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Comptroller figures show increased sales in Howard County


Kubernach volunteers time to spruce up VMC F-4




Las Vegas native Kate Kubernach, one of the nation's best corrosion control speralo photo/Kathy Gilbert teering her tme to give the Vietnam Memorial Committee's F-4 a new paint job. | A light color is also needed loudest planes around, "When babies are screamin' | $\begin{array}{l}\text { totally silent,"" she said, "there } \\ \text { was that sonic boom, and then }\end{array}$ |
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| $\begin{array}{c}\text { or the belly of the plane, so it } \\ \text { for }\end{array}$ |  | for the belly of the plane, so it down at you at 600 knots, you $\begin{aligned} & \text { you couldn't hear the engines." } \\ & \text { blends in with the sky when } \\ & \text { know you're dead meat," she }\end{aligned}$ Kubernach is supervising the seen from above.

No camolfage could hide the
Clearly a woman who loves
s.4 week-long coating of the jet that
loterans have been care F-4s very well, though.
F-4s were kind of hard to
lose.

her planes, Kubernach lath about jets she's flown | lose," Kubernach said, "they in. |
| :--- |
| have a smoke trail you can't Though not a pilot, she has $\begin{array}{l}\text { Inc., who donated the coating } \\ \text { and equipment for painting the }\end{array}$ | miss. They're loud, they're been a passenger in several plane. Kubernach sang the mean, and they're ugly. But jets, she said. Breaking the praises of Chem-Kote 54. "Any

UBS schedules blood drive Wednesday in Coahoma $\frac{\text { By CARLTON }}{\text { Staff Writer }}$

San Angelo-based United Blood Services (UBS) will be in Coahoma Wednesday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. for a blood drive at the Church of Christ. There is not a critical need at this time according to UBS Community $\quad$ Relations Community Representative Angie Tyson, WEATHER

## Tonight:

Tonight, mostly clear. Lows near 40. Tuesday, sunny and cooler. Highs around 70 . Tuesday night, fair. Lows in the 40s. Extended forecast,
Vednesday, dry. Highs in the 70 s. Thursday and Friday, dry. Lows in the Nodnesday, Highs in the 80 s .
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 We always need O-negative units because it is the universal centage o, this blood type," Tyson said As with all UBS blood drives, for the Coahoma blood drive. "Appointments are not neces


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Area resident wanting to par-
ticipate in Wednesday's triv ticipate in Wednesday's drive may contact Bill Gressett at 26
2410 or UBS at (800)756-0024. "We're looking forward
coming back to Coahoma coming bac
"The blood dres ter and better and we think that's a true testament to the level of compassion in the com-
munity." Tyson said donors are reminded that they must be between
the ages of 17 and 79 , weigh at the ages of 17 and 79 , weigh at
least 110 pounds and feel
healthy at the time they donate least 11a pounds and oeel
healthy the time they donate
blood. For donors taking oral blood. For donors taking oral
antibiotics there is a three day antibiotics there is a three day
waiting period before they can give blood. March was an unusually difficult month for the blood supply, past drives area residents have usually responded well to UBS events. "Typically, more people
donate during the month of March than at other times dur-


## $\begin{array}{ll}\text { sales of } \$ 66,757,100 \text {. } \\ \text { Statewide, third quarter gross } & \begin{array}{l}\text { Howard County had aitotal of } \\ 394 \\ \text { outlets report gross third }\end{array}\end{array}$ Statewide, third quarter gross sales for for totaling quarter outs report gross third sales for 1997 totaling $\$ 145,896,58,105$ were reported which represents an 88.3 percent by 363,820 business outlets, an 11.2 percent increase compared increase over 1996 third quarter 11.2 percent increase compared to 1996 third quarter gross sales of $\$ 1996$ third quarter gross sales of 413,354 outlets. Second quarter gross sales for 1997 totaling $\$ 137,305,907,566$ were reported Statewide, the retail division had 196,843 report third 196,843 outlets $\$ 54,170,424,377$, an 10.5 percent increase increase over 1996 third sales of $\$ 49,003,156,044$. <br> Inching upward

March unemployment figures increase slightly, report states $\frac{\text { by chanton }}{\text { Stat Whier }}$

## Texas' unemployment rate rose slightly in March, a state rose slightly in March, a state report reveals. In Howard County the unemployment rate for the month of March was 3.9 percent, an increase of one-tenth of a percent compared to February. In January, the county reported an unemployment rate of 3.7 percent. The city of Big Spring reported a March unemployment rate of 4.3 percent. In the past few months, Big Spring has report- ed unemployment rates of 4.2 ed unemployment rates of 4.2 percent in February; and 4.7 percent in January. According to TWC, Texas employers added 30,000 jobs to employers added 30,000 jobs to their payrolls in March with their payrolls in March with retail trade accounting for most of the growth with 8,900 mew jobs. <br> A good indication of the strength in the local economy strength in the local economy (reflected in the unemployment rate) for the Big Spring area in the past few months can been measured by looking at the rate measured by looking at the rate during the holiday months and then comparing them to the first three months of 1998 . first three months of 1998. In December, the city of Big Spring reported an unemployment rate of 3.3 percent. For the months of November and October, Big Spring reported an unemployment rate of 3.7 per- cent. In January, the city's unemployment rate was 4.7 percent. For the month of February,

 Statistical Area (MSA), the Howard County, remained the same between February and the states 27 MSAs. January's unemployment rateor the Odessa-Midland MSA was 4.5 percent, according to the report.
Bryan-Coll
Bryan-College Station report-
ed the lowest March unemploy. ment rate at 1.6 percent.
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission had the highest rate at 17.2 percent. Rates of unemployment in the
urban areas of Texas as urban areas of Texas as
announced by the TWC for announced by the TWC for
March include: Abilene, 3.3 percent; Amarillo, 3.4 percent; Austin-San Marcos, 2.5 percent; Beaumont-Port Arthur, 6.8 percent; Brazoria, 5.7 percent;
Brownsville-Harlingen, 12 per-Brownsville-Harlingen, 12 per-
cent; Corpus Christi, 6 percent; Dallas, , .1 percent; Lubbock, , 3.3 and Wichita Falls, 4.5 percent. Texas' 4.6 percent unemployment rate in March was four-
tenths of a percent below the U.S. une
percent.


HERALD photo/Unda Choate
Elbow Elementary coach Byron Seal, left, and Principal Linda Cronenberg get a jello bath from fourth-grader Hayley Lewis Friday. The "sliming" was a reward to Elbow students for surpassing their reading goals for thils year.

## Obituaries

Margaret Bowlin Bowlin, 83, Ackerly, will be 11 am. Tuesday, April 21, 1998, at
First United Methodist Church in Ackerly with Rev. Walter Raymond Bowlin, Baptist min-
ster from Bushland, officiat Ag. Burial will follow in the Ackerly Cemetery.
Mrs. Bowlin die
Apri1 18 , in a local hospital. She was born on Jan. 7, 1915, Jack Bowlin on May 28, 1938, in Ackerly. He preceded her in her husband farmed in the Ackerly area. They lived in the 1950s, returning to the Bowlin was a homemaker and an avid gardener. She was an United Methodist Church in Ackerly.
Survivors include: two daughCitt, Mo., and Linda Brandon
of Fort Worth; one brother Bill Parker of Alamogordo, N.M. Birmingham, Ala.; and four rrandchildren.
The family suggests memori ociety, c/o Lucy Bonner; P.O Box 2121; Big Spring, Texas Association of the Permia
Basin; P.O. Box 3389: Midr
exas; 79702 .
direction of Nalley-Pickle

## Ruby Mae Amos

 Graveside service for RubyMae Amoo, 70, Stanton, will be
10 a.m. Tuesday, April 21, 1998, 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 21, 1998 , ing. Mrs . Amos died Saturday April 18, in Midland. in Wichita Falls and moved to Stanton in 1989 from Leonard Benjamin Amos on Nov. 16, 1956, in Lamesa. He preceded
$18,1995$.
Surviv
Survivors include two daughters, Sue Cunningham of
Stanton, and Jerri Asmussen of
Lubbock; a son David Bebb of Lubbock; a son, David Bebb of
San Francisco, Calif.; a brother Edward Lawrence Wright, Jr dren; and four great-grandchil dren.
Arrangements under the

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contitued that wage work on the
charsh environment of the oil farsh environment of the oil
fields. will work on this air-
Chem-Kote would not have
been used on a flying F.4, she explained. A tougher coating plane because the plane will be
facing the elements 24 hours a


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Margaret "Jackie" Bowlin,
3, died Saturday. Services will be 111,0 AM Tuesday at
wirse United Methodist Church in Ackerly. Int terment will
follow a Ackerly Cemetery.




## Healing

urged on anniversary of bombing OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) -
Michael Hinton rrimaced and
finall suncumbed to tears
Sunday when the names of his Sunday when the names of his
slain co. workers were read
aloud at the third anniversary of the federal building bombing.
life,
lis. never forget." Service agent sadd. tims and others gathered Sunday at the site of the Alfred
P. Murrab Eedera P. Murrah Federal Building,
where a truck bomb killed 168 people on April 19, 1995 . Hundreds of people small bells after 168 seconds of
silence silence- one, secon for fe tity of the dead - and placed foots
ers and mementos on the grass covered site.
Across the street, a grassy feld served as a playground for
young Rebecca and Brandon young Rebecca a nd Brandon
Deny, who were in a seond-
foor day care center in the fedfloor day care center in the fed-
eral building when the bomb exploded.
Their father, Jim Denny, said
facial scars are all the physical problems that remain for 5 .
year-old Rebecca, but 6 -year-old Brandon has srainin damage and right hand.
The children still remember being in the "bad building with
thunder and fire," Denny said. "Buter and fire," Denny sad. talk about it and go on with "I think time helps with healing if you use the time well,"
said Paul Heath, a Veterans Adm ininstration pyschologist
who was in the building ot the who was in the
time of the blast

## President Clinton observed the bombing anniversary by



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| goverrment now and for foturegenerations please attendmeeting onSaturdis | 1424 after 5 p.m. or 263-3168 between $8 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. and $5 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. <br> -Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., 615 |
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|  | Settles. |
|  | 7:30 p.m., St. Mary's EpiscopalChurch- eginning line dance class |
| and the dress is casual. <br> Call 263 -7030 for more information. |  |
| He CITY Of Porsan will |  |
| have their annual rables vacci nation clinic on Thursday, |  |
|  | ${ }^{\text {A }}$ Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 |
| April 23, from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Fire Station. All Forsan their pets vaccinated for their own protection. |  |
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|  | meeting at the VA Medical Center on fourth floor -Big Spring Art Association, 7 |
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| BIG SPRING VFW 2013CHILI Supper, Friday, April 24, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Kentwood senior center,Lynn Drive. There is a $\$$ diona | p.m., West Texas Center for theArts, Howard College Campus. |
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| Lynn Drive. There is a 34 dona tion. |  |
| He coahoma lions |  |
| CLUB is planning their annualcommunity-wide garage sale. If |  |
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| you would like to participate |  |
| and have a garage sale on May 16 in Coahoma, register at the |  |
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## BRIEFS

HOWARD COLLEGE CAM-
PUS REVIVAL is planned Frichay and Saturdiay, 7 p.m.
each night at College Baptist Church. Worship leader will be
Jeff Berry, who has appeared with such groups as Point of
Grace, PETRA, and has opened For Michael W.Smith.
For more information, call Baptist Student Ministries, 264
5332 . FORMER STUDENTS OF
TEXAS A\&M University assemble in Big spring
Tuesday for the annual Texas Tuesday for the annual Texas
Aggie Muster. Chair is Hayes Stilieng.
Activities consist of dinner and a traditional program beginining at $6: 30$ p.m. at the
Big Spring Country Club. It is
ond open to all former students and
their families, parents of stuMUN COUNTRY GENTLEgroup of the Permian Basin will perform at Big Spring's
Municipal Auditorium April 25. The concert pegins at 8 p.m. and tickets are $\$ 4$ for adults
and $\$ 3$ for senlors and students. Tickets are ave avallable in in
advance at the chamber or meree and will be at the door
as well. as well. Call Brian Sadovsky at
$694-3536$ for more information. The concert will beneffit the
Heartspring Foundation, which helps children with speech

