V E R S E N I V H S Z S L E S E I R A T U B I R T I V E J S T S E R O F N I A R L V Z

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Dear Ann Landers: I am 38 years old and have been married to "Kirby" for 17 years. We have three children. Kirby was furious when I became pregnant with our last child. He wanted me to get an abortion, but I refused. For the last four months of the pregnancy, he wanted nothing to do with me, physically or emotionally. We slept in separate bedrooms and barely spoke. In fact, he didn't know I had gone into labor until I phoned him from the hospital. He replied, "I told you I wouldn't be there for this child, and I meant it."



ANN LANDERS

That was two years ago. Now that the child is here, you would never know there had been a problem. He adores her. Unfortunately, that hasn't made me feel any better about the way he treated me, and I cannot get over it. When the baby was 6 months old, I asked Kirby if he feels guilty, and he didn't answer. Our marriage has been strained ever since. I have distanced myself emotionally, and we rarely have sex. I have never cheated on him, but I've been tempted more than once.

Kirby is a wonderful provider and a good father, but I am lonely. I have asked him to go with me for counseling, but he refuses. I still love Kirby, but I can't live like this any longer. Please tell me what to do. - Disconnected in New York City

Dear New York: If Kirby won't go with you for counseling, go alone. I doubt this man is still angry with you for getting pregnant, since he is so *happy* about the child. He apparently doesn't want to take responsibility for his reprehensible behavior, and you are still holding a grudge. You need to talk to a professional about your dysfunctional marriage. Get going, and good luck.

Dear Ann Landers: My best friend has financial troubles he is unaware of because his wife has been keeping it a secret. Apparently, she has been taking out loans from vari-

ous banks in order to pay their bills. He has no idea they are in debt and continues to spend money, thinking he can afford to do so.

His wife told a girlfriend about this in confidence. The girlfriend mentioned it to me because she knew I was a good friend of the husband, and she believes he should be told what is going on. Should I tell him? I don't want to get in the middle of something that is none of my business, but I'd hate to see my friend wind up losing his home because of this. - Money Trouble in Virginia

Dear Money Trouble: Talk to the girlfriend who mentioned this to you, and suggest that she tell the wife to be honest with her husband. They must work on their financial problems together before they become unmanageable. Marriage should be a partnership in every sense of the word. Beyond that, MYOB.

Dear Ann Landers: I just wanted you to know that I am 100 percent on your side regarding the "tradition" of smashing a piece of cake in the bride's face after the wedding ceremony. You said it was disrespectful and crude and that you saw nothing funny about it.

I was upset when my husband did this to me, but I kept quiet at the time. When I mentioned it to him later, he said I wasn't a good sport and accused me of having no sense of humor. He said the clergyman laughed, too. Ann, smashing cake in my face was a pretty good indicator of things to come. He turned out to be a domineering and cruel husband, totally unconcerned about my feelings. If I had known, I would have left him at the wedding reception and saved myself a lot of grief. - No Longer a Bride in Chicago

Dear No Longer a Bride: Thanks for the confirmation. I know of no clergyman who thinks smashing cake in the bride's face is acceptable. I checked with several denominations, and they all thought it was disrespectful and appalling.

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Today's Highlight in History:

Fifty years ago, on April 19, 1951, Gen. Douglas MacArthur, relieved of his Far East command by President Truman, bid farewell to Congress, quoting a line from a ballad: "Old soldiers never die; they just fade away."

In 1775, the American Revolutionary War began with the battles of Lexington and Concord.

In 1782, the Netherlands recognized American independence.

In 1933, the United States went off the gold standard.

In 1943, during World War II, tens of thousands of Jews living in the Warsaw Ghetto began a valiant but

futile battle against Nazi forces.

In 1945, the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "Carousel" opened on Broadway.

In 1982, astronauts Sally K. Ride and Guion S. Bluford Jr. became the first woman and first African-American to be tapped for U.S. space missions.

In 1989, 47 sailors were killed when a gun turret exploded aboard the USS Iowa.

In 1993, the 51-day siege at the Branch Davidian compound near Waco, Texas, ended as fire destroyed the structure after federal agents began smashing their way in; dozens of people, including leader David Koresh, were killed.

In 1995, a truck bomb destroyed the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, killing 168 people and injuring hundreds.

Timothy McVeigh was later convicted of federal murder charges and faces execution next month.

In 1999, the German par-

liament inaugurated its new home in the restored Reichstag in Berlin, its pre-war capital.

Ten years ago: Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev arrived in South Korea for talks with President Roh Tae-woo. Evander Holyfield won a unanimous decision over George Foreman to retain boxing's heavyweight title in Atlantic City, N.J.

Five years ago: On the first anniversary of the Oklahoma City bombing, hundreds of mourners paused for 168 seconds of silence at the site where the federal building once stood.

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Newsday Crossword

ANAGRAMMAR by Shirley Soloway Edited by Stanley Newman

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