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Reflecting A Proud Community

TDH issues travel warning because of rubella outbreak in Mexico

By KATHY GILBERT
Staff Writer

Pregnant women are being warned not to travel to Mexico if they have never been inoculated against German measles (rubella), health officials said Tuesday.

"All parts of Mexico are affected," said Jan Pelosi of the Texas Department of Health (TDH) Immunization Division, "but the highest numbers are in Tamaulipas in far South Mexico."

More than 7,000 cases of rubella have been recorded in Mexico this year. In addition, 36 cases have been reported in seven Texas counties.

"There are no suspect cases in West Texas," Pelosi said. "The travel to Mexico is the key thing." Cases of rubella have been reported in Cameron, Hidalgo, Harris, Nueces, Bell, Travis, and Dallas counties she explained.

The border states of Coahuila, Chihuahua, Nuevo Leon and Tamaulipas have reported 2,400

cases.

"We're not saying people should automatically cancel travel plans to or from Mexico," said Dr. Diane Simpson, TDH associate commissioner for disease control and prevention, "but we do want people, especially pregnant women, to know about the increased risk." Travelers who could expose pregnant women to the illness also should be aware of the dangers, she said.

Rubella, sometimes called the three-day measles, is a viral illness typically spread from person to person by droplets from the nose or throat of an infected person. Transmission usually requires close contact.

Most rubella illness is mild, but it can cause birth defects, miscarriages and stillbirths if contracted by pregnant women, especially in the first trimester of pregnancy.

Pre-natal exams routinely include a test for rubella immunity, said Nancy Vasser, director of TDH in Big Spring. A rubella vaccination lasts a life-

time, she explained.

Pregnant women cannot be vaccinated, Pelosi said.

"If they haven't been vaccinated, they have to live with it and hope they don't get exposed," Vasser said.

No patients in Big Spring have lacked immunity, Vasser reported. "Every woman that's immune should know it," she added.

At greatest risk are pregnant women who are not receiving pre-natal care. The Texas Department of Health can pro-

vide rubella screening, immunization, and pre-natal services for people who cannot afford care elsewhere, Vasser said.

Beginning in 1971, children in kindergarten through 5th grade in Texas were required to be vaccinated for rubella. Since September 1991, a rubella vaccination has been required for school admission in all grades.

Health officials say half the people who get rubella have no symptoms. A vaccination takes 30 days before it takes effect, officials said.

Stripling wins conservation award

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Hayes Stripling was more than the featured speaker at this year's Howard Soil and Water Conservation District banquet.

He was the honored guest, as well.

Stripling, who is something of a fixture as speaker at the district banquets, was named Outstanding Conservationist of the Year Tuesday night at La Posada Restaurant.

The long-time Howard County resident was honored for his outstanding contributions to managing and conserving wildlife and wildlife habitat, district conservationist Eddie Spurgin said.

Also honored during the banquet were seven Howard County area students for their winning contributions to the district's annual poster contest.

The winning students were: Shay Long, Bauer Magnet; Jonathan Gomez, Coahoma Elementary; Gilbert Sanchez, College Heights Elementary; Cambrie Cooke, Kentwood Elementary; Kory Webb, Marcy Elementary; Kyle Conley, Moss Elementary; and J. Rich Sparks, St. Mary's.



These Howard County schoolchildren were named winners in a recent poster contest sponsored by the Howard Soil and Water Conservation District. Cambrie Cooke, Shay Long, J. Rich Sparks, Kory Webb, Gilbert Sanchez, Kyle Conley and Jonathan Gomez were honored at the district's annual awards banquet Tuesday at La Posada Restaurant.

The students submitted posters following the theme of "The Wonders of Wildlife."

Stripling has been very involved preserving this area's wildlife wonders, Spurgin said.

"This person we are recognizing has done an excellent job in preserving and managing wildlife on his rangeland located in the Luther community," Spurgin said prior to pre-

senting the award.

Stripling's most notable contribution to wildlife conservation has been his management of Bob White quail habitats on his land, Spurgin said.

In 1996, Stripling incubated and raised about 1,400 Bob White quail and released about 20 at a time on his land in Luther. By properly managing grazing on his rangeland, and

providing water, he has improved the habitat for deer, turkey and quail, Spurgin said.

Over the years, Stripling has also participated in the Conservation Resource Program, established food sources on his rangeland for game birds and constructed numerous wildlife watering facilities throughout his ranchland.

Permian site

Owner given six more months to bring building back to standard

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Permian Building owner Al Moore has six months to comply with the decision handed down by the city's Board of Adjustments and Appeals Monday afternoon.

Moore, who resides in Austin was present at Monday's meeting to hear the board's order to provide a water-tight seal for the exterior of the building.

Community Development Director Todd Darden said Moore will use a colored stucco as the seal.

"He'll still have to come back and re-brick the building," Darden said. "Mr. Moore has 30 days to purchase the permit to repair the building and 60 days to begin work."

"Mr. Moore has six months from the time he starts to complete the board's order," Darden added. "He had requested one year to comply with the order, but the board only gave him six months."

According to Darden, Moore had stopped paying back taxes on the building, but recently signed an agreement with Drew Mouton and Tax Assessor-Collector Kathy Sayles to pay the back taxes on the building, which at one time amounted to about \$14,000.

Moore will receive a notice of

the board's order within the next 10 days and will have 20 days from that time to appeal the board's decision if he so chooses.

If Moore does not comply with Monday's order, the city has several options, including filing a lien and fixing the building itself; taking action against Moore in court; or foreclosing on the building if the city determines that Moore has abandoned the property.

"If the property is abandoned and is foreclosed upon, building ownership would revert back to the taxing entities," Darden said. "If Mr. Moore does appeal the board's decision, he may ask for a jury trial or present his case in front of a judge. In either case, the proceeding would be in a county courtroom or a district court."

The Permian Building has been barricaded off for the last four weeks because of safety concerns.

Darden said the building continues to be barricaded off because one resident said it looked like the bricks on the north face of the building were pulling loose.

The collapse of the east wall a year ago today was a surprise to area residents, but an architectural report made two years ear-

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Big Spring, Albuquerque VAMCs open Hobbs clinic

Facility to open in August, officials state

HERALD Staff Report

The Veterans Administration Medical Center of Big Spring is joining with the Albuquerque VA Medical Center to open an outpatient clinic in Hobbs, N.M., VA officials announced Monday.

Scheduled to open in August, the outpatient clinic will provide primary care and patient education services for veterans in southeastern New Mexico as well as several nearby West Texas counties, said hospital spokesman Fred Cox.

"Now that the lease is signed, we can finalize site preparations, equipment purchasing,

and establishing additional necessary site support contracts," said Big Spring VA Medical Center Director Cary Brown.

The clinic will operate Monday through Friday for scheduled appointments only. It will be located in the fourth floor of the Broadmoor Building at 1601 N. Turner Street.

The clinic was discussed at a recent town hall meeting held at VFW Post 3274 in Hobbs. Representatives from the Big Spring and Albuquerque VA Medical Centers described plans for the clinic, Cox said.

"We want to express our appreciation to the Hobbs veteran community for their support of this initiative," Brown said.

"Without the tremendous level of community interest in Hobbs, we couldn't have achieved this goal."

BSHS artist finalist in annual Congressional contest

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

For the second consecutive year, a Big Spring High School student has made it to the final stage of judging in the annual Congressional Art Competition for high school students in the 17th District of Texas.

BSHS's Craig Campbell was among 10 finalists selected from regional shows in Big Spring, Abilene, Brownwood, Colorado City, Graham, Mineral Wells, San Angelo and Stephenville. The top five winners from each show was selected to compete in the recent district show in Abilene.

Other finalists include Patricia Barnick, Merkel High School; Corrie Ann Brownson, Lipan High School; Joey Gosney, Paradise High School; Lemon Kandi Hearin, Colorado City High School; Johnny Lee Jackson Jr., Brownwood High School; Jeremy King, Olney High School; Crystal Kinney, Abilene High School; Cody



Craig Campbell of Big Spring High School was a finalist in the annual Congressional Art Competition for high school artists in the 17th District of Texas.

Also attending the brunch were the families of the finalists and their art teachers.

The artwork of these 10 finalists remained on display through April 17 at First National Bank in Abilene.

The winning entry from the 17th Congressional District was submitted by Jeremy King, a

watercolor drawing entitled "Movin' On," and will be displayed in the annual exhibition in a tunnel leading to the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C. Along with King's entry, one winning entry from each Congressional District will be displayed in an area of the U.S. Capitol dedicated to the artistic talents of today's youth.

The second place award went to Patricia Barnick for her mixed media drawing entitled "Texas Bluebonnets." Miss Barnick's entry will be displayed in Stenholm's Stamford office through May 1999.

Third place was awarded to Cody Sherrod for his colored pencil drawing entitled "Fly Fishing." Mr. Sherrod's entry will be displayed in Stenholm's Abilene office through May 1999.

Fourth place was awarded to Crystal Kinney for her water color and map color entry entitled "Venom and Boots." Miss Kinney's entry will be displayed in Stenholm's San Angelo office through May 1999.

WEATHER

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Tonight, fair. Low 45-55. Thursday, sunny. High mid 80s. Thursday night, fair. Low lower to mid 50s. Extended forecast, Friday through Sunday, partly cloudy. Low in the 50s. High mid 80s to lower 90s.

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K-Bob's considering move back to Big Spring

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

An old friend may soon be returning to Big Spring — K-Bobs Steakhouse.

K-Bobs Spokesperson Joel Redman confirmed Tuesday that company representatives were in the Big Spring market recently exploring the possibility to returning to Big Spring after being gone for about 15 years.

Company officials recently met with community leaders

like Big Spring Independent School District Superintendent Bill McQueary and Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Vice President Terri Newton, according to Redman.

"We also talked to the group that is remodeling several of our facilities and doing what we call a scope-of-work report on other facilities they are renovating for us to move into," Redman said.

"They will let us know in about a week and half whether or not some of our planned moved are feasible," Redman

added.

Recently K-Bobs ran advertisements in the Big Spring market for management opportunities to fill positions in New Mexico, South Texas, Big Spring, Plainview, Southeast Arizona and Oklahoma.

Albuquerque-based K-Bobs was founded in 1966, has 40 stores in five states and plans to open six new full service, family dining facilities within the next 12 months.

"We have our stores in 30 small towns with populations around 20,000 people or less,"

Redman said. "We're in places like Dumas, Dalhart and Hereford in Texas and our 13 stores in New Mexico, we're in places like Raton, Truth or Consequences and Farmington rather than Albuquerque."

According to Redman, K-Bobs hopes to have a definite idea as to what it will do where Big Spring is concerned by mid-May.

Early indications are that if K-Bobs does return to Big Spring, it may look to occupy the old Golden Corral facility on FM700.

OBITUARIES

Charles Rupard

Charles Rupard, 61, died Tuesday, April 28, 1998, at his residence. Service will be 10 a.m.

Thursday, April 30, 1998, at First Church of the Nazarene with Rev. Gary Smith, pastor of Oskaloosa, Iowa First Church of the Nazarene, and

RUPARD

Rev. Roger Huff, Big Spring pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born on Sept. 29, 1936, in Big Spring, and married Linda Johnston on June 26, 1958, in Knott.

Charles was a lifetime resident of Big Spring. He worked for Cosden Refinery, which was later Fina Oil and Chemical, for 37 1/2 years, retiring in 1996.

He was a member of the First Church of the Nazarene and served on the church board.

Survivors include: his wife, Linda Rupard of Sand Springs; two sons and daughter-in-law, Ricky Rupard of Farmington, N.M., and Robby and Julie Rupard of Sand Springs; two brothers and one sister-in-law, Ikie and Debbie Rupard of Sand Springs, and Tommy R. Rupard of Big Spring; his mother-in-law, Jessie Johnston of Sand Springs; a sister-in-law, Nancy Richardson of Sand Springs; three grandsons, Travis, Austin and Logan Rupard of Farmington, N.M.; one granddaughter, Alicia Smith of Florida; and several nieces and nephews including Brad and Craig Richardson, both of Sand Springs.

He was preceded in death by one son, Brandon Todd Rupard, one sister, Pansy Myrick and his parents, Tom and Hazel Rupard.

Pallbearers will be Phillip Gressett, Eston Hollis, Richard Nix, Cotton Mize, Dell McGuire and Gary Gressett. Honorary pallbearers will be Bobby Hogue, Bill Westbrook, Bob Spears and all other friends.

The family suggests memorials to: First Church of the Nazarene; 1400 Lancaster; Big Spring.

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

Paid obituary

Myrtle Pipes

Myrtle M. Mayer Pipes, 85, Big Spring, passed away on Tuesday, April 28, 1998, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center following a long illness.

Graveside service will be 11 a.m. Thursday, April 30, 1998,

at Mount Olive Memorial Park with Rev. Doug Shelley, pastor of East Side Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith.

She was the daughter of Henry A. Maye and Virgie Myrick Mayer, born on Jan. 27, 1913 in Cleburne. She had lived in Howard County since 1937. She married John Morris Pipes on July 13, 1943, in Marietta, Okla. Mrs. Pipes was a homemaker and had also worked at the Record Shop.

She is survived by: a son and daughter-in-law, Lewis and Doris Mulkey of Roswell, N.M.; a daughter-in-law, Christine Mulkey of Longview; a brother, Joseph Mayers of Midland; two grandsons, John Mulkey and his wife Cindy of Coahoma, and Don Mulkey and his wife Rae of Longview; two granddaughters, Lanell Baldwin and husband Larry of Lakewood, N.M., and Cindy Ragsdale and husband, Paul of Roswell, N.M.; five great-grandsons; three great-great-grandsons; and one great-great-granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by her husband, on Aug. 8, 1984, and also by one son, Lee Mulkey in 1984, her parents, four brothers and two sisters.

The family will be at the home of John and Cindy Mulkey, 906 Saunders, Coahoma.

Paid obituary

Eddie Lee Warren

Service for Eddie Lee Warren, 90, Big Spring, will be noon Friday, May 1, 1998, at Mount Bethel Baptist Church with Rev. Earnest Wilson, pastor, officiating. Burial will follow in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Mrs. Warren died Saturday, April 25, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

She was born on Aug. 2, 1907, in Tyler. She moved to Big Spring from East Texas in the mid-forties, where she worked at the Army Base in those years, and began to establish her home in Big Spring. She married Nathaniel Warren in July of 1947. He preceded her in death on Jan. 7, 1998. After moving to Big Spring, she had worked for the Texas State Hospital where she retired in 1975.