THE WEST TEXAS REPUB-


## Hemisphere leaders setidate for trade negotiations

 Poncern about violence in theconcenated cable TV show "South
animate
Park" has prompted an elemen-
tary school ban on T-shirts and
hats advertising the show.
Officials at Thoms
Elementary School say such
garb is a violation of the school
dress code. They've sent a warn-
ing home to parents about the
show and the paraphernalia it
has inspired.
Thomas Elementary coun-
selor Elaine Sample said she
became, concerned about the
cartoon's violent content after
two boys allegedly shot and
killed a teacher and four class-
mates last month at a WASHINGTON (AP) -
$\begin{gathered}\text { expense. } \\ \text { President Clinton's proposal to } \\ \text { The nonpartisan Economic }\end{gathered}$
use feral money to hire teachuse federal money to hire teach-
ers and build schools is drawing ers and build schools is drawing
criticism from Republicans and advocates for disabled children
whoo aya he should first ensure 'that/states have the money, to
educate youngsters with special needs. GOP hopes its argument will switch the focus of the education debate, highlighting local
control and parental choice Clinton's proposals, aimed at
reducing class size, have broad appeal, Republicans know. But
they hope their focus on the fed eral government's treatment of
about 6 million children with disabilities also will draw
The federal government this year gave states about $\$ 3.8$ bil-
lion to help local schools cate disabled children. That is set out in legislation a quartercentury ago.
Meanwhile services such as transpotation services such as transportation, children with special needs are
 pleaded from his hospital bed ers of conscience. Wang, a leader of the 1989 prodemocracy Tiananmen Square protests who has spent nearly ${ }^{6}$,
years in prison, could be discharged as early as today from
Henry Ford Hospital, where he Henry Ford Hospital, where he
was listed in stable condition. Doctors planned an MRI and
other neurological tésts today other neurological tests today
for Wang, who was tired but in good spirits after his release
Sunday from a Chinese prison..
In a statement, Wang thanked

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Hemisphere's 34 democracies overlooked politicel ard eco
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and forged ahead with a bol and forged ahead with a bold
plan for hemispheric duty free
trade by 2005. They directed negotiation
September. September.
The assembled leaders, at the second Summit of the the
Americas, directed Americas, directed negotia-
tions, covering nine distinct areas of trade, to be held in
Miami for the first three years. "Here in Santiago the ground free trade area in history,"
Chilean President Eduardo Frei toid the concluding summit session, where alion of Santiago. The combined economies
would total $\$ 9$ trillion, he said. "Our journey from Miami
Santiago was ... from words
deeds, President Gint
sive neg we launch com
area of the Amerion for a f
an area of the Americas.",
Clinton, who hosted Summit of the Americas in Miami in 1994, said the work to
complete a free-trade zone complete a free-trade zone from
Alaska to Cape Horn will be difAlaska to Cape Horn will be dif-
ficult.
Clinton cautioned that democracy was still fragile in "We must continue to stand fast for democracy.. with no
holdouts and no backsliders."
Communist Cubsen Communist Cuba, the only
country in the hemisphere not country in the hemisphere not
invited to Santiago, remained a point of contention.
"There is a country that is
missing " missing,", Brazilian President Fernando Henrique Cardoso
told the concluding session.
"They have "They have a social commit-
ment. They are very much con-
 ic integration, was now an estab-
lished fact.
"My colleagues, let us tell our
people, let us tell the world,
loud and clear, once and for all,
as we turn the page to a new
century, that theera of building
walls is over,' Chretien said.
The principal action, renew-
ing a pledge made at the 1994
Miami summit, would establish
a Free Trade. Area of the
Americas. It would virtually
eliminate all tariffs and duties
on all goods services traded
from Alaska to Tierra del
Fuego.
But the accord only made
passing reference et the biggest
obstacles. Clinton's failure to
win fast-track negotiating pow-
ers from Congress and a new
skittishness in Latin America
in the aftermath of Asia's finan-
cial troubles, which tightened
export markets.

Students can't wear cartoon show garb
"I brought it to the attention
of the principal, the staff and we
deduced wearing the T-shirts
was in violation of the dress
code, which states that items
with provocative, offensive, vio-
lent or druggrelated pictures or
slogans will not be permitted,"
Ms. Sample told the Plano Star
Courier.
"South Park,", which airs late
night on the Comedy Central
cable channel, features four
foul-mouthed 8 -year-olds who
frequently curse, pass gas and
make crude jokes.
One of the show's children,
Kenny, dies a violent death
each week and then comes back
The show has become a cul-
tural phenomenon among both
children and adults's spawning
hundreds of Web sites and a
video game. It's been featured
in the cover of Newsweek, Spin
and Rolling Stone magazines.
Thomas Elementary Principal
Lynn Swanson said her staff
believes parents should of the
violence in the show.
"We wanted to alert the par
ents, especially after we noticed
some of the kids were drawing
the characters and were wear
ing the clothing," Ms. Swanson
said.
Thomas parent and PTO pres-
glad the school alerted parents
about the show. She said she
previously wa unaware of
"South Park's" content.
"I try to preview the shows
my daughter watches to make
sure they are appropriate," Ms.
O'Bryan said. "They are ani-
mated characters and some
times parents assume it's for
kids, so I'm glad I was told to
watch out for this." wan
The "South Park" ban follows
a similar move made by Keller
school officials jast month.
The principal of Keller High
School prohibited students from
wearing camouflage, which the
accused boys in onenesoro wore
the day of the shooting.

Critics: Clinton agenda short-changes disabled

## Freed Chinese dissident calls for more releases

| China has tried 'to use such |  |
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| prisoner releases to improve the | Such releases suit China's <br> diplomatic atmosphere before policy of encouraging |
| recent |  |
| hight-level contacts, prompting |  |

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eleases to improve the human rights groups to accuse it of playing "hostage politics." dissident said Sunday that Wang's release was a "pawn" in
a larger strategy to ease criticism of China's human rights Communist Party wants to diminish the pressure that's being exerted on it," said Wei
Jingsheng, who spent 18 years in prison before being released
in November. "That's why they

## Scenic Mountain Medical Center (sin) 1601 w. 11 th Place $263-1211$

## FURNITURE <br> 12 Months No Interest



## Linda McCartney

 succumbs to cancerLONDON (AP) - Linda to a range of vegetarian food McCartney, a flower-child pho- that has expanded into an inter' tographer who married the last

tographer who married the last
bachelor in The Beatles and
built a multimillion-dollar vege-
built a multimillion-dollar vege--
tarian food business, died of her a "visionary,"
cancer. She was 56 .
A spokesman for her hus-
band, Paul McCartney said she
died Friday while on vacation
in Santa Barbara, Calif. Her

## husband and children were with her. "We'll never get over it,", the tabloid Daily Mail quoted Paul

 tabloid Daily Mail quoted PaulMcCartney today as telling a
friend soon after she died. "It

