Comptroller figures show increased sales in Howard County

Staff Writer

Howard County businesses showed increased sales during the third quarter of 1997, figures from the state comptroller's office show.

comptroller's office recently released its 1997 third quarter State Sales and Use Tax Analysis Report. Howard County had 732 business outlets

in all industries report total and the amount of third quarter gross sales of \$153,736,704, a 6.2 percent increase compared to the third quarter of 1996 when the county reported gross sales of \$144,748,231.

For the second quarter of 1997, Howard County had 721 business outlets report total gross sales of \$150,619,646.

Use Tax purchases for Howard County in the third quarter of 1997 totaled \$808,785 sales subject to the State Sales and Use Tax was \$42,234,876.

For the second quarter of 1997, Use Tax Purchases totaled \$570,485 and the total amount of second quarter sales subject to the State Sales and Use Tax was \$42,124,046.

Surrounding counties reporting third quarter sales in 1997 include Andrews with 384 outreporting sales of outlets reporting sales

\$55,316,900; Borden with 7 outlets reporting sales of \$163,637; Dawson with 323 outlets reporting sales of \$46,325,934; Ector with 3,505 outlets reporting sales of \$833,004,320; Glasscock with 18 outlets reporting sales of \$1,675,998; Martin with 93 outreporting sales \$27,357,109; Midland with 3,545 outlets reporting sales of \$855,580,496; Mitchell with 187

sales of \$66,757,100.

Statewide, third quarter gross 1997 totaling for \$145,896,588,105 were reported by 363,820 business outlets, an 11.2 percent increase compared to 1996 third quarter gross sales of \$131,202,130,713 reported by 413,354 outlets. Second quarter gross sales for 1997 totaling \$137,305,907,566 were reported by 360,316 outlets.

In the retail trade division, Howard County had a total of 394 outlets report gross third quarter sales of \$68,426,701, which represents an 8.3 percent increase over 1996 third quarter gross sales of \$63,209,526.

Statewide, the retail trade division had 196,843 outlets report third quarter sales of \$54,170,424,377, an 10.5 percent increase over 1996 third quarter sales of \$49,003,156,044.

Putting a new face on the Phantom

Kubernach volunteers time to spruce up VMC F-4

By KATHY GILBERT

Staff Writer

For a retiree, corrosion control specialist Kate Kubernach, 47, sure is spry.

She leaps from the wing to the fuselage of the F-4 she's about to paint, 20 feet in the air, without batting an eye.

"Jerry," she calls out, "remind me to sand the cap. Right where the tailcap comes in. That's going to show.

One of the world's best planepainters (or corrosion control specialist, as she prefers to be called) is in town on a volunteer assignment — painting the F-4E "Phantom" jet that will be placed at the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial. fittingly, Memorial Day.

"I came out for a meeting in January and Ronnie Clanton (of Freecom, Inc.) said "I've got something I want to show you.

"We walked into the hangar and I saw one of my favorite airplanes in the world sitting there. I said: 'there's no way I'm not painting that plane."

A Las Vegas resident, Kubernach is one of the best in business. Vietnam Memorial Committee member Jerry Groves said Friday.

And one of the only women. Kate is the only woman corrosion control specialist in the country," Groves said. "She's very unique."

A traditional Vietnam-era camoflage pattern is being laid on the plane, which is where Kubernach's 21 1/2 years of experience come in handy.

Camoflage, to work, must be layered in the right order she said. The human eye expects to see ground lying beneath jungle, when looking at the earth from above. The paint layers must mimic nature, or it looks strange, she said.

"A plane painted backwards sticks out like a sore thumb,"



Las Vegas native Kate Kubernach, one of the nation's best corrosion control specialists, is volunteering her tme to give the Vietnam Memorial Committee's F-4 a new paint job.

A light color is also needed for the belly of the plane, so it blends in with the sky when seen from above.

No camoflage could hide the F-4s very well, though.

"F-4s were kind of hard to lose," Kubernach said, "they have a smoke trail you can't miss. They're loud, they're mean, and they're ugly. But they're the workhorse."

The "4-ships" are among the

those babies are screamin' down at you at 600 knots, you know you're dead meat," she said. "They're just neat."

Clearly a woman who loves her planes, Kubernach talked at length about jets she's flown

Though not a pilot, she has been a passenger in several jets, she said. Breaking the sound barrier was a once-in-alifetime experience. "It was

loudest planes around, "When totally silent," she said, "there was that sonic boom, and then you couldn't hear the engines." Kubernach is supervising the

> week-long coating of the jet that local veterans have been carefully revamping for months. She is worked with Freecom, Inc., who donated the coating and equipment for painting the

plane. Kubernach sang the

praises of Chem-Kote 54. "Any See PHANTOM, page 2

Inching upward March unemployment figures

increase slightly, report states

By CARLTON JOHNSON Staff Writer

Texas' unemployment rate 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 reported unemployment rates of 4.2 percent in February; and 4.7 percent in January.

According to TWC, Texas employers added 30,000 jobs to their payrolls in March with retail trade accounting for most of the growth with 8,900 mew

A good indication of the 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 during the holiday months and then comparing them to the 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 percent. In January, the city's unemployment rate was 4.7 per-

For the month of February, Howard County reported a civilian labor force of 13,533 with an employment level of 13,020, leaving 513 people unemployed. In January, the civilian labor force was 13,594 with an employment level of 13,089, leaving 505 people unemployed.

In December, the county reported a civilian labor force of 14,086 with an employment level of 13,669 people, leaving 417 unemployed.

March's 4.2 percent unemployment rate for the Odessa-Midland Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), the MSA closest to Big Spring and Howard County, remained the same between February and March, placing it 19th among the states 27 MSAs.

January's unemployment rate for the Odessa-Midland MSA was 4.5 percent, according to the report.

Bryan-College Station reported the lowest March unemployment 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 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 percent; Corpus Christi, 6 percent; Dallas, 3.1 percent; Lubbock, 3.3 percent; San Angelo, 3 percent; and Wichita Falls, 4.5 percent.

Texas' 4.6 percent unemployment rate in March was fourtenths of a percent below the U.S. unemployment rate of 5 percent.

UBS schedules blood drive Wednesday in Coahoma

By CARLTON JOHNSON

Staff Writer

WEATHER

Tonight

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 Relations Representative Angie Tyson,

but UBS has been running low on type O-negative units and Anegative units. "We always need O-negative

units because it is the universal blood type, but only a small percentage of the population has this blood type," Tyson said. As with all UBS blood drives,

donors may make appointment for the Coahoma blood drive. "Appointments are not neces

Thurs:

Tonight, mostly clear. Lows near 40. Tuesday, sunny and cooler. Highs around 70. Tuesday night, fair. Lows in the 40s. Extended forecast, Wednesday, dry. Highs in the 70s. Thursday and Friday, dry. Lows in the 50s. Highs in the 80s.

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sary, but they are taken before ing the year, but that has not walk-ins and make keep waiting to a minimum, Tyson said.

Area resident wanting to participate in Wednesday's drive may contact Bill Gressett at 267. 2410 or UBS at (800)756-0024.

"We're looking forward to coming back to Coahoma," Tyson said.

"The blood drives just get better and better and we think that's a true testament to the level of compassion in the community."

Tyson said donors are reminded that they must be between the ages of 17 and 79, weigh at least 110 pounds and feel healthy at the time they donate blood. For donors taking oral antibiotics there is a three day waiting period before they can give blood.

March was an unusually difficult month for the blood supply, according to Tyson, but as with past drives area residents have usually responded well to UBS

"Typically, more people donate during the month of March than at other times dur- week, according to Tyson.

been the case this year," Tyson said. "We're experiencing a low inventory of O-negative blood so we're especially asking that those healthy donors with that blood type to make an attempt to donate at this blood drive."

O-negative blood, which is found in only 6 percent of Americans, can be transfused into any patient.

Type O blood is especially treasured in a situation like this because O-positive blood is found in 39 percent of Americans and can be transfused into anyone with positive blood types, which means 86 percent of the American population can receive type O.

Donors participating in Wednesday's blood drive are asked to bring a form of identification, such as a driver's license or UBS donor card and know the name of any medication they may be taking.

In order to adequately supply hospitals in the UBS service area, more than 325 units of blood must be collected each



HERALD photo/Linda 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 this year.

Margaret Bowlin

Service for Margaret "Jackie" Bowlin, 83, Ackerly, will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 21, 1998, at First United Methodist Church in Ackerly with Rev. Walter Driver, pastor, and Rev. Raymond Bowlin, Baptist minister from Bushland, officiating. Burial will follow in the Ackerly Cemetery.

Mrs. Bowlin died Saturday, April 18, in a local hospital.

She was born on Jan. 7, 1915, in Shelby County. She married Jack Bowlin on May 28, 1938, in Ackerly. He preceded her in death on Jan. 22, 1991. She and her husband farmed in the Ackerly area. They lived in Floydada and Shallowater in the 1950s, returning to the Ackerly area in 1960. Mrs. Bowlin was a homemaker and an avid gardener. She was an active member of the First United Methodist Church in

Ackerly. . Survivors include: two daughters, Janice Williams of Kansas City, Mo., and Linda Brandon of Fort Worth; one brother, Bill Parker of Alamogordo, N.M.; one sister, Elizabeth Jackson of Birmingham, Ala.; and four grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to: American Cancer Society, c/o Lucy Bonner; P.O. Box 2121; Big Spring, Texas; 79721-2121 or the Alzheimer's Association of the Permian Basin; P.O. Box 3389; Midland. Texas: 79702.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Ruby Mae Amos

Graveside service for Ruby Mae Amos, 70, Stanton, will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 21, 1998, in the Evergreen Cemetery with Duane McClure officiat-

Mrs. Amos died Saturday, April 18, in Midland.

She was born on Feb. 10, 1928, in Wichita Falls and moved to Stanton in 1989 from Wynnewood, Okla. She married Leonard Benjamin Amos on Nov. 16, 1956, in Lamesa. He preceded her in death on Oct.

Survivors include: two daughters, Sue Cunningham of Stanton, and Jerri Asmussen of Juddock: a son. David Bedd of San Francisco, Calif.; a brother, Edward Lawrence Wright, Jr., of Miami, Okla.; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchil-

Arrangements under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home, Stanton.

PHANTOM

Continued from page 1 coating that will work on the

harsh 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 was chosen for the memorial plane because the plane will be facing the elements 24 hours a day, for many many years.

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Margaret "Jackie" Bowlin, 33, died Saturday. Services will be 11:00 AM Tuesday at First United Methodist Church in Ackerly. Interment will follow at Ackerly Cemetery.

BY THE MONTH HOME DELIVERY:

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takes one day. Barring bad weather or other problems, the should be finished by "It's a drawn out process," she

Kubernach joined the military in 1973. I didn't know what I'd signed up for. I was 20 years old, a single parent, and I knew

I needed some security. She accidentally ended up in corrosion control, 'and it turned out I was exceptionally good at it. The more I did it the more I liked it, so I spent 21 1/2 years doing it."

At 42, in 1994, she retired from the military and eventually went into defense consulting with her husband. Through her consulting firm, the Freecom connection was made that brought her to Big Spring.

"She's been wanting to get out here and get started on this (since January). She couldn't wait to get started on it," said Groves.

beast," said Kubernach with a smile and a look of total delight. Eds. note: The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Committee is looking for volunteers to help spruce up the site before Memorial Day, May 25. Call 263-0276 for more information.

"I'm ready to tackle this

Healing urged on anniversary of bombing

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) -Michael Hinton grimaced and finally succumbed to tears Sunday when the names of his slain co-workers were read aloud at the third anniversary of the federal building bomb-

"You have to move on with life, but at the same time, you never forget," the Secret Service agent said.

Survivors, relatives of victims and others gathered Sunday at the site of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building, where a truck bomb killed 168 people on April 19, 1995.

Hundreds of people rang small bells after 168 seconds of silence - one second for each of the dead - and placed flow ers and mementos on the grass covered site.

Across the street, a grassy field served as a playground for young Rebecca and Brandon Denny, who were in a secondfloor day care center in the federal building when the bomb exploded.

Their father, Jim Denny, said facial scars are all the physical problems that remain for 5year-old Rebecca, but 6-year-old Brandon has brain damage and can't hold anything with his

right hand. The children still remember being in the "bad building with thunder and fire." Denny said. "But unlike adults, kids can talk about it and go on with their lives."

"I think time helps with healing if you use the time well," said Paul Heath, a Veterans Administration psychologist who was in the building at the time of the blast.

President Clinton observed the bombing anniversary by

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saluting the "courage and resilience" of the people of Oklahoma City. It was an attack not just on the people, a city, a state, a nation, but on what we stand for how was goven. what we stand for, how we govern ourselves and the values we live by," Clinton said in statement from Santiago, where he was attending the Summit of the Americas.

Among those participating in the observance were cast members from the CBS series "Promised Land," who are in Oklahoma City to film scenes for upcoming episodes and to draw attention to efforts to build a permanent memorial.

Actor Gerald McRaney told the relatives that the bombers failed in their goal of damaging the morale of the American people.

"The people of Oklahoma demonstrated to the world what the United States stands for," McRaney said. "People of every color, ethnicity and religion displayed compassion, sacrifice, courage and love not for notoriety or credit but simply because it needed doing."

"We can never know the terror that you felt," McRaney said. "We can never know the pain of your loss, the depths of your despair or the heights of your courage. What we can do, what we will do, is to be inspired by you."

Officials of the Oklahoma National Memorial Foundation said \$11.8 million has been raised for the estimated cost of \$24.1 million for a permanent memorial at the site. Groundbreaking is scheduled for this fall.

BRIEFS

HOWARD COLLEGE CAM-PUS REVIVAL is planned Friday and Saturday, 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-

FORMER STUDENTS OF TEXAS A&M University will assemble in Big Spring Tuesday for the annual Texas Aggie Muster. Chair is Hayes or fax it to 264-7205. Stripling.

and a traditional program beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Country Club. It is open to all former students and their families, parents of students, and friends.

SUN COUNTRY GENTLE-MEN, THE barbershop singing group of the Permian Basin will perform at Big Spring's Municipal Auditorium April 25. The concert begins at 8 p.m. and tickets are \$4 for adults and \$3 for seniors and students.

Tickets are available in advance at the chamber of commerce, and will be at the door as well. Call Brian Sadovsky at 694-3536 for more information.

The concert will benefit the Heartspring Foundation, which helps children with speech impediments.

THE WEST TEXAS REPUB-LICAN Womens Club is in the process of reorganizing.



HERALD photo/Linda Choate Don Riley, left, vice president of Christmas in April, and Bob Noyes accepted a \$1,000 check recently from Amber Rich of Scenic Mountain Medical Center to support the home repair program. Saturday is this year's workday for CIA.

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A ROUND THE TOWN This will be an open meeting. Training Center. Call 267-1541 or 393-5672.

to all Howard County women, young mothers, working and retired women.

We welcome new membership and fresh ideas.

If you are interested in better government now and for future generations please attend this meeting on Saturday, April 25, at 10:30 a.m. at 309 Main Street. Refreshments will be served, and the dress is casual.

Call 263-7030 for more information.

THE CITY OF FORSAN will have their annual rabies vaccination clinic on Thursday, April 23, from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Fire Station. All Forsan residents are encouraged to get their pets vaccinated for their own protection.

BIG SPRING VFW 2013 CHILI Supper, Friday, April 24, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Kentwood Senior Center, 2805 Lynn Drive. There is a \$4 dona-

THE COAHOMA LIONS CLUB is planning their annual community-wide garage sale. If you would like to participate and have a garage sale on May 16 in Coahoma, register at the Little Sooper Market or call Irene at 394-4424. Something new this year for clubs or people who live out of town, we will have spaces to rent. Deadline to register is Tuesday, May 12.

SPRINGBOARD

IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES IN A SPRING-BOARD FITEM OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CON-TACT GINA GARZA, 263-7331 ext. 238, BETWEEN 8:30 A.M. AND 2 P.M. All Springboard items must be submitted in writing. Mail to: Springboard, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, Texas 79720; bring it by the office at 710 Scurry; TODAY

Activities consist of dinner Big Spring Evening Lion's Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third. Call Al Valdes, 263-6810.

> •Project Freedom, Christian support group for survivors of abuse, 7 p.m. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241.

•TOPS Clubs (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 5:15 p.m. weigh in and 6:15 p.m. meeting, Family Hospice, 3210 E. 11th

 Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. at the VA Medical Center on fourth

·Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teachers Association, 10:30 a.m. coffee and social hour, and 11:30 a.m. lunch. Howard College Cactus Room.

•Encourager's support group (for widows and widowers), 6 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Runnels (enter through north door). Dana Tarter, Home Demonstration Agent, will bet the speaker followed by a covered dish dinner. Bring a dish and come have a good time! For more information call 398-5522 or 399-4369.

•Garden City Headstart registration, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., headstart classroom. Bring proof of income, birth certificate, immunization records and social security for all members of the household. Contact Delia Pierson for more information.

 Survivors of Suicide, support group for those grieving a suicide loss, 7:30 p.m., Pastoral Care Office of Memorial Hospital and Medical Center. Midland. The topic will be "Overwhelmed by Grief," with Richard Stafford, PhD, speaker.

•The New Voice Club, support group for laryngectomies and their families, 6:30 p.m., 2410 Wasson Drive, the house behind the 7-11 store. For directions, call 267-2800.

·Lady Steer Booster Club meeting, 6 p.m., BSHS Athletic

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TUESDAY

 Most Excellent Way, a chemical dependency support group, 7 p.m., Living Water Church, 1008 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-1424 after 5 p.m. or 263-3168 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

•Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., 615 ·Narcotics Anonymous, 6 to

7:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Beginning line dance class

will be taught at 9 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-1628 for more information. All ages welcome. Alcoholics Anonymous, 615

Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at the VA Medical Center on fourth floor.

 Big Spring Art Association, 7 p.m., West Texas Center for the Arts, Howard College Campus. •Garden City Headstart regis-

tration, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., headstart classroom. Bring proof of income, birth certificate. immunization records and social security for all members of the household. Contact Delia Pierson for more information.

·Senior citizen dance, 7 to 10 p.m., Colorado City Civic Center. The Country Five will perform. Everyone invited.

MARKETS

May cotton 62.50 cents, up 43 points; May crude 15.43, down 3 points; Cash hogs steady at 50 cents higher at 35; cash steers steady at 65.50; June lean hog futures 60.87, up 90 points; June live cattle futures 67.62, down 37points.

courtesy: Delta Corporation. Noon quotes provided by Edward D. Jones & Co.

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The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 2 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. Monday:

•LEE DUSTIN, 24, was arrested for public intoxication. •RANDY JOHNSON, 33, was arrested for public intoxication. DEFINA BILION, 73, was arrested for theft.

JOSEPH MURLEY, 19, was arrested for disorderly conduct involving language

DAVID KOHANEK, 44, was arrested for public intoxication. ·MARTHA LOPEZ, 26, was arrested for theft.

•PONCIANO TORRES, 27, was arrested for driving with a suspended license.

•THEFT in the 900 block of Willia; 2500 block of Albrook; 400 block of S. Gregg; 300 block of Gregg; and the 1700 block of E. Marcy.

•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF in the 1500 block of E. Marcy. ·DOMESTIC DISTUR-

BANCE in the 1000 block of N.

•DISTURBANCE/FIGHT in the 600 block of E. 12th; 1700 block of Johnson; and 300 block of W. Hwy 80.

FIRE/EMS

Following is a summary of Spring Department/EMS reports: Friday

11:31 a.m. — 1600 block Nolan, medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

11:58 a.m. — 1500 block Austin, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

2:15 p.m. - 800 block W. 18th, medical call, patient transported to SMMC. 6:07 p.m. — 800 block W.

18th, medical call, patient transported by SMMC. 6:08 p.m. - 4300 block W. 818, medical call, service refused.

Saturday 2:59 a.m. - 900 block N. Birdwell, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

3:13 a.m. - 700 block W. IH-20, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC. 8:30 a.m. - 400 block Dallas

trauma call, patient transported to SMMC. meate you 1:58 p.m. - 3200 block E. Highway 350, medical call.

patient transported to SMMC. 2:52 p.m. - 1000 block N. Main, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

8:23 p.m. — 100 block Airbase Road, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

8:27 p.m. — 1800 block Virginia, grass fire, extinguished by responding units. Sunday

12:03 a.m. - 800 block Lorilla, trash fire, extinguished by responding units.

7:41 a.m. — 1900 block North 87, medical call, service refused. 11:18 a.m. — 2300 block

Gregg, medical call, patient transported to SMMC. 6:01 p.m. — 600 block San Antonio, trauma call, service

refused. 8:09 p.m. - 1100 block Lancaster, traffic accident, patient transported to SMMC.

RECORDS

Sunday's high 62 Sunday's low 35 Average high 81 Average low 51 Record high 96 in 1987 Record low 34 in 1933 Precip. Sunday 0.00 Month to date 0.00 Month's normal 0.77 Year to date 2.71 Normal for the year 2.99

Big Spring Specialty Clinic



The following Doctor will be in our office this week.

Tuesday, April 21st......Dr. Jose Bueno

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nisphere leaders set date for trade negotiation

SANTIAGO, Chile of the Hemisphere's 34 democracies overlooked political and economic uncertainties Sunday and forged ahead with a bold plan for hemispheric duty-free trade by 2005. They directed negotiations to begin in September.

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The assembled leaders, at the second Summit of the Americas, directed negotiations, covering nine distinct areas of trade, to be held in Miami for the first three years.

"Here in Santiago the ground has been broken for the largest free trade area in history," Chilean President Eduardo Frei told the concluding summit session, where all 34 leaders signed the Declaration of Santiago.

The combined economies would total \$9 trillion, he said. "Our journey from Miami to

leeds," President Clinton said. Today we launch comprehensive negotiations for a free trade area of the Americas."

Clinton, who hosted the first Summit of the Americas in Miami in 1994, said the work to complete a free-trade zone from Alaska to Cape Horn will be dif-

Clinton cautioned that democracy was still fragile in some parts of the hemisphere.

"We must continue to stand fast for democracy ... with no holdouts and no backsliders." Communist Cuba, the only

country in the hemisphere not invited to Santiago, remained a point of contention. "There is a country that is

missing," Brazilian President Fernando Henrique Cardoso told the concluding session. "They have a social commitment. They are very much con-

health care. Why should we not make steps toward democracy there? These are changes that are welcomed by all so that tomorrow in the future we can say that our Americas are just one. It is a brotherhood of coun-

tries and united." Clinton also said the nations needed to find ways for ordinary citizens to feel the benefits of economic development and political reforms.

"For all our progress, we all admit that too many of our citizens have not yet seen their own lives improve," he said.

The leaders signed the pact one by one. As each country's name was called, the leader walked down a long red carpet to the front of the ornate chamber of the Foreign Ministry, sat and signed the document.

Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien, who will host Santiago was ... from words to cerned with education and with the next Summit of the

Americas, in 2000, said economic integration was now an established 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 the era 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 to the biggest obstacles: Clinton's failure to win fast-track negotiating powers from Congress and a new skittishness in Latin America in the aftermath of Asia's financial troubles, which tightened export markets.

"We are confident the Free ket prices Trade Area of the Americas will improve the well-being of all our people, including economically disadvantaged populations within our respective countries," a joint statement from the leaders said.

The leaders made no change in the overall timetable adopted at the Miami summit but went a step further by stating that a trade negotiations committee will convene by June 30, with actual negotiating to start no later than Sept. 30.

Negotiations will begin in Miami, with nine initial negotiating groups. They will cover these areas: market access, investment, services, government procurement, dispute settlement, agriculture, intellectual property rights, competition policy and subsidies and ways to stop the deliberate "dumping" of products at below-mar-

The talks will be held in Miami for the first three years, with Canada overseeing the initial effort. Brazil will then take over and co-chair for the finalyears, according to Sunday's announcement.

In their joint statement, the leaders noted that some countries in the region, including Mexico, had experienced financial problems since the 1994 summit. But they said the overall trend in the hemisphere 'has been one of faster economic growth, lower inflation." expanded opportunities and confidence in facing the global marketplace."

"New partnerships have been formed and existing ones strengthened and expanded," it said, referring to new trading alliances that have sprouted within the Americas while awaiting U.S. action.

Students can't wear cartoon show garb

PLANO(AP) - A counselor'sconcern about violence in the animated cable TV show "South Park" has prompted an elementary school ban on T-shirts and

Officials at Elementary School say such garb is a violation of the school dress code. They've sent a warning home to parents about the show and the paraphernalia it

Thomas Elementary counselor Elaine Sample said she became concerned about the cartoon's violent content after two boys allegedly shot and killed a teacher and four classmates last month at a

WASHINGTON (AP)

President Clinton's proposal to

use federal money to hire teach-

ers and build schools is drawing

criticism from Republicans and

advocates for disabled children

who say he should first ensure

that states have the money to

educate youngsters with special

The GOP hopes its argument

will switch the focus of the edu-

cation debate, highlighting local

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 edu-

cate disabled children. That is

well below the target amount

set out in legislation a quarter-

Meanwhile, special education

services such as transportation,

classroom aides, equipment and

even private school tuition for

children with special needs are

a major and fast-growing

strong support.

century ago.

control and parental choice.

needs.

"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

make crude jokes. One of the show's children, Kenny, dies a violent death

The nonpartisan Economic

Policy Institute says nearly \$2

out of every \$10 spent on educa-

tion in 1996 went to special

If states received the money

they were promised under the

Individuals With Disabilities

Education Act, local schools

would not need new federal

money for classrooms and

Clinton has proposed \$12 bil-

"If they put those two in spe-

cial education, they would have

fully funded it," said Sen. Judd

Gregg, R-N.H., who has been

leading efforts to increase the

But administration officials

say well-trained teachers in

smaller classes will spot chil-

dren with learning disabilities

early on. They also say these

teachers could prevent other

children with difficulties from

being misdiagnosed with dis-

abilities. Eighty percent of spe-

cial education children spend

more than 40 percent of their

time in regular classrooms, the

Education Department notes.

lion for new classrooms and

teachers over five years.

federal contribution.

teachers, Republicans say. :

to life for the next episode.

The show has become a cul-

Thomas Elementary Principal violence in the show.

"We wanted to alert the parents, especially after we noticed some of the kids were drawing the characters and were wearing the clothing," Ms. Swanson

Thomas parent and PTO president Kim O'Bryan said she was

glad the school alerted parents about the show. She said she previously was 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 animated characters and sometimes parents assume it's for kids, so I'm glad I was told to watch out for this."

The "South Park" ban follows a similar move made by Keller school officials last month.

The principal of Keller High School prohibited students from wearing camouflage, which the accused boys in Jonesboro wore the day of the shooting.

Linda McCartney succumbs to cancer

LONDON (AP) - Linda McCartney, a flower-child photographer who married the last bachelor in The Beatles and built a multimillion-dollar vegetarian food business, died of cancer. She was 56.

A spokesman for her husband, 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 abloid Daily Mail quoted Paul McCartney today as telling a friend soon after she died. "It will always hurt. But we will get through it."

The couple had only once spent the night apart in their 30 years together, said the spokesman, Geoff Baker. Sir Paul, 55, was expected to

issue a further statement later in the week.

Two days before her death. Linda and Paul had been horseback riding, one of her lifelong assions, Baker said. "The blessing was that the end came quickly and she didn't suffer," he said in a statement Sunday.

The couple revealed in December 1995 that Linda McCartney was being treated for breast cancer. The treatment appeared to be working well at first, but in March the cancer was found to have spread to her liver, the statement said.

Paul McCartney asked that people wanting to send flowers should give a donation to charities involved in cancer research, animal welfare, "or pest of all — the tribute that Linda herself would like best: Go veggie," the statement said. Their marriage was one of the ongest in the music business and produced three children:

Mary, 27; Stella, 25, and James,

The McCartneys largely avoided the celebrity lifestyle and lived quietly in remote homes in southern England and Scotland, saying they wanted a normal upbringing for their children and Heather, Linda McCartney's daughter from her first marriage to geophysicist John Melvyn See.

McCartney's vegetarianism and her desire to change the meat-eating culture led in 1991

Add

an eloquent

to a range of vegetarian food that has expanded into an international enterprise worth about \$60 million a year.

Calling her a "visionary," The Vegetarian Society said 'her contribution to vegetarianism was tremendous." "Linda had a passion and a

desire to change people's attitudes," the society said. "Her positive outlook and dedication to promoting a diet that would bring about the end of animal suffering was absolute."

But in 1993, meat was found in some of her vegetarian pies and in October 1995, thousands of packs of her "veggieburgers" were recalled after they were found to have twice as much fat as indicated.

McCartney also was a fervent supporter of Lynx, the British anti-fur group, and People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.

"She was someone who made a tremendous contribution across a whole range of British life, Prime Minister Tony Blair said Sunday from Jerusalem.

Linda Eastman was already acclaimed for her moody, gritty photographs when she married Paul McCartney in 1969.

Born into a wealthy family she grew up in Scarsdale, N.Y Her father, Lee Eastman, a lawyer, was not, as is often thought, part of the Eastman-Kodak empire. Her mother died in a plane crash when she was

With a degree in art history from the University of Arizona, she moved to New York City at age 21 and became a receptionist at Town and Country maga-

A lucky break enabled her to photograph the Rolling Stones. and she later captured many other rockers on camera, including Jimi Hendrix, Bob Dylan and The Doors. Soon she was dating celebrities, including actor Warren Beatty and a manager of The Who, Chris Stamp.

"I can see better through the camera," she said in an interview in 1994. "It's not a security blanket,

but when I have it with me, I'm thrilled walking down the street."

Jonesboro, Ark. middle school.

hats advertising the show. **Thomas**

has inspired.

with provocative, offensive, violent or drug-related pictures or slogans will not be permitted."

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

Ms. Sample told the Plano Star

each week and then comes back

tural phenomenon among both children and adults, spawning hundreds of Web sites and a video game. It's been featured in the cover of Newsweek, Spin and Rolling Stone magazines.

