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Victim's husband found guilty after 20 years

HERMLD Staff Roport
An Oklahoma jury has found Edwin K. Ain guilty of first-degree manslaughter in
connection with the 1977 beating death of his wife, former Big Spring resident Rubilove Willcox.
The seven-man, five-woman jury in
Lawton, Okla., returned the guilty verdict Lawton, Okla., returned the guilty verdict
Wednesday after just more than four hours of deliberation and recommended a prison sentence of 250 years. District Judge Roy Moore denied Aiu a formal sentencing date for
While Willcox's relatives said they were

## Downtown project set for startup by carliton sohnson

 By carkitonCity crews and inmates from the city inmate work camp will
begin preparing the concrete begin preparing the concrete
areas around the Howard areas around the
County Courthouse squard
square County Courthouse square
Monday in order to lay irriga.
tion pipe and utility equipment tion pipe and utility equipment
as part of the city's downtown as part of the city's
beautification project.
The idea behind the project is
to begin the revitalization process of Big Spring's downtown area, according to City
Planning Coordinator Tara Kersh.
Last fall, a committee of local residents and city officials,
including Kersh. Ben Bancroft, including Kersh, Ben Bancroft,
Polly Mays, O.L. Cooper and Gary Tabor, was formed to look at some type of effort to beautify the downtown area at the
request of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. The committee decided to begin with the courthouse and the retall The comittee's explore possibilities for longterm improvements to the appearance of the area," Kersh Please see PROJECT, page 2A

## Failure to Appear Program

 adopted by municipal court herald staff ReportBig Spring's Municipal Court recently signed a contract with
the Texas DDepartment of Public Safety (DPS) to provide informe Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) to provide infor-
mation that will deny renewal of a driver's licenses to drivers with unpaid traffic citations.
The contract also allows participation in the Failure to Appear Program (FAP). Under FAP, renewal of a driver's license can be
denied to anyone who fails, to denied to anyone who fails to appear in court in response to a
traffic citation.
-We plan to collect a lot of unpaid citations through this pro"We plan to collect a lot of unpaid citations through this pro-
gram," Municipal Court Judge Gary Tabor said. "Drivers who don't pay citations will soon realize how many things they can't
do without a driver's license." The program is available to all political subdivisions in Texas. When the DPS receives information from Big Spring that a driver is in violation of the program, a letter is mailed to the violator within 24 hours. The letter informs violators of their citation
status and that they will be denied renewal of a driver's license if they do not pay their fines.
"Big Spring has a number of citations which are currently backlogged,' Tabor said. "We have already begun to enter the vio-
lators' names into our computer system so that we can begin lators' names into our computer system so that we can begin
receiving payments from these violators." Also, the city of Big Spring has decided to continue its policy of issuing warrants for the arrest of persons that fail to appear
in court. Because there is no requirement in the FAP that a warran Because there is no requirement in the FAP that a warrant
must be issued, individual political subdivisions decide whether
or not to issue warrants for the arrest of the violators. or not to issue warrants for the arrest of the violators. According to Tabor's office, citations which place a driver at
risk of not receiving a license renewal are Class C misdemeanor risk of not receiving a license renewal are Class C misdemeanor
traffic violations.
The misdemeanor does not apply to parking violations, but it The misdemeanor does not apply
can include some city ordinances.

disappointed that the jury did not find Aiu District Attorney Robert Schulte requested guilty of first-degree murder, they were the jury recommend a 100 -year sentence, pleased that their recommended sentence
almost surely means he'll spend the rest of his life in prison. -We're really so happy about According to French, the judge can decide Willcox's daughter happy about this," to reduce the sentence recommended by the Willcox's daughter, Janice French, said jury, but noted that Schulte told family
Friday afternoon. It wasn't the murder verdict we'd rather have had, but he's finally spend the remainder of his life behind bars. going to pay for what he did." "Lawton police detectives were tipped off
Had Atu been found guilty of first-degree to Willionser Had Atu been found guilty of first-degree to Willcox's disappearance by familly mem-
murder he'd have faced a mandatory life bers in 1994 when her brother. Charle murder he'd have faced a mandatory life bers in 1994 when her brother, Charles
sentence under Oklahoma state law. Willcox, returned to Lawton in the belief sentence under Oklahoma state law.
However, wilth their finding of first-degree
that she had not moved to Hawaii, as Aiu manslaughter, the jury was free to recom- had claimed since 1977, and that she might mend any length of prison term.
In closing arguments, Comanc


Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks (left) presents Sandra Gonzalez with her diploma during the college's mpaduatlon exercle Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks (left) presents Sandra Gonzalez with her diploma during the college's graduation exercises Friday at Dorothy Garrett Co
Colleglate Institute for the Deal.

Smoot attributes lunch price hike to food costs, government's rules

By CARLTON JOHNSON Staff Writer
The Big Spring Independent School District (BSISD) Board
of Trustees acreed Thursdey of Trustees agreed Thursday to
a price increase in school a price increase in school
lunches for the 1997.98 school year-a decision Food Service
Director Joann Smoot aidic is Director Joann Smoot said is
always unpopular. always unpopular.
Lunch prices for grades K-5
will increase from $\$ 1$ to $\$ 1.25$ will increase from $\$ 1$ to $\$ 1.25$;
from $\$ 1.25$ to $\$ 1.50$ for grades 6 from $\$ 1.25$ to $\$ 1.50$ for grades 6 -
12 ; and from $\$ 1.85$ to $\$ 2$ for 12, and from $\$ 1.85$ to $\$ 2$ for
adults. "In an effort to keep the Food
Service Department self-sufficient, I am recommending these changes," Smoot said. "Some
will ask what the benefits for will ask what the benefits for
this increase will be to the public."
The answer, Smoot told trustees, is already increased
food portions and an increased
food quality, which wa
tuted three yeare ago. BSISD is nut the only district
in the area dealing with the a report presented to in the area dealing with the trustees, Smoot said the overall ssue of
School districts in Andrews,
average of food costs has
increased about
6 $\begin{array}{lll}\text { Seminole and Snyder are also } & \text { mereased about } & 6 \text { percent, } \\ \text { meaning an increase of about }\end{array}$
considering a price increase for
$\$ 33,600$ to the $\$ 560,000$ food bud. considering a price increase for the next school year.
BSISD ranks among the low. est in West Texas where lunch prices are concerrned, and has
not dealt with the issue since its not dealt with the issue since its
last increase went into effect for last increase went into effect for
the 1995-96 school year. The current price of $\$ 1$ for lunch for children in kindergarten through fifth grade in Big Spring places the BSISD
behind Midland, $\$ 1.50$; Odessa, behind Midland, \$1.50; Odessa,
$\$ 1.20 ;$ San Angelo, $\$ 1.25$; Sweetwater,
$\$ 1.10 ;$ $\$ 1.10 ;$ Andrews, $\$ 1.10$; and
Colorado City, $\$ 1.35$. Colorado City, 1.35 .
BSISD's average daily attendance in the food service pro-

## meaning an increase of about $\$ 33,600$ to the $\$ 560,000$ food bud-

 $\underset{\text { Anot }}{\text { get. }}$
## Another reason for the increase is a rise in Workers'

 Compensation costs, which are highest in the areas of food service and maintenance. Smootsaid that from the 1994.95 school year to the current 19996-97 year to the current 1996-97
school year, she has seen a 13
percent increase percent increase.
An additional issue involves vending machines, where there are several trends in schools across the state, according to
Smoot. moot. Please see LUNCHES, page 2A


Sands' Richter sets record in Class 1A triple jump
 On his last sump of the meet, Jooh Richter sets a new state and olas recond in the triple jump and brings home the first gold medal everg or his school, but while Richter was striking gold, other Local and area athletes didn't far
as well.
Fon complete coverage of Crossroads County athletes, please Champlon Crossroads County athletes, plea
Triple Jump see todays sports, Page SA-10A.
JOSH RICHTER
Clases 1 A State

Highway meeting Thursday

Community residents are being encouraged to attend a
public meeting at $7 \quad$ p.m public meeting at 7 p.m.
Thursday at the Dora Roberts
Community Center that will Community Center that will
center on prioritizing highway center on prioritizing highway
improvements in West Texas.
The meeting The meeting will be the
fourth of sixth public meetings between May 12200 that are part
of Phase 2 of the Lubbock 10/Amarillo North Route Study
being conducted by HDR being conducted by HDR
Engineering for the Texas Engineering for the Texas
Department of Transportation
"Big Spring residents really
turned out in rumbers last turned out in rumbers last
December," said Herald Managing Editor John H
Walker. Walker serves as chair man of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce's
Transportation Committe Transportation Committee,
which works with state and fed which works with state and fed-
eral officials in regards to high-
way and transportation issues. way and transportation issues.
iOur meeting was the ber "Our meeting was the best
attended of the six.. and the
folks from HDR point out to us that they drew a direct correlation from atten-
dance to overall community Walker said based on the
input received from the firs nound of Phase 2 from the first
meetings that the entire project study process
has been accelerated. "The meetings this month
were originally scheduled to were originally scheduled to
allow for public discussing of allow for public discussing of
three proposed routes in each corridor that were screened corridor that were screened
from a list of several routes.
"Instead there "Instead, there was such a
consensus that what we needed to do was to fully develop the
existing routes that the initial plans were scrapped."
Walker said the three main areas of concern that were meetings were roadway improvements between cities spot/safety improvements and "TxDOT and HDR have decid ed that the most appropriate course for this project to follow
is to identify specific improw is to identify specific improve
ments needed between town along each route and evaluate Please see TxDOT, page 2A

## DOING <br> UNTO OTHERS...

Chris Kenan, a member of the Methodist Men's Club at the In Big Spring caulks the windows at the First United Methodist Church in Westbrook Saturday. The Big spring group volunteored to help in restoration work on the 90 -year-old bullding, helping small constregation.