## get through it."

| Congress has given qiore to spe- | argues. |
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| cial education than the admin. | "People don't say that general |
| istration proposed, bringing the | education in an unfunded man- |
| federal share of overall costs up | date and unless we get so much |
| to 10 percent. The law autho | money from the federal govern- | $\begin{array}{ll}\text { istration proposed, bringing the } & \text { education is an unfunded man- } \\ \text { federal share of overall costs up } \\ \text { to } 10 \text { percent. The law and unless we get so much } \\ \text { to }\end{array}$

 school, said the department's
Judith Heumann,
Paying for 40 percent of special education would cost the federal government $\$ 14.7$ billion
in 1999, the department esti-
mates, consuming nearly half mates, consuming nearly half
its discretionary budget.
Not everyone with Republican Not everyone wth Repubican
ties agrees with the GOP strate-
gy. Chester E. Finn Jr., a top gy. Chester E. Finn Jr., a top
Education Department official during the Reagan administra-
tion, said the party is overcompensating after previous efforts
to cut education programs back-
fired with voters. "Now they're phmping money
into programs that should not into programs
have more money," Finn said.
Special education costs keep rising, he believes, because school systems use the program as a
way to get money. ments are becoming increasing.

The couple had only on
pent the nieht spokesman, Geoff saker. the "Linda had a passion and a
desire to change people's atti-
udes," the society sid ""He in the week. Two days before her death, pack riding, one of her lifelong Oassions, Baker said. "The
alasing was that the end came
quickly and she didn't suffer" quickly and she didn't suffer,"
he said in a statement Sunday The couple revealed in Linda Eastman was alread
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$\begin{array}{ll} \\ \text { meat-eating culture led in } 1991 & \text { three } \\ \text { stree }\end{array}$


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## DITORIAL

"Congress shall make no law respecting an esta alish-
ment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof ment or religion, or pronibiting the free exercise thereof,
or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or or
the $r$ ight of the people peaceably to arsemble, and to peti tion the Government for a redress of grievances."

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## Other Views

The U.S. government is about to sell $\$ 207$ million worth of the
 purchased for 20 years ago.
Congress has ordered the
priate money to pay for adme because it didn't want to appro priate money to pay for administering the oil-reserve program
the last three years. More than 560 million barrels of oil are stockpiled in Loouss.ana caverns to ob brought out in the event of
a supply cutoff. The latest oil sale will reduce the reserves by a supply cutoff.
nearly 3 percent.
According to the Department of Energy, the oil was purchased
more than 20 years ago at an average cost of more than $\$ 27$ a barrel. It's likely to bring about $\$ 13$ a barrel.
Campaigning congressman
Campaigning congressman are good at heaping praise on them-
selves for lowering the federal budget deficit in recent years and selves for lowering the federal budget deficit in recent years and
pointing the government toward a balanced budget. The oil story pointing the government toward a balanced budget. The oil story
illustrates some of the budget trickery that helps Congress pretend to be frugal. ... Selling $\$ 27$ oil for $\$ 13$ is bad business

Ins the tobacco settlement a goner, or is the industry bluffing?
In some respects, it doesn't matter. Big tobacco has wedged itself between a rock and a hard place.
Led by RJR Nabisco, the parent company of Reynolds Tobacco, the major cigarette manufacturers staged a mutiny rather than
face the possibility of seeing the direct cost of the settlement face the possibinty or seeing the direct cost of the settlement
jump from $\$ 368.5$ billion over 25 years to $\$ 506$ billion - and still
no immunity from individual and class-action lawsuits. no immunity from individual and class-action lawsuits."
The settlement process may be "broken beyond repair," as RJR The settlement process may be "broken beyond repair," as RJR
chief executive officer Stephen Goldstone said, but don't bet your
tobacco allotment on it. The Clinton administration and Senate tobacco allotment on it. The Clinton administration and Senate
leaders brushed aside Goldstone's complaint, vowing to keep the
pressure on Big Tobacco until it heels. pressure on Big Tobacco until it heels.
All along, the industry has feared All along, the industry has feared losing legal immunity to future class-actionsive though the dollar amounts may be, it is the prospect of being hauled into court time and again that causes
tobacco executives' knees to wobble. Even a $\$ 506$ billion settleper pack from smokers who are, after all, a captive market Lawsuits can lead to bankruptcy, or worse.
The Herald

We know you don't' Want to hear this, but its time soneon told you:. Traqi dictator Saddam Hussein lied. Again. He's stilu
churning out chemical and biological weapons and there's no
and reason
them.
Don't take our word for it; ask the United Nations. You may
remember that U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan just a few weeks ago returned to the United States in triumph, announcing
that he had a deal to avert war against Iraq. ing that Iraq continues to conceal chemical and biological ing that Iraq continues to conceal chemical and biological
weapons and hasn't complied with agreements to disclose their volume and whereabouts. "Bulk BW (biological weapons) agent
production appears to be considerably understated," according to production appears to be considerably understated.", according to
the report. Claims that Iraq has destroyed its. missile arsenal
"cannot be reconciled with physical evidence," the inspectors added.
We suspect the report will be swept under a plush carpet at
U.N. headquarters. It may well be misplaced at the White House. Unfortunately, that won't change the facts.
Wheeling (W.
... (T)wo huge bank mergers that will create the largest and the fifth-largest banks in the country (were announced Monday)
after last week's largestever merger between Citibank and Travelers Insurance
Get used to it. These mergers are part of two major trends.
Regulatory barriers to nationwide banking have gradually fallen, so major banks are scrambling to beome truly national in scope And ancial institutions will have to grow also, in order to compete with larger Japanese and European banks and to offer a comprehensive range of services to American businesses th
to survive, grow and prosper in international markets. to survive, grow and prosper in international markets.
Thus Bank of American and NationsBank will get together and create a single, $\$ 60$ billion institution that lives up to their names and ambitions. And Banc One and First Chicago will create a $\$ 29$ billion
Midwest giant with the potential to expand to country.... These latest mergers may or not prove successful for share-
holders and customers. The only way to find out for sure is to let

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Sad for Paula, and sad for the nation
the tearful Paula Corbin Jones Thursday tell the nation that she will appeal Judge Susan
Webber Wright's summary judgment that her sexual
 I anguished for Jones, not
because I believed she was still weeping from Clinton's alleged sexual proposition of 1991, or
because I believed all of her because believed all of her
story of an Arkansas hotel story of an Arkansas hotel
room encounter, which she has embellished and changed a lot over the last five years. I ached
for Paula Jones beause for Paula Jones because she came across as one of the most
gullible and inept pawns I have ever seen.
She was flanked by a bunch
of arrogant right-wingers, all of of arrogant right-wingers, all
whom are getting something out of this tragic courtroom
drama while Paula gets noth
tation and a lifetime of grief.
Up Up front, as usual, was Sus
Carpenter-McMillan, her Carpenter-McMillan, her
"spokesperson," who would spend the rest of the day hop ping from one television show to another. Carpenter-McMillan has Carpenter-McMi con has
become the great conservative
celebrity, throwing out charge celebrity, throwing out charges
against Clinton whose truthfulness she can't possibly know.
For every Jones tear she seems to smirk in pleasure
Asked how Paula and her
recently-fired husband recently-fired husband and two
children live, Susan assured us children live, Susan assured us
that it is not off money sent in by donors to Jones's legeal fund.
Paula, she says, has gotten Paula, she says, has gotten
only a new hairdo and a suit only a new hairdo and a suit
wear to court appearances from these donations.
Well, that's a damn shame.
The least the people exploiting The least the people exploiting
her case could do is see that her case could do is see that
level, because they aren't going to gain anything else. John Whitehead, president of
the Rutherford Institute which is financing Jones's appeal, was there. Times that his organization
might give the Jones family some living support.
It ought to, because
advising Paula have sold her a
bill of goods about how Reagan bill of goods about how Reagan appointees now so domin
thes 8 Circuit Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court that she will win in the
long run. long run.
Whitehead told the media that the Rutherford Institute
has already spent some $\$ 300000$ has already spent some $\$ 300,000$ for Paula's legal expenses, not
counting lawyers' fees which now total some $\$ 2$ million and will probably never be paid. Whitehead indicated the Institute will spend whatever it
takes to carry the case to the takes to carry
Supreme Court It shows how badly the right-
wingers want to destroy wingers want to destroy
Clinton. Clinton.
It's a pity neither Paula nor
her husband Stephen is sophis ticated enough to have said, "Okay, guys, you want to use
us big time? Then pony up for us - big time.
Still, I feel sorrier for the
country than for country than for Paula - and
not just because more people not just because more people
will suffer because Jones is exercising her right to appea exurcising her right to appeal.
Just before her announcement independent counsel Kenneth "the end is not yet in sight" to his investigation of possible
criminal acts by President

Clinton. In fact, he said, his
probe apparently will go on for so long that he feels compelled to give up his chance to public policy at Pepperdine. University in California. This means that from now
until January 2001, this coun try is not likely to know a day
when its president is not under when its president is not under the threat of criminal prosecu-
tion by Starr and suffering the tion by Starr and suffering the
mental woes of Paula Jones's
charges.
President Clinton puts on the brave face by saying he "won't
let them distract or deter me" let them distract or deter me ness. But no human being could fail to be handicapped in these circumstances.
This president has to be disempowered - and at times humiliated - when in Chile
now or anyplace else later. T now or anyplace else later. To we are all the victims. But I guess that is simply the price we pay for living in a
society society where one woman with
a terribly weak case is free to seek what she regards as jus tice, and the political opposition is free to move recklessly to try to overthrow a president
it despises.

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Where the mascara meets the road

By MARSHA MERCER


WASHINGTON - The talk
the town isn't Paula Jones' the town isn't Paula Jo
appeal. It's Valerie Nordstrom's
Nordstrom isn't a household name, and her case, mercifully has nothing to do
President Clinton.
another fault one that transcends gender and goes to something quintessen
tially American: our rights tially American:
behind the wheel. Since news of Nordstrom's
encounter with the law here encounter with the law here broke last week, it has been
the subject du jour around the subject du jour around
kitchen tables and coffee sh in the capital.
Nordstrom got a ticket for reckless driving on Interstate
95. Her misdemeanor was 95. Her misdemeanor was
putting on mascara while driving in the morning rush hour She wasn't weaving in and
out of traffic She wasn't out of traffic. She wasn't speed
ing. She didn't cause an acciing. She didn't cause an acci
dent. She was late for work. It was a little before 9 in th morning on Feb. 23. It had been raining and traffic was heavy. Virginia State Trooper
Robert Thomas finished work ing an accident and pulled in behind Nordstrom as she drove north on I-95.
looking into the rearview mir-
ror, holding the steering wheel with her left hand, applying mascara with her right. He watched her for about a
mile and a half and pulled her
over. "I asked her why she was putting on mascara in this
nasty weather with heavy tra fic, and she said she was runfic, and she said she was run
ning late for work," Thomas testified, according to a report in the Washington Post.
One person's making eve One person's making every
minute count is another's minute count is another's
endangering the lives of fellow motorists. Thomas slapped Nordstrom with a ticket for reckless driving, which could have landed her up to 12
months in jail, a fine of $\$ 2,500$ months in jail, a fine of $\$ 2,500$ Last week, a judge in Fairfax County, Va., found Nordstrom guilty of improper driving - a
lesser, traffic infraction - and lesser, traffic
fined her $\$ 25$
"Put your makeup on at home," the judge advised
Nordstrom.
But that wasn't the end of it. Nordstrom - who is 40, lives in the Virginia suburbs and
works in corporate sales with works in corporate sales with
clients in government clients in government or the n't get over the ticket or the
three points that would go on her license. She is appealing. The way she figures it, apply ing mascara is n
from dialing a $n$
cellular phone, from daling a number on a
cellular phone, lighting a ciga-
rette, changing radio stations
or drinking a cup of coffee. or drinking a cup of coffee
If those common events aren't reckless driving, she
asks, why should puting asks, why should putting on mascara argument, and there's also a legal one, said her lawyer Mark Yeager of Fairfax. operates a vehicle "recklessly or at a speed or in a manner so as to endanger the life, limb or property of any person shall be
guilty of reckless driving."
Among the specifics cited are Among the specifics cited
driving 20 miles above the speed limit, driving on bald tires, drag racing or passing a
school bus that's discharging passengers.
There's nothing about eating a sloppy fast-food sandwich, reading a map, shaving or
applying makeup - all of
which people do every day
while driving, to the dismay of fellow motorists.
"Of course it's not a good driving, Yeager concedes, but it's not reckless driving if the vehicle is otherwise being operated in a safe fashion. In this case, Nordstrom was
proceeding in her lane at about proceeding in her lane at about
35 mph
in sluggish rush hour traffic.
The tro
The trooper reported no errant behavior such as speed ing up and slowing down or ing up and slowing do
slamming on brakes.


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Hawks' hopes for WJCAC title virtually disappear with losses at OC

HERALD Staff Report
ODESSA - Howard College's Hawks saw their hopes of winning the
Western Junior College Athletic Conference baseball championship virtually disappear, losing two of three
games to odessa College's Wranglers games to Odessa College's Wranglers
during the weekend. In both losses - an 11110 defeat in
nine innings on Friday and a $13-12$ nine innings on Friday, and a 13-12 Saturday afternoon - Howard pitch-
ing was unable to hold onto ninthinning leads.
Hawks coach Brian Roper, however, Hawks coach Brian Roper, however,
couldn't have spoken more glowingly about his players.
"The two games
Bulldogettes finish district at perfect 10-0 HERALD Staff Report COAHOMA $-\quad$ Coahoma's
Bulldogettes closed out District Bulldogettes closed out District
2-2A softball play in undefeated
fashion Saturday taking a $10-5$ 2-2A softball play in undefeated
fashion Saturday, taking a 10.5
win over Anson's Lady Tiers, However, in a second game,
that day, they found a different that day, they found a differen
kind of Lady Tigers kind of Lay Tigers, these
from Snyder-more difficult to handle and suffered their first
loss in several weeks. Both games saw the
Bulldogettes encounter offensive difficulties, being out-hit 8 5 by Anson and then managing just four hits against Snyder.
In the day's opener, senior In the day's opener, senior
pitching ace Tara Sterling took the pitching win, going five
innings before surrendering the mound to Kenni Kay frames.
Sterling Coahoma player the only more than one hit in the
going 2-for-3 at the plate In the nightcap, freshman Amber Bingham suffered, ¢nly her second loss of the seasop,
allowing seven Snyder hits. "Our pitchers pitched pretty well, but we just didn't swing the bats at all," Bulldogettes coach Ron Dickenson noted.
The Bulldogettes, now $17-6$ overall, will play host to Lubbock Coronado's Lady Mustangs, a team they've lost to twice this
the most dramatic games I've ever been
associated with in my entire coaching career., Roper said. "II was almost like
someone had scripted them for someone hant, who took the loss, threw only I'm proud of Unfortunately, that seco played, phe added. "It's the hardest I've
seen them seen them play this year. They wanted to win, put everything they had into all
three games ... it just wasn't meant to be."
In the series opener. Howard carried
a $10-5$ lead into the bottom of the ninth inning and sent sophomore the nitching ace Josh Jones to the mound in relief of Duite Welch who'd worked one
inning of relief for inning of relief' for starter Brandon Unfortunately, that second pitch was delivered to Wranglers third baseman
Matt Colerick, who ripped it for a game-winning solo homer. The Hawks managed just nine hits in
the opener with Ryan Mathews and William Hawkins leading the way Both went 2 -for- 4 at the plate, Mathews, coming ap with a sola homer and
Hawkins clubbing a two-run shot. Hawkins clubbing a two-run shot.
Howard managed a $16-11 \mathrm{win}$ in the second game of the series, turning in
its own come from-behind her its own come-from-behind heroics with
a 7 -run sixth inning that a 7 -run sixth inning that erased a $9-7$
Odessa lead
inning, giving way to Keith Lant whe Welch, who relieved Josh Duwe in
got the final out of the fourth inning, was the winning two pitches took the loss, threw only pitcher in that game, while Hawkins
pitcher in that game, while Hawkins
turned in a sparkling 4-for-5 showing
at the plate that included a home run at the plate that included a $h$ Bryan Phillips in five runs.
Belley Pettit also had solo home runs in the Hawks' 16 hit attack.
But Welch
But Welch would suffer a heart-
breaking loss in the finale after reliev ing Jones in the ninth inning.
Howard had ralted with six runs in the from a 9.6 deficit With six runs in the top of the ninth when disaster struck.

The NBA regular season when Vancouver and Sacramento played the final few seconds of overtime in the last
bad-vs.bad matchup to be seen for awhile.
and fans weason begins today and fans won't have to put up
with the laggards and underachievers like the Grizzlies and Kings who have stuck around regular-season games. Now, only the best remain And the New Jersey Nets earned the right to be called one for the final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference - and the ight to play the defending champion Chicago Bulls $\rightarrow$ with
a 114-101 victory over the etroit Pistons. "We'll be playing the best
team in basketball, and the whole world - and everyone in
then touched for a game-tying 3-run
homer run by Odessa's Cory Doan, agmer run by Odes
Welch an $0-2$ pepitch. Welch replaced Jones and immedi-
ately walked a batter and ately walked a batter and hit another with a pitch. Twe passed balls charged
to Hawks cateher Robert Ramigs ended the game. The Hawks, now 28-19-1 overall and 13-8 in WJCAC play, fell two full games
behind Odessa ( $15-6$ ) in the conference behind Odessa (15-6) in the conference
standings, while New Mexico Junior College stands second at $12-6$. dessa and NMJC are scheduled for O three-game series Friday and
Saturday, while the Howks travel to Borger to take on Frank Phillips.
BMJC will have to make up a delayed NMJC will have on makenk phillips.
series at Frank Phillips on Melayed

## Suns, Hornets win homecourt advantage


ll-Star center Jayson Williams
aid. "Now everybbody can see
hat the New Jersey Nets have
ccomplished." Kendall Gill scored a season-
high 27 points, including 14 in
the decisive third quarter, rook- $\begin{gathered}\text { Suns 123, Rockets } 93 \\ \text { Cliff Robinson had }\end{gathered}$ the decisive third quarter, rook- Cliff Robinson had 32 points $\begin{array}{ll}\text { ie Keith Van Horn had } 25 \text { and } & \begin{array}{l}\text { as the Suns had little trouble } \\ \text { Kerry Kittles added d } 22\end{array} \\ \text { Scoring inside against the }\end{array}$ ter because of inguries to to inkeem, Who were without
Williams, Rony Seikaly and
Barkley. Michael Cage, contributed 18
points and 10 assists, and
Clyde Drexler, who will retire
at the end of the season to coach points and 10 assists, and
Sherman Douglas, playing 47 of ene the University of Houston, had
a possible 48 minutes with Sam
11 points and nine rebounds. $\begin{array}{ll}\text { a possible } 48 \text { minutes with Sam } & 11 \text { points and nine rebounds. } \\ \text { Cassell ailing, had } 18 \text { points, } 11 & \text { But he failed to hit a 3-pointer }\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{ll}\text { assists and five steals. } & \text { that would have tied the club } \\ \text { In all, the five starters } & \begin{array}{l}\text { record of } 23 \text { straight games with }\end{array} \\ \text { accounted for } 110 & \text { of New } \\ \text { at least one. }\end{array}$ Jersey's 114 points.

Hornets 89, Magic 7 Charlotte won the homecourt dawks team that swept them a 0 in the season series. Reserve guard B.J. Armstrong
powered the decisive run in the second quarter and Glen Rice
scored 17 of his 26 points in the scored 17 of his 26 points in the
second half as the Hornets scored 17 of his 26 points in the
second half as the Hornets won
accomplished."
Most of the other games Sunday were meaningless, mplications.
Charlotte defeated Orlando Charlotte defeated Orlando 89
6 to clinch homecourt advan tage in its first-round series d Houston 123-93 to clinch the home court against San Antonio, and Seattle beat
Portland $90-82$ to win the Pacific Portland
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In other games, the Los
Angeles Lakers beat Utah Angeles Lakers beat Utah 102
98 , Atlanta defeated Miami 101 89, San Antonio downed Denver $96-82$, Philadelphia topped Toronto $107-78$ and Vancouver nipped Sacramento
overtime.
It was the Nets' fourth chance
It was the Nets' fourth chance
of the week to clinch a postsea on berth, and they finally did it n their last try with an
inspired effort from their three

Sonics 90, Blazers 82 Gary Payton scored 22 of his including a key three-point play with 59 seconds to pla Lakers 102, Jazz 98
Shaquille O'Neal Shaquille O'Neal had ${ }^{33}$
points and 15 rebounds an Kobe Bryant played one of his

## Cowboys finish NFL draft without picking a receiver

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130th overall pick, Dallas again
South Carolina linebacker Darren Hambrick missed seven his left ankle, but did return in The Clay in the Senior Bowl. The Cowboys traded their
sixth- and seventh-round picks
(162nd and 197th overall) to Seattle for a fifth-round pick hey used on Iowa State offen-
sive lineman Oliver Ross. Gailey said speed - under 5 seconds in the 40 - and ability
to play more than one position were the key factors in drafting the 6-4, 300-pound Ross.
With their final four picks, all With their final four picks, all
compensatory picks, the Cowboys went searching for "something special." "When you get in the late rounds, you look for that one
quality that separates a guy quanty that separates a guy
around," Gailey guys hanging "Late in around," Gailey said. "Late in
the draft, you're looking for Cial."
With Alabama-Briminham's Izell Reese in the sixth round (188th overall), the Cowboys got
a big safety ( $6-2,193$ pounds) At the 223 rd pick overall in the seventh round, Dallas
selected Cal running back Tarik selected Cal running back Tarik
Smith for his potential. Smith missed eight games in 1996 due
to knee surgery. Georgia guard Antonio
Fleming was taken in the sev-

## Dallas' Draft

 enth round.
## Sports Breifs

Deadilne for banquet reservations is today

Today is the deadline for making reservations
for the annual Howard College Athletic Banquet for the annual Howard College Athletic Banquet
scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday April 28, in the East Room of Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Reservations to attend the banquet must be
made no later than 5 p.m., according to Corky made no later than 5 p.m., according to Corky
Mitchell, the college's director of communica. tions. No one will be admitted without a reserva
Tickets for the banquet are priced at $\$ 7$ per pe son and will be payable at the door.
To make reservations, call $264-5040$.
$4 H$ shooting team sets meeting tonight The Howard County 4H shooting sports team will have its first meeting of the season
tonight at the Howard County Courthouse. According to Van Gaskins, one of the team coaches, any youngster between the ages of nin and 18 years of age interested in skeet or trap shooting, including beginners just learning the
sport, are urged to attend the meeting.

Lady Steers banquet slated for May 11 The Big Spring Lady Steers Booster Club wil
hold its annual Lady Steers Athletic Banauet at p.m. Monday, May 11, in the Garrett Hall at the First United Methodist Church.

## The ban Bars Que.

Tickets, priced at 88.50 per perse will Sale Mots, priced at 58.50 per person will go on
Sade Aprill 13, at Big Spring figh school, Athletic Supply, Neal's Sporting Goods and at Faye's Flowers.
CGA scholarship tourney is May 9-10 The Bisi Spring Chicano Golf Association has
scheduled its sixth annual Scholarship Fund scheduled its sixth annual Scholarship. Fund
Tournament for Saturday and Sunday, May $9-10$, Qourne Comanene Trail Gold Course.
Entry fees which include dinner
at the Comanche Trail Goif course
Entry fees, which include dinner and a dance,
are priced at $\$ 150$ per two-man team.
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Saturday by the New Car Dealers Association of Saturday by
Big Spring.

Lady Steers Booster Club meet tonight The Big Spring Lady Steers Booster Club wil meet at 6 tonight in the Athletic Training Center
at Big Spring High School to make final prepara tions for the annual Lady Steers Athletic Banquet.
The banq The banquet, set for May 11, will honor the saffball, basketball, track and volleyball teams, as
well as the cheerleaders, trainers and managefs.
For more information, contact Kelly McBee at For more information, contact kehy
393672 or Shirley Johilison at $267-1541$. Youth ragball tournament scheduled The first Lil Rascals Youth Ragball
Tournament for youngsters betweent he ages of Tournament for youngsters betweent he ages of
eight and 11 has been scheduled for 99 a.m. start Saturday at the Roy Anderson Complex.
more than 15 'players and batting orders must alternate boys and girls.
Entry fees are set at 88 per player.