Lynn Swanson said her staff believes parents should of the

Congress has given more to spe-

cial education than the admin-

istration proposed, bringing the

federal share of overall costs up

to 10 percent. The law autho-

rizes federal spending of up to

A budgety but passed this month by the Senate would

increase spending for special

education by \$2.5 billion over

five years, far from enough to

Governors, parents of dis-

abled children, school boards

and state officials have all

called for more federal support,

Some Democrats agree, but they

dispute the idea that a tradeoff

with other education programs

"We've found money for high-

way funds," said Sen. Chris

Dodd, D-Conn., referring to a

\$217 billion transportation

spending bill making its way

through Congress. "We can find

The Education Department

says 40 percent federal support

is a cap, not an obligation, and

the "free appropriate" educa-

it for" special education.

meet the 40 percent goal.

is necessary.

Critics: Clinton agenda short-changes disabled For the past two years, unfunded mandate as the GOP

> "People don't say that general education is an unfunded mandate and unless we get so much money from the federal government we're going to stop serving hon-disabled kids in our school," said the department's

> Judith Heumann. Paying for 40 percent of spe cial education would cost the federal government \$14.7 billion in 1999, the department estimates, consuming nearly half its discretionary budget.

> Not everyone with Republican ties agrees with the GOP strategy. Chester E. Finn Jr., a top Education Department official during the Reagan administration, said the party is overcompensating after previous efforts to cut education programs backfired with voters.

> "Now they're pumping money into programs that should not have more money," Finn said. Special education costs keep rising, he believes, because school systems use the program as a way to get money.

Special education requirements are becoming increasingtion required under the 1975 law is a civil right, not an ly tough on states.

Freed Chinese dissident calls for more releases

DETROIT (AP) - A weary Wang Dan thanked the U.S. government for lobbying to free him from a Chinese jail as he pleaded from his hospital bed for the release of more prisoners 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 was listed in stable condition. Doctors planned an MRI and

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 the U.S. government "for its efforts in pressing for my release.

"At the same time I greatly hope that those democracy activists who continue to be imprisoned in China can soon obtain their freedom," he said.

The Chinese government has acknowledged that several thousand political dissidents are imprisoned, though human rights groups say the numbers are higher.

Wang, 29, is the second major Chinese dissident to be released in six months. The latest release comes just two months before President Clinton's planned visit to Beijing.

China has tried to use such prisoner releases to improve the diplomatic atmosphere before high-level contacts, prompting human rights groups to accuse it of playing "hostage politics."

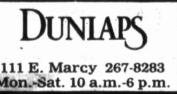
Another prominent Chinese dissident said Sunday that Wang's release was a "pawn" in a larger strategy to ease criticism of China's human rights record.

"I think the Chinese 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 are liberating us one by one."

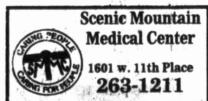
Such releases suit China's recent policy of encouraging dissidents to leave, in hopes they will lose their political effectiveness in exile. "It is good news for Wang Dan

as an individual, except that once again, it appears to be a release conditional on exile," said Catherine Baber, spokes-Amnesty woman for International in Hong Kong. The official Xinhua News

Agency said Wang was released on medical parole but offered no details. Wang for months has suffered from a throat infection and headaches his family believes may indicate a brain tumor.



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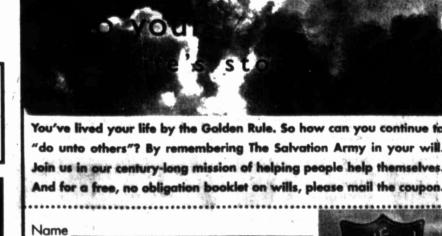


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OTHER VIEWS

The U.S. government is about to sell \$207 million worth of the nation's oil reserve to help balance the federal budget. It's a dumb idea. The oil will be sold at a much lower price than it was purchased for 20 years ago.

Congress has ordered the sale because it didn't want to appropriate money to pay for administering the oil-reserve program the last three years. More than 560 million barrels of oil are stockpiled in Louisiana caverns to be brought out in the event of a supply cutoff. The latest oil sale will reduce the reserves by 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 are good at heaping praise on themselves for lowering the federal budget deficit in recent years and 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.

The Victoria (Texas) Advocate

Is 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 jump from \$368.5 billion over 25 years to \$506 billion — and still no immunity from individual and class-action lawsuits.

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 leaders brushed aside Goldstone's complaint, vowing to keep the pressure on Big Tobacco until it heels.

All along, the industry has feared losing legal immunity to future class-action suits in any settlement with the federal government. Impressive 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 settlement can be paid over 25 years by simply collecting more money per pack from smokers who are, after all, a captive market. Lawsuits can lead to bankruptcy, or worse: ...

The Herald-Sun, Durham, N.C.

We know you don't want to hear this, but it's time someone told you. Traqi dictator Saddam Hussein lied. Again. He's still churning out chemical and biological weapons and there's no reason to believe he doesn't have missiles with which to deliver

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.

U.N. weapons inspectors now have released a report concluding 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 the report. Claims that Iraq has destroyed its missile arsenal "cannot be reconciled with physical evidence," the inspectors

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.Va.) News-Register

. (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 largest-ever 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 as international commerce continues to grow, American financial 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 that want 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 the rest of the country. ...

These latest mergers may or not prove successful for shareholders and customers. The only way to find out for sure is to let the marketplace do its work.

The Orange County (Calif.) Register

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Thursday tell the nation that she will appeal Judge Susan Webber Wright's summary

WASHINGTON — I watched the tearful Paula Corbin Jones judgment that her sexual

harassment lawsuit against President Clinton is without merit. 1 felt doubly sorry -

once for

once for

Carl Jones and Rowan Columnist

the nation. 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 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 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 whom are getting something out of this tragic courtroom drama while Paula gets nothing other than a dubious repu-tation and a lifetime of grief. Up front, as usual, was Susan

Carpenter-McMillan, her "spokesperson," who would spend the rest of the day hopping from one television show to another.

Carpenter-McMillan has become the great conservative 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 and two children live, Susan assured us that it is not off money sent in by donors to Jones's legal fund. Paula, she says, has gotten only a new hairdo and a suit to wear to court appearances from these donations.

Well, that's a damn shame. The least the people exploiting her case could do is see that the Joneses live at a decent 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. He told The Washington Times that his organization

might give the Jones family

some living support. It ought to, because Whitehead and the lawyers advising Paula have sold her a bill of goods about how Reagan appointees now so dominate the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court that she will win in the long run.

Whitehead told the media that the Rutherford Institute 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 Supreme Court.

It shows how badly the rightwingers want to destroy Clinton.

It's a pity neither Paula nor her husband Stephen is sophisticated 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 Paula — and not just because more people will suffer because Jones is exercising her right to appeal. Just before her announcement independent counsel Kenneth Starr went on TV to tell us that "the end is not yet in sight" to his investigation of possible criminal acts by President

Sad for Paula, and sad for the natio Clinton. In fact, he said, his probe apparently will go on for so long that he feels compelled to give up his chance to become the dean of law and of public policy at Pepperdine

University in California. This means that from now until January 2001, this country is not likely to know a day when its president is not under the threat of criminal prosecution by Starr and suffering the mental woes of Paula Jones's

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charges. President Clinton puts on the brave face by saying he "won't let them distract or deter me' from doing the nation's business. 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. To the extent that he is weakened, we are all the victims.

But I guess that is simply the price we pay for living in a society where one woman with a terribly weak case is free to seek what she regards as justice, 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

Media General News Service

WASHINGTON - The talk of the town isn't Paula Jones appeal. It's Valerie Nordstrom's.

Valerie who? Valerie Nordstrom isn't a household name, and her case, mercifully, has nothing to do with President Clinton.

But it has uncovered yet another fault line in society, one that transcends gender and goes to something quintessentially American: our rights behind the wheel.

Since news of Nordstrom's encounter with the law here broke last week, it has been the subject du jour around kitchen tables and coffee shops in the capital.