She is survived by: four sons, Roy Lee Warren of Tucson, Ariz., Cornelius Price of Antioch, Calif., Melvin Price of Galveston; Andrew Price of Big Spring; four daughters, Faye Ree Edwards of Pittsburgh, Pa., Ruby Steen Surrapak of Dallas, Shirley Pollard of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Barbara Bryant of Denver, Colo.; two brothers, Henry Hammons of Fort Worth, and Ray Hammons of Oakland, Calif.; four sisters, Veda Hammons of Wichita Falls, Era Turley of Berkeley, Calif., Flora Booker of Tyler, and Margaret Carroll of Rodeo, Calif.; 21 grandchildren; and several great grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel.

Anyone interested in attending the reunion who has not received information in the mail can call the Alumni Program Center at UTPB, 915/552-2809.

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graduated from Garden City High School and the Lawson Business College of Abilene. She married Robert "Bob" Lawson. She served as County and District Clerk of Glasscock County for 43 years. Mrs. Lipscomb was a member of the First Methodist Church and served as secretary and treasurer for many years; was Glasscock County Chairman of the Cancer Crusade for at least three years; and was a member of the Professional Business Women's Association of Big Spring. She married W. Duke Lipscomb on July 27, 1979, in Garden City. He preceded her in death on Feb. 25, 1992.

Survivors include: a son, Robert Cecil Lawson of Midland; a stepson, Wyatt Lipscomb of Odessa; one grandson; one granddaughter; one step-grandson; one step-granddaughter; two sisters-in-law, including Mary Joyce Wilkerson of Garden City; seven great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandsons; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be sent to Hospice of Midland, Inc.; P.O. Box 2621; Midland; 79702; or the First Methodist Church of Garden City.

Arrangements under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home, Midland.

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lier warned against that very thing happening on both the east and west sides of the building.

Dallas-based Aguirre Associates Inc. was retained to perform a general condition survey of the architectural, structural, mechanical, electrical, plumbing and fire protection systems of the building.

Several findings of the report dated Feb. 11, 1994, were made based on what was observed in the building, which at the time, Moore did not own.

The estimated cost to totally repair and renovate the building at the time of the Aguirre report included \$1,223,500 for architectural costs; structural, \$192,000; mechanical, \$172,000; and electrical, \$260,000. The subtotal of \$2,387,500 along with a 10 percent contingency fee for unforeseen circumstances (\$238,750) put a price tag of \$2,626,250, which did not include a land and building cost.

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AROUND THE TOWN

Line dance classes, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, following lunch. For more information call 398-5522 or 267-1628. All ages welcome.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settle, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. 12&12 Study.

THURSDAY

Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright, has free food for area needy, 10 a.m. to noon.

Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classed, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., 55 and older.

POLICE

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

EMMA DAWSON, 36, was arrested on local warrants.

ABEL SILVA, 21, was arrested on local warrants.

FRED CASTILLO, 52, was arrested for driving while license invalid.

MICHAEL RENTERIA, 29, was arrested for failure to identify.

CLINT FAULKNER, 20, was arrested for public intoxication.

BURGLARY OF BUILDING reported in the 700 block of W. 8th.

THEFT reported in the 900 block of Willa, the 1200 block of Gregg, the 1500 block of E. 4th, and the 400 block of Johnson.

ASSAULT reported in the 300 block of Veteran Blvd. and the 3800 block of Connally.

SEIZED PROPERTY reported in the 500 block of Settle.

SHERIFF

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

RANDY A. CYPERT, 19, was arrested for violation of promise to appear and speeding.

GLORIA GARZA, 40, was arrested for revocation of probation/theft and revocation of probation/criminal trespass.

CODY LEE HARRINGTON, 37, was arrested for driving while license suspended.

RONNIE DALE FREEMAN, 40, was arrested for no driver's license and no liability insurance.

RAFAEL LOPEZ, JR., 64, was arrested for indecency with a child, sexual contact.

FIRE/EMS

Following is a summary of Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reports:

Tuesday

1:16 a.m. — 900 block Goliad, trauma call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

1:18 a.m. — 1200 block Mobile, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

2:26 a.m. — 12 miles north on Highway 87, traffic accident, two patients transported to SMMC.

9:00 a.m. — 1700 block Lancaster, trauma call, patient transported to VA Medical Center.

1:08 p.m. — 1900 block S. 87, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

6:24 p.m. — 1900 block North 87, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

Texas Lottery PICK 3: 9,7,5
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Big Spring Herald
Customer Service Survey

The following survey is being solicited as part of a service to run Sunday, May 17 on "Customer Service." Herald readers participating in this survey are asked to return it to the Herald by 5 p.m. Wednesday, May 6 in order to have it included in the series.

Participants can return their surveys to the Herald in person or mail them to: Big Spring Herald, c/o Carlton Johnson, 710 Scurry, Big Spring, Texas 79721.

1. What restaurant/fast-food restaurant do you frequent most in Big Spring?

2. Are you satisfied with the customer service you receive at your favorite restaurant?

Yes _____ No _____

3. What one thing would you like restaurants/fast-food restaurants in Big Spring to change?

4. What do you like most about restaurants/fast-food restaurants in Big Spring?

5. What do you like least about restaurants/fast-food restaurants in Big Spring?

6. Is the overall appearance, cleanliness and customer service of your favorite restaurant/fast-food restaurant:

Excellent _____ Good _____ Fair _____

or Poor _____

7. In 25 words or less, please describe your best fast-food experience.

8. In 25 words or less, please describe your worst fast-food experience.

9. How long do you expect to wait in line or at the drive up window at a fast-food restaurant?

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEWS

During state park anniversary, we should feel lucky to have our own

This weekend, Big Spring State Park will join in the statewide celebration of 75 years of the Texas State Park System. An open house, Civil War Reenactment and other events are planned to honor the occasion.

Making our local event even more special is the fact that, only a few short years ago, we nearly lost our state park altogether. When the state placed Big Spring on a closure list, community support was rallied and the park was saved.

Now we can celebrate that, not only did our efforts keep the local landmark open, the park has since seen a resurgence of use by local families, organizations and community-wide celebrations.

In the planning stages now are improvements for the playground area, and more and more events seem to be taking place at the park every year.

This weekend, the fun begins Friday with an open house at the park pavilion, with free admission from 4:30-6 p.m. Saturday, bring the whole family out for demonstrations by costumed reenactors of the Sons of the Confederate Veterans.

They will be honoring the 135th anniversary of the Battle of Chancellorsville, May 1-4, 1863. Park visitors can see living history camps, musket and artillery demonstrations, and relax on the mountain with the sounds of drum and fife playing.

Sunday morning, the weekend ends with a period church service at 9 a.m., followed by a tactical skirmish beginning about 10 a.m.

Take this opportunity to enjoy our state park once again, and while you are remembering 75 years of the state park service, think how lucky we are to have a park we can enjoy so close to home.

A trip to the Hill Country

Recently I had the privilege of doing my one-man show, "Texas Stories," in the brand new Wild Flower Theater in Johnson City. The theater is in the former generator room of a giant feed mill complex that has been converted into a tourist mall with restaurants and shops. The theater was started by three women who felt their town needed such a facility.



Tumbleweed Smith
Texana Columnist

My performance was the inaugural show in the new facility, something that gives me a great deal of pride. Other productions slated for the future are "Quilters," which will run on weekends from May 23 through June 29; "Dona Rosita's Jalapeno Kitchen" July 10-27; "Comedy Tonight" during September and October; "The Lonesome Turkey" in November; and "Wild Flower Christmas Review" in December.

The theater was barely finished before the beginning of the first show. When we arrived the night before opening, the seats weren't even built. The audience was to sit in amphitheater-type built-in seating, but hours before opening there were still open spaces where boards were to be nailed onto the framework.

My show started at 7:30 p.m. We usually play about 30 minutes of preshow music before the production begins. When we started the music at 7 p.m., the patrons would never know that just minutes before, clean

up had just been completed. That's show biz.

The seats are made of plywood. To cover the "wood" look, about 50 quilts were draped over the seating. It was a sea of quilt that looked very inviting.

The show went well, the audience was responsive and we were never treated better. We stayed at a beautiful place in the country just a few minutes from town.

We saw wildflowers galore: winecups, Indian paint brush, bluebonnets, and the brightest shades of yellow, gold and orange I've ever seen. It made me think about how beautiful and special the hill country is.

The Hill Country is rivers and streams and summer camp. It's spring wildflowers, fall color, summer fun. It's winding roads, cypress trees and the taste of a fresh country peach. It's Bear Mountain, balanced Rock, the Willow City Loop and Liberty Hill. It's wild turkey and white tailed deer, bat caves and caverns with waterfalls.

It's a canoe trip on the Guadalupe, the Schlitterbahn in New Braunfels, the Easter Fires at Fredericksburg, the post office at Hye. It's storytelling at Luckenbach, folk music at Kerrville, a dude ranch at Bandera.

It's blazing maples at Vanderpool, a stand of pines at Bastrop. It's Comfort, Welfare and Mountain Home. It's highland lakes and heritage architecture, ethnic diversity and stone fences.

It's monuments, museums, antiques and parks. It's singing societies, dance groups and brass bands. It's a wayside tavern, and old general store, Loyal Valley and Cherry Spring. It's Enchanted Rock, Round Mountain. It's the Hill Country.

America's second sexual revolution

WASHINGTON — Family counselors, stockbrokers and old men looking for the fountain of youth are saying that everything's coming up roses now that we've got a sexual potency pill called Viagra.



Carl Rowan
Syndicated Columnist

They say that the days are gone of couples living in acute misery or families breaking up because impotence makes a man unable to carry out his conjugal duties.

So the doctors and the drug stores are being overwhelmed by people who want to be a part of the new sexual revolution that is being ushered in by a \$10 pill from the scientists at Pfizer labs. Customers are stampeding pharmacies as though they believe this pill offers nothing but lives of joy.

Well, not so fast! There is a downside to this pill that almost nobody is talking about yet.

Sure, Viagra apparently can

bring joy to millions of families that are sexually dysfunctional because for physical or mental reasons the man can't sustain an erection. It may even be a marriage-saver even where the wife needs a chemical fire built inside her.

But who has considered the possibility that for every marriage saved, two might be destroyed by the infidelity this pill will make possible or encourage?

The 40,000 or so prescriptions that are being written for Viagra every day are not just for men with impotence problems; they are for virile men of middle and upper ages who want the superstar status of their college days, and for sexual gluttons who want to boast of multiple sexual conquests in a single day.

A lot of men who find heightened virility in Viagra are going to show it off in a lot of places other than home. They will dare to entertain mistresses again.

And I can see the tension and strained marriages as wives discover that the husband has packed for his business trip or his convention a vial of Viagra tablets.

I've heard many conventioners of normal potency say that

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they won't fool around on the last days of a convention "because I've got to take something home to Mama." How many will now fool around on any day, knowing that they can take a Viagra pill home to Mama?

In fact, women, too, are buying their supplies of Viagra now that urologists are saying that this magical drug makes sex better for everybody. The temptation for infidelity may be enhanced for women, too.

So, just as it once was quite embarrassing to be caught with a condom in your wallet, it will raise a lot of suspicions if a vial of Viagra rolls out of a pocket or a purse.

And we must ponder whether this pill will produce a new level of recklessness among people showing off their heightened sexual potency. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recently did a survey showing that sexually transmitted diseases are at epidemic levels in parts of this country. These diseases — including syphilis, gonorrhea, chlamydia and herpes — are causing cervical cancer, infertility, heart problems and brain damage in dismaying levels. Many men know that the greater their virility, the weaker their brain and will power. So if Viagra provokes a lot more unsafe sex, it will be far from the blessing that some are saying it is. It will also add to the tragic problems caused by the AIDS virus.

Viagra probably will encourage a lot of men in their 70s and 80s to prove that they can make babies, something that nature never intended. Would we call that a joy?

So Viagra, like the atomic bomb, may be heralded as a great scientific achievement. But we dare not overlook the great dangers that come with it.

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Being still so that you can hear

By SHARON RANDALL
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One morning after I had slapped off the snooze alarm and gone back to sleep, I awoke to the sound of the town clock chiming the quarter hour. Never mind which hour.

I'd been dreaming, I think, but I'm not certain. I only know that 15 minutes earlier, when the half hour had chimed, I had not heard a thing.

Later, after I showered, dressed, read the paper, ate my oatmeal and had a rather heated talk with the cat about clawing the sofa, it occurred to me that I'd not heard the chimes again.

It had been quiet all morning, quiet enough to hear a town clock a dozen blocks from my door.

Had it stopped? I waited.

I'm not good at it, but I sat still with minimal fidgeting and only a few forays into day-dreaming, which I quickly exited.

Perhaps you hear just fine when you daydream, but I don't and I wanted to hear that clock.

Sure enough, it chimed right on schedule. It had been working all along apparently. Seems I'd not been listening.

That's how it is with some sounds (except snooze alarms and other nuisances we don't want to hear.) To be heard, they need a listener. To listen, we need to be still.

Children — most of them, even the "hyperactive" who seem born spinning like tops — are far better than adults are at being truly still.

When my youngest was 2, he'd run in circles for hours, then stop without warning, turn his head to one side and study dust particles dancing in stream of sunlight.

I always wondered when he did that, what did he think? What did he hear? I asked him about it once when he was 8 or 9, and he, ever the charmer, said, "I don't know. Probably I just heard you."

All the sounds that I hold dear, that I remember best, it seems, slipped into my memory in a moment of stillness.

The first was a train whistle. I was lying in bed, safe between my parents.

I must have been an infant, no older than 2, the age I was when they parted never to speak to each other again.

Growing up, there was the ripple of the creek on my grandparents' farm; the whisper of dry leaves and the rolling rumble of thunder; the nightly hum of bullfrogs,

cicadas and mosquitoes; and the squabbling, gossiping and, oh my, the singing that went on day and night with my mother and her eight sisters.

Half a lifetime later, I would hear the distant roar of the ocean; the barking of sea lions; and the low, melodic song of a fog horn.

I'd hear the cheering from the Little League park; the whistling of my husband as he worked in the yard; and the "We are so bad" laughter of my children when instead of napping, they were jumping on their beds.

I'd hear my friends, all the people I loved, what they said and what they meant. I'd hear the sound my grandmother called "that still, small voice of God." Sometimes, I would even hear myself.

I would hear all that and remember it, yes, but always and only if I were still.

There are sounds I have yet to hear. Memories I'd hate to miss.

I'm going to try to be still more often. Maybe I'll get up a little earlier, too.

Well, one leap at a time.

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Prepping for TAAS big business

HOUSTON (AP) — Students and educators hate the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills, but there's a whole cottage industry that simply loves it. Schools spend millions of dollars each year preparing students for the dreaded TAAS test, which will be administered across the state Thursday.

"You say 'TAAS,' and it's the same as saying 'stress,'" Susan Counsellor, the TAAS coordinator at De Zavala Elementary School in Channelview, told The Texas Journal of The Wall Street Journal. In the past few years, dozens of companies — no one knows exactly how many — have cropped up to feed off that stress by supplying counselors, computer programs and other TAAS paraphernalia.