Golf tournament set with 'Relay for Lfe' A four-person scramble golf tournament bene fiting the American Cancer Society has been
scheduled for Saturday and Sunday at the Big Spring Country Club in conjunction with the Relay for Life. Entry fees will be $\$ 75$ per player pläs cart fees. Team will include A, B, C. and D payers.
For more information, contact the club's pro For more infor
shop at $267-5354$.
Coahoma banquet set for Thursaay The Coahoma High School Atheltic Banquet
has been scheduled for $6: 30$ p.m. Thursday in the has been scheduled for $6: 30 \mathrm{p}$.m. Thurssay in the
Coahoma Elementary School cafeteria.
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#### Abstract

$\underset{\text { Ex }}{\text { EA }}$ Expenses might be Justified, especially if they add to the especially if they add to the quality of your life. A family quality of your life. A family member might view the situa- tion differently, however. Open up to possibilities. You might up to possibilities. You might fy, and that you are constantly ly, and that you are constantly pumping out money. Tonight: Budget talks ${ }_{A}^{B u}$ AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You stop the show and end are not in the mood for fun and games. A discussion is serious, as you seek to establish limits. as you seek to establish limits. You might feel that someone is pressing you for a reaction. Your message will be received. Tonight: Trust your judg. ment."***** PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) rent financial status. Another shares feelings, with you. Instincts tell you to withhold Instincts tell you to withhold judgment, and not act. Keeping helps you gatheringormation Tonight: It's your cq11. BORN TODAY BORN TODAY Actor Tony Actor Tony Danza (1951), actress Andie MacDoweli (1998), singer Iggy Pop (1947) For America's best For America's best extended Jacqueline Bigar, call (900) 740 featured are The Spotien Taro and The Runes, which answer your yes-or-no questions Callers must be 18 or older. calers must be 18 or older. service of InterMedia Inc. Jenkintown, Pa. Jenkintown, Pa. Jacqueline Bigar is on the Internet at http://www.cool page.com/bigar.


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| to me or return my calls. She | transmitted diseases, or who. |
| lives in New Jersey and I live | may be seeking help, I'm |
| in Arizona. | repeating the address: Herpes |
| Was I wrong to ask her | Resource Center, American |
| give the set to my granddaugh- | Social Health Association, |
| ter? - ALICE IN PHOENIX | Dept. PR85, P.O. Box 13827, |
| DEAR ALICE: No. However, ${ }^{\text {co }}$ | Research Triangle Park, N.C. |
| Janet is probably still bitter | 27709. Please enclose \$1 to |
| over the breakup of the mar- | cover postage and handing. |
| riage and doesn't want you or | DEAR ABBY: 1 read the letter |
| your son dictating terms to her. | from "Retired Military Man," |
| Write her another note and | who suggested using our closed |
| offer your apologies if she was | military bases for training |
| offended - as that certainly | young people. I am a retired |
| was not your intention. Then | female veteran and have |
| keep your fingers crossed | always thought it is a waste to |
| because chances are Janet | close bases after so much |
| intends to give it to your grand- | money has been put into them. |
| daughter anyway in due time. | Military bases are like small |
| DEAR ABBY: My friend | towns. They have everything |
| recently phoned to tell me she | within walking distance - gro- |
| was writing thank-you notes to | cery stores, shopping centers, |
| all the people who helped her | banks, barber/beauty shop, |
| and her three young children | medical clinics, gyms and |
| after they were in a serious | much more. I think they would |
| auto accident with an 18 -wheel- | make excellent retirement com- |
|  | munities. Retired folks could |
| Among those she was thank- | live in reasonably priced |
| ing was a Tegnessee highway | homes and have the services |
| patrolman who had given her a | they need close at hand. It |
| traffic ticket the month before | would also provide hundreds of |
| because she didn't have her children buckled up. | jobs for people in the communi ty |
| Every one of them received | What do you think of this |
| major injuries even though | idea, Abby? - KEMA AUSTIN, |
| they were wearing seat belts, | O'FALLON, ILL. |
| but they survived the accident. | DEAR KEMA: I think the |
| My friend feels that the high- | need for affordable, convenient |
| way patrolman probably saved | housing for seniors is critical. |
| their lives by giving her a | Your idea has considerable |
| wake-up call. | merit. |
| Please keep reminding people | Good advice for everyone - |
| to use their seat belts. | teens to seniors - is in "The |
| PAULINE MILLER, ATHENS, | Anger in All of Us and How to |
| TENN. | Deal With It." To order, send a |
| DEAR PAULINE: Your letter | business-sized, self-addressed |
| ovides the perfect opportuni- | envelope, plus check or money |
| ty for me to do just that. | order for \$3.95 ( $\$ 4.50$ in Canada) |
| Consider it done! | to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, |
| DEAR ABBY: Thank you for | P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. |
| reassuring "Lost in North | 61054-0447. (Postage is includ- |
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| th genital herpes that it is an | ©1998 UNIVERSAL PRESS |
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itary intervention to achieve that goal.
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In 1812, the fourth vice In 1812, the fourth vice presi-
dent of the United States George Clinton, died in Washington at age 73, becoming the first vice president to In 1836, the Territory of
Wisconsin was established by Congress.
In 1889, Adolf Hitler was born in Braunau, Austria.
In 1902, scientists Marie and Pierre Curie isolated the radioactive element radium.
In 1940, RCA publicly demonIn 1940, RCA publicly demon-
strated its new and powerful electron microscope.
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German cities of Nuremberg and Stuttgart.
In 1948, United Auto Workers In 1948, United Auto Workers
president Walter P. Reuther was shot and wounded at his home in Detroit.
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Trudeau was sworn in as prime minister of Canada.
In 1971, the Supreme Court upheld the use of busing to schools.
In 1972, the manned luna module from Apollo 16 landed In 1978, a Korean Air Lines Boeing 707 crash-landed in north western Russia after a
Soviet interceptor fired when it Soviet interceptor fired when it
entered Soviet airspace. Two passengers were killed. Ten years ago: Gunmen who had hyacked a Kuwait Airways passage out of Algeria. An agreement also freed the remaining 31 hostages and ended a 15 -day siege in which
two passengers were slain. Five years ago: President Clinton said he accepted responsibility for the decision
to try to end the 51-day siege at to try to end the 51-day siege at
the Branch Davidian compound in Texas, yet laid "ultimate responsibility" on David Koresh for the deaths that
resulted. Mexican comedian resulted. Mexican comedian
Cantinflas died in Mexico City at age 81 .
One year ago: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu
escaped indictment in an influ-ence-peddling scandal, with prosecutors saying they lacked
evidence. Hwang Jang Yop, the highest-ranking North Korean to defect, arrived in South Korea, ending a 67 -day odyssey that began in China.
Court Justice John Paul Stevens is 78. Bandleader Tito Puente is 75. Actress Nina Foch
is 74. Singer Johnny Tillotson is 59. Actor George Takel is 58 . Actor Ryan O'Neal is 57 ?.