Nordstrom got a ticket for reckless driving on Interstate 95. Her misdemeanor was putting on mascara while dri-

ving in the morning rush hour. She wasn't weaving in and out of traffic. She wasn't speeding. She didn't cause an acci-

dent. She was late for work. It was a little before 9 in the morning on Feb. 23. It had been raining and traffic was heavy. Virginia State Trooper Robert Thomas finished working an accident and pulled in behind Nordstrom as she drove north on I-95.

She was stretched forward,

looking into the rearview mirror, 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

"I asked her why she was putting on mascara in this nasty weather with heavy traffic, and she said she was running late for work." Thomas testified, according to a report in the Washington Post.

One person's making every 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

and six points on her license. Last week, a judge in Fairfax County, Va., found Nordstrom guilty of improper driving — a lesser, traffic infraction — and 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 clients in government - couldn't get over the ticket or the three points that would go on her license. She is appealing.

The way she figures it, applying mascara is no different from dialing a number on a cellular phone, lighting a ciga-

rette, changing radio stations or drinking a cup of coffee. If those common events aren't reckless driving, she

asks, why should putting on mascara? That's the common sense argument, and there's also a legal one, said her lawyer,

Mark Yeager of Fairfax. In Virginia, anyone who 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 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

idea" to put on mascara while 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 35 mph in sluggish rush hour traffic.

The trooper reported no errant behavior such as speeding up and slowing down or 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 during the weekend.

In both losses — an 11-10 defeat in nine innings on Friday and a 13-12 heartbreaker in the series finale Saturday afternoon - Howard pitching was unable to hold onto ninthinning leads.

Hawks coach Brian Roper, however, couldn't have spoken more glowingly about his players.

"The two games we lost were two of

the most dramatic games I've ever been inning, giving way to Keith Lant who associated with in my entire coaching got the final out of the inning. career," Roper said. "It was almost like someone had scripted them for a movie.

"I'm proud of the way our kids played," he added. "It's the hardest I've seen them play this year. They wanted to win, put everything they had into all three games ... it just wasn't meant to

In the series opener, Howard carried a 10-5 lead into the bottom of the pinth inning and sent sophomore pitching ace Josh Jones to the mound in relief of Duite Welch who'd worked one inning of relief for starter Brandon Claussen.

Jones, however, never finished the

Lant, who took the loss, threw only

two pitches in the game. 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 up with a solo homer and Hawkins clubbing a two-run shot.

Howard managed a 16-11 win in the second game of the series, turning in its own come-from-behind heroics with a 7-run sixth inning that erased a 9-7 Odessa lead.

the fourth inning, was the winning pitcher in that game, while Hawkins turned in a sparkling 4-for-5 showing at the plate that included a home run. Hawkins drove in five runs.

Bryan Phillips and Kelley, Pettit also had solo home runs in the Hawks' 16hit attack.

But Welch would suffer a heartbreaking loss in the finale after relieving Jones in the ninth inning.

Howard had rallied from a 9-6 deficit with six runs in the top of the ninth and was one strike away from a win when disaster struck.

Jones gave up a two-strike double with two out in the bottom of the ninth, walked the next batter and was

Welch, who relieved Josh Duwe in then touched for a game-tying 3-run homer run by Odessa's Cory Doan. again on an 0-2 pitch.

Welch replaced Jones and immediately walked a batter and hit another with a pitch. Two passed balls charged to Hawks catcher Robert Rames 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 standings, while New Mexico Junior College stands second at 12-6.

Odessa and NMJC are scheduled for a three-game series Friday and Saturday, while the Hawks travel to Borger to take on Frank Phillips. NMJC will have to make up a delayed series at Frank Phillips on May 1-2.

Bulldogettes finish district at perfect 10-0

HERALD Staff Report

COAHOMA - Coahoma's **Bulldogettes closed out District** 2-2A softball play in undefeated fashion Saturday, taking a 10-5 win over Anson's Lady Tigers.

However, in a second game that day, they found a different kind of Lady 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 pitching ace Tara Sterling took the pitching win, going five innings before surrendering the mound to Kenni Kay Buchanan for the final two frames

Sterling was the only Coahoma player to manage more than one hit in the win, going 2-for-3 at the plate.

In the nightcap, freshman Amber Bingham suffered only her second loss of the season, 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



HERALD photo/John A. Moseley

Big Spring's Tory Mitchell heads to the tape in the 100 meters finals at the District 4-4A track meet at San Angelo Stadium. Mitchell's time of 10.06 seconds not only established a new district record, eclipsing the mark he'd set at Andrews the year before, but was also the fastest 100 meters ever run:at the stadium. He later followed that with a record clocking in the 200 meters as well.

Suns, Hornets win homecourt advantage

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

season, tonight at 6:30.

The NBA regular season ended at 10:38 p.m. Sunday Vancouver when and Sacramento played the final few seconds of overtime in the last bad-vs.-bad matchup to be seen for awhile.

The new season begins today, and fans won't have to put up with the laggards and underachievers like the Grizzlies and Kings who have stuck around for the past 5 months and 1,189 regular-season games.

Now, only the best remain. And the New Jersey Nets earned the right to be called one of them Sunday by qualifying for the final playoff spot in the **Eastern Conference** — and the right to play the defending

champion Chicago Bulls - with

a 114-101 victory over the

Detroit Pistons. "We'll be playing the best team in basketball, and the whole world — and everyone in the NBA — will be watching,"

All-Star center Jayson Williams healthy starters and two fill-ins. said. "Now everybody can see what the New Jersey Nets have

accomplished." Most of the other games Sunday were meaningless, but there were a couple with playoff implications.

Charlotte defeated Orlando 89-76 to clinch homecourt advantage in its first-round series against Atlanta, Phoenix defeated Houston 123-93 to clinch the home court against San Antonio, and Seattle beat Portland 90-82 to win the Pacific Division.

In other games, the Los 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 112-108 in overtime.

It was the Nets' fourth chance of the week to clinch a postseason berth, and they finally did it on their last try with an inspired effort from their three

Kendall Gill scored a seasonhigh 27 points, including 14 in the decisive third quarter, rook-

ie Keith Van Horn had 25 and Kerry Kittles added 22. Chris Gatling, starting at center because of injuries to Williams, Rony Seikaly and Michael Cage, contributed 18

points and 10 assists, and Sherman Douglas, playing 47 of a possible 48 minutes with Sam Cassell ailing, had 18 points, 11 assists and five steals.

In all, the five starters accounted for 110 of New Jersey's 114 points.

Hornets 89, Magic 76

Charlotte won the homecourt edge, but they will be playing a Hawks team that swept them 4-0 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 second half as the Hornets won for the fourth time in five - break

Suns 123, Rockets 93

Cliff Robinson had 32 points as the Suns had little trouble scoring inside against the Rockets, who were without Hakeem Olajuwon and Charles Barkley

Clyde Drexler, who will retire at the end of the season to coach the University of Houston, had 11 points and nine rebounds. But he failed to hit a 3-pointer that would have tied the club record of 23 straight games with at least one.

Sonics 90, Blazers 82

Gary Payton scored 22 of his 27 points in the second half. including a key three-point play with 59 seconds to play.

Lakers 102, Jazz 98

Shaquille O'Neal had 33 points and 15 rebounds and Kobe Bryant played one of his best games since the All-Star

Cowboys finish NFL draft without picking a receiver IRVING (AP) — The Dallas

Cowboys finished the NFL Draft without having selected a receiver to play opposite Michael Irvin.

Coach Chan Gailey says there's no problem with the Cowboys' receiving corps as it stands, but he's not ruling out other offseason moves to bring in another wideout.

"Some people see some kind of void, but I like our receivers," Gailey said Sunday. "That doesn't mean we won't look to upgrade because we're always looking to upgrade our football team.

"We did not draft what you call skill positions because we feel very confident in the skill level of our team.'

Dallas took North Carolina defensive end Greg Ellis with the eighth overall pick Saturday and then selected. Michigan State tackle Flozell dams in the second round to help an offensive line that was battered last year.

On Sunday, the Cowboys added a defensive tackle, a linebacker, an offensive tackle, a defensive back, a running back, a guard and a tight end.

Gailey said the team filled needs on Saturday and went for the best athletes available on Sunday

"Obviously we needed a defensive end and we wanted to bolster the offensive line and we did that with the first two picks," he said. "After that, we were going to take the best player available. Whether that helps the offense or the defense more didn't matter, we were going to take him.'

With the 100th overall pick in the fourth round. Dallas was pleased to find Alabama's

Michael Myers still available. Myers, a 6-foot-2, 286-pound defensive lineman, was an All-American in 1996 but played only one game last year after being suspended for contact with an agent. Myers' past was a concern for the image conscious Cowboys, but his speed and agility were too much to

"We are very pleased to be able to get him at this level," said owner Jerry Jones. "We've looked into the cirumstances and investigated them and, as an example, I know he won't have those circumstances again."

In the fifth round, with the

DALLAS' DRAFT

The players selected by Dallas in the 1998 NFL draft. Players listed by round, position, school and overall pick in parentheses:

1. Greg Ellis, DE, North Carolina (8). 2. Flozell Adams, OT, Michigan

St. (38). 4. Michael Myers, Alabama (100).

5. Darren Hambrick, LB, South Carolina (130). 5. Oliver Ross, OT, lowa St.

(138).6. Izell Reese, DB, Alabama-Birmingham (188). 7. Tarik Smith, RB, California

(223).7. Antonio Fleming, G, Georgia (227).7. Rodrick Monroe, TE, Cincinnati (237).

130th overall pick, Dallas again went for a player who didn't play much last season.

South Carolina linebacker Darren Hambrick missed seven games with a fractured fibula in his left ankle, but did return in

time to play in the Senior Bowl. The Cowboys traded their sixth- and seventh-round picks (162nd and 197th overall) to Seattle for a fifth-round pick they 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 compensatory picks, Cowboys went searching for "something special."

"When you get in the late rounds, you look for that one quality that separates a guy from all the other guys hanging around," Gailey said. "Late in the draft, you're looking for that guy with something special.

With Alabama-Briminham's Izell Reese in the sixth round (188th overall), the Cowboys got a big safety (6-2, 193 pounds) with speed.

At the 223rd pick overall in the seventh round, Dallas 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 seventh round.

SPORTS BREIFS

Deadline for banquet reservations is today

Today is the deadline for making reservations 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 Mitchell, the college's director of communications. No one will be admitted without a reserva-

son and will be payable at the door. To make reservations, call 264-5040 4H shooting team sets meeting tonight

Tickets for the banquet are priced at \$7 per per-

The Howard County 4-H shooting sports team will have its first meeting of the season at 6 tonight at the Howard County Courthouse. According to Van Gaskins, one of the team's coaches, any youngster between the ages of nine

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 will hold its annual Lady Steers Athletic Banquet at 7 p.m. Monday, May 11, in the Garrett Hall at the First United Methodist Church.

The banquet will be catered by Al's and Son Bar-B-Que. Tickets, priced at \$8.50 per person will go on

sale Monday, April 13, at Big Spring High School, Athletic Supply, Neal's Sporting Goods and at Faye's Flowers. For more information, call 263-4921.

CGA scholarship tourney is May 9-10 The Big Spring Chicano Golf Association has scheduled its sixth annual Scholarship Fund Tournament for Saturday and Sunday, May 9-10,

at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Entry fees, which include dinner and a dance, are priced at \$150 per two-man team. A new car will be presented to the first player to make a hole-in-one on the par 3 No. 4 hole on Saturday by the New Car Dealers Association of Big Spring.

For more information and tee times, contact the Comanche Trail Golf Course pro shop at 264-2366.

Lady Steers Booster Club meet tonight The Big Spring Lady Steers Booster Club will

meet at 6 tonight in the Athletic Training Center at Big Spring High School to make final preparations for the annual Lady Steers Athletic Banquet.

The banquet, set for May 11, will honor the softball, basketball, track and volleyball teams, as well as the cheerleaders, trainers and managers. For more information, contact Kelly McBee at 393-5672 or Shirley Johnson at 267-1541.

Youth ragball tournament scheduled

The first Lil' Rascals Youth Ragball Tournament for youngsters betweent he ages of eight and 11 has been scheduled for a 9 a.m. start

Saturday at the Roy Anderson Complex. Each team will consist of at least is and no more than 15 players and batting orders must

alternate boys and girls. Entry fees are set at \$8 per player

For more information or to enter a team, contact JoEllen Canales at 263-3623.

Golf tournament set with 'Relay for Life'

A four-person scramble golf tournament benefiting 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 plus cart fees. Team will include A, B, C. and D players. For more information, contact the club's pro

shop at 267-5354. Coahoma banquet set for Thursday

The Coahoma High School Atheltic Banquet has been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the Coahoma Elementary School cafeteria.

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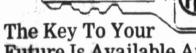
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increased circle of friends.

Your instincts might be off, so

be unusually pragmatic. You

will get what you want. If you

are single, a relationship is a

strong possibility. A friendship

could develop into a lot more if

you are open. If attached, you

might demand a deeper com-

mitment and/or change. Realize

that both of you need to give.

AQUARIUS pushes you into the

The Stars Show the Kind of

Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

You know how to deal with

the pressure that a friend cre-

ates. Work together to reach a

key goal. Self-discipline proves

to be an asset, as you attempt

to determine the proper path.

Take a low-key approach to an

important decision. Tonight:

Your instincts are excellent

with higher-ups and work-relat-

ed issues. During your break,

take a walk to clear your head.

Keep your focus, and stay rivet-

ed on a problem, then resolu-

tion becomes easy. Schedule

appointments late in the day.

Tonight: Go where your friends

Take in the overview, listen

and be ready to take action.

What you hear casts a different

perspective on events.

Determine the right direction,

remaining cynical about those

who gossip. Schedule a meeting

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ing, and partners ask for what they want and need. Take what you hear with a grain of salt. Make calls, check out a possible seminar, explore options. Tonight: Play a computer game.****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

You're determined to work through a problem. Listen carefully to someone's input; he has a lot to offer. You have a rare opportunity to see the big picture. Do nothing halfway. Socialize, express your feelings and make the most of the moment. Tonight: A business dinner?**** VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Emphasize work, but don't make the mistake of thinking you can do it alone. A partner plays a substantial role in making what you want happen. Stay in touch with the financial demands of a new project. A change in pattern is likely.

Tonight: Pace yourself.**** LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Your charm gets you far with a partner. Nevertheless, the partner makes demands and expects results. No more promises without action! Your ability to ease through a difficult situation comes into play. Settle down, and make strong decisions. Tonight: Walk the walk.****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Family affairs are exacting. Open up, and add to the distinctiveness of your work. This might lead you to set up a home office or seek a different work environment. Protect your assets. Explore your creativity, one of your best assets.

your life.*** SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

Tonight: Allow more play in

Keep conversations rolling. How you view another could change as a discussion progresses. This person is serious about the subject. Be sensitive to options, as you discuss ways to streamline work. Seek feedback. Tonight: Run errands on the way home.****

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PUBLIC NOTICE THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BIG SPRING WILL HOLD A PUB-LIC HEARING AT 5:30 PM, MAY 5, 1998, IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 307 EAST 4TH FOR A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT TO ALLOW A NEW OR USED CAR SALES LOT (IN OPEN) AT 2100 GREGG STREET (LOTS 1-4. BLOCK 10. COLLEGE HEIGHTS ADDITION HOWARD COUNTY TEXAS) BIG SPRING,

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reading of an ordinance described

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as follows:
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BIG SPRING, TEXAS.
AMENDING IN PART CHAPTER ARTICLE 2 EXHIBITIONS CARNIVALS OR CIRCUSES, BY AMENDING SECTION 5-21, SEC-TION 5-22. SECTION 5-23 AND SECTION 5-25 AND BY ADDING SECTION 5-28; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PRO-VIDING FOR PUBLICATION: AND FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS ORDINANCE WAS DIS-CUSSED WAS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW. 1837 April 19 & 20, 1998

PUBLIC NOTICE

Official Notice
The Colorado River Municipal Water District is filing an applica-tion with the Texas Water Development Board for grant money not to exceed \$20,000 for Work detailing future studies and activities required by Senate Bill No. 1. The District has been declared the political subdivision representing Region F, a region located in west Texas which includes Andrews, Borden, Brown, Coke, Coleman, Concho, Crane, Crockett, Ector, Glasscock, Howard, Irion, Kimble, Loving. Martin, Mason, McCulloch, Menard, Midland, Mitchell, Pecos, Reagan, Reeves, Ru Schleicher, Scurry, Sterling, Sutton, Tom Green, Upton, Ward, and Winkler Counties.
Public comments on the funding request will be taken at the District's Headquarters located a 400 E. 24th Street, Big Spring, Texas until May 21, 1998. Comments and questions may be mailed to Mr. John Grant, General mailed to Mr. John Grant, General Manager. Colorado River Municipal Water District, P.O. Box 869, Big Spring, Texas 79720-0869, er taken by telephone at (915) 267-6341. Comments and questions may also be addressed to Mr. Craig Pedetsen, Texas Water Development Board, P. O. Box 13231, Austin, Texas 78711-3231, or by telephone at (512) 463-7850.

1835 April 20, 1998 People just like you read The Big Spring Herald Classifieds. Call us today and place your ad.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

Expenses might be justified, especially if they add to the quality of your life. A family member might view the situation differently, however. Open up to possibilities. You might feel that your home is too costly, and that you are constantly pumping out money. Tonight: Budget talks.****

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You stop the show and end any wildness right now. You are not in the mood for fun and games. A discussion is serious. 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) Take a back seat, especially if you want to improve your current financial status. Another shares feelings, with you. Instincts tell you to withhold judgment, and not act. Keeping a low profile during the day helps you gather information. Tonight: It's your call.***

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Request for silver flatware tarnishes family relations

DEAR ABBY: Please help me solve this problem. I gave my son and his wife, "Janet," my sterling silver flatware set. A short time later, they divorced. It was my

son's fault that the marriage broke up.

Janet received the silver in the divorce settlement. She is now engaged to a nice man, and I wish the them

Abigail Van Buren

I wrote Janet a letter asking her to please give the silverware to her daughter, my granddaughter, as I would like to keep it in the family. Now she is angry and will not speak to me or return my calls. She lives in New Jersey and I live in Arizona.

Was I wrong to ask her to give the set to my granddaughter? — ALICE IN PHOENIX DEAR ALICE: No. However,

Janet is probably still bitter over the breakup of the maryour son dictating terms to her. Write her another note and

offer your apologies if she was offended - as that certainly was not your intention. Then keep your fingers crossed because chances are Janet intends to give it to your granddaughter anyway in due time.

DEAR ABBY: My friend recently phoned to tell me she was writing thank-you notes to all the people who helped her and her three young children after they were in a serious auto accident with an 18-wheel-

Among those she was thanking was a Tennessee highway patrolman who had given her a traffic ticket the month before because she didn't have her children buckled up.

Every one of them received major injuries even though they were wearing seat belts, but they survived the accident. My friend feels that the highway patrolman probably saved their lives by giving her a wake-up call.

Please keep reminding people to use their seat belts. -PAULINE MILLER, ATHENS, TENN.

DEAR PAULINE: Your letter provides the perfect opportunity for me to do just that. Consider it done! DEAR ABBY: Thank you for

reassuring "Lost in North Carolina" and others infected with genital herpes that it is an extremely common infection,

and one that can be managed. We especially appreciate your telling readers about the Herpes Resource Center. In response to your column,

we have heard from more than 2,000 people thus far who need our help. From past experience, we know that "Dear Abby" readers will continue to contact us over the next few months often telling us that they did not know where to turn until they saw the information in your column. Your support for people with

chronic sexually transmitted diseases is very important. Thank you again. -LINDA L. ALEXANDER, PH.D, PRESI-DENT, AMERICAN SOCIAL **HEALTH ASSOCIATION** DEAR LINDA: You're wel-

come; that's what I'm here for.

For readers who may have missed the column and need to learn more about sexually transmitted diseases, or who may be seeking help, I'm repeating the address: Herpes Resource Center, American Social Health Association, Dept. PR85, P.O. Box 13827, Research Triangle Park, N.C. 27709. Please enclose \$1 to cover postage and handling.

riage and doesn't want you or DEAR ABBY: I read the letter from "Retired Military Man, who suggested using our closed military bases for training young people. I am a retired female veteran and have always thought it is a waste to close bases after so much money has been put into them.

> Military bases are like small towns. They have everything within walking distance - grocery stores, shopping centers, banks, barber/beauty shop, medical clinics, gyms and much more. I think they would make excellent retirement communities. Retired folks could live in reasonably priced homes and have the services they need close at hand. It would also provide hundreds of jobs for people in the communi-

> What do you think of this idea, Abby? — KEMA AUSTIN, O'FALLON, ILL.

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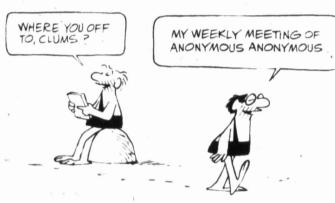
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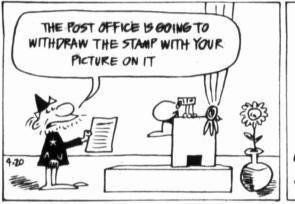
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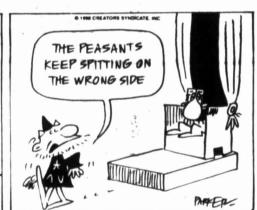




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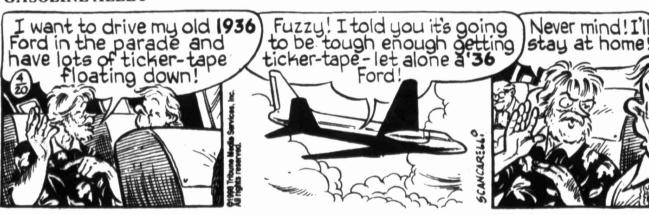




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Today's Highlight in History: One hundred years ago, on April 20, 1898, President McKinley signed a congressional resolution recognizing Cuban independence from

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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 demonstrated its new and powerful electron microscope.

In 1945, during World War II, allied forces took control of the German cities of Nuremberg

and Stuttgart. In 1948, United Auto Workers president Walter P. Reuther was shot and wounded at his

home in Detroit. In 1968, Pierre Elliott Trudeau was sworn in as prime minister of Canada.

In 1971, the Supreme Court upheld the use of busing to achieve racial desegregation in schools.

In 1972, the manned lunar module from Apollo 16 landed on the moon.

In 1978, a Korean Air Lines Boeing 707 crash-landed in northwestern Russia after a Soviet interceptor fired when it entered Soviet airspace. Two passengers were killed.

Ten years ago: Gunmen who had hijacked a Kuwait Airways jumbo jet were allowed safe 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 the Branch Davidian compound in Texas, yet laid "ultimate responsibility" on David Koresh for the deaths that resulted. Mexican comedian Cantinflas died in Mexico City at age 81.

One year ago: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu escaped indictment in an influence-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.

Today's Birthdays: Supreme 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.

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