Most suppliers are small, Texas-based firms, though a handful of national educational publishers, including New York-based Educational Design Inc. and Buckled Down Profiles Corp. of Iowa City, Iowa, have also added TAAS lines since the test was introduced in 1990.

Even some teachers have gotten into the act, finding a lucra-

tive side line in selling their successful preparatory strategies to colleagues.

"This particular test has created an industry," says Steve Webb, marketing director for Humble-based Lindy Enterprises Inc., which has sold its popular "Heartbeeps for TAAS" tutorial software, which costs \$4,200 per school, to more than 1,000 schools.

Driving the boom is a simple fact: There's a lot riding on how well students perform on TAAS. "This is a very high-stakes test," Francisco Rivera, mathematics coordinator for the La Joya Independent School District in the Rio Grande Valley told the paper.

In Houston, principals can be demoted, or even dismissed, if their schools don't maintain or improve scores. Adding to the anxiety, Gov. George W. Bush recently proposed using TAAS scores to determine whether or not students should be promoted to the next grade level.

A school's TAAS rankings are published in local newspapers and scrutinized by parents. Property values have been

known to drop around schools those that don't perform up to par.

Schools dip into their general funds to pay for the products, and the costs can add up quickly.

Curriculum guides sell for as much as \$25 each, and consultants charge up to \$1,000 a day for training students.

But some teachers, while admitting the prep materials are necessary, feel like they're being forced into a corner by the close scrutiny that TAAS results get.

"They're making a killing off of us," says Mary Cherbonnier, principal of Stevenson Elementary School in Houston, which spends an average of \$10,000 a year on TAAS-prep materials from as many as five different sources. "But we don't have any choice but to buy from them."

Webb says that's not the case. "When the state says you have to pass a driver's license test, does it provide you with the driver training? No," he said. "You have to get your mom or dad to teach you or hire someone."

Dallas County leads Texas in reported cases of MHMR abuse

DALLAS (AP) — Twenty-seven cases of abuse, neglect or exploitation of mentally retarded patients in the 12 months ending last Aug. 31 have been documented against Dallas County mental health and mental retardation workers.

The Dallas Morning News, citing records obtained under the Texas open records law, reported today that 14 workers were fired because of allegations their conduct toward patients last year was improper.

Dallas County had more reported incidents than any other county in Texas, the newspaper reported. Bexar County had 17 confirmed incidents, Tarrant County had 11, and Harris County and Travis County had one each.

Among the 27 cases in the last fiscal year were these:

— a worker choked a mentally retarded resident until he couldn't breathe;

— an employee slapped a retarded person twice for cursing him;

— a worker held a resident's back to force him to eat.

The incidents forced officials to restructure the Dallas County Home and Community Based Services residential program, which serves 93 clients in neighborhood homes.

Supervisors are now required to work frequent shifts in the homes and make more unannounced visits, said Jim Blagg, chief executive officer of Dallas County MHMR. Direct care workers also receive more training, he said.

Experts say the problem of abuse and neglect has long plagued mental-health agencies.

"We've had a series of meetings and made it abundantly clear that we'll have a zero-tolerance rule in terms of abuse and neglect," Blagg told the newspaper.

The rise in Dallas County figures last year is something "to take note" of, Texas MHMR Commissioner Don Gilbert said.

But Gilbert said he was pleased with the response by local officials.

Of the 27 confirmed incidents in Dallas County, seven were labeled Class 1 offenses, which include those causing "serious physical injury," records show.

Ten were Class 2 offenses, which can involve "striking or pushing." The rest were lesser offenses.

In the year that ended Sept. 30, 1996, by comparison, there were no Class 1 offenses and five Class 2 offenses in the Dallas County Home and Community Based Services program. For Dallas County in the first half of fiscal 1998, which ended Feb. 28, there were no Class 1 offenses and four Class 2 offenses in the same program.

Supreme Court clears way for execution

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — The U.S. Supreme Court has rejected appeals for death row inmate Frank McFarland, clearing the way for his execution tonight for the rape and fatal stabbing of a woman 10 years ago.

The high court, in a 7-2 ruling, refused to issue a reprieve Tuesday and lawyers for the inmate said they anticipated no additional legal maneuvers to keep McFarland from the death chamber.

"We took the best shot I knew about," said McFarland's attorney, Danny Burns of Fort Worth.

Burns delivered the news to McFarland on Tuesday in a telephone call to the inmate at the Texas Department of Criminal Justice's Ellis Unit.

"He's taking it a lot better than I would," Burns said. "I know he's disappointed. I believe he's made his peace with God. We've talked about it a few times. That's one of the most important things in these cases."

McFarland, 34, would become the third Texas inmate to receive lethal injection in eight days and the sixth this year.

He was condemned for the Feb. 1, 1988 slaying of Terri Lynn Hokanson, a shoeshine girl at a Fort Worth topless bar. The 26-year-old woman, who had taken the job only three weeks earlier, was stabbed 79 times.

She was still alive after the attack and was found by teenagers as she staggered from behind a church in Hurst, a suburb northeast of Fort Worth. She told police she had been raped and stabbed by two men, then died the following day.

Witnesses told authorities she was with two men at another Fort Worth bar the night she disappeared. A gold earring and scarf belonging to her were found in McFarland's car. Hair and clothing fibers in the vehicle also were linked to the victim.

McFarland has insisted he was framed for a murder he did

not commit.

"Right now I'm just upset with the injustice," he said in a death row interview earlier this month as his appeal awaited action in the Supreme Court. "I expect them to deny and go ahead and kill me."

Two weeks before McFarland was arrested, Michael Wilson, a friend he contended he was with the night of the Hokanson killing, died of five shotgun blasts. In March 1987, McFarland's brother-in-law was fatally shot with a shotgun.

McFarland was indicted but never tried in the brother-in-law's death. He was not charged in Wilson's slaying although prosecutors said a former girlfriend later told them McFarland had discussed both Wilson's and Ms. Hokanson's deaths.

"Pure and simple, the man was responsible for three people's deaths," said Kenneth Dies, the former Tarrant County assistant district attorney.

In our Wednesday, April 29, 1998 weekly ad, we inadvertently showed a San Antonio customer's shopping list on page 2.

It should have shown a shopping list of products purchased by Tiffany Border of Odessa on April 7, 1998 at the H-E-B located at 3801 E. 42nd St., Odessa, Texas. For the basis of this comparison, the identical items were purchased by an H-E-B employee on April 7, 1998 at the Albertsons at 4950 E. 42nd St., Odessa, Texas.

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More hearings coming on IRS abuse; Some ask, 'So what?'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Facing another round of hearings targeting the Internal Revenue Service, many Democrats are asking a basic question: What's the point?

"When are you fellows going to quit talking about it and start doing something about it?" asked Sen. John Breaux, D-La.

Breaux, relaying the sentiments of a constituent, questioned the continued delay of legislation to improve IRS oversight and strengthen taxpayer rights. The bill, which passed the House Nov. 5, is supposed to reach the Senate floor next week.

Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, defended the Senate Finance Committee's exhaustive review of IRS' inner workings, saying it prods an agency that often is "Johnny-come-lately" to changing its practices.

"Why is the IRS only willing

to make change at a point where Congress is exposing some very bad wrongdoing?" he asked.

At today's hearings, the panel heard from John Colaprete, co-owner of the Jewish Mother restaurant in Norfolk and Virginia Beach, Va., whose business was the target of a botched raid by IRS and state law enforcement agents. No criminal charges were ever brought following the raid, which was based partly on statements of a bookkeeper the restaurant had fired for embezzlement.

"Unfortunately, rather than make restitution, (the bookkeeper) sought shelter with the IRS and told them a fantastic tale of money laundering, gun running and drug dealing by my partner and me," Colaprete said in a prepared statement.

"I have never been in any sort

of trouble with the law, and I believe that every American has an obligation to pay their fair share of income taxes," Colaprete said. He described how the manager of his restaurant had his home raided by IRS and state agents and the manager was "pulled at gunpoint from the shower and forcibly restrained when he attempted to call an attorney," Colaprete said. He said the man's teen-age son was forced to the floor at gunpoint.

Colaprete and his business partners are suing the IRS and state law enforcement agents for \$20 million, alleging violation of their civil rights.

The Jewish Mother case will be one of several the committee will hear in which IRS raids "were conducted on the flimsiest of evidence," said Sen. William V. Roth Jr., R-Del., chairman of the committee.

On Tuesday the panel heard assertions that IRS whistle-blowers see their careers destroyed while senior officials go unpunished for fraud and abuse.

Yvonne D. DesJardins, who heads the IRS chief counsel's employee and labor relations section, described herself as a whistle-blower who also handed many reports of misconduct against senior tax agency officials between 1994 and 1996.

She cited a sexual harassment case by an unidentified senior official, which resulted in a recommendation of disciplinary action.

"It remained on the deputy commissioner's desk for over two years" at which time the executive retired and the case was closed," DesJardins told the committee.

Later, IRS Deputy Commissioner Michael P. Dolan

issued a statement saying the agency will review discipline of senior managers under his watch as part of a broader examination of internal policing.

"I welcome this review of the disciplinary determinations I have made," Dolan said.

IRS Commissioner Charles O. Rossotti will request a meeting with DesJardins to discuss her testimony, the agency said.

"Today we heard very serious allegations, which we will thoroughly review," the IRS said in a statement.

She told the Finance Committee, "The whistle-blowers are ostracized and careers destroyed and those senior officials who engaged in the misconduct which was reported and substantiated are not only protected from receiving any disciplinary actions but are oftentimes rewarded during the

same year the misconduct occurred."

She also made allegations of abuse of IRS travel policy, such as unauthorized hotel stays or personal use of frequent-flyer tickets generated on government trips.

Roth said an unidentified manager in the IRS criminal investigation division who oversaw undercover operations "managed to steal 20 government-owned vehicles for his personal gain."

The agent claimed he would use the vehicles, which included Lincolns, BMWs and Mercedes-Benzes, for undercover operations and then have the cars' titles transferred, she said.

The IRS official paid \$20,000 in restitution and was put on two years' probation, said Harry Patsalides of the Treasury Department's inspector general's office.

Police in small Louisiana town turn 'shop talk' into an art form

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — In the arcane world of police reports, vehicles always seem to be impacting at high rates of speed and perpetrators are endlessly fleeing on foot.

The "coptalk" can take a while to untangle. And it's boring.

Not in two Louisiana communities, where a sheriff's office spokesman cracks jokes and a police captain waxes philosophic. It makes each day a bit more enjoyable for reporters and residents who deal with authorities.

Here's a sample from Opelousas police Capt. Ronnie Trahan:

"Yesterday, the clock of inevitability ticked past the names of three Opelousas residents and the alarm of doom pounded like Big Ben. A dark cloud first loomed over the head of Mr. Jonathan 'Tyrone' Glover. It was not long before what must have seemed like a hurricane of disaster came plummeting in his direction. Soon, he was soaked with the rains of retribution."

Heavy stuff for a police report.

Then there's the St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office, where spokesman James Hartman mused on a shooting and a stabbing one day apart: "Today, it seems, feuding siblings have lowered their sights, resorting to knives. Perhaps tomorrow they will only use harsh language, or emery boards."

In that one, Hartman broke

one of his own rules: Violence isn't funny, but he let it slide because no one was seriously hurt.

This is the same guy who's admonished reporters: "I will keep you updated as new information becomes available. So don't beep me every 10 minutes or I'll take you off my list marked 'Notification' and put you on the one titled 'Slap Later.'"

Hartman said the humor is calculated.

"I think reporters are more likely to read things more carefully if they enjoy what they read," Hartman said last week. "I guess I'm just a smartass by nature, too."

So, about a man who fended off an attacker with a shovel, he opined: "The victim has planted the seeds that could blossom into a speedy solution. ... The attacker undoubtedly went home with unexplainable injuries, perhaps leading his roommate(s) to believe he'd been out hoe-ing around. Detectives are anxious to locate the perpetrator, since we have an axe to grind."

Hartman, whose bailiwick is the parish just across Lake Pontchartrain from New Orleans, majored in English at Tulane and has held news and public relations jobs. At WYLK-AM, he was "news director and straight man to the morning DJ," and before that he was a political writer at the Covington News-Banner.

While Hartman's news releas-

es tend to be fairly short, Trahan can be, well, wordy.

He has taken 3 single-spaced pages to tell residents in Opelousas, 130 miles west of New Orleans, there were 160 drug arrests in the past year.

Trahan writes his essays for the department's live police report that airs Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings on KSLO-AM. The reports began in 1991, when many people felt the department wasn't giving them enough information.

The new format got people listening in the city of 18,000. Trahan said even inmates tune in, to see how their misdeeds will be described.

Trahan majored in psychology and doesn't go for humor. He wants young people to know that crime is serious.

When he wrote about youths accused of throwing rocks through windows and of vandalizing cars, he began:

"I remember, as a child, how my elders would always exclaim that an idle mind was the Devil's workshop. When the mind is not engaged in constructive, analytical or spiritually enhanced thought, it has a tendency to wander into a realm occupied by the dark forces of corruptibility."

"It is because at this time, the imagination has the opportunity to dive beyond the conventional shores of resourcefulness and can, instead, become submerged in the waters of debauchery."

Economy gives boost to Social Security

WASHINGTON (AP) — The strong economy is helping Social Security, a new report says, but lawmakers fear it won't be enough to solve the cash crunch coming when baby boomers retire.

"Social Security will soon be swamped by a demographic tidal wave that can't be stopped," said Rep. Bill Archer, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, which oversees the retirement program.

Social Security's trustees in their annual report released Tuesday predicted three extra years of full pension benefits for retiring baby boomers before a potential cash shortfall in 2032.

Many Republican lawmakers

are calling for a new retirement system, based on personal accounts invested privately by workers. Democrats in Congress said the slightly more optimistic forecast for Social Security shows how far modest changes can go toward solving the program's problems.

"Some in Congress want to use a shortfall at least three decades in the future as an excuse to invest the Social Security trust funds in volatile equity markets," said House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt. "Clearly, time remains to have a reasoned discussion."

The improvement in Social Security's prospects is "almost entirely due to the strength of the U.S. economy and our pro-

jections that over the near term that strength continues," Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin said.

Unemployment and inflation are at their lowest levels in decades, and with more Americans on the job, the taxes deducted from workers' paychecks to support Social Security are up.

Low inflation also saves Social Security money because yearly cost-of-living raises to retirees can be smaller. This year's raise was just 2.1 percent, the lowest in a decade.

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Big Spring Herald

Wednesday, April 29, 1998

Dunlaps brings back two popular makeup brands

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

On Thursday, Dunlaps will open two new makeup counters, making Estee Lauder and Clinique brands available in Big Spring for the first time in nearly a decade.