## Obituaries

## Marie Letcher


 Graveside service was at 3 Colorado City Cemetery with Rev．Gary Groves，minister of
First Christian Church，officiat． ing．
Marie was born on Feb． 17. 1919 in Loraine，Texas．She married John Harold Letcher in
1936．He preceded her in death on July 17， 1974. member of First Christian Church and she was a home－
maker．
maker．
She is survived by one son， Ron Letcher of Big Spring；one
daughter，Carol Ann McMahon daughter，Carol Ann McMahon Pass，Texas；one sister，Joy Pass，Texas；one sister，Joy
Holstead of Louisiana；and three grandchildren，Cavan McMahon，Ryan McMahon and Arrangements Arrangements under the
direction of Myers \＆Smith
Funeral Home \＆Chapel． Daniel Smith mith 42 of Big Spring Daniel Smith，42，of Big Spring is pend－
ing uneral Home．
Mr．Smith died Saturday，May

## TxDOT

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me said the process that will be followed will include the fol－
lowing steps： －Evaluate minor projects that
will enhance traffic flow through each city，utilic flizing the
existing aligment； existing alignment， to intersections or roadway seg． ments that will enhance mobili－
E Evaluate the need for
generic traffic reliever route． generic traffic reliever route．
＂That means we still have get the hazardous cargo route side of town，＂Walker sattot．
＂One is through the Lubto ＂One is through the Lubbock
to I－10 prot）ect and the othêr is through the normal chain of pitching the project to TxDO
until it finally makes the list．＂
Walk TxDOT district engineer Maribel Chavez has said the is a priority project for her
office． OTHER TRANSPORTA－
TION NOTES：A bill officially

## MYERS \＆SMITH

 UNERAL HOME \＆CHAPEL24th \＆Johneon 2678288 Marsday．Graveside services vere 3：00 PM Saturday Colorado City Cemetery．
James Lloyd．died Friday． Services
Abilene， T．

NALLEY－PICKLE \＆WELCH
Funeral Home
and Crematory
（915） $267-6331$

Daniel Smith，42，died
Saturday．Services are pending with Nalley－Pi
Weich Funeral Home．


## designating portions ofes num ber of West Texas roedways a La Entrada al pased the Hacrico hase of Representatives and will of Refiesentatives to aid will b for further deliberation． The general route would be County to Odessa，then south to： to the Presidio／Ojinaga Gateway． In theory，the highway would connect West Texas with the Topolobampo－although there is no road at all across the Sierra Madre and the port essentially non－functional The measure is being pushe by MOTRAN－the Midland－ Alliance．

## PROJECT

## said．

－Although several options importance of finding a solution that would provide an immedi－ ate impact to the appearance of the area while still remaining
within what we perceived to be a reasonable budget parameter，＂ Kersh added．
Kome noticeable landscaping
improvements have already improvements have already Howard County commission－ ers were recently approached
with a plan by the committe with a plan by the committee
for landscaping improvements to the courthouse grounds，
which，when complete will Which，when complete，will replacement of much of the irri－
gation system；addition of con－ necting sidewalks around the courthouse；the addition of shade tolerant ground cover beds；reseeding the grass；pro－
fessionally pruning and feeding the trees；finishing off with the addition of the historic corner－
stone of the county＇s stone of the county＇s second
courthouse and several seating areas with benches under the trees． said he likes the plan and hopes downtown．
－Our goal is to have the pro jected completed by the end of April，＂Kersh said． Which is the primarig reasion for The work that begins Morday，
includes the addition of 26 Bradford pear trees along the
sidewalks of the sidewalks of the surrounding
retail businesses south，east and west of the cour－
According to Kersh，several
businesses have already com－ businesses have already com－
mitted to purchasing trees，
which are which are estimated to cost no
more than $\$ 500$ each．Kersh added only a couple of trees are
left to be sold． The trees are being purchased
at a healthy size of three to four inches in diameter，and，once
established，will look similar to estabse around the Howard
thosenty Mental Health Center
Count oounty Mental Health Center
on Runnels and Fourth Street，
according to Kersh according to Kersh
The third aspect The third aspect of the plan high quality decorative lighting fixtures for the square sur－
rounding the courthouse． rounding the courthouse．
According to Kersh， Electric is supplying the poles， fixtures and globes，as well as installation and maintenance of
them for the life of the pole them for the life of the pole
（usually 25 to 30 years）for about $\$ 1,000$ per pole．
One idea the
One idea the committee has
come up with is to use arms， come up with is to use arms，
which will extend from the
poles，to promote different sea－ poles，to promote different sea
sonal or theme type activities． We hope to have banner arms
mounted on the pole that would mounted on the pole that would
allow us the option allow us the option of hanging
seasonal or theme banners whenever we wish to dress up the courthouse square，＂Kersh
For its part in the project，the city is providing labor from the
inmate work program as well as equipment for Monday＇s trench－ ing in order to keep the trees
watered．The city is also consid－ watered．The city is also consid ering paying the cost of the
electricity to keep the lamps lit． The beautification project． once completed，will definitely
be a boost to revitalizing Big
Springs downtown area，
eaid．Kersh

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## dratting ruler，he sedt so he and attacked her． He said he went into another back to see if she was moving． Hrapped duct tape around her head，wrapped her in a plastic After Willicox＇s bo <br> covered in Lawton last year，the family had it returned to Big Spring where she was buried in Spring where she was buried in the Mount Olive Cemetery on Aug． 31 ．

A bound the Town

is also federally fund program is why the district is required to follow the USDA＇s new com－ pliance guidelines．
＂At current enroliment（lev－ dents qualifying for free and dents qualirying for free and
reduced price meals，${ }^{\text {＂}}$ Smoot said．＂Unfortunately，those of us in the 41 percent group，not will pay for the increase．I believe this proposed increase
will be good for at least five years and will offset the infla－
tion that is inevitable． tion that is inevitab

## GUILTY

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$\begin{aligned} & \text { and began bothering him about } \\ & \text { their lack of a }\end{aligned}$

## SORTING RECYCLABLES



HERALD photo／Jonathan Garrett the recyeling drop set up by the Coahoma，Clean and Proud group saturday．The next day for dropping off litems will be June 14.


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HAPPY MOTHER＇S DAY NOMLMA Thank you for being my Mother
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Your Son，
Jesse McEIreath

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Discussion and action on

Discussion of personnel
salaries for the $1997-98$ school

MARTIN COUNTY

## COMMISSIONERS COURT

 STANTON－The Martin will meet in regular session Court a．m．Monday in the Commissioners Courtroom inthe Martin County Courthouse to consider the following items： －Road reports． －Pipeline and utility cross
ings．Advertising for bids for road
－A and bridge fuel． －Consider proposals for the county depository contract． tion report． －Participation in the Texas Agricultural Extension Service
Better Living for Texans Better Living for Texans
Program．
Matters pertaining to the landfill．

## －A resolution comm

## Springboard

## IF YOU HAVE ANY

 CHARD ITEM OR FOR MORE INFORMATION，CON TACT GINA GARZA， 263 － 7331 ext．238，BETWEEN 8：30A．M．AND 2 P．M．All Springboard items must be
submitted in writing．Mail submitid in writing．Main Herald，P．O．Box 1431, Big by the office at 710 Scurry or fax it to 264－7205．
－Good Stepherd Fellowship Church， 610 Abrams，has ser Chices at $11 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$ ．and 7 p．m． ices at 11 a．m．and 7 p．m．
Everyone is welcome to attend． AIcoholics Anonymous， 615
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MONDAY －Big Spring Evening Lion＇s
Club， $6: 30$ p．m．， 1607 E．Third． Club，6：30 p．m．， 1607 E．T
Call Jan Noyes， $267-5811$ ． Call
－Project Freedom，Christian support groupdom， 7 p．m．Call 263－
5140 or $263-2241$ ． 5140 or $263-2241$.
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weigh in and 6 p．m．meeting Carriage Inn， $501 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{W}$ ．meeting 17 th．Call $263-1340$ or $263-8633$ ．
－Daytime prenatal classes
Texas Department of Health Texas Department of Health， to $2: 30$ p．m．Cal $263-9775$ to reg
ister．All expectant parents wel come．Class instructor will be was arrested for assault／family， Laurie Burks，BSN．JEROME $\begin{array}{ll}\text { SAlcohonics Anonymous，} 615 & \text { STRAUGHTER，} 30 \text { ，of } 5200 \\ \text { Settles，noon to } 1 \text { p．m．open }\end{array}$ meeting and 8 to 9 p．m．at the for violation of a protective VA Medical Center on fourth order and assault／family vio－
floorce，and released on bonds of - BS Commandery No．31，stat－$\$ 2,000$ and $\$ 500$ ． ed meeting， $7: 30$ p．m．，Masonic PAUL AARON KELLUM，
Temple， 211
$1 / 2$ Main．There is Temple， $2111 / 2$ Main．There is 20 ，of Merced，Calif．，was arrest BS Assembly No．211，Social ed for possession of marijuana
under two ounces，and had Order of the Beauceant stated meeting， $7: 30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. ．Masonic
Temple， $2111 / 2$ Main．There is －Alzelmer＇s support group，
6：30 p．m．，Marcy House， 2301
Wasson．Call 268－9041．

## Rules for

Investing
In Today＇s Stock Market During periods of uncertainty in the stock market，it＇s more The Basic Rules of
important than Successful Investing importo than Successful investing ever to
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## Senate approves property tax plan



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Hichelle Comg, Amanda Rankin, Sharon Stmmons Michelle Long, Amanda Rankin, Sharon S
Tabatha Smith, and fawn Wheal Congratulations iv Mary Browning, door prize winner (a)

Scenic Mountain Medical Center spectal DeAvery State-of-the-Art Obstetrics Unit

AUSTIN (AP) Thise Legislature is moving toward
its goal of cutting local school taxes. But some lawmakers say the costs could be too high.
The Senate on Saturday The Senate on Saturday
approved its version of a tax approved its version of a tax
plan. It goes to the House, which earlier approved a vastly
different propol different proposal.
Some senators pointed out
that both plans depend largely that both plans depend largely
on spending more state dollars to pay for the proposed tax cuts, leaving other projects without
They also said both proposals
would make the state tax system more regressive - taking an even higher percentage of
poorer Texans' income than poorer Texans income than
would be taken from wealthier
residents. residents.
"I want to talk about priori-
ties," sadd Sen. Mike Moncrief,
D-Fort Worth. "With $\$ 1$ billio we could make "With $\$ 1$ billion addressing some of the serious ills of this state."
Moncrief said Moncrief said proposals such health care for children and heapth care for children and
improving children's reading skills will likely go unfunde
because of the tax cut effort because of the tax cut effort.
"Although I would love to give the people of Texas mean ingtul property tax relief, I can-
not vote for this not vote for this bill. Given the
cost of this bill, I believe it does not fit in the priorities of this state," he said.
Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos not be met, including pay raise nor state employees who have tax cuts.
gone four years without increases.
Barrientos, Barrientos, D-Austin raised concerns about how exans in different income $\$ 1$ bills to make his point Both the House and Senate plans would expand the state business tax to all companies. They also expand the state sales
tax to more goods and services although the House plan would add more items to that tax list "It is the sales tan. affects his samily," Sen. Eliot afrects his family," Sen. Eliot
Shapleigh, D-El Paso, said of a firefighter who Gov. George W.
Bush has held up as an example of Texans who need property
em," Shapleigh said of the way exas taxes residents and how hat system would change under the proposals.
Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston aid he was nearly swayed to vote for the Senate proposal
because much of the money it raises to replace lost property sin revenues, would come from sin taxes" on alcohol and
obacco products. Concern also ca Republicans who fear the proposal hits businesses too hard. "We forget the people who are hat is the business people. The hing we continue to miss is
that they are generating jobs," that they are generating jobs."
said Sen. Troy Fraser, R. Horseshoe Bay.

## Not another Waco:

Negotiator says 'Looking back, we were really lucky'

FORT DAVIS (AP) - As he McLaren followers had stormed
worked toward a worked toward a peaceful com-
promise with Texas separatist
Richard McLaren Richard McLaren, Texas not to think about April 19, That morning, Caver was statoned along a state highway outside Waco, nervously watching the Branch Davidian com-
pound. He and other fellow Rangers were waiting to arrest David Koresh and his followers when they walked out of their home and
standoff
They never came. At exactly noon, fire swept through the
sprawling wooden structure sprawling wooden structure. burn so fast. Hours later, he stood guard on the night shift beside the charred remains 80 people.
Memories of that grisly day Memories of that grisly day
have been on Caver's mind since April 27. That morning, he was called out of church in
Midland and sent to this remote part of West Texas to help deal with McLaren.
M. house of neighbors Joe and of two Republic of Texas members.
Caver Caver became the lead negoliatting the Rowes out safely He got it done early the next morning by going against the conventional approach and swap-
ping one of the arrested ping one of the arrested
Republic members for the Repubages.
hover the
Over the next six days, Caver - whose only formal course in hostage negotiations was 20
years ago-maintained a firm years ago-maintained a firm
but patient
McLaren. McLaren.
Although
Although McLaren's group
believes Texas was believes Texas was illegally
annexed by the United States in 1845, he felt comfortable dealing with the Rangers because they The Rangers, considered the elite Rangers, considered the
among the Texas Department of Safety, were the lead agency at the scene, bu
they were by no means alone. hey were by no means alone.
Scores of state troopers joined
agency in every nearby county.
The state sent help from The state sent help from Service and the Department of Criminal Justice. Smith County sent two armored personnel car The National Guard practicalThe Border Patrol at the site. The Border Patrol brought in heat-seeking and night-vision its presence felt. So did the ghosts of Waco.
"It did enter "It did enter my mind, but just briefly," Caver said last his Midland office. "I had to dispel those thoughts and try to to let it get in the way of my decisions."' The beginning of the week
went slowly with lots of double. went slowly with lots of double-
talking by McLaren. Sometimes he'd send out "cdiplomatic pouches" and talk of making a deal. Other times, he threatened "another Waco ... another Ruby Ridge." ${ }^{\text {anoth }}$... another Ruby
eaks spopted searby mountain peaks spotted several McLaren cans. Other officers overheard he group talking about burning down the valley.
Fire control ex Fire control experts from the orest Service did some quick he gasoline was lit, flames ould race toward the officers. his troops from getting any closer to the group than they already were. A day later, the winds shifted and things were any fire now would shoot up the mountain, scorching thousands f scrubby acres but jeopardizing no lives.
On Friday
made his most aggressive move by sending the two APCS within a quarter-mile of the group in
hopes of intimidating them into giving up.
"I don't know if we had any choice," said Caver, who at 39 is
the youngest Rangers captain the youngest Rangers captain. Early that day, several roughly 30 Rangers, as did prac- Parks and Wildlife officers sta- meant business."

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One by one, MoVeigh's friends, family testify against him
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GOP's own fund raising under serutiny

WASHINGTON (AP) - Under
pressure from pressure from Democrats,
Republicans are being forced to
add more add more questions about their own party to the growing con-
gressional investigations of political fund raising. For the first time Friday, Rep. Dan Burton of Indiana, the Republican leading the House
probe, said he would seek documents from GOP groups. At the same time, he stepped up pres. ing on the White House counsel oxplain his refusal to turn
Burton, chairman of the House Government Reform and will issue requests next week or documents from GOP orgadonations. that accepted foreign the day after three Republican Party fundiraising committees ccepting sind erroneously Kong company from 1991-1994.

Tran allake MASHHAD, Iran (AP) - A 80 villages in remote mountains
of northeastern Iran on Saturday, killing at least 1,000 people and injuring 5,000 , Iranian news media reported. Iran appealed for internationwho were further cut off by landslides triggered by the quakese (eattritiake' struck 12:28 earme wofthake moment mag nitude of 7.3 , according to the U.S. Geological Survey in Golden, Colo. The quake was east of Birjand, near the town of Qaen, about 70 miles west of the Afghan border.

Starr: Susan McDougal wants 'license to lie’ HEBER SPRINGS, Ark. (AP)

- Whitewater figure Susan McDougal wants "a license to lie" in exchange for telling what she knows about President Clinton and his wife's
financial dealings, Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr said today.
"That's not a request that we, or any other inquiry pursuing
the truth, can seriously enter tain," Starr said in remarks prepared for his address to a meeting of Arkansas newspaper
editors. editors.
McDou
any violent behavior before, so I wasn'
realy sure if he was serious $p$ bout it, testified Lori Fortier, recalling a day in blow up a federal building. Prosecutors have lined up at least six witnesses who have been close to McVeigh in their effort to put the
largely circumstantial case in perspec large
tive.
"Th
stone unturned," said Andrew left no stone unturned," said Andrew Cohen a lawyer who has been attending the trial. "I'm not surprised they're bring-
ing people out of the woodwork

Three witnesses jennifer, Mrs. Fortié his sister, and, Michael - reached agreements Ms. MeVeigh and Mrs. Fortier, who already have testified, were granted immunity from prosecution. Michael Fortier, expected to testify this week,
faces a maximum 23 -year prison term M weapons charges.
McVeigh is facing the death penalty
if convicted of murder in the April 19, 1995, bombing of the in the April 19, 1995, bombing of the
Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building.

Each witness has given jurors a piece
of the prosecution's portrait of
McVeigh. of the
McVeigh.
In the $m$ In the mid-1990s, McVeigh attended
high school in upstate New York. He high school in upstate New York. He David Darlak, spent Christmases with his family, and kept in touch with his
sister after their parents divorced sister after their parents divorced.
Before joining the Army in Before Joining the Army in 1988,
McVeigh and Darlak purchased land McVeigh and Darlak purchased land
where McVeigh wanted to build a bomb shelter, Darlak said. "II kind of got the impression that he

After serving in the Gulf War,
McVeigh jofined the gun show circuit and tapped into a network of people dillusioned with the government. -He began distributing anti-govern Turner Diaries," a racist novel about a plot by militias to blow up a federal building in Washington. He used alias ee and disguises and worried ab
being spied on by federal agents. In letters to his sister, McVe referred to friends who would help
him, and told her the Fortiers him, and to
trustworthy.

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the First Amendment protecting freedom of the press, they never imagined millions of Americans would someday
have their own version of one sitting in their back rooms. But with the advent of the World Wide Web, that's exactly what has happened. And from this revolution has what standards are private individual to be held to when it comes to what pages and other online forums the perve as the world's soapbox? To a great extent, the answer thus far is this: No one knows. With the Web revolution less than three years old, a
body of case law hasn't yet been built up. But lawyers who study online issues do have some observations -
and advice. slander, once the re slander, once the reaim of individuals
and libel, the bane of publishers, ha
been blurred. It used to be that spread-
ing malicious gossip about somieone ing malicious gossip about someone charges of slander. But slander, by definition spoken, was hard to prove and
generally didn't reach enough people to do any major harm.
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can be read by millions online, howevcan be read by millions online, howev-
er, and youve suddennly entered the
realm of libel - governed by stricter laws originall
publications. publications.
"Let's face it," says Mark Rasch, Let's face it," says Mark Rasch,
director of information security law and policy at the Center for Information Protection at Science Applications International Corp. in McLean, Va. "If I were to print up a
handbill saying bad things about my neighbor that were false, at most I could distribute a couple of hundred of hem. With the Web, I can now damage his reputation worldwide."
The law is clear: Libel
publishing a false and defamatory
statement about an identifiable person. causing injury to the subject's reputation. Otten tied to it is the legal notion
of defamation, defined as that which exposes a person to hatred, ridicule or contempt, causing them to be shunned or injuring their business or calling. Truth is always a defense against
libel, so if your Web page says some one has two heads and they do, you're onine. But say they're a murderer and
you can expect someone to come askyou can expect someone to come asking for some proof - and possibly a Then, there's invasion of privacy. It's one thing to pass along a juicy bit of gossip to a friend. It's quite another to
post it to the Web "Let's say, for instance, you disclose some private fact ,about somebody say their medical records. Or you snuck into their house and took

## nudie photo of them and put it up on the Net. That would be a no-no under

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By Tim suluivan

MOUNT BAKBR, Wash. MOUNT BAKBR, Wash. -

The storm was comine in below
us, the clouds blowing swiftly us, the clouds blowing swiftly
up the mountain. We weremoving fast in the dull early-morn-
ing light when Ifelt ing light I turned to see the climber
behind me dropping to the behind me dropping to the
ground, struggling with the cord that linked the five of us cord that linked the five of us
together. Behind him, the rope
tan into a jagged hole punched俔 the glacier where Paul, our woide and mentor for the past Whoment earlier. A standing a bridge had collapsed, plunging him Ihto a hidden crevasse.
1 fought to control Onic. Dropping to the ground, I
icked the spikes on my boots Icked the spikes on my boots筑 It the sould feel Paul's weight ulling at me and I wondered if Was hurt. 9,000 feet up in Washington's North Cascade
mountains. Help, if we needed it, was hours away. And I was
climbing my first mountain. A thought drifted through my
head: What am Id I wonder how many of us there are. We buy mountaineer-
ing books and hide them like a ing books and hide them like a
14-year-old stashing copies of 14-year-old stashing copies of
Playboy. We read furtively
about the Alps the Himalayas about the Alps, the Himalayas
and the climbers who test themselves there. Secretly, we dreamof reaching our own summits.
And we wonder if we can make it.
For $15 y$
ing. I'm an experitenced hiker and for a few years I had been a
serious caver. But mountaineering seemed a closed society
bound by obscure skills. So. weary of just thinking about it,
I came to the Cascades up with three other rookies and an ex-Green Beret now guiding
for the American Alpine Institute. There, during an
often-overcast September week, I found out if I could make it. For six days, our small group
learned from Paul Rosser, a 31-year-old Georgia native who dis-teen-ager and honed his astonishing strength and enduran
in the Army Special Forces A natural teacher, Paul taught us to walk and fall, to work with
ice axes and the art of moving ice axes and the art of moving
as a rope team. We learned crevasics of mountain meteoHelogy.
Moun
a good first sumer, at 10,778 feet, is er-covered volcano is difficult mountaineering, but still within reach for a well-prepared
neophyte. The route we would heavily cracked open, does not
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6 I was wracked with guilt. I sat in the snow, worrying over what could have happened if I'd hit ice at the bottom of the crevasse, or if I'd dragged in someone else. I wondered if another careless slip would 9 cost me - or another climber - my life.

## Tim Sullivan

demand the skills of an accom not reach high and does not reach high enough to
include the dangers of low oxyIf might sniff at viewing Mount Baker as a challenge, it seemed an enormous hurdle to me, an all-too-often-deskbound writer.
I was, at 30 , both the youngest and least-prepared of the mountaineering initiates.
I had spent three months
training with training, with thousands of sit-
ups and push-ups and hours of running in Manhattan's Riverside Park. I had hiked for days in the meandering hills of the Appalachians.
Much of the time I felt like a
back-country beginner strug. back-country beginner strug.
gling to keep up.
The week did not begin easily. across a glacier, maneuvering across a glacier, maneuvering
through the maze of fissures,
when my concentration when my concentration slipped
and my feet quickly followed and my feet quickly followed Pitching into a crevasse, I
calmly watched the rope going
taut as taut as my ropemates fought to
stop my fall stop my fall.
I dropped for
I dropped for 20 feet, until my
head plunged into soft powder head plunged into soft powder. I was OK and climbed out using my crampons - the spikes
clipped to my boots - and ice
ax. At the top I found John
Aichter, a lawyer from Atlanta, Richter, a lawyer from Atlanta, grimacing in pain. Jerked heav-
ily when I'd fallen, he'd raked a crampon across his leg. I was wracked with guilt. I sat
in the snow, worrying over in the snow, worrying over
what could have happened if I'd hit ice at the bottom of the crevasse, or if I'd dragged in
somene else. I wondered if another careless slip would cost me-
John soon felt better, but the
mountain had changed for me. A momentary lapse in concentration made me realize I might regret coming on this trip.
Keeping hold of that focus would be the fight of the next few days.

And I knew that if I loved it, if
had not romanticized those spits of rock into false meccas of challenge and self-awareness,
I would do it again. I would do it again.
We fell quickly into a silent rhythm. With Paul leading the
way, we hiked to the edge of the glacier, where we roped up.
Within minutes Within minutes, we were on
the exposed face of the mounthe exposed face of the moun-
tain, linked to our five-man world by 11 -mm nylon cord I forced myself to think of
nothing outside nothing outside of my tiny cir-
cle of existence. Am I using the correct step, how is the rope
positioned, am I prepared for positioned, am I prepar
something going wrong? Over and over I ran drills in my mind, moving my fingers along the ax so that if one of us fell, I could instinctively ram it
into the snow and stop the descent.
After a few hours, exhaustion After a few hours, exhaustion
seeped through my legs. The wind also kicked up, dropping
wind-chill wind-chil temperatures to
about minus 20 and forcing us to yell above the blustery clam or. When fi Whx
whelming and theme four of us slowed, Paul's yell would boom down the rope line. "How y'all
doing?'" he'd bellow. After a doing?" he'd bellow. After a
week together, it took no niore week together, it took no more
encouragement than that, and the plodding pace would again pick up.
We
We rested below the final
push, a steep 1,000 -foot section push, a steep 1,000-foot section
called the Roman Wall. We clumped together near the volcano's vent, the smell of sulfur
suffusing the air. I choked down sufigsing the air. I choked down Fig Newtons and used my ax to
chip ice off my canteen so 1 could suck down slushy water. Then we moved off, moving
quickly in the pre-dawn cold. Suddenly, the steepness gave Suddenly, the steepness gave
way to a plateau. At $6: 18$, just as the pink of dawn began to light up the mountain
A rush of exultation quickly gave way under exhaustion. For a few minutes, we sat on a
rocky outcropping and watched rocky outcropping and watched
as one man's canteen slipped as one man's canteen slipped
from his hands, slid to the edge,
and dropped into oblivion. The and dropped into oblivion. The
pictures show a miserable pictures show a miserable
group, only one person bothergroup, only one person bother-
ing to fake a smile before we
threw on our packs to head down. Paul, who had moved to the Paul, who had moved to the
back of the rope, pointed to
dark clouds coming in beneath Please see CLIMB, page 7A


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ity to express feelings and iden teers you on the winning path. tions. Use your personality, cause, professionally or personlly. If you are single, you sequence of love affairs this ear, or one special one. ltimately, it is your call. If ic year for both of you, with erhaps a renewed commit ment or new addition to your
lives. CANCER surrounds you with dramatic flair. The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; ARIES
High (March 21-April 19) hrough the day's nets you zip postpone thinking about a reor ganization. It is a challenge to Dote on a family member; tell him you care. Tonight: Make TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Invite others over. You are nore fun than you have been
in a long while. Reach out for another. Be more caring with a oved one. Let the kid in you special nature of the peclai GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Indulgence is the theme Remain open to instincts. Be oing on with family. Use you ntuition regarding a money matter. You are better off using personal touch. Your carin means."atot. Ton CANCER (June 21-July 22) be your sunny self with a low with another's needs. Whatever you do seems to please him, so don't worry. and reach out. Allow the nururing side of you to shine
self."****
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ath out for the maternal fig eq in your Hfe, Examine hat is going on at work. Spend extra time on a key proYou are not in celebration mode. Tonight: Regardless of our mood, indulge mom.***
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. You might decide to throw party. You enjoy yourself among the crowds. Festivity marks the day. Others respond to your efforts. You might not

## CLIMB

Continued from page 6A us. He yelled that we wanted to
clear the Roman Wall before the storm hit.
We were moving fast, and had early made it down the Wall, climber behind me, an engineer Rinard, California named John Rinard, dropping to the ground
Paul was gone, dropped into a Paul was gone, dropped into a
hidden crevasse. And despite
the fear, it was time to put our I threw myself onto the glac r, helping hold Paul's weight. After a few minutes, the yell mountain, pulling the rope and raising up paul. His smiling face broke over the snow line.
Paul nonchalantly Paul nonchalantly hoisted

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last jump of the Class 1 A boys triple jump competition at the University Interscholastic Meet, the sense of deja vu was compared to what came next. Sands' Josh Richter followed
the golden rule of triple jumping, and did unto Venard Love
as Love had done unto him. as Love had done unto him.
The result not only brought the first-ever state track gold
medal to Sands, but did it in record fashion.
Richter became the only area athlete to leave the state meet Lady Steers not pleased with results


AUSTIN - The weather was to the Big Spring Lady Steers
liking. even if the results weren't
The Lady Steers, who have
excelled at bad-weather track excelled at bad-weather track
meets all year, discovered here Friday that they weren't the
only "rainwomen" at the University Interscholastic
League's State Track and Field Championships.
On a rain-slickened track at
Memorial Stadium, the Lady Memorial Stadium, the Lady medal performance by Jaclyn Owusu in the triple jump while Dallas Lincoln ran away with
the team title in Class 4A the team title in Class 4 A . take the team competition, fol-
lowed by Houston Worthy with lowed by Houston Worthy, with
42 and Clear Brook with 38 . The 42 and Clear Brook with 38 . The
Lady Steer wimpeld sixpoints
off Owusin in wind one rest of the squadroiteitather of unlucky sevens in most of their
other events. The weather played particular
havoc at the triple-jump pit,
where the final results were set where the final results were set
in stone almost from the very in stone al
beginning.
The first
The first jumper of the day,
Bay City's Chandi Jones, reached 38 -feet, $1 / 4$-inch on her
initial attempt, and that disinitial attempt, and that dis-
tance held up for the rest of the competition. Owusu, who will be moving to
Dallas at the end of the school year, un was in second place heading Hallsville's LaTonya Bedford jump of 37.11 on her final try for Big Spring's Keesha Lott, also competing in the triple jump,
finished seventh with a jump of Seven seemed to be the magic
number for the Lady Steers the rest of the day as that was
where they finished in a succes. sion of events.
In the 100 h
In the 100 hurdles, Dee Hill
took seventh in her took seventh in her second trip
to the state meet. Her time of
15.7 seconds was one-tenth of a second out of the points, but more than a second behind win-
ner Teena Cincy of Dallas ner Teena Cincy of Dallas
Roosevelt.
The Lady Steers also finished seventh in their two relay
events. The 800 team of Kandi Lott finished in a time of one minute, 43.96 seconds. Dallas
Lincoln won the events in In the 1,600 relay, Big Spring's
team of Casillas. Stephanie Henderson, Owasu and Lott fin-
ished in 4:00.89 while Lincoln ished in $4: 00.89$ while Lincoln
also won that event, this time in
Afterward, Casillas summed
up the team's collective disapup the tea
pointment.
ed,"" the junse, we're disappointwe could have run with these girls ... the weather wasn't that
much of a factor. We were here all day ... and we're used to here ning in this kind of weather. But despite her disappoint-
ment, Casillas also saw room for optimism. The seniors Cline, Hill and Latisha Big Springil as Owusu - but Big Spring's cupboord will be
far from bare when the 1998
track ceason gets under way.

# SpORTS <br> Sunoar, Mar 11, 1997 

## Sands' Josh Richter sets state mark in triple jump

won the triple Jump ina state
record distance of $\$ 7-$ feet, $81 / 4$
inches Saturday at Austin's Memorial Stadium fitting that It was eerily fitting that
Richter should accomplish the
feat in the fashion he did. feat in the fashion he did.
After all, he lost the gold After all, he lost the gold
medal in similar fashion to Love last year.
In 1996, Richter led the triple cmp until the final jump of meet record with a jump of 476 1/2. This time, Richter
grabbed the lead on his first jump, and held on by a com-
fortable margin - until Love fortable margin - until Love,
from Karnack, stepped onto them Karnack stepped on. The defending champio


Members of the Unlverslity of Texas training staff attend to Stanton's Tyron Davis after he Inlured His hamastring on his final attempt in the class 2 A triple oump friday
Area athletes have tough time, at state
by steve reacan
 ranged from disappointing to devastating.
While Josh Richter of Sands was setting a new state and
class record in winning the class record in winning the
Class 1A triple jump, other
area athlete saw area aredal come up short.
for a mes Brad Cox of Grady - one of
Richter's closest competitor this year-finished fourth jump. Cox's best effort of the day, a jump of 44 -feet, $71 / 2$ -
inches, fell $41 / 2$ inches short of the bronze medal, wo
Jeremy Smith of Milford. Kelly Lankford of Garde City came into the meet a

Gonzalez powers Texas past BoSox
BOSTON (AP)
Gonzalez hit a grand slam and $\begin{gathered}\text { After McLemore doubled, } \\ \text { Heathcliff Slocumb (0-2) walked }\end{gathered}$ leading the Texas Rangers over the Boston Red Sox 11-5.
Gonzalez's fifth career slam inning. He also had a pair of RBI singles, including a hit
that made it 5 -all in the sev. enth.
Gonzalez began the game
with just one ho With just one homer and six
RBII this season. The 1996 AL MVP was sidelined by an injured left thumb that kept
him on the disabled list until him on the disabled list until a
week ago Friday.
Mark McLemore doubled to Mark McLemore doubled to
start the Texas ninth and start the Texas ninth and
capped the outburst with an R111s prove

## ATLANTAAP) - So much

 Bulls. defise of the ChicagoThe ding NBA champiThe defending NBA champi-
ons regatned the upper hand in
the Eastern Conneerence semifithe Bastern Conereence semifinal with Atlanta, getting a superb effort from their bench
Saturday and rolling to a $100-80$ rout of the Hawks for a 21 lead. Atlanta, which led 52.46 at
halt ne, scored only 28 points hain ne, scored only 28 points low for a playoff game.
With Michael Jordan having another poor shooting game
and Dennis Rodman a nonfac.

ished elghtingithe event wim
a time of 12 minutes, 51.22 sec fell before an extremely strong
field.
a time of 12 minutes, 51.22 sec
onds.
event with a jump of 6 -feet, 10 among area athletes, however nehes, while Justin Simpson hyd to belong to Stintods Davison of Cushing were sec- hanstrygg in his right ing dur a ond and third, respectively,
with best heights with best heights of 6-7. leankford, meanwhile, strug.
gled in the latter stages of the gled in the latter stages of the
competition. He missed twice before finally clearing 6-4,
then missed all three tries ${ }_{6}$ then missed all three tries at "just didn't have any
spring in my legs," Lankford said. "I guess I I just had a bad
jumping day. umping day. I could've
jumped my best height (6-7) on jumped my best height (6-7) on Garden City's Tiffany Kujawski, who advanced to the 3,200 event when Grady's
Angela Welsh was injured, fining the Clas
jump Friday.
Jump Friday. triple jump competitors, as there were numerous fouls
there and scratches. But none had it
worse than Davis. worse than Davis, who
scratched on his first two scratched on his first two
attempts before injuring him self on his final try.
Davis was immediately tended to by University of Texas
training staff and was training staff and was
whisked away to Memorial Stadium's training room, where he was treated accord-
ing to Stanton athletic diroctor ing to Stanton
Mark Cotton.
past BoSox Hatuifs saumo ox matas Greer's comebacker, allowing the tiebreaking run to scor
Gonzalez then hit his slam. Gonzalez then hit his slam. Dan Patterson (4-3) pitched 2
2-3 inning of scoreless relief for the win.
Mo Vaughn hit a two-run
homer and Darren Bragg had homer and Darren Bragg had a
two-run double for the Red Sox, who have lost seven of their last eight games. Texas scored three times in
the seventh, tying it at 5 . Mike the seventh, tying it at 5 . Mike
Devereaux and Billy Ripken Devereaux and Billy Ripken
singled to chase starter Chris Hammond and pinch-hitter Lee
Stevens hit reliever Stevens hit reliever Jim Corsi's
first pitch for an RBI double.

Boston took a $1-0$ lead against
Jose Alberro in the first when
Wil Cordero doubled and later scored on a groundout. Vaughn's two-run homer into in the third. It moved him into
n'mth place on the Red Sox list ninth place on the Red Sox list
with 163 career homers, surpassing Tony Conigliaro and Cariton Fisk.
Gonzalez an Gonzalez and Will Clark hit
RBI singles with two outs in RBi singles with two outs in the sixth, pulling Texas within
3-2. Bragg's bases-loaded, two out double put Boston ahead 5-2
in the sixth. in the sixth.
Alberro,
Alberro, making his first
start of the season after being recalled tearliesinn the ter being, gave up four runs and seven hits in
five-plus innings. talk of demise premature tor, the Bulls dominated the
fourth quarter behind Brian Williams and Toni Kukoc. That duo scored 20 of
Chicago's 29 points in the dect
sive final pertod as sive final period as the Bulls broke open a tight game and reciaimed the home-court
advantage in the best-of-7
series. Game aderies. Game 4 is Sunday
evening evening at the Oqnis before the series shifts back to the United
Center on Tuesday night. The Hawk pulled off a shocke Chicano's first home playoft
loss since 1995.

After falling behind $52-46$ at the half, Chicago finally began won four of the last six NBA That's when the unilikely twosome from the bench took con-
trol. Willime trol. Williams got it started, slamming in a follow after
Jordan's shot was blocked by Dikembe Mutombo.
Another reserve. Another reserve, Steve Kerr,
followed with al 3 -pointer and
Kukoc Kukoc hit back-to-back 38 -
the second a desperation the second a desperation shot
from 35 feet as the 24 -second
clock was winding

When I saw (Love's) distance, I said, Uh-uh, it ain't going to happen this year.

going to happen the year Forgetting about the sore "He wanted to bust a good
heel - If it hurt, who cares?" heel - "If it hurt, who cares?" one on his first try, and he the track, hit his mark perfect. ly, and hopped, skipped and jump his way to a new state Richter, whose previous best
of the year was $45-1$, said his
nemesis from Karnack was the nemes reason he set the record.
mair rer he had only jumped 45 feet that last time," Richter
said, "there's no way I would said, "there's no way I would The final jump was the cul-
mination of a sterling meet for Richter. As the day wore on, he continually improved on his
distance, culminating with a hadn't had one he liked. I knew he had (the record) in
hifim, but I just hadn't seen it until the last jump." Various nagging hurts
plagued Richter all school year, but those aches and pains were forgotten in the
after-glow of his record-setting performance.
"It's been a tough year for me, in all sports," Richter said "But this is a good way for me
to wrap things up.
"It (the record) really hasn't hit me yet, but it will," he

## Two third places not good enough for Tory Mitchell

 By steve reagan Staff WriterAUSTIN - If anyone could be
disappointed with two medals
at the UIL State Track and
Field Meet, Tory Mitchell
would figure to be the one.
The Big Spring sophomore
entered Friday's state meet
with a world of expectations,
but had to sette for two third-
place finishes - if settle is the
right word.
Mitchell, the top sprinter in
Region Ithis year, finished
third in both the 100-meter and
200-meter dashes for the second
year in a row and wes not
Martin breaks slump with win at Talladega
$\qquad$ Mark Martin proved his slump
was definitely over by holding was definitely over by holding
off Dale Earnhardt on Saturday at the end of the Winston 500 the fastest race in NASCAR history at 188.354 mph . After snapping a 42-race win-
less streak last week. Martin less streak last week, Martin
got his second straight win got his second straight win three years - by holding off Rermikardt by 146 seconds.
They were followed by Bobby They were followed by Bobby
Cabonte, John Andretti and
Jeff Gordon, who combined for Jeff Gordon, who combined for
an exciting five-car dash to the ninish line over the finat nine
lape.
Martin outlasted them all in the Winston Cup circuit's first caution-free race since Oct. 15,
1992. It came one week after his win at Sonoma on a road course and helped re-establish Martin's reputation as one of
versatile drivers.
wasn't a means that last week
wartin sald. wasn't a fluke," Martin satd.
"It had been a ang, long time
since $I$ ' $d$ won one and there

## were times we didn't think we'd win another one. I don't

 know if I'll win onother one now, but the It showed late, with Martin taking the lead after a group of After the pit stops. Earnhardt Atter the pit stops, Earnhardtmoved from seventh to second down the stretch, but once he
was lined up behind Martin's was lined up behind Martin's
Roush Racing Ford, he never had a chance to make a move.
'I "I had my eye on him," of good runs at me. But after a while, I saw he was going to
have trouble. By the end thought it would be a surprise
if he could muster up a pase if he could muster up a pass."
-Earnhardt said he wanted push his Chevrolet to the lead at the end, but never had an opening. "If there would have been a, time to do it, I would have,"
Earnhardt said. "All the cars were running good. We're happy with a second after all
the things that have happened

## Bagging lion and deer on same Big Bend hunt was basis for bragging


and came over to see what was going on. "Wow," he ye
when he saw the cat. They skinned it and took the all the hunters in camp paraded over to see it. It wasn't long until the brag.
ging started. In short time ging started. In short time, the veteran hunters had had
enough. Listening to this enough. Listening to this "rook-
ie' tell us how to kill lions and
deer was about all we could deer was about all we could
In jest, In Tom that they had voted to bar him from future hunts. Tom was visibly shook because he thought they were serious.
But all of us, down in their hearts, were proud of this man because he had fulfilled all of
our dreams on the outdoor ur dreams on the outdoor
rail. (This column originally
appeared in the Herald on Jan

## McCarron leads BellSouth, Robbins paces Sara Lee

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

DULUTH, Ga.- Scott to surge into a share of the lead with David Duval after three
rounds of the BellSouth Classic rounds of the
on Saturday.
on Saturday
Duval, who shot a 73, and
McCarron had 11-under-par 205 totals on the hilly, 7,259 -yard
TPC Sugarloaf Country Club Duval had carried a one-shot
lead to the par-5 finishing hole where he took a bogey after catching water guarding the
green.
Challengers rose and fell throughout the windy afternoon, with McCarron, winner of last year's Freeport-
McDermott Classic, making the Miggest move in a round that included seven birdies and one bogey. Nick Price, only one shot
back when the round began was matching Duval's par golf until running into trouble on the took a double-bogey 6 . He had another bogey two holes later on his way to a 75 that left Glasson 08. Glasson shot a
David Toms was alone in
third after a 70 left him at 207 .

Australian Greg Norman,
designer of the Sugarloaf designer of the Sugarloaf
course, Dudley Hart and former Georse, Dia Tech golfer Charlie Rymer all made runs, but failed
to sustain their bids. to sustain their bids. Norman birdied three of the
first six holes to get within two first six holes to get within two with consecutive bogeys on Nos. 8 and 9 and another on 12 .
Hart used an eagle 3 on the 10th and a birdie on No. 13 to move two shots off the pace,
then bogeyed the next then bogeyed the next three
holes.
holes.
Rymer, playing on a spon-
sor's exemption, also eagled No. 10 and was only two shots out of the lead when he took a
triple-bogey 7 on 14 . triple-bogey 7 on 14 .
Hot a
and 73 and were both at 210 , while
and Rymer skied to a 76 and and Rymer skied to a 76 and was acarron,
McCarron's only bogey came lie on the 15th, knocking in a 7 foot putt for the bogey.
McCarron birdied No. 4 from McCarron birdied No. 4 from
5 feet, had a tap-in birdie on 6 5 feet, had a tap-in birdie on 6
and scored from 10 feet on No. 7. He birdied three of the first with putts of 15,30 and 18 , feet
 birdie putt on 18 .
Sara Lee Classic
NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Kelly

Robbins made six birdies in hopefu
her final 11 holes Saturday in a 6-under-par 66 that gave her a Robbins, who has five top-5
one-stroke lead after two finishes and won the Diet Dr rounds of the $\$ 675,000$ Sara Lee Pepper National Pro-Am in Classic.
Robbins, looking for her sec- Firdie with a 5 -foot putt on NO Robbins, looking for her sec- birdie with a 5 -foot putt on No.
ond victory this year on the 8, a par-5. She survived a tee ond victory this year on the 8, a par-5. She survived a tee
LPGA tour, started with seven
shot into a fairway bunker on straight pars and didn't have a bogey in the round despite hav-
ing trouble hitting the greens. ing trouble hitting the greens.
Cindy Figg-Currier, a old Texan who's never won, shot a 66 and was tied at 137
with Terry-Jo Myers with Terry-Jo Myers who had a
67. Kim Saiki, who had a 69 , and Michelle McGann, who shot a 70, were among four tied
at 139 . at 139.
Robbin
Robbins took the lead despite
having to scramble to save par early.
One o One of her best saves came on the par-4 No. 4. Her tee shot
hit a tree on the right and hit a tree on the right and leaving her 223 yards to the
hole. She chipped within 4 feet hole. She chipped within 4 feet
and made the par putt. "It's a strange week. I hit many greens, but I'm getting up and down quite a bit. greens in regulation and havgreens in regulation and havRobbins said? "Anytime you play a couple
days of golf and be 8 -under

## Sports Briefs

From staff and wire reports

Lady Steers banquet set for Monday
The Big Spring High School Lady Steers' ath-
letic banquet will be held at 7 p.m. May 12 in letic banquet will be held at 7 p.m. May 12 in
First United Methodist Church's Garrett Hall. Tickets are $\$ 8.50$ per sale and on sale at
Athletic Supply. Faye's Flowers, Neal's Sporting Goods and the BSHS athletic office

## Amistead fees go up effective June 2

 Boating fees previously announced for AmistadNational Recreation Area will go into effect June
${ }^{2}$ Every motorized craft that requires a state boat registration that is on the U.S. portion of Lake Amistead will be subject to the fee. Boaters on Lake Amistad can choose between mit. Valid Golden Age and Golden Access passport holders can purchase permits for their own use for half price.

## Softball tourney Saturday, Sunday

The May Madness Softball Tournament will be
held May $16-18$ at Cotton Mize Field in Big held May 16-18 at Cotton Mize Field in Big
Spring.
guarantee. Awards will be presented to all-tournament team members, tournament MVP and For more information, contact Chuck Martin
For

Waters wins Monday night ladles golf
Linda De Waters' 43 was good enough for first
low gross in the Comanche Trail Ladies Golf
low gross in the Comanche Trail Ladies Golf Association's weekly Monday night play.
A choice of three clubs plus a putter A choice of three clubs plus a putter was the
order of handicap play as Connie Fowler took second low gross with her 45 .
First low net went to Ramona Harris with a 32 , while Helen Terry show a low net of 33 . A handicap format was used in couples play Thursday with Paul and Dee Jenkins shooting a
net 30 to win. Second went to Ray and Susanna net 30 to win. Second went to Ray and Susanna
Russell with a net 31, while third went Ben and Bonnie Neel with a net 32 .

## Blg Spring CC sets men's toumey

 Big Spring Country Club will host a two-manlow ball tournament Saturday and Sunday. Entry fee is $\$ 120$ per team, plus carts, and includes a barbecue after Saturday's round of
play.
For more information, call Larry Bryan at the For more informa
Pro Shop 267-5354.

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| Charles and Jewell Matthews, |  |
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| 40th wedding anniversary on |  |
| Saturday, May 10, 1997, with a |  |
| dinner at KC Steakhouse and a reception in their home hosted |  |
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| by their children. |  |
| Miss., and she was born as |  |
| JJwell Loftin in Mt. Olive, |  |
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| Miss. They were married on May 8, 1957, in Brandon, Miss. |  |
| Mr. and Mrs. Matthews have |  |
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| Katrina Robinson, both of Big |  |
| Spring, Lee Mathews, |  |
| Arlington, and Kenn |  |
|  |  |
| have eight grandchildren. They Nazarene. He enjoys raising moved to Big Spring in 1974 . chickens and building wood |  |
| Currently, Mr. Matthews dri- crafts, and she enjoys going to |  |
| ves a truck for Reese Albert out the bingo |  |
| of San Angelo, and she is a mother. |  |
| "domestic engineer." Mr. | This was their comment |
| Matthews retired from the US | about their 40 years of mar- |
| Air Force. Previously, she had | riage, -Forty years of marriage |
| worked for the Big Spring State | and still going strong is praise |
| Hospital. They are affiliated | for two people that love one |
| with the Church of the |  |

GETTING ENGAGED


Amanda Lee Anderson an Michael Wayne Blissard, both wedding vows on June 21, 1997 at the Excalibur Chapel in Las Vegas, Nev.
She is the
She is the daughter of Milton D. "Sonny" Anderson and Spring.


Melinda Hernandez and Mike Reyes, both of Big Spring, will
unite in marriage on June 28 . 1997, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with officiating
She is the daughter of Pete
and Martha Hernandez, Big and Martha Hernandez, Big
Spring. He is the grandson of Mrs.
Jose Reyes, Big Spring, and the son of Ermelinda Holguin.
Desiree' Knight, Midland, and
Blain Redden will be united in marriage on June 14, 1997, in an outdoor ceremony at the
home of the Pranklins in Midland with Rev. Robert Fraiser officiating.
She is the daughter of
Michael and Deborah Franklin Michael and Deborah Franklin,
Midland, and Alan and Mitzi Knight, Big Spring. He is the son
Janice Redden.

Amy Alexander and Jimmy
Matthews, both of Big Spring. Matthews, both of Big Spring,
will exchange wedding vows on will exchange wedding vows on
July 26, 1997, at the Trinity
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Randy Cotton, pastor, officiat| BRANHAM FURNITURE |
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ing.
She, is the daughter of Larry
and Linda Alexander, Big and Linda Alexander, Bi Spring. He is the son of Lynn and
Janell Matthews, Jasper.


Ennet Puentes and Adrian Christopher Vera will be united
in marriage on June 28,1997 in marriage on June 28, 1997, at
Sacred Heart Catholic Church ing.
Puentes, Bis the daughter of Rodolfo Corina Aguirre, Lubbock. and He is the son of Jesse and
Mary Vera.

## Big Spring Specialty Clinic



Pictured: "Smoky," "Chief and "Geronimo", also litter
mates "Chico" and "White Face," all five are about five weeks old, these babies are irresistible and have fluffy coats in assorted colors
including calico, black, gray and white, they are sweet, very playful and need some-
one to love.
Special Note: All dogs and
cats presently available for adoption at the shelter have received their vaccinations,
including rabies. including rabies.
Comale, pretty petite 3-month-old coat and female, pretty; white coat and
blue eyes, calm and gentle personafity wb

## Newcomers

Bud and Marilyn Parker, Moore, Okla. He is the minister she is a school teacher. Paul and Tara Endtricht and son Tory, Morgan. He is
employed by Signal Homes
Inc.
Ronny and Karen Smith, daughter Lindsey and sons He is a carpenter for Monterey Construction.
Melton and Karan Smith, San
Marcos. He is a prosect Marcos. He is a project manag
er for Monterey Construction. Gerald and Tammi Coots sons William and Michael and daughter Victoria, Plainview
He works for L\&H He works for L\&H Enterprise.
Ursula Bryant, Midland. She is employed by the Big Spring
State Hospital. State Hospital.
Thomas Thomas and Loretta
Mindling, Miamisburg, Ohio He is retired from the USAF Darlene McMullan, Luling.

## Births

Jennie Ann Steel May 1997, 10:19 a.m., six pounds 10.5 ounces and 19 inches long; parSteel, Big Spring.
Grandparents are Barbara Peeples, Woodward, Okla..
David Peeples and Charles and Netha Steel, all of Dalhart.


## WHO'S


start of academics.
He mainte a student at Andrews, salutatorian and will graduate extracurricular activities
included cross country track and the 4 H Club. He also 1 is an Eagle Scout and worked as
summer camp counselor.
$H$ is He is the son of Rick an
Kenda Heckler, Andrews, an the grandson of Charlie, an Joye Minchew, Big Spring. Craig Fischer, Big Spring Principal, has been named Principal/Assistant Principal in Region 18.
Fischer was selected for the
award award by
principals/assistant principals principals/assistant principals nized at the Texas Assoceation of Secondary School Princioals (TASSP) Summer Worksho
held in Austin, June 11-13. held in Austin, June 11-13. principal at Big Spring High School for 24 years. He is ty golden eyes; beautitul pret
tong
aired coat of white, black and haired coat of white,
yellow; loves people. Cllow, loves people.
Georgiana: a real peach black tortotse-shell spayed female, sweet and very affec-
tionate. "Pumpkin" handsome
neutered orange and white neutered orange and white
male, very latd back and easy
to get along with.
Angel" cream and white long. haired spayed female, very sweet and a little attention goes
a long way!
"Rainbow" cute adult female
with long haired white coat black stripes and spots.
"OJ" charming male with sleek black coat and green
eyes; affectionate and enjoy
"Sally" pretty spayed female, white coat with gray spots, unusual green eyes.
These, plus many more dog These, plus many more dogs Adoption fees for dogs are just
345
and cats are $\$ 45$ and cats are $\$ 35$. This
includes spaying or neutering, vaccinations, wormings and rabies shots. Also covers feline leukemia tests for cats. All pets come $\begin{gathered}\text { period }\end{gathered}$
At other homes:
Male 9-month -ild German
Shepherd mix

## Military

 Navy Seaman Recruit PaulineDel Bosque, daughter of Oscar R. and Dora C. Del Bosque, Big Spring, recently took the Navy's basic food service and
innkeeping coarse, titled Mess Management Specialist School. The 1994 graduate of Big
Spring High School joined the Spring High School joined th

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Todd E. Wombwell, son of Dottie Leffler, Big Spring,
recently returned from a sixrecently returned from a six-
month deployment to the Western Pacific Ocean and Persian Gulf with Carrier Airborne Early Warnin the aircraft carrier USS Kitty Hawk.
He joined the Navy in May

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TUESDA. Pancake on stick or break-
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THURSDAY - Breakfast pocket or Sreakfast pizza, fruit juice, mille
FRIDAY LUNCH
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MONDA. Italian spaghetti; English
eas: \&lazed carrots: applesauce; hot roll; mik.
TUESDAY. Ham \& cheese sandwich potato rounds veregetabe cheese sand sticks: plineap
ple tiobths:cookies: milk. WEDNESDYY. Nacho grande; saise
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otinl w/cheese: green beans: mixe otinl whenese: green
fult w/jello: hot roll; milk. FRIDAY. Slopppy Joe; French fries:
anch style beans; pickle spears; rainSECONDARY SECOND CHOICE peas; ;lazed carrots; applesauce; hot
 unds; vegetable sticks: pheneapole tio its: cookie: hot roll: mlik.
WEDNESDA - Chet salad; crackers;
Orange: milk
THRSDAY . Pliza pocket; rotin cheese: green beaNs:I mixed frull /jello; milk.
RRIDAY - Manager's choice. ELBOW
BREAKFAS MONDAY - Cereal; pop tarts; juice; Milk.
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urning point in my life. He taught me to believe in myself.
It's a lesson that has made tri. umph possible, setbacks bearumph possible, setbacks bea dreams come true. I learned recently that my avorite teacher has passed
For our children's sake, let us hope that there are more Mr. Kuldaus out there--that rare breed of teacher who can lift a
child out of the back seat of the class and give her wings.

## Woonents Care Update By Michael S. Phillips, M.D. Diplomate, American Board Obstetrics \& Gynecology CALCIUM FOR MOTHER-TO-BE

Add yet another reeson for women to get sufflcient amounts of calcicum in their diets.
A malor new study indicates that consuming 1,500 to 2000 millicrams (mg) of calct um dally during pregnancy decreases a woman's risk of developing preecimpsia by more $h$ han 6 p percent. Preeclempsia, a condition which currenty affects about one in
14
 ments contaln oonly 200 to 300 mg of the mineral, pregnant women are urged to eat
calctum-rich calcium-rich foods. One oncco of skim millk contatined 322 mge of calcum while four culty, ask the doctor about supplementation.
A word of warning, weryone has now heard of over.the counter remedies (previously
touted for acid indigestion) that TV ads sugest are useful as calcium supplements you are pregnant, be sure to discusse calcium supplementation with your obsetericicie before buying these products-someme of thesese acid pelieverars have recenty been shown to
ond contain lead, something your baby does not ned. Your prenatal nutrition, the use of
all prescripton drugs, and over.thecounter pharmaceuticals are important sub)ection
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that contract negotiations are completed between American Airlines and its pilots, parent ing on its jet fieet.
The company with Boeing Co, and its ground breaking 86 billion deal with American, as well as studying regional jhere to buy new Eaple.
November, will likely be th first to proceed since it had been put on hold until a con-
tract was settled with the carrer's pilots.
Originally held out to the pilot union as a carrot in their contract vote, the Boeing deal
languished for months as the Allied Pilots Association and American hashed out their own agreement.
On Monday, the pilot union
overwhelmingly approved five-year pact, meaning the
Boeing jet purchase deal can

A part of the pellot contract
allows Fort Worth-based AM allows Fort Worth-based AMR Corp, to fly jets at its feeder
airline, American Eagle. That means purchase plans for those
new, smaller jets also are in new, smalle
the works.
American's firm order with American's firm order with
Boeing had included 12 wide body 777 jets, 75737 s , four 767 s and 127 7e7s. The aircraat origi nally were scheduled for deliy
ery between 1998 and 2002 ery between 1988 and 2002 .
American President Donal Carty says early delivery posi-
tions of that order have tions of that order have boeen
lost. The order, lost. The order, mostly short
and medium-haul 737s, plus some 757 s and 767 s , were missed because their purchase
was dependant on a successful was dependant
pilot contract.
Since things have been
pushed back, American will pushed back, American will
refurbish its fleet of Boeing refurbish its fleet of Boeing
727 s , an older aircraft that 727s, an older aircraft that
needs "hush kits" to quiet the needs hush mits and meet notse regula
engins required on Jan. 1, 2000.
tion

American will install the kits. "It's a númber of 727s, but "lt's a number of 727s, but
we're continuing to rework our agreement with Boeing," said
American
spokesman Comeaux.
Boeing finished up 1997 with a backlog of firm orders of
more than 1,400 commercial more than 1,400 commercial
jets. The company delivers about 340 a year.
American's contract with Boeing gives the airline the
right to buy an additional 52 jets by 2018. American would be allowed to buy those aircraft
as needed, rather than accord as needed, rather than accord
ing to the rigid delivery sched ules that characterize typical airplane orders. If American
actually buys all the aircraft actually buys all the aircraf would be worth around $\$ 30$ bil lion.
Byron Callan, Merrill Lynch, said despite early delays in
American's order he doesn't expect there to be great
changes to the Boeing contract
because of the flexibility built Eagle's position in the regional Eagle's position in the regional
industry," said American Eagle
spokesman Mitch Baranowski "Although, towards the end spokesman Mitch Baranowski. 1998 and 1999 if trends
remain constant. American could conceivably take delivery The Boeinglanes," he sald. The Boeing deal doesn't
include any of the regional jets nclude any of the regional jets
slated for American Eagle that's because the Washington. based manufacturer doesn't make them.
"If Boeing doesn't offer a elsowhet, Amere, sand can buy
"Reallan.
"Regal jets will really stay. Regional jets will really stay a market for Embraer and
Bombardier." Comeaux. said AMR is still
comer studying the Canadair regional jet made by Bombardier and American Eagle plans to use American Eagle plans to use
the jets to replace some turbo
prop planes. prop planes. "We've been evaluating the
two big 50-seat regional jets on
the market and the market and we plan to oct
rather quickly to strengthen

Eagle also is planning to
reshen its turboprop fleet. The reshen its turboprop fleet. The was buying 12 ATR-72 turboprop planes from Aero bout $\$ 200$ million. The pur chase increases Eagle's fleet of As it to 45 . As it receives the ATRs,
Eagle will retire the last 11 of ts Shorts 360 airplanes. Baranowski said. Those planes, which seat 36 people each, are ome of Eagle's oldest craft. he company's hub in San uan, Puerto Rico.
Aside from the still-unknown-
brand of regional jets, Eagle brand of regional jets, Eagle craft in a 206 -plane fleet. Three years ago it had four brands of aircraft in a 270 -plane fleet, nance more difficult, according nance more dirf
to the company

## Elrod's e

 By CARLTOA project that began last old Box (Gibson's Discount Center for some) Building at 2309 Scurry by Dee and Lymda Blrod has resulted in two
things for Big Spring - occu. pancy of a 70,000 square foot
building and a tremendous building and a tremendous expansion of a local business.
To celebrate 10 months of To celebrate 10 months of
hard work, Elrod's Furniture held a walk-through of its new store from 5 p.m. to $7: 30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Thursday for those people on lts customer list, and had its
grandopening sale Friday and Saturday.
According to Lynda Elrod,
the store advertiyed last in the Big 8pring Colorado City and Snyder areas, and will advertise in the Midiand-
Odessa areas this coming Odessa
Elrod's
includes a 20,000
new
location howrom and 38,000 square What customers. saw Thursday and during the twoday grandopening event is a
far cry from what things ooked like when Elrod's began moving from its Third
street location, according to Lynda.
The first major hurdle was the roof, which was just
beginning to get its facelift when last year's drought
broke temporarily and delivered Big Spring its wettest Next was the interior,
which Lynda said left every. one wondering where to
oegin. Renovations firs began with new electrical began being installed outside just to gee electricity to the buliding. "When we started, we start. Lynda sald. Dee and Lynda are the third eneration of Elrod's to own and operate the store, which
was started in 1926 in Slaton by Dee's grandfather J.W. Eirod and then passed on to his father David Elrod, who stil works in
part-time basis.
The business moved to Big pring next round of design change

## -T — T T T <br> House bill allows Texans to sue HMOs

AUSTIN (AP) - A man twice complains of chest pains, and diac specialist. His health insurance carrier denies coverheart attack.
His widow sues both the doc. tor and the insurance carrier. The carrier receives an exemptor does not.
On Wednesday, the Texas House gave preliminary approval to legislation that carriers in such cases to be or died It their decisions to deny or delay coyerage result in harm. sonate already has
pitieed a stinilar bill. The
House version, approved on a frouse verslon, approved on a
voice vote, faces another vote
before heading back to the
Senate for consideration of amendments.
The measure, supporters say, between life and death
"It will save lives," said Rep. John's smithee, R-Amarillo, the of your family it may be one one in your community. It may even be you. real people being denied medical care that they've already bought and paid for.
to sue health insurance carri. ers, health maintenance organi.
zations and other managed groups if they deny or delare medical coverage and that deci-
sion causes harm to the sion causes harm to the
patient. Employers who carry a
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { could not be held liable. } & \text { and other entities } \\ \text { sued for malpractice }\end{array}$ As of September 1996, about
4.3 million Texans were enrolled in rexans were health plans.
In order for a lawsuit to pro-
ceed, the person suing would have to exhaust the insurer's internal appeals process and
agree to submit a claim for agree to submit a claim for
review by an independent organization.
Under cu
Under current law, managed-
nization care organizations cannot be
held legally accountable for their treatment decision because of a statutory prohib tion against the corporate prac
tice of medicine, bill support ers said.
Smithe put managed-care groups on a be sued for breach of contract
and deceptive trade practices. sued wo
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 came to Big Spring in 1937
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { sued for malpractice. } & \text { costs would increase by mil- } \\ \text { "They shouldn't be treated as } \\ \text { lions of dollars under the bill }\end{array}$ special citizens with special Oliveira offered a substitute privileges," he said. "We're try. bill that would have allowed $\begin{array}{ll}\text { ing to make the party that did } & \text { Texans to ask for an indepen- } \\ \text { the wrong thing pay the dam- } \\ \text { dent review of decision }\end{array}$ $\begin{aligned} & \text { ages.". } \\ & \text { Howg }\end{aligned}$ However, opponents of the
bill said insurers already can bill said insurers already can
be sued for breach of contract In addition, they argued that
allowing heal allowing health insurers to be
sued would increase the cost of "If you make it more expen,
sive for managed-care providers to do business in
Texas, you make it more expensive for employers to pro-
vide health care," said Rep them to sue.
He said an appeal would proHe said an appeal would pro-
vide a faster resolution of questionable decisions than a law. suit.
"They can get a response in a leave it up to litigation, it leave it up to litigation,
could take years," he said. Oliveira's proposal was Smithee's bill has been
8acked by backed by consumer groups
and the Texas Medical Rene Ollveira, D.Brownevill Aseciation

Elrod's Furniture completed its move to Its new Scurry Street location Friday and Saturday with a ribbon cutting ceremony and grandopening sale. Eirod's now gallery look glves customers a ehance to see what their purchases will look like in an actual room setting. The move comes after
Elrod's served the Big Spring community from Its old Thlid Street location for 35 years. Elrod's frrst
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