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## THURSDAY March 25, 1999 <br> Tonlght: <br> 

Child To Work Day scheduled for April 22 In a story about "Take
Your Child to Work Day" in
Wer Wednesday's Herald, the
date for this event was ate for this event was
incorrect due to information provided to the Herald.
-Take Your Child To Work -Take Your Child To Work
Day" will be observed Thursday, April 22 . Carl Smoot of Norwest Bank is encouraging' other local businesses to take
advantage of this learning experience for local youth. cxper hime at orr 26 -.ccal youth.
cor more
information

BSHS students to compete Friday in academic meet Forty-six Big Spring High
School students will be competing Friday in the District $5-4 \mathrm{~A}$ UIL Academic meet.
With contests such as num With contests such as number sense, , calculators, com

puter science, ready writing and journalism, students | from ninth through |
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| frade |
| grath |
| match |
| their | nowledge and skills sagains schools.

The event takes place at Howard college, and is
What's UP
TODA

- Parents Who Care, those party, meet at $\tau$ p.m., high school library. Call' Kelly McBee at $263-2306$ or Sue iagwell at
information.
OMasonic Lodge No. 598, friday
O Signal Mountain Quiting Guild,, 9 am. $\begin{aligned} & \text { a.to } \\ & \text { p.m., St. Mary's } \\ & \text { Episcopal }\end{aligned}$ Church. Call 267-1037 or 267 7281. Bring a lunch.
AMBUCS B AMBUCS (American
Business
Club) Business
Brandin'Iron Restaurant.
Club), - Spring City Senior Citizens country/western
dance, $7: 30$ to $10: 30$ p.m. All dance, $7: 30$ to 10
seniors invited.


## SATURDAY

- Big Spring Humane Society dog flea dip, $1.6 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$ end. s5 per dog. Dance $8: 30$ Lodge, 704 W. Third. veryone welcome. - The Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
$\square$ The Potton House, 200 Gregge, a restored historic
home, is open from 1.5 p.m.


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den.

Area rancher Leland Wallace selected as Ag Producer of the Year

By JOHN H. WALKER Managing Editor


## tion as its vice president. In 1998, Wallace and the late

Emergency services respond to 'explosion'
Drill prepares response teams in case of an actual disaster by marsha sturdivant 5mm



Moore board receptive to helping fund Port-To-Plains By BILL McCLELL News Editor
Moore Moore Development for Big
Spring Spring board tabled a request help provide
funding for the Port-To-Plains Corridor but
board members board members
were in general agreement they will contribute. will contribute.
I recognize it
is worthy Day celebration at Dorothy
Garrett Coliseum. The award was presented by State Rep.
David Counts (D-Knox City). David Counts (D-Knox City).
Wallace has raised registered
Hereford cattle and sold them Hereford cattle and sold the
all across the United States for
more than 40 years. Each year more than 40 years. Each year,
he sponsors the Anxiety 4th
Hereford Show and Sale at
Snyder's Scurry County Coliseum.
He is a longtime member of
the Texas Hereford Association the Texas Hereford Association
and has served that organiza-
"I've known him since the 40s and there is absolutely no one more deserving of this aroard than Leland Wallace."

Dawson County rancher and triend Arlan Youngblood

Toots Mansfield were recogthe Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo's annual rodeo parade. For years, he has served
the association as a board membe

support it, it's just a matter of
finding out exactly what help is eeded. Once we figure out all e pieces of the puzze, I think is one of economic develop we'll be receptive to it," Terry should be asked to fund it, or at Wegman, president of the
board, told
representatives of assist in funding it.
"I think it will bring national board, told representatives of
the city, county and chamber of Wegman's comments Wegman's comments came a
day after Big Spring City
Council approved Council approved on second
reading a resolution to become reading a resolution to become
a member of the Port-To-Plains a member of the Port-To-Plains
Coalition. However, some city
council members, including
establish the Southwest to Northwest International Trade Corridor through the Panhandle and down through Big Spring economic development for cities and counties along the route.
Cities and counties along the Cities and counties along the
route are being asked to contribute funds that will be used to employ an engineering form to conduct a study to survey the
feasibility of establishing the feasibility of establishing the
corridor as well as promote it corridor as well as promote it. See MOore, Page 2A
and that they
close to them.
Wallace and his wife, the for
mer Jerald Marie Buchanan mer Jerald Marie Buchanan on the Snyder Highway and wil celebrate their 59 thway anniversary next month. They are member Methodist Church.
They are fantastic people, said Jim Boyd, field man for the
American American
Association. They
He an awful Association. "They do an awfu
lot behind the scenes that few