"This is going to be personal service for the customer," said Molly Booth, Estee Lauder business manager. "We can help the customer choose colors suited for them, versus going to the drugstore and looking at something through the packaging."

"There's no sense in getting something home and then finding out it's the wrong color."

Judy Castro will be business manager for Clinique. Both lines offer free consultations on skin care and color choices.

Store manager Jeff Raley said the store's increase in sales over the past five years helped position it to bring back the makeup counters, which were removed about 10 years ago.

"This is the icing on the cake," he said.

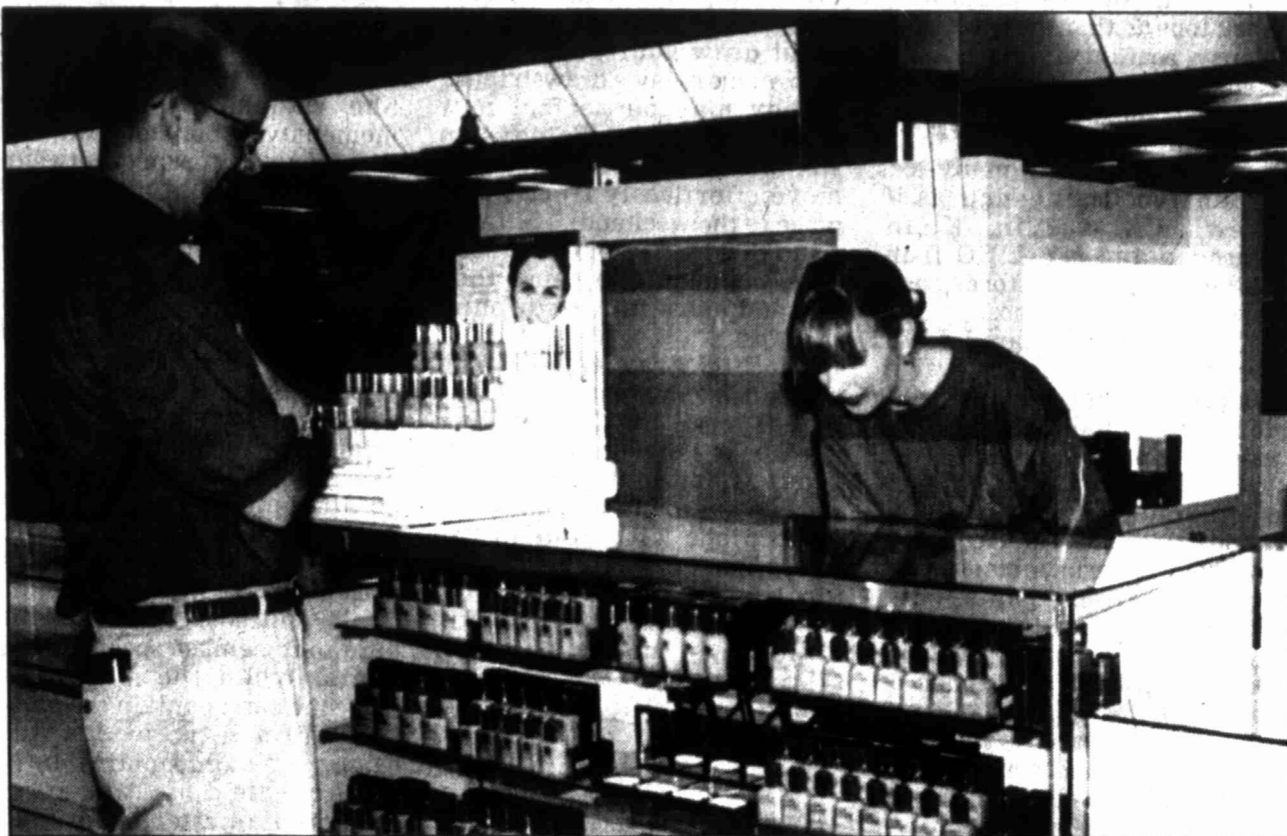
"We've already had a lot of positive response," Booth added.

Both makeup lines, which are sister companies, offer gift-with-purchase deals at certain times of the year. The counters will also have gifts for Mother's Day and custom gift baskets.

Lauder and Clinique keep a detailed record of each client's skin type, foundation color and type, and makeup colors preferred. Part of the personal record is designed for the client to take home, and half stays on record at the counter for future purchases.

Booth said both counters will hold the company's full line of products.

Some of the Estee Lauder products available include Diminish, a retinol treatment that claims to "improve the appearance of skin," and Fruition, made with fruit acids. Also available are Lauder fragrances like Beautiful, Pleasures and White Linen. Skin care products and fragrances for men are also available. Please see **MAKEUP**, page 8A.



Dunlaps Store Manager Jeff Raley looks over the counter while Estee Lauder Business Manager Molly Booth arranges makeup products on Monday. The new counter, along with one dedicated to Clinique makeup and skin care products, will open Thursday.

SUPPORT GROUPS

MONDAY

•Al-A-Teen, 7:30 p.m., 615 Settles.

•Turning Point A.A., 8-9 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

•TOPS Club (Take off pound sensibly), weigh-in 5:15 p.m., Family Hospice, 3210 E. 11th Place, meeting starts at 6 p.m. Call 263-1340 or 263-8633.

•Project Freedom, Christian support group for survivors of physical/emotional/sexual and/or spiritual abuse. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241 for dates/times of upcoming groups.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

•Encouragers Support Group (formerly Widow/Widower support group) first and third Mondays each month. First Monday meetings are at a local restaurant at 6 p.m. Third Monday meetings are at 5:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church Seventh and Runnels (enter through north door). We have various activities, such as guest speakers, play games, have covered dish supper, visit or go out to eat. For more information call 398-5522 or 399-4369.

•Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad.

•New Voice Club, a support group for laryngectomees and their families, 6:30 p.m., 2410 Wasson Dr., the house behind the 7-11 store. For more information call 267-2800.

TUESDAY

•Support for MS and Related Diseases, 6:30 p.m. second Tuesday of each month, Canterbury South. Public invited. Call Leslie, 267-1069.

•Al-Anon, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

•Seniors' diabetic support group, 2 p.m., Canterbury South. Call 263-1265.

•Compassionate Friends support group for parents who have experienced death of a child, 7:30 p.m. first Tuesday in February, April, June, August, October and December in the Family Life Center Building, First Baptist Church, 705 West Marcy. Enter by southeast door. Call 267-2769.

•Cancer support group, first Tuesday of each month, 7-8 p.m., VA Medical Center room 213. Call Beverly Rice, 268-5077.

•"Most Excellent Way," a chemical dependency support group, Tuesdays, 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.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. closed meeting.

•Family Education and Support, sponsored by Howard County Mental Health Center, meets the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at 319 Runnels. For more information call Shannon Nabors at 263-0027.

•The Big Spring Alliance for the Mentally Ill meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at 409 Runnels (formerly the TU building) For further information call Sondra at 267-7220

•Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas will have Dr. Ronald Meyer, D.Min., LCDC, LMFT, specializing in individual and marriage counseling, Attention Deficit Disorder and chemical dependency, available for clients at the First Christian Church. Appointments for counseling services are made by calling 1-800-329-4144.

•Narcotics Anonymous, 6:30 Please see **SUPPORT**, page 8A.

Let's rodeo! With bikes, that is

Folks of all ages visited the 1998 Health Fair at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum a couple of weeks ago.

Along with the screenings and healthful information, you could also get your bicycle checked out, and travel through an obstacle course that would test your skills and abilities all the while teaching you a thing or two about bicycle safety. That is if you were 6-11 years old.

Volunteers from the Big Spring Police Department, Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association and Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) teamed up with local sponsors, Taco Villa and Wal-Mart, to provide youngsters with some valuable learning experiences about bicycle safety.

Youngsters participating in the Bicycle Rodeo started off in the bike shop learning about the parts of the bicycle and areas to check before riding, then it was off to the "Demon Driveway" where they learned how to avoid the biggest cause of car/bike accidents — young riders leaving out of the driveway without looking.

Other course stations were "Who's There?" which teaches how to look back while riding without swerving to either side or without falling;

"Rock Dodge" which teaches balance and control; "Tight Turn Bay," "Figure 8," and "Slalom" which all teach balance and control while riding.

The finale for the Bicycle Rodeo tested rodeo participants skills in a race - the "slow race." The "slow race" helps cyclist to sharpen their slow speed balance skills which contributes to more control at any speed.

All participants received bicycle safety information and a completion certificate. All participants completing the Bicycle Rodeo course were entered in a drawing for bicycle helmets donated by Taco Villa and RSVP.

Those receiving a helmet in the drawing were: Anthony Fuentes, Ariel Fuentes, Clay Faulkner, Kenley Edwards, Aarika Thixton, A.J. Riddle, Jacklyn Torras, Logan Tierce, Kevin Torras, Jordan Poinon, Ryan Deel, Heather Vanderslice, Stephanie Vanderslice, Wesley Miller, Bailey Winters, Josh Cole.

Clay Faulkner was the recipient of the bicycle which was donated for the drawing by Wal-Mart.

Cycling is becoming an ever popular hobby and sport among people of all ages. It is important that we all know the basics of bicycle safety.

Some general rules for the road: wear bright colored clothes by day, light colored clothes by night; know traffic signs and signals and know traffic rules.

Also, know hand signals for turning or stopping and use them; do not ride into traffic, but ride with traffic; pass cars only on the left where the driver can see you; stop and look both ways before entering the street from a driveway or alley; always ride with a bicycle helmet.



Dana Tarter
Extension Agent



Jake Smith (right) helps Chance Hart exit the Conoco Fire Safety House at Coahoma Elementary School last week. The house teaches fire safety in a hands-on environment.

Parents may spank children out of stress, not behavior

By RACHEL POLLACK
Corpus Christi Caller-Times

CORPUS CHRISTI — June Villegas cradled her 3-month-old daughter in her arms as she tried to recall the first time she hit her son.

"I just can't remember," she said, cringing. "Maybe I'm blocking it out. "Too many things would be going on at the same time. The phone ringing. The baby crying. The toilet running over. And he'd spill something on the floor."

In that moment, Villegas would lose control. She would yell at and spank Christopher, then 18 months, for minor offenses - out of her own stress. "I'd feel horrible afterward. I'd cry. It would tear me apart."

That Villegas had taken college courses in early childhood development - and believed

spanking was detrimental to her child - made her actions harder for her to accept, she said.

When friends and family told Villegas she was making a mountain out of a molehill, she disagreed. "People say 'spanking' and that makes it sound like it's OK," she said. "It's hitting."

Breast-feeding Zaida, 3 months, as a feverish, rosy-faced Angela, 2, fell asleep propped against Villegas on the couch, Villegas radiated gentleness. Christopher, 4, watched television in another room, dashing in eagerly to report news to his mother every few moments. In this moment of calm, it is hard to picture Villegas lashing out. But alone in her home, overwhelmed by the job of caring full-time for two young children. Please see **SPANK**, page 8A.

Amateur radio club trains members to assist Red Cross in damage assessment

HERALD Staff Report

Sixteen members of the Big Spring Amateur Radio Club (BSARC) were recently certified by the American Red Cross as Damage Assessment Technicians.

They were certified after completing eight hours of training by officials from the West Texas Area Chapter of the American Red Cross in Midland. Leading the training were disaster specialist Janet Cross and West Texas Area Chapter Executive Director Ellen Pate.

The training was arranged by BSARC special events coordinator Jerry Farmer, who pointed out the training was a natural extension of the radio club's Skyware and Amateur Radio Emergency Service programs, which are designed to aid the community in times of disaster.

The damage assessment technicians will serve on damage



Pictured left to right are, Jose Gonzales, Big Spring Amateur Radio Club president, Ellen Pate, West Texas Area Chapter ARC Executive Director, Jerry Farmer, BSARC Special Events Coordinator, Janet Cross, WTA-ARC Disaster Specialist; and Jim LaMarr, BSARC Emergency Management Coordinator.

assessment teams that are sent into disaster areas to determine the extent of damage and what is needed in the way of aid and assistance. They will aid the American Red Cross in determining disaster assistance needed.

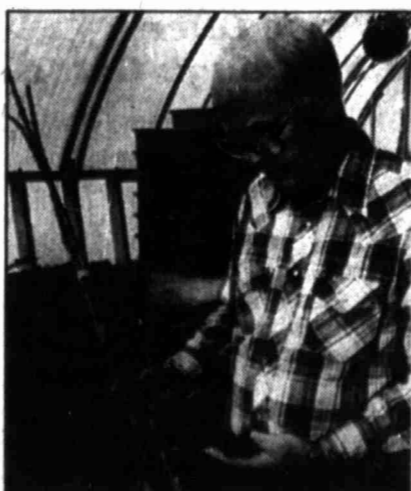
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COMMUNITY NEWS

A surprise community dinner Friday at the Midway Baptist Church honored Bill Fryrear, recently retired from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Research Division. He had been with the USDA for 42 years and came to Big Spring in 1965 as lead scientist. He was named research leader in the Wind Erosion Management Research Unit 23 years ago.

Fryrear's work in soil and wind erosion studies was known worldwide. He is also known internationally for his pioneering research in wind erosion prediction, measurement and control. He developed equipment that has been used extensively in laboratory wind tunnels and under natural conditions.

Colleagues from the USDA and friends got together to secretly plan the evening in honor of Fryrear.



Bill Fryrear, in a file photo.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Kindergarten preview

Coahoma Elementary will have kindergarten registration Thursday for children who will be 5 years old by Sept. 1. Call 394-4323 for an appointment, and to get more information.

Is your mother the best?

The Herald wants to know why your mother is the best. Submit your thoughts, on one typewritten page or less, along with your name and daytime phone number to "Mother's Day" C/O Debbie L. Jensen, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79721, or drop it by the life! desk at the office, 710 Scurry.

We may use your submission for an upcoming feature. Deadline to send in letters is Friday, May 1.

THE LAST WORD

Happiness is good health and a bad memory.
Ingrid Bergman

If it weren't for the last minute, nothing would get done.
Anonymous

Housework can kill you if done right.
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Drawstrings big for spring, but they have some drawbacks

By BECKY HOMAN
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

It's an offshoot of the sporting goods business.

The drawstring — long an element in everything from hoods and hems of anoraks to waistbands of sweatpants to openings of stuff sacks for sleeping tents, sleeping bags and other camping gear — now is a key feature of top spring-fashion collections.

Early in the spring-design phase, fashion moguls must've sent their research assistants to sporting-goods stores and L.L.Bean-style archives to search for this element of style.

Clearly, they liked what they saw.

Calvin Klein sent models down his spring runway with drawstrings cinching up both tops and bottoms of filmy skirts, blouses and pants.

Karl Lagerfeld for Chanel laced silver chains, as drawstrings, through the low-slung waists of his chemises.

Rebecca Moses made her drawstrings bright, like the

pants they cinched, and paired them with equally bright tops.

And Richard Tyler put drawstrings in sleeves of his boat-neck tops so that they took on a blousy, peasant effect.

In most other collections, however, the drawstring topped a simple, neutral-colored, pajama-style pant. And many less expensive lines, such as J. Crew, CK Calvin Klein, Laundry and NY & CO from Lerner New York stores, now carry drawstrings, too.

For the kind of pared-down, simple styling that most designers are showing for spring, it doesn't get much simpler than a drawstring.

By definition, a drawstring is a ribbon or cord inserted through a band of fabric, pulled and tied to form a closing for hems, necklines, pants, cuffs and handbags. It also draws up fullness in a garment, securing loose fabric with the ribbon or cord.

While no one knows the exact origins of this fashion string, it certainly was used to cinch pouches for carrying coins, tobacco and other personal

effects in olden times.

Men's wigs, in the early history of this country, even had drawstrings in back, to secure fake hair to heads.

But draw your own conclusion about today's drawstrings.

They may be perfect new items for casual Fridays in summer offices. And they will move effortlessly from workplace to the weekend.

But they're not for every body type, principally because they can add extra fullness around the hips.

Another drawback is the temptation to wear two drawstrings together. That coupling may make the point on fashion runways. But in the real world, you'll want to put a simple, tailored piece with your drawstring item: either a neat, trim top tucked into drawstring pants or a drawstring top with basic jeans, narrow pants or skirt.

With items that are fit to be tied, it's best to do so simply and judiciously.

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SPANK

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dren, that's just what she said she did.

Spanking a child out of stress is not uncommon, says Debbie Owen-Schocki, who teaches the class Child Abuse and Neglect at Del Mar College and consults on parenting nationwide. Owen-Schocki says the majority of parents she sees have had experiences similar to Villegas. She remembers a similar moment with her son Josh. But there is a difference between abusive acts and an abusive cycle in which abuse becomes constant and escalates, she says.

"Parents who come to us generally have awareness," she says. "They come in out of fear of becoming entrenched in the abusive cycle."

James says he didn't recognize the verbal barbs he blasted at his daughter as abuse until she was a teen-ager. He asked that his name not be used to protect his daughter.

Like Villegas, James finds it hard to remember specific incidents. When the memories come, he can't contain the emotion. "Profanity, insults, sarcasm," he said, holding up a hand to shield his eyes as he described an attack. Buffeted by everyday stresses from work problems to bad drivers, James said, he would snap easily, coming home full of rage.

"If my child did something minor, I chewed at her. I ranted and raved." Though James never hit his wife or child, they were afraid of him, he said. "At 6 feet and 230 pounds, there are not too many people who are not afraid to see my face turn blood red, my teeth gritted and my fists doubled up."

James worried he might turn to physical abuse one day, he says. "I would break glasses, throw lawn chairs," he says. "I guess those things were able to keep me from becoming physically abusive."

MAKEUP

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Clinique's counter also includes women's and men's skin care product lines, including Turnaround Cream, a moisturizer that promises to "repair damaged skin" and the company's fragrances like "Happy."

At least one of the specially-trained sales representatives will be available at all times, Raley said.

They not only attend orientation and training


before starting their jobs, but will attend special classes as the company releases new items.

"They're going to know what they're doing," he said, noting that Dunlaps will continue to offer Elizabeth Arden makeup and other products.

"I think we're going to be able to build up a lot of people to these brands," Raley said. "If you want a good product, we've got it."

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MEDANALES, N.M. (AP) — What's in a name? Well, here it's generally a misspelling.

This name of this tiny Rio Chama community in northern New Mexico has been misspelled so often the locals do little more than shrug.

Folks who live here sometimes misspell it. So do newspapers. Even the state highway department misspelled it as Medanales on a sign into town. Someone tried to fix the blopper by scrawling an "a" over the incorrect "e."

Occasionally, someone will try to get the highway sign fixed.

"Especially the newcomers. They say, 'That's terrible. Let's fix it.' But the state always gets it wrong," Marcy Coronado, local postmaster and historian, said Tuesday in The Santa Fe New Mexican.

So do letter writers. Coronado has seen mail come in to Medanales, Mendanales and Mendales.

The newspaper, in a computer check of its files, found the name spelled correctly 47 times since 1994 — and misspelled 12.

Coronado's grandfather, Gusevio Martinez, named the town in 1945 because he wanted to establish a post office, she said. The name means "a sandy place."

RIVERSIDE, Calif. (AP) — When Hristo Stamenkovic got a 4-year-old check from the phone company, he decided to calculate which was faster: mail or snails.

Answer: snails. Stamenkovic, a retired city engineer, opened his mailbox recently and found an envelope sent from San Diego. It contained a telephone company check for \$104.69. Postmarked Feb. 14, 1994 the envelope was

properly addressed and had correct postage for the date, 29 cents.

"A beautiful, clear envelope," Stamenkovic said Tuesday in The Press-Enterprise. The envelope bore no clue as to why delivery took so long.

Stamenkovic, 80, then went to work calculating distance against time. He figured the envelope traveled the 90 miles from San Diego to Riverside at a rate of 6.921 inches per hour. That's easy cruising, even for slugs.

"A snail would come faster than my check," Stamenkovic said.

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SUPPORT

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p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

WEDNESDAY
•Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. 12 and 12 study.

•Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas will have Sharon Beam, who is a licensed professional counselor interim specializing in play therapy for children, adolescent counseling and women's issues, available for clients at the First Presbyterian Church, Runnels and Eighth St. Appointments for counseling services are made by calling 1-800-329-4144.

THURSDAY
•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

•A.D.A.P.T. non-profit support and learning organization about attention deficit disorder, learning disorders and dyslexia. Meets second Thursday of September, October, November, January, February, March, April and May, Cerebral Palsy building, 802 Ventura, Midland.

•Grief Support related to the death of a loved one. Call Nurses Unlimited, Inc., at 264-6523.

•Alzheimer's Association Support Group, fourth Thursday of the month, Comanche Trail Nursing Center, 3200 Parkway, 7 p.m.

•Narcotic Anonymous, 8 p.m. St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

FRIDAY
•Turning Point A.A., 8-9:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. Big Book Study.

SATURDAY
•Alzheimer's Association Support Group, second Saturday of the month, Carriage Inn Retirement Center, 501 W. 17th, 10 a.m.

•Family support group for current and former patients and their families, 1 p.m. weekly, Reflections Unit of Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Call Beverly Grant, 263-0074.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon, 8 p.m., 10 p.m. open meetings, 615 Settles.

•"So I Forget," Attention Deficit Disorder support group for individuals and couples, first Saturday of the month from 9 to 10:30 a.m., Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas, Inc., Midland. Call the center at (915) 563-4144 or 1-800-329-4144. Cost is \$15.

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Lady Hawks pick up player, but lose one with Vinum leaving

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

Howard College's Lady Hawks basketball team picked up a player Tuesday, but lost another when 6-foot, 1-inch freshman post Jennifer Vinum decided she would not return for her sophomore year.

The McKinleyville, Calif. native had a season-high 20 points and played in all 37 games for the Lady Hawks, who finished 34-3 and claimed the third-place spot in the National Junior College Athletic Association national tournament in Salina, Kan.

She averaged 5.5 points and 3.7

rebounds while shooting 46.9 percent from the field.

Vinum said the decision to leave Howard was not easy, but that she had thought about it for a long time and thought it was best for her.

"I hope it's the right thing... it's what I felt I had to do," she said following the school's annual athletic awards and recognition banquet Tuesday night.

"(Jennifer's leaving) is a setback, but we still have plenty of time to deal with it and prepare for next season," Lady Hawks Head Coach Matt Corkery said.

"To Jennifer's credit, she came to me and told me about her decision," Corkery said. "She could have just not

said anything, but she's not that kind of person."

With just over four months until the start of practice, Corkery said Vinum's maturity in making and telling him of her decision left him in a much better position than otherwise could have happened.

"Had she not been the type person she is and told me, we could have been waiting for folks to report in the fall and not known she wasn't coming back until she didn't... she didn't do that to us," he said.

Vinum's departure leaves Jovanae St. Cyr, at 6-0, and Latasha Moore, at 5-11, as the tallest of the remaining five Lady Hawks.

Also Tuesday, Corkery said 5-4 point guard Shaketha Ashley of Dominguez High School in Compton, Calif. had committed to the Lady Hawks program.

"She is a real athlete," he said. "She's quick and is a left-hander."

Corkery said the process of recruiting Ashley was an interesting one.

"I saw her the summer before her sophomore year in a summer league," he said. "I made a mental note that I had to remember that kid... and here she is, three years later."

Corkery said when he started recruiting Ashley, he found out her father lived in Littlefield.

"I talked with her mother and I

talked with her father. He was really excited about having her this close and being able to see her play."

Ashley is the fifth playing to commit to Howard, joining 6-foot-2 Tawana Horn of Los Angeles Crenshaw High School and 6-foot forward Yolanda Grant of Texas' Class 2A state champions, Flatonia, along with 5-foot-9 Bertha Collins of Aldine Nimitz and 5-foot-6 Ashanti Nix of Levelland.

Nix, who sat out this past season, helped lead the Loboettes to the Class 4A state title two years ago as a senior.

Corkery said there were other players he was looking at as the recruiting process continues.

Steers fall to Lake View rally

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

SAN ANGELO — Big Spring's Steers simply weren't themselves Tuesday when crucial errors and a breakdown in pitching allowed San Angelo Lake View's Chiefs to take a 9-8 win in a playoff to determine second place in the District 4-4A baseball standings.

"We couldn't get any enthusiasm going," a visibly disappointed Steers coach Bobby Doe said following the loss that left Big Spring entering the Class 4A state baseball playoffs as 4-4A's third seed.

"I'm kind of disappointed in our seniors," he added. "They were the ones that could have gotten us out there... really had us going. They just didn't do it."

That lack of fire gave Lake View all the edge it would need to put away the see-saw affair in the bottom of the seventh inning, the winning run coming on one of the Steers' two errors.

Big Spring's woes surfaced early when pitcher James Darling, who had been nothing short of dominant in two previous outings, gave up hits to the four of the first five batters he faced and never seemed to have command of his pitches.

As a result, Darling lasted just 2 2/3 innings before being replaced by freshman Clint Bamert with the bases loaded and the Lake View's starting pitcher owning a 3-0 count and a 4-3 lead.

Bamert's first pitch forced across another Chiefs run that gave Lake View a 5-3 lead. While Bamert would get out of the inning and the Steers



Big Spring second baseman Wes Mouton digs out a throw from Steers catcher Clayton Pate during the Steers' regular season loss to Andrews. Mouton, led the Steers in hitting, going 3-for-4 in a playoff game with San Angelo Lake View, but the Chiefs were able to muster two runs in the bottom of the seventh inning to take a 9-8 win and enter the Class 4A state playoffs as the District 4-4A second seed.

would twice deadlock the game before taking an 8-7 lead in the top of the seventh, the Big Spring staff's inability to throw strikes would continually be a problem.

"We just did a pitiful job of pitching today," Doe noted. "We walked too many people. That usually comes back to haunt

you and it did this time.

"Clint kept us in there, but I think he started worrying too much about his placement and started trying to aim the ball a little," the Steers boss continued, explaining that the seven walks issued by Big Spring pitching, coupled with two batters being hit by pitches, pro-

vided Lake View the edge in a game in which both teams managed 11 hits.

After falling behind 2-0 in the first inning, the Steers grabbed a 3-2 lead in the second when they came up with two hits and capitalized on Lake View's only

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Lady Steers find first day's deficit too much to erase

HERALD Staff Reports

SAN ANGELO — Big Spring's Lady Steers were able to make up four strokes on Pampa's Lady Harvesters during Tuesday's second round of play in the Region I, Class 4A golf tournament at the Riverside Golf Club, but fell nine strokes short of earning a state tournament trip.

The Lady Steers posted a 328 Tuesday, shaving 11 strokes off their opening round score to finish with a two-day total of 667, to finish third in the team standings.

Defending regional and state champion Snyder's Lady Tigers successfully defended their title, their 317, 325-641 giving them a 17-stroke margin over Pampa.

Andrews' Lady Mustangs finished fourth with a 675 total, while Justin Northwest was fifth at 685.

Northwest's Dani Mallon grabbed the region's individual championship, taking a four-stroke win over runner-up medalist, Casey Williams of Stephenville. Mallon posted a 70, 75-145 total, while Williams finished at 77, 72-149. Snyder's Daysha Weaver was third with a 75, 78-153.

Stefanie Waggoner paced the Lady Steers individually, finishing in a four-way tie for sixth with an 80, 82-162. Sophomore Ashlie Simmons, who posted a 79 on Monday, soared to 85 on the final 18 holes to finish with a 164 total.

Kelly Hollar finished at 87, 80-167 for the Lady Steers, while Alicia Wood rallied from Monday's 93 to post an 81 and a 174 total. Tatum Weeks rounded out Big Spring's scores with a 104, 100-204 total.

'Dogs, Buffs finish tied

BAIRD — Coahoma's Bulldogs rallied for a 331, 324-655 total on the second day of play in the Region I, Class 2A golf tournament, pulling up from seventh to finish tied for fourth with Stanton's Buffaloes in the team standings.

Stanton, which had opened the tournament with a 318 and was just six strokes behind second-place Memphis, soared to 337 on the final 18 holes and Iraan's Braves posted a 323 to move into third place.

"We go all that way to wind up tied for fourth with each other... we could have met at Big Spring to do that," Bulldogs coach Kim Nichols said. "We managed to put it together a little better today, but Post and Memphis were just too far ahead following the first

round." Post took the regional title with a 310, 321-631 total, while Memphis finished second at 312, 326-638. Iraan finished at 651.

As expected, Idalou's Michael Pruitt chalked up his fourth consecutive regional championship with a 4-under-par 67, 69-136 and will head into the state tournament a heavy favorite to become the first schoolboy player to ever win four consecutive boys' medalist titles.

Jason Gwyn paced the Bulldogs' charge Tuesday, posting a 74 to finish with a two-day total of 156. Regi Roberts had Coahoma's second-best tournament with an 87, 78-165 total, while Blake Nichols finished at 81, 86-167. Chad Winn turned in a 36-hole score of 81, 92-173, while Kyle Wyatt finished at 95, 80-175.

Stanton's Korey Williams, who fired an opening-round 75 Monday, finished with an 83 over the final 18 holes for a 158 total, while teammates Austin Kelly, Will Harris and Ken Hull all finished the tournament with 167 totals. Brett Hull rounded out the Buffs' scoring with an 80, 90-170.

In the Region I, Class 2A girls' tournament, Quana and Ozona held on to their first- and second-place positions on the final day to qualify for next month's state tournament.

Coahoma's Bulldogettes finished 11th in the 18-team field with a 433, 452-885 total.

Jayci Roberts led the way for the Bulldogettes with a 107, 108-215 total, while Kelli McAdams was close behind with a 105, 112-217 finish. Kelli Buchanan carded a 104, 115, 219 total and Jill Allen had identical rounds of 117 for a 234 final. Lynsey Bunn rounded had two rounds of 137 to finish at 274.

Sands finishes 12th

ABILENE — Sands' Mustangs finished the Region II, Class 1A golf tournament in 12th place Tuesday as they soared from Monday's 388 to a 420 over the final 18 holes to finish with an 808 total.

Brock held onto the team lead, finishing with a 662 total and a 12-stroke margin of victory over Sterling City.

Senior Jerrod Beall paced the Mustangs with an 86, 97, 183 total, while Lance Bowdine turned in Sands' second best score with a 94, 104-198 finish. Stuart Beall carded rounds of 102 and 100 for a 202 total, while Chad Kennemer finished at 106, 119-225. Eric Wington rounded out Sands' scoring with a 135, 122-257.

Li, Villarreal earn state tournament berths

By CHARLES BRYCE
Herald Correspondent

SAN ANGELO — Big Spring High School's tennis team didn't win any titles at the Region 1-4A Tennis Tournament Tuesday at Bentwood Country Club, but the Steers still earned two state tournament berths.

Seniors Hsiao-Hsuan Li and Monica Villarreal finished second in boys and girls singles, respectively.

The top-seeded Li, who will be making his fourth trip to the Class 4A state tournament May 11-12 in Austin, defeated third-seeded Chase Bice 6-1, 6-1 in the semifinals.

Li then lost 6-2, 6-3 to second-seeded Wichita Falls freshman Brad Prigmore in the finals. Prigmore is a hard-hitting nationally ranked player.

It's the second straight year Li has finished second at regionals after winning the 1-4A titles during his freshman and sopho-

more seasons. "I came out on the court a little too cocky," Li said. "I went out on the court a little too confident and I started making a lot of errors and this guy played real well."

"I'm not really disappointed because I fought all the way through the match. I made him run. He made me run. We didn't get into confrontations. I think he played real well."

The score of the match wasn't indicative of how close a contest it was, as Li and Prigmore went to duce on many occasions. Prigmore simply won most of the big points.

Li hopes to get another shot at Prigmore at the state tournament. "I hope I can see him in the (state) finals, but I'm going to have a tough first round at state now because I'm going to play a No. 1 (seed from another region)," Li said. "I have two weeks, almost, to train."

Even though Prigmore is

nationally ranked, Li didn't think Prigmore was the favorite in their showdown.

"The pressure was all on him," Li said. "He's a freshman and he has three more years. I'm in my last year. I had it easy for the first two years (at regional)."

"We'll see what we do at state. I need to put the pressure on me because I need to win state since it's my last year. It's really going to be tough."

Li has never won a state title, but he's reached the semifinals twice. Last year, he was knocked out in the quarterfinals, and that elusive state title is the only thing he needs to complete his impressive high school resume.

"That's something that I feel like I'm missing in my life," said Li, who is considering playing collegiately for West Texas A&M next year. "I haven't done anything to impress myself."

Villarreal, a Division 1 Southern Illinois signee, will be

making her second appearance at the state tournament after missing out the past two years.

She went to state in girls doubles with her older sister Maria as a freshman. Next year, she and her sister will be teammates at Southern Illinois.

Villarreal, who was seeded second at regionals, lost 6-2, 6-1 to top-seeded Jana Zelenka of Fossil Ridge in Tuesday's finals. Villarreal defeated fourth-seeded Christine Bergoetz of Fort Worth Arlington Heights 6-2, 6-3 in the semifinals.

The Big Spring senior earned her state berth with a 6-1, 6-0 victory over District 4-4A rival Sarah Pennington of Sweetwater in a playback.

Villarreal avenged a loss against Pennington in the finals of district two weeks ago at Midland College.

Big Spring's Devon Swafford, lost 6-4, 7-5 against Mineral Wells' Trey Moore in the first round of boys singles.

Howard College athletic program honors top players, supporters

HERALD Staff Report

Several Howard College athletes, trainers and managers, as well as staff members and community leaders picked up awards Tuesday evening during the college's annual Athletic Awards Banquet.

In men's basketball, Clifton Cook was named the team's most valuable player, leading a list of nine players to receive awards.

Don Peace won the Unsung Hawk Award, while Alex Denson was named the most scholarly athlete. Elmer Brown took the Top Gun Award and Nathan Clover was the Chairman of

the Boards Award recipient. Lamont Roberts won the Hustlin' Hawk Award, while Ron Bartholomew was named Mr. Defense. Myron Brown was named Most Improved and James Hilliard won the Most Inspirational Award.

Sammy and Debra Lewis were provided the Friends of the Program award from the men's basketball program.

In women's basketball, where the Lady Hawks finished a best-ever third at the NJCAA national tournament this season, Shawnta Johnson was named the most valuable player, while Karlita Washington won the Best Offense Award. Jeanine Horton won

the Best Defense Award and Kamillah Ward won the Lady Hawk Award.

Bob Bell and John Walker were named Friends of the Program award winners from the women's basketball team.

Four players received baseball awards as Ryan Mathews was named the team's outstanding hitter, Scott Fahey was selected as the outstanding defensive player, Brandon Clausen picked up the outstanding pitcher accolade and Keith Kubiak was named the team's Man of the Year Award winner.

Kubiak was also named the school's overall winner as outstanding academ-

ic athlete.

Gene Wells was selected as the baseball team's Friend of the Program award.

Howard's Ronda Beyum presented seven awards. Shannon Team was named the outstanding academic cowgirl, while Cliff Tolliver was the outstanding academic cowboy.

Bull rider Trent Amedee was the high-point cowboy, while Rebekah Bland was the high-point cowgirl.

Cody Owens won the Jeff Hinson Memorial Award, while Mr. and Mrs. Kaido Kothman were named recipients of the rodeo team's Friends of the Program award.

Three sophomore trainers, Sandy Jones, Buffle Powell and Matt Woodall, were recognized for their two years of service.

In addition, Powell took home two more awards, being named outstanding student athletic trainer and joined James Best in being named outstanding academic athletic trainers.

Mark Miller was named the outstanding student manager.

Athletic Department secretary Betty Reed was named the athletic trainers' Friends of the Program award winner.

Howard College Executive Vice President Terry Hansen was named recipient of the Hall of Fame Award.

Randy Johnson finally gets first victory in Mariners' 5-1 win over Royals

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Randy Johnson ended a lousy April on a positive note.

Johnson pitched seven strong innings for his first victory of the season as the Seattle Mariners beat the Kansas City Royals 5-1 Tuesday night.

"This is the kind of game I can build on," Johnson said. "I know the hitters aren't going to feel sorry for me the way I've been pitching, so I need to go out and bury some people."

Johnson (1-1) gave up five hits, struck out nine and walked four in his first start since serving a three-game suspension for throwing at Cleveland's Kenny Lofton on April 15.

"I haven't been pitching with a lot of intensity, and that's not me," Johnson said after his sixth start of the season.

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error of the day.

Third baseman Aaron Boadle led off the Steers' second by reaching base on a walk and stealing second and advancing to third when Lake View shortstop Chris Martinez was unable to handle catcher Mike Gonzales' throw on the play.

After center fielder Marcus Hyatt drew a walk to put runners at the corners, second baseman Wes Mouton singled up the middle to plate Boadle.

Right fielder Brock Gee, who'd been mired in a slump and moved down to the No. 6 spot in the Steers' batting order, ripped a single to left to load the bases.

First baseman Jason Brock drew a walk to force in Hyatt and shortstop James Clements hit a sacrifice fly to right, scoring Mouton and giving the Steers' their first lead of the day.

Lake View regained the lead with three runs in the bottom of the third, chasing Darling in the process.

But the Steers tied the game at 5-5 in the top of the fourth when Gee and Brock led off with back-to-back singles that sent Lake View starter Scooter LaFavers packing.

Chiefs reliever Bruce McDonald managed to get an out when Clements laid down a

"There's been a lot going on. The thing in Cleveland and waiting for the birth of my daughter. I'm glad to get out of the month of April 1-1."

No Royal reached third against Johnson until the seventh and only four got as far as second base.

"Johnson was a man on a mission tonight," said Kansas City manager Tony Muser.

Russ Davis had a pair of RBI singles for the Mariners, including a two-out hit off Scott Service (1-1) in the eighth that snapped a 1-1 tie. Seattle added three runs in the ninth on a sacrifice fly by David Segui and a two-run double by Robert Perez.

In other American League games, it was Oakland 4, Tampa Bay 3; Detroit 7, Boston 5; Anaheim 6, Baltimore 5; Toronto 5, New York 2; Texas 7, Minnesota 2; and Cleveland 4,

Chicago 1.

In the National League, it was: Los Angeles 6, Milwaukee 3; San Diego 7, Chicago 3; Houston 4, New York 3 in 10 innings; Philadelphia 11, Cincinnati 8, in 10 innings; Colorado 8, Florida 7; San Francisco 2, Pittsburgh 1; and Atlanta 12, Arizona 2.

Athletics 4, Devil Rays 3

Rickey Henderson and Ryan Christenson hit back-to-back home runs as the visiting Oakland Athletics beat the slumping Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

Christenson hit his first major league homer off Jason Johnson (1-1) with one out in the fourth inning. Henderson, who hit a grand slam at Baltimore on Sunday, followed with a towering homer to make it 4-1.

Fred McGriff hit his third

homer in two games for Tampa Bay, which has lost five straight and seven of eight.

Tigers 7, Red Sox 5

The Detroit Tigers pounded Pedro Martinez and avoided setting a record for their worst start ever with a win at Fenway Park.

Martinez left after six innings with the game tied 4-4, and the Tigers went ahead against Jim Corsi in the seventh on Andy Tomberlin's RBI single. Brian Hunter's third homer, a two-run shot off Corsi, made it 7-4 in the eighth.

Detroit broke losing streaks of 11 games on the road and five games overall. The Red Sox had won their previous seven games and 14 of 15.

Martinez, who is taking medication for gastritis, began the day with a 1.69 ERA. But he

allowed four runs and nine hits before being replaced by Brian Shouse (0-1) to start the seventh.

Angels 6, Orioles 5

Jason Dickson earned his first win since August and Cecil Fielder homered as the Anaheim Angels beat the slumping Baltimore Orioles for their sixth straight victory.

Dickson (1-3), who came in with an 11.77 ERA, finally displayed the form that enabled him to win 13 games and go to the All-Star game as a rookie last season. He allowed one run and eight hits in 6 2-3 innings to get his first win in 10 starts since Aug. 23.

The Angels' two-game sweep in Baltimore left the Orioles with 10 losses in their last 13 games. Fielder's second homer of the season, a three-run shot, put Anaheim ahead 6-0 in the fifth. He also doubled and walked three times in his fourth

straight two-hit game.

Blue Jays 5, Yankees 2

Tony Fernandez lined a three-run double and Ed Sprague hit a two-run homer as the Toronto Blue Jays became the first visiting team to win at Yankee Stadium this season.

The Yankees had won six in a row overall and 14 of 15. New York also had been 7-0 at home, including one game that was shifted to Shea Stadium because of repair work at Yankee Stadium.

The Blue Jays ended their three-game losing streak and defeated the Yankees for the first time in eight tries since last season.

Indians 4, White Sox 1

Omar Vizquel hit a go-ahead, two-out RBI single in the ninth and Charles Nagy pitched eight strong innings as Cleveland won at Chicago.

LAKE VIEW 9, BIG SPRING 8

LAKE VIEW		BIG SPRING	
ab	r	h	e
Martinez, ss	4	1	0
Santillon, 2b	4	2	1
Valez, 1b	5	1	2
King, 3b	3	1	2
Gonzales, c	5	2	3
Sykes, if	4	0	1
Adley, dh	3	1	0
Hill, cf	2	0	1
LaFavers, p	2	1	0
Totals	32	9	11

LAKE VIEW		BIG SPRING	
ab	r	h	e
Hansen, if	4	0	1
Legg, dh	4	0	1
Pate, c	4	0	1
Olson, cf	0	1	0
Boadle, 3b	2	1	1
Hyatt, cf	3	1	0
Mouton, 2b	4	2	3
Gee, if	4	2	2
Brock, 1b	2	1	1
Clements, ss	1	0	1
Totals	28	8	11

Score by Innings:
Big Spring: 0 0 0 1 1 1 0 0 0
Lake View: 2 0 3 1 0 2 0 0 0

—Martinez, Mouton, Clements, DP—Lake View: 1, LG—Big Spring: 10, Lake View: 12, 2B—Mouton, King, 3B—Martinez, HR—Pate, SB—Boadle, Hill, SF—Clements.

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Big Spring						
Darling	22/3	5	5	4	3	1
Bamert	32/3	5	4	3	4	1
Denton	1/3	1	0	0	0	0
Lake View						
LaFavers	3	4	5	5	4	2
McDonald	21/3	5	2	2	1	0
Sols	12/3	2	1	0	1	2

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Want a flashy new ride? Many new models should fit the bill

By ANN M. JOB

For AP Special Edition

Get ready. Coupes are coming back.

The stylish, expressive, two-door cars with what many consider cramped, difficult-to-access back seats are getting new attention this year.

Maybe we're getting tired of those increasingly look-alike sport utility vehicles and the threats to raise their insurance rates.

Maybe we want a new image — something sleeker, sportier and flashier.

Maybe our kids have left home, and we can move on from that minivan or good old family sedan.

Whatever the reason, buyers will find more new coupes on the market this year than they've seen in years.

The new entrants come even though U.S. sales of two-doors hit the skids earlier this decade and prompted Ford Motor Co. to eliminate its Probe coupe and, for a while at least, the Thunderbird. Sales of the long-running T-Bird fell to 66,334 last year, compared with a 1977 peak of 325,153.

Even Honda Motor Co., which has had one sales success after another, watched as U.S. sales of its Prelude coupe dipped to 12,063 in 1996, barely a third of their calendar 1992 total of 36,040. Last year, the Prelude showed a slight uptick, to 16,678.

Still, industry analysts say a coupe turnaround is expected, in part because baby boomers' children are grown and they can move into smaller vehicles. Other analysts note that coupes continue to be well received in Europe, so many European car-makers who have returned to successful sales overall in the U.S. are bringing their coupes here, too.

Some point out that sales of two-doors are likely to grow simply because of new models and activity in the segment. A few years ago Mazda got rid of its RX-7 coupe and Nissan axed its 300ZX, but this model year already has seen the debut of the Volvo C70 coupe, Subaru Impreza 2.5 RS and Mercedes-Benz CLK.

And in coming weeks and months, a new Mercury Cougar, Pontiac Grand Am coupe, Oldsmobile Alero coupe and Toyota Solara will bow, not to mention the New Beetle from Volkswagen.

So don't be surprised if you find yourself tempted to try to squeeze back into a two-door. It may not be as tight a squeeze as you think, even if you've put on a few pounds since your last coupe. The new coupes are much improved from their predecessors.

Meantime, the sport utility market, which has been hot for years now, continues to grow more luxurious, and more crowded.

Lexus is bringing out an all-new sport utility vehicle even while a redesigned Lexus LX 470 hits showrooms. GMC has two new entrants as well, and Cadillac's first sport utility is due out later in the year.

Analysts say these luxury sport utilities are the newest trend in the long-running SUV market. No one seems sure what might be next, nor when Americans' tastes for the burly on- and off-roaders will be satiated.

Here's a look at the newest models at dealer showrooms:

Acura
Honda Motor Co.'s luxury division is reporting strong sales of its CL coupe in this, Acura's self-described "year of refinement." CL sales rose 73 percent in 1997 from 1996 — to 28,939 from 16,740.

"It's a distinctive sport coupe (that's) an exceptional value in its class," said Jeff Conrad, vice president of national marketing at Acura. The CL comes in 2.3CL and 3.0CL odds. The 2.3CL is new for 1998. Replacing the 2.2 CL, it has a more powerful, 150-horsepower, 2.3-liter four-cylinder with Honda's variable valve timing and lift electronic control (VTEC).

Acura recently announced a special edition 3.5RL which has special two-tone paint, alloy wheels and a number of other features, including heated seats, standard.

"As our flagship sedan, the RL sets a precedent in the performance luxury segment, and this new edition version is a complete luxury package," said Bob Cosmai, Acura's vice president of national sales. "The idea was to not leave the buyer wanting or needing anything else."

Just 2,600 will be sold for the 1998 model year.

Acura also has a limited edition Integra Type R that's scheduled to go on sale in spring. It's an even sportier version of the Integra and has a 195-horsepower, 1.8-liter, double overhead cam, VTEC four-cylinder that provides more horsepower per liter than any other normally aspirated, mass-produced engine in the United States.

Acura continues to expand its in-car navigation system and now offers digitized mapping for the Midwest and Southwest. Previously the system, which is available in the 3.5RL only, had mapping for California and the East Coast.

A 1999 Acura TL is due later in the year. In advance of that updated new model, Acura has unveiled a concept version of the new sedan that has a new grille and aggressive styling for a sporty, sleek appearance. The concept has a VTEC V-6 under the hood.

The new TL will join the CL in being just the second Acura model to be designed, engi-

neered and manufactured in the United States, with assembly slated for Honda's plant in East Liberty, Ohio.

Audi
The German luxury carmaker doesn't have a coupe right now, but it's still on the comeback trail, with sales up 25 percent in 1997 over the previous year. In February alone, Audi sales were the best for the month since 1986.

The A4 station wagon, known as the A4 Avant, is called a "sport wagon" by Audi, which says the car has "all the essential attributes" of the performance-oriented A4 plus the flexibility of a wagon. Its 190-horsepower, 2.8-liter V-6 can propel the car from standstill to 60 mph in 8.4 seconds. The A4 Avant is available with Audi's Quattro system for winter weather driving.

Audi's middle car, the A6, is

bigger this year and surprises many with its substantial appearance and size. Its wheelbase is longer now, extended to 108.7 inches, and the trunk is bigger, too. It has the same 2.8-liter V-6 that's in the A4 Avant, but in the A6, the engine produces 200 horsepower at 6,000 rpm. Like the A4 Avant, the A6 is available with a Quattro system.

Bentley
The Bentley Continental R coupe gets the attention this year, with a new, handmade, matrix grille reminiscent of the racing Bentleys of the 1920s.

The grille also is on the Bentley Azure convertible.

BMW
Just in time for spring, BMW expands its M cars line with three new models, including an M3 convertible, the first M treatment of a soft top for the U.S. market.

In brief: New for SUVs, tax rules and family clubs

By The Associated Press

SUV Guide

LANHAM, Md. (AP) — A new, updated "Authoritative Guide to Sport-Utility Vehicles" is available from Land Rover North America Inc.

The free, 138-page book has comparative information about 27 sport utilities, including Range Rover, Jeeps and Chevrolets. It's expanded from the previous edition to include new sport utilities on the market and changes for the 1998 model year.

The guide is broad-based, with such topics as "Sport Utility Mobility — A Woman's Perspective" and "Understanding SUV Safety." "While we're pleased if a 'Guide' reader selects a Discovery or Range Rover after comparing all the available SUVs, our purpose in publishing this handbook is to assist consumers in making educated decisions as to which vehicle best fits their needs and lifestyle," said Phil Popham, Land Rover vice president of marketing.

A summary of the guide is at

<http://www.best4x4.LandRover.com>. Consumers can order the book by calling 1-800-FINE-4WD.

Windshield Protection

NEW YORK (AP) — A new, clear-colored film is designed to help reduce driver and rider exposure to harmful ultraviolet rays.

Called Lumar UVShield, the film is the only one which meets the laws for installation of automotive window film in all 50 states because it does not darken vehicle windows at night or during the day, company spokeswoman Pat Cannon said.

The film can be installed by trained auto glass professionals for an estimated \$150 to \$200 per vehicle, said Courtauld's Performance Films Inc., the Martinsville, Va., company that produces it.

Consumers can call 1-888-2-UVSHIELD for more information.

IRS Rules on Leasing

ROCHESTER, Wis. (AP) — Starting this year, the IRS is adjusting its rules on personal

vehicle use to incorporate the growth of personal leased cars.

"The IRS is recognizing that over 30 percent of all newly acquired vehicles are now leased," said Lawrence Snyder, director at Runzheimer International, a management consulting firm. "The driver of a leased vehicle always had the option of deducting actual expenses, but this ruling by the IRS makes it a lot easier for the U.S. taxpayer to receive a tax-free business reimbursement when operating a personally leased vehicle on business for their employer."

The IRS ruled that starting in 1998 a taxpayer can receive either a standard mileage rate or a fixed and variable rate (FAVR) allowance payment from his or her employer, regardless of whether the vehicle is owned or leased. Previously, only a driver who owned his or her vehicle could deduct expenses in this way.

Family Club

TORRANCE, Calif. (AP) — Join the club! Toyota's club, that is.

In conjunction with its new

Toyota Sienna minivan that debuted in the 1998 model year, Toyota launched a Families on the Run Club that helps parents better manage the time they share with their kids on the road.

Anyone can join the club by calling 1-888-Sienna7. In return, club members receive a free quarterly newsletter with ideas for games and creative use of drive-time activities.

Classic Cars in Print

NEW YORK (AP) — Want a closer look at those famous cars? How about a book that points out, step-by-step and with different angle shots, the noteworthy elements?

Quentin Wilson's newest book, "Classic American Cars" (DK Publishing, \$29.95 hardcover), does just that.

In the book, Wilson tells how the 1961 Lincoln Continental in which President John F. Kennedy was killed was on a \$500-a-year loan from Ford Motor Co.'s Special Vehicles Division.

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Yes, we want cleaner cars, but are we willing to pay for it?

By ANN M. JOB
For AP Special Edition

Ask anybody if he or she is concerned about the environment. Answer: Yes. Of course. But ask if he or she is willing to pay considerably more for a cleaner next car, and it's no longer so simple. "People say, 'no,'" Jason Vines of Chrysler Corp. said.

When it comes time to reaching into their wallets, even younger people who are thought to be more environmentally conscious aren't eager to part with extra bucks for their new vehicles, according to automaker surveys, Vines said.

Honda Motor Co. Ltd., which recently announced it had developed what it called "the world's cleanest gasoline engine," says it wouldn't sell a car here with the new engine for two or three years, in part because to do so would add about \$1,000 to the price of a car. Honda also needs time to test the engine further and work out how to produce it on an assembly line.

engine, called ZLEV for Zero Level Emission Vehicle, virtually eliminated hydrocarbon emissions during testing, the automaker says. The engine also reduced carbon monoxide, non-methane organic gases and nitrogen oxide emissions below the Ultra Low Emission Vehicle standards set to take effect in California in 2000, Honda says.

"This is a remarkable breakthrough," John Dunlap, chairman of the California Air Resources Board, said in a Honda press release. "A gasoline engine with nearly zero emissions would have been unthinkable just 10 years ago."

Nobuhiko Kawamoto, Honda's president and chief executive officer, said, "A car equipped with this engine could drive through a high smog area, and the smog-producing emissions coming out of the tailpipe would actually be lower than in the surrounding area."

Still, Honda has some concerns about pricing after estimating the new engine would add \$1,000 to a car's price tag.

Ben Knight, vice president of Honda Research and Development in Torrance, Calif., said such a price boost wouldn't be welcome in today's competitive car market where the vast majority of shoppers are concerned about rebates and other discounts — not cutting-edge emission controls.

When car buyers shop, environmental concerns are "not in the top 10" reasons why they select and purchase a vehicle, he said, adding they're "not even on the radar screen."

Yet, other things being equal, consumers asked if they would buy the cleaner car over a similar model would express a strong preference for the cleaner vehicle, Knight said.

The "other things being equal" part is a big issue for car buyers who often don't see why car companies won't absorb the cost of new environmental technology and keep prices the same as on today's gasoline models.

And Chrysler is sensitive to that, trying to make sure its emission control efforts are

cost effective. Chrysler will be ready to meet California's ULEV in 2000 "without adding a lot of cost," said spokesman Tony Cervone.

"It has to be cost-effective to be a viable long-term solution," he said. "People aren't ready to pay for those kinds of things. They have to be more transparent."

In Chrysler's view, environmental technology needs to be so transparent that vehicle performance remains on a par with what drivers already are familiar with. Car buyers simply don't tend to want to give up appreciable performance to help save the environment — especially on today's roads, which are busy with large, heavy sport utility vehicles.

And increasingly, car companies are trying to figure out how to package the right mix of practical, environmentally smart and performance features.

For example, Honda chose an electric motor for its EV Plus electric car "that has better efficiency through the low end"

of engine speed, through 1,750 rpm, when people are accelerating in city traffic, because that's what people expect, said Robert Bienenfeld, manager of Honda's alternative fuel vehicles program.

Honda isn't alone in seeking to balance environmental concerns with the kind of performance drivers have come to know and enjoy.

Bill Ford Jr., a member of the Ford family who also is an executive at Ford Motor Co., recently said that "you can be a car enthusiast and an environmentalist," recalls Sara Tatchio, environmental public affairs official at Ford.

It's quite a change from the early years of emissions regulating when there were consistent complaints from carmakers about stringent regulations they said could never be met. Now, there's a sense that automotive engineers are doing unbelievable work on environmental technology, Tatchio said.

"We have found that we have been rewarded for setting a

challenge that's difficult to reach oftentimes," CARB's Dunlap said.

"Time and time again, the auto manufacturers rise to the occasion."

"Honda has surprised us so many times, it's difficult for them to surprise us again. They have done some remarkable things in emissions technology."

Honda's newest, the ZLEV, isn't totally new technology. Rather, it builds on Honda's variable valve timing and lift electronic control (VTEC) engines that already are in 1998 Honda Accords.

Even more than today's engines, the ZLEV engine precisely controls the air-fuel ratio. And Honda adjusted and added catalytic converters on the ZLEV. The engine also uses California's low-sulfur, reformulated gasoline.

One of the catalytic converters is positioned up front, close to the engine, while the second, a hybrid catalyst, is in the more traditional location beneath the car floor.

When buying a new car, consider the insurance costs

By ANN M. JOB
For AP Special Edition

Gaze lovingly on that Pontiac Firebird convertible. Yes, it's powerful, expressive. For some, it's the perfect road machine. At a starting price of around \$25,000, it's just a couple thousand over the average new-car price these days.

But think again, beyond that price tag, to those insurance payments.

This soft top ranks among the most expensive in insurance rates, with an estimated \$14,294 in insurance costs over five years, according to IntelliChoice, an auto information research company in Campbell, Calif.

The Firebird line overall, which includes coupes as well as convertibles, ranks "worse than average" in Allstate

Insurance Co.'s 1997 Make and Model Rating Program.

It's enough to make an auto company executive cry.

For as hard as the auto industry works to improve the safety and crashworthiness of its vehicles and to deter theft, trends seem to be taking away the gains that might, on first blush, benefit insurance rates.

"The future right now is mixed," said Bob Mankivsky, policy manager at the Schaumburg, Ill.-based Alliance of American Insurers, a national insurance trade association representing more than 250 member insurance companies.

"Simply put, the cost factors that are driving auto insurance are more than just safety devices," he said. "We haven't seen much improvement in

safety belt use, and we have higher speed limits now. And we're still dealing with poor driving behavior."

Critics blast insurers, charging the companies always seem to find reasons like these to avoid giving consumers a break on auto insurance rates, which these days average at least \$750 a year nationally.

The issue even is attracting the attention of politicians, at both state and national levels. In New York and Chicago, campaigning politicians have made a point of criticizing auto insurance rates, noting that auto theft rates in those areas have declined, yet insurance prices haven't reflected the improvement. On many high-line vehicles now, auto theft deterrent systems are standard, not optional equipment, as

automakers seek to reduce theft rates, too.

Mankivsky, however, says that insurance rates are computed based on total "loss cost," which includes more than whether thefts of certain vehicles are up or down.

"A major component of loss cost typically is the liability insurance," he said, noting that the trend continues toward automotive-related lawsuits.

Such suits force insurers to "spread the losses among all insureds," he said. That means your insurance rates continue to grow to absorb the insurance companies' legal and suit-related expenses. A study by the U.S. Congress Joint Economic Committee estimated litigation expenses amount to 28 cents of every dollar paid in auto insurance premiums.

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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.
ARIES (March 21-April 19) Manage domestic matters first. A long-term investment is excellent for your personal life. A family member is demanding, but you know how to create stability. Put forth that extra effort to build a better connection. Spend carefully. Tonight: Hang out at home.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Your extra effort is appreciated and comes back multifold. You are overwhelmed by what is happening. Make calls, return messages and give feedback. Someone lets you know that you make a difference. Plan a lengthy lunch. Tonight: Breeze through errands.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You have a strong sense of direction. Don't let matters get out of control. Make excellent decisions, and honor a change. You join the world of financial wheeling and dealing. Don't consider yourself an expert just yet! Tonight: Go shopping.
CANCER (June 21-July 22) You are on a roll. Friends whisper news in your ear, which makes you feel like shouting. Aim for what you want, use your vitality and make a difference. Plan time for a key meeting. Mingling with others comes naturally. Tonight: Whatever puts a smile on your face.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You are feeling somewhat mellow, so take a back seat. Still, stay on top of a situation, and listen to your instincts, but say little. Much happens quickly. High energy allows you to make a change at work. A boss pushes hard to have it his way. Tonight: In the limelight.
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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Others push hard to get you to do what they want. All is well, if you all have the same goals. You can use someone's support and feedback. Take a stand, and be responsible. You have a lot going for you. A boss eyes your performance. Tonight: A force to behold.
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PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Take action, and initiate conversations. An animated discussion could seem angry, but clearing the air is important. Creativity is high. You come from a place of imagination and change. Share your dreamy ideas. You inspire others. Tonight: Live life to the fullest.
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Man held back in school struggles to gain ground

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend (I'll call him Timothy) was in special education classes all through school. He is very intelligent, but has a slight learning disability. Because of the way the educational system was set up, he was put into classes with students who had severe learning disabilities. He wasn't even taught addition and subtraction until his senior year. Despite the odds against him, Timothy enrolled in community college. The lowest-level college classes are a huge jump from his high school classes and too fast-paced for him. He has talked with the counselors and tutors, but no one can help him. He has put much time and effort into classes, but still has made only failing grades. He blames himself for this, although it isn't his fault. It breaks my heart to see Timothy's self-esteem dashed and his ambitions crushed. He is terrified of what his future holds if he cannot get an education. Abby, aren't there classes for adults who never learned to read and write in school? Timothy can read a little, but not well. Where can I get more information for him? — LOVES HIM AND WANTS TO HELP

DEAR LOVES HIM: Inquire at the high school about remedial reading classes for adults. Also, libraries usually have programs to assist adults and children with reading and writing problems. Perhaps they can refer you to tutors who volunteer their skills without charge simply for the love of helping those in need. Another thought: Not everyone learns in the same way. Some people learn more easily when they hear a lecture, rather than from a book. Others learn faster when they see something demonstrated. A trade school may provide a less frustrating environment in which Timothy can learn. Another alternative might be a union apprenticeship program.

DEAR ABBY: Our bridge group has been together for more than 30 years. Our members have always been very supportive of each other. We do more than play cards; we socialize and travel together. In short, we're good friends. For the last year or two, we've had a serious problem with one member of our group. She causes discord and irritates the rest of us. So far, we have avoided a direct confrontation with her. Some of her annoying habits include constantly interrupting, repeating her own thoughts on what has just been said by others, complaining constantly about her neighbors and her health, loud belching, irritating loud laughter, keeping us waiting while she uses our phones without permission, and embarrassing behavior in public. I could go on and on, and her behavior is getting worse. We have tried to solve the problem by joking about it, mildly insulting her or just ignoring her. But it doesn't seem to register, and she makes no effort to alter her behavior. Aside from this, she is a very generous, good-natured individual, and we care about her. We feel she is "fragile," and several members of the group suspect she's mentally ill.

We'd like to salvage our relationship with her, but she's pulling the group apart. We avoid getting together because of her. We must do something if the group is to survive. Can you help us? — HAD IT IN "SPADES"

DEAR HAD IT: Your bridge group has been together for so long that it would be a shame to ask one longtime member to throw in her hand. She may be having mental problems — or she may have suffered a hearing loss as she has grown older. Alert someone in her family to talk to her, or designate two or three of the club members to do it for the good of the group. The alternative is to slowly exclude her from your gatherings.

DEAR ABBY: I've never written to you before, but I think you blew it in your answer to "In the Middle in Tucson." Her sister was so upset about the "tacky gifts" her daughter had received from their brother and his new wife that she severed the relationship with her own brother. What is this world coming to when we are so shallow that we value gifts over our own flesh and blood? My advice to her would have been: "Lady, wake up! Tell your sister that life is too short to hold a grudge for something as trivial as what kind of a present someone gives." The wife may not have been deliberately rude; perhaps she was trying to be thrifty. The brother may not even realize where the gifts came from (most men have little to do with gift-buying); maybe their family finances aren't in quite as good shape as she thinks they are. There could a lot of other "maybes" — and the sister just doesn't realize it. If something were to happen to her brother before she was able to make things right between the two of them, she would never forgive herself. If she doesn't like the gifts her daughter received from this auntie and uncle, she should shut her mouth and give them to someone who could really use them — or simply throw them away. But don't destroy a relationship that is a God-given gift.

Abby, I don't mean this letter to be a put-down to you, but your answer seemed to encourage the sister to drive that wedge in more firmly. Family is far too precious to throw away because of something so meaningless. — ALSO A SISTER IN NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR NORTH CAROLINA SISTER: You misunderstood my answer. The sister who severed the relationship with her brother deserves the lecture you gave her. However, my reply was directed at the OTHER sister, who wondered if she should try to mediate the dispute or stay mum. I told her to encourage her sister to communicate her feelings to her brother, so they could be dealt with in an adult manner. Abby shares more of her favorite, easy-to-prepare recipes. To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, More Favorite Recipes, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.) ©1998 UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

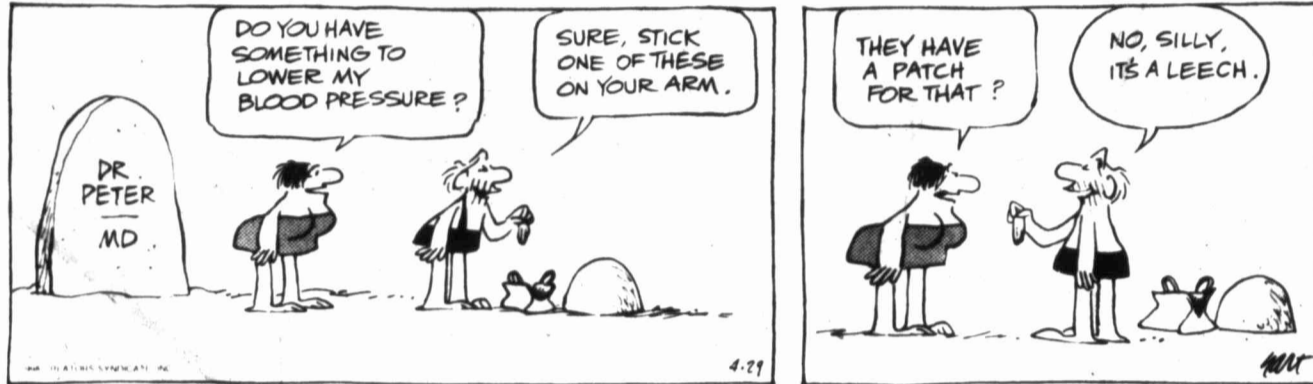
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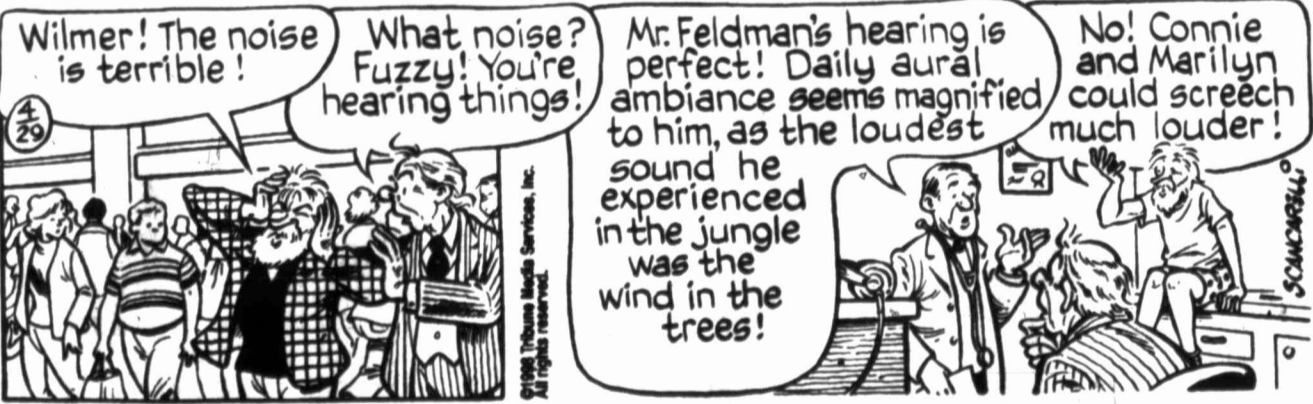
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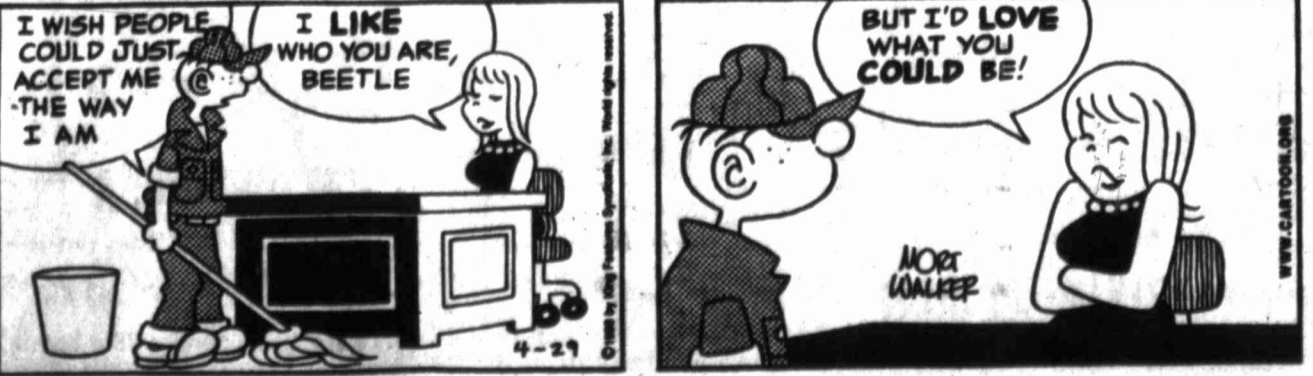
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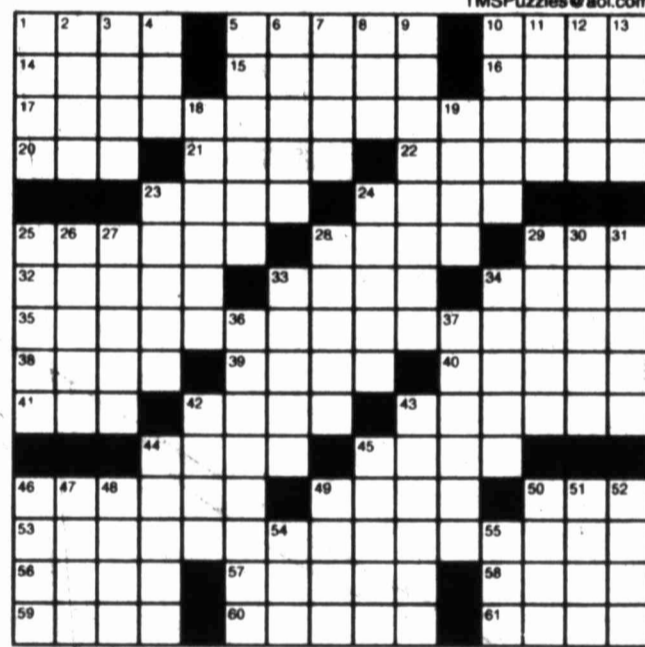
are 246 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On April 29, 1992, deadly rioting erupted in Los Angeles after a jury in Simi Valley acquitted four Los Angeles police officers of almost all state charges in the videotaped

beating of Rodney King. On this date: In 1429, Joan of Arc entered the besieged city of Orleans to lead a victory over the English. In 1861, Maryland's House of Delegates voted against seceding from the Union. In 1862, New Orleans fell to Union forces during the Civil War.

THE Daily Crossword

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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- 1 Chime
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 - 32 Henry, the sculptor
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 - 39 Gear teeth
 - 40 "Star Trek" co-star
 - 41 Confederate general
 - 42 Sioux tribe
 - 43 Upper-arm bulge
 - 44 Italian car
 - 45 One-celled plant
 - 46 Under the weather
 - 49 Biblical land
 - 50 Winter runner
 - 53 Cliffhanger situation
 - 56 Leisure
 - 57 Song for nine voices
 - 58 Pastel red
 - 59 Former Russian ruler
 - 60 Penn and Cornery
 - 61 Marital



By Diane C. Baldwin, Columbia, MD

Tuesday's Puzzle Solved



- 36 Stop signs, e.g.
- 37 Mystery
- 42 Sty cry
- 43 Explosions
- 44 More splendid
- 45 Green card holder
- 46 Help out on a heist
- 47 Pension accts.
- 48 "David and Goliath"
- 49 Author Ferber
- 50 Be up and about
- 51 English county
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- 54 Enemy
- 55 Fat farm

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In 1916, the Easter Rising in Dublin collapsed as Irish nationalists surrendered to British authorities. In 1945, American soldiers liberated the Dachau concentration camp; that same day, Adolf Hitler married Eva Braun and designated Adm. Karl Doenitz his successor. In 1946, 28 former Japanese leaders were indicted as war criminals. In 1974, President Nixon announced he was releasing edited transcripts of some secretly made White House tape recordings related to Watergate. In 1983, Harold Washington was sworn in as the first black mayor of Chicago. In 1996, former CIA Director William Colby was missing and presumed drowned after an apparent boating accident in Maryland; his body was later recovered. Ten years ago: McDonald's announced it would open its first restaurants in Moscow. Five years ago: Britain's Queen Elizabeth II announced that, for the first time, Buckingham Palace would be opened to tourists to help raise money for repairs at fire-damaged Windsor Castle. One year ago: Staff Sgt. Delmar Simpson, a drill instructor at Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland, was convicted of raping six female trainees. Sentenced to 25 years in prison, he was dishonorably discharged. A worldwide treaty to ban chemical weapons went into effect. Astronaut Jerry Linenger and cosmonaut Vasily Tsibilyev went on the first U.S.-Russian space walk. Newspaper columnist Mike Royko died in Chicago at age 64. Today's Birthdays: Singer Don Mills (The Mills Brothers) is 83. Actress Celeste Holm is 79. Musician Danny Davis (The Nashville Brass) is 73. Rhythm-and-blues singer Carl Gardner (The Coasters) is 70. Singer-musician Lonnie Donegan is 67. Poet Rod McKuen is 65. Actor Keith Baxter is 65. Bluesman Otis Rush is 64. Conductor Zubin Mehta is 62. Actor Lane Smith is 62. Country singer Duane Allen (The Oak Ridge Boys) is 55. Singer Tommy James is 51. Comedian Jerry Seinfeld is 44. Actress Kate Mulgrew is 43.

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