## See wallace Page 2A

## Walk

Groups gear up to raise funds for $M S$
$\frac{\text { By BuL MeCLELLAN }}{\text { News Editor }}$
Groups are forming to join in Saturday's MS Walk, a con-
cerned effort to help the West Texas Division of the Multiple Sclerosis So
iety. iety.
Big Sprin
city employee city employees
have a group 30 strong that will
be marching be marching in
the event, sche-
duled to begin duled to begi
at 10 a.m. Par
ticipants. ticipants will
begin signing in at 9 am, at First Baptis Church. "M Ther route runs through the Coronado subdivi
sion and into Comanche Trai Park, returning to the church. "Heinis Highsteppers" is the city coalition, named in honor of Dianna Heinis, an MS victim "Everyone is really behind this, especially the firemen, said city employee Sand Smith, team captain. "Mark is
an excellent hand and the fire an excellent hand and the fire him . I'm real proud of them for
The group will also be giving away a Juan Gonzales basebal cap and Beanie Babies as an extra incentive to participate. Last year, the local effor raised more than $\$ 15,000$ to ben raised more than $\$ 15,000$ to ben fund research for a cure. Tha was the most money raised an
the most number of walkers in the United States, per capita said Kathryn Miller, special events coordinator for the Wes Sclerosis Society.
"We want to see a huge
urnout there turnout there Saturday, said
Leigh Corson, co-cordinator of eigh Corson, co-coordinator o cause. The MS Society provides some wonderful services.
Without them, those who have SS would have aose who have time getting through their day oday lives. 'In the last several years, MS research has developed som some of the symptoms. They'v made progress but they still have a ways to go to find cure, Corson said.
Walkers collect pledges for he efrorts, and participants can win prizes depending on the amount of money raised. Top See MS WALK, Page 2A

Quality of life top issue at Community Futures Forum here

By debbie L. JEN

$\begin{array}{lll}\text { Tuesday, sponsored by the } & \text { group will attempt to focus" } & \text { community less dependent on } \\ \text { Texas Agricultural Extension } & \text { that issue and determine what } \\ \text { the agriculture and oil indus- }\end{array}$ Texas Agricultural Extension that issue and determine what
Service. A group of about 30 can be done locally to see it local residents, after sorting become reality. At that meeting,
through dozens of issues,
the extension service will also through dozens of issues,
named improved quality of life named improved quality
as their number one goal.
"In looking at that, that tells that could help the community me that people who live in This will be developing a Howard County are very inter- plan of action for further work munity, that they like living here, ssaid Dana Tarter, county
extension agent for family and consumer science. $\begin{array}{ll}\text { consumer science. } & \text { local economy. Participants } \\ \text { At a meeting April 13, another }\end{array}$
tries.
Third in importance was a
group of economic issues group of economic issues retention of businesses, redevel opment of downtown, attraction
of new businesses and further development of the airpark.
orth Other top issues were
"improve and diversify educa improve and diversify educa
tion in our public schools," and highly effective leadership within local governments." Extension gent Brandon
McGinty said he was pleased

This is just the right amoun of people," he said, "and we've got a good diversity of issues. Three small groups worked to dentify key issues, bringin group where they were nar rowed down and prioritize
Bryan Unruh, extension spe cialist from Fort Stockton, was one of the group facilitators.
'We ..: are interested in learh See Forum, Page 2

## ObITLARIES

## Seferina Martinez

 Mary Catholic Church with the
Rev. Chris Coleman officiating
Burial will follow at Mount Burival wemetery. Shen at a locul hospital
She mas She was born Aug. 26,1919 .
in Lamesa She was a home
in spring for the last 20 years. Survivors include her son
Vicente Martinez of Big Spring. hrree daughters, Anastacia
Rodriguez, Rita Valbuena and Rodriguer, Rita Vabuena and
Virginia Weaver all of Bie
Spring; one brother, Chavel
Sta Sepulveda; a sister. Tomasa
Cardenas of Odessa; 20 grand Cardenas or odessa, 20 grand
children and eight great-Erand
children Arrangements under the Funeral Home and Chapel Perry Daily Ior Pery Smith Funeral Home of Big Spring
for Perry
He died Thursday, March 2. Donald Sabaitis
 Was born March 7. 1939,
woarorn, Mich. He retire
from the U.S. Army on Nov. 3 , served in France, Germany
Korea and Vietnam. He ha veeterans a ritive ins, esporking for
disabled vieterans Mr, Sabaitis had lived in Big
Spring since 1984 , moving here Catholic. Fort Bliss. He was daughters, Nancy Pherigo of
New orleans. La.. Audrey Johnston of Abilene and Karin
Sabaitis of El Paso and seven grandchildren.
Arrangements are under the
irection of Myers \& Smith
FORUM


MYERS \& SMITH FUNERAL HOME \& \& Johnoon 267-8288 Perry Daily, died Thursday Jerses are pending. James Weldon Weaver, 77 ,
ded Monday. Graveside services are 4.00 PM today at
Coahoma Cemetery. Donald Sabaitis, 60 , died Tuesday. Milltary graveside
spervices are $1: 30$ PM (MST services are
Fridey at Ft. Bliss National Cometery.


Matre poad desin for sourall DRIL Other issues that were dis-
cussed during the forum includ-


## MS WALK

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## MOORE


 vide approximately 88,200
"I shows the ommunity
want to all
Fuqua. do our share," said
Fuqu
hore Development board
tabed the matter until exact
dolllar anounts are
including adecision on whewne
the chamber Incluading a decision on whethe
the chamber will contribute
those fund it has coming back
from the I 27 hat Morer Developent board
Members also tabled a reques to retain a consultant for fuuture
projects. That reques will be
taken up in April taken
said.
The b
The board did accept a bid of
S350 a month to retain Ramire Janitorial Service, while noting Janitorial Service, while
that tids ranged from the
$\$ 350$, to as high as $\$ 1,800$

DO YOU NEED
PROTECTION FROM CREDITOR BUSINESS PERSONAL bankruptcy may YOUR ANSWER
ROBERT D. MILL

## eral gency in th and ing in mann gate.

gency. including two men lost
in the field and farnily members demand-
ing informatio ing information from personnel
manning the office and front simmy Miller's wife, and she
says she doenst want to help
with the drill any more,. Kosh
joked after the drill concluded. joked after the drill concluded.
A community member posed
as Miller's wife (Miller is
unmarried), and made several unmarried, and made several
telephone calls to the front gate,
demanding information and refusing to take no for an
answer.
Various departments within the plant took on jobs that
helped coordinate the response
effort. A command central was oftices. Here, reports from the
hot zone were disseminated
into information that was
 Railroad Commission.
A media room was estab-
lished, where news reporters lished, where news reporters
and photographers were escort-
ed for information
A staging area organized
ader


him. I sold a lot of bulls wwith
him and made a lot of trips with
Leland. He's a super Hereford breed supporter. He supports
the $4 . \mathrm{H}$ Club and the kids. I
can't think of anyone more deserving."
Ag Committee chairman
Gibson Feagins said selecting a
recipient was not easy.
"It's a difficult award to select
, because of the number of quali-
fied farmers and ranchers we
have." Feagins explained. "It
can be anyone involved in ine
production of agriculture." The Expo got under way at 9
this morning and will run until
4 p.m. and includes exhibits by implement dealers, farm sup-
plies, seed suppliers, financial
institutions and insurance
providers. providers.
Seminars hosted by the
Howard County Extension
Service included row spacing. Howard County Extension
Service included row spacing.
row patterns and plant popula-
tions by Dr. Bryan Unruh. xtension agronomist; boll wee
vil summary for Howard
County and boll weevil manage
ment. by Tommy Doederlein ment, by Tommy Doederlein
EA-IPM-Dawson County; and
the economics of drip irrigation
by David Kight. Howard County
 Dr. Unruh; continuing educa
Dina Shelly Borgstedte, Texarks.
Department of Agriculture and
wert worker protection standards,
laws and regulations. -We feel like its a worthwhile
project to show farmers appre-
ciation for their efforts in lough market. It's a wonderfer difficult in the last few years
Feagins said. The annual Ag Appreciation Day celebration is sponsored by
the Ag Committee of the Big
Spring Area Chamer Commerce and more than 500
persons in farming and ranch-
ing were fed at the noon mear

## Briefs



Pick 3: 7,0,9
Lотто:16,20,28,30,43,45


## Fire/EMS

Following is a summary of
Spring
Big
Department/EMS reports: WEDNESDAY 12:06 a.m. - 1400 block 25 th,
medical call, patient transpor
 11:25 a.m.
Simler, medical ctill partient Center. 1:21 p.m. - 1700 block W.
Fourth, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.
4:15 p.m. -1300 block
Sycame. trash fire, extin Sycamore, trash fire, extin-
guished by responding units.
$5: 43$ p.m. -3200 block Parkway, trauma call, patient
transported to SMMC. 7:35 p.m. -700 block
Hillside, medical call, service
 A headline on Page 1A of
Wednesday's Big Spring Herald misrepred in the story abou the boll weevil eradication
vote. The headline on the story hould havine "State fund ing may hinge on outcome
boll weevil vote, group told."

## Records

 STONEBROOK, 29, was arrest- PAULA BAKER, 39, was
arrested for criminal trespass arrested and local warrants.
wand
JUVENILE PROBLEM were reported in the 1000 block Gregg.
ASSAULT was reported in he 1200 block of Madison. - ROBERT CARSON was arrested for possess
juana less than two ounces.
- ATTEMPTEE BURGLAR


Bia Spping Her Bra Spanga Hen
Thursclay, Marc

## Clinton justifies airstrikes to prevent wider war in Europe





Congressional Texans voice support for troops $\begin{array}{lll}\text { WASHINGTON (AP) } & \text { Republicans and three } \\ \text { Texans in Congress expressed }\end{array}$

## Nation's first nuclear waste repository seems poised to open

> After 25 years, hundreds studies, countless hearings and Department of Energy loaded a Wednesday radioactive waste send it on a historic journey to send it on a historic journey to
an underground dump in southern New Mexico's salt beds. Just after midnight, a semi-
tractor trailer carrying three was expected to head down high mountain plateau on a 270 . face, WIPP will contain protec-

but if they disrupt the flow of those shipments there's a good
likelihood they'll be arrested." The latest appeals involved a hazardous waste permit the state has yet to issue for the facility and a pending lawsuit
against the U.S. Environmental against the U.S. Environmental tion of the repository crtifica-
The state has no jurisdiction The state has no jurisdiction
over radioactive waste. But it does over so-called
mixed waste, which contains
$\qquad$
$\qquad$ Tuesday he expects then said will be issued, probably in the next few months.
the permit should be in plaed the permit should be in place
first, because there is no sure way of determining whether
waste is contaminated with waste is contaminated with
other substances and the permit other substances and the permit
process will be meaningless process will be meanin
once the waste is buried.
Federal government will stop regulating most cable television services

WASHINGTON (AP) - Th
government is getting out of the
business of trying business of trying to hold down
Americans' monthly cable Ty bills. During the past several
years, even with that regula tion, rates rose sharply.
Starting March 31, the Federal
Communications Commission following the directive of a 1996 following the direotive of a, 1896
lawi will stop regulating most
House Republicans push $\$ 1.74$ trillion 2000 budget, with $\$ 141.4$ billion surplus WASHINGTON (AP) - House
Republicans are diriving toward passage of their first budget
an era of government surpluses, a plan'rarated to buttress Social
Security and raise Pentagon Security and raise Pentagon
spending while leaving room for sizable tax cuts.
Democrats charged
advance that the GOP
shortchange Medicare. effort to try to lock up the sur plus in payroll taxes for Socia Security and Medicare," House John Committee Chairman Wednesday on the eve of debate on the House floor. "Our tax cu The budget lays out prioriti and sets guidelines for spending year.
As such, it marks a critical Republican majority and the
new House speaker. Dennis Hastert of Hllinois.
Hastert has labored intensivel Hastert has labored intensively
in recent weeks to line up the support needed to approve the tax and spending plan. He mollified one powerful potential of Pennsylvania, only hours of Pennsyivania, one debate began, in a
besture of bipartisanship,
gestur
 The $\$ 1.77$ trillion Republican
blueprint for fiscal 2000 env sions a surplus of $\$ 141.4$ billion.
The government ran a surplu last year for the first time in
three decades, triggering
debate over how to allocate th money suddenly available b the tens of billions of dollars.
In the House, the GOP plan
calls for setting aside $\$ 1.8$ tril calls for setting aside $\$ 1.8$ tril-
lion in surpluses through 2009
to pay down the federal to pay down the federal debt, a
step designed to strengthen
Social Security. In theory, debt ocial Security. In theory, deb
reduction would lead to
stronger economy and mor government revenues to pay
retirement benefits.
Social Security aside, the GOP Social Security aside, the GOP
budget would boost defense
spending to $\$ 289$ billion, $\$ 9$ bil lion more than this year and $\$ 8$
billion more than President Clinton mase proposed. It would also increase spending for primore than $\$ 2$ billion next year and provide more for some agr Other programs would have to be cut to keep Congress from
breaking spending caps put int place in the 1997 balanced bud

Six people killed in Wisconsin van crash JANESVILLE, Wis. (AP) - A
van carrying 14 people over-
turned on a highway today, turned on a highway today, and injuring the authorities said.
The driver of the van apparently lost control at 12:30 a.m. on Interstate 90 about 70 miles
west of Milwaukee, said a dis patcher for the Wisconsin State patcher
Two men and a woman, all in
their early 20s, were in critical their early 20s, were in critical
condition, and a 19 -year-old condition, and a trea-year-old and
woman
released from Janesville Mercy released from Janesville Mercy
Hospital, said nursing coordina-




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"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment or reltion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof,
or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to peti
tion the Government for a redress of grievances."
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## Our Views

Disaster drill
proves response teams are ready

Ttre was an explosion with injuries and a fata on one of Fina's salt water wells Wednesday No, it wasn't real, but rather a drill to help test
he preparedness of both Fina personnel as well sonnel from the Big Spring Police and Fire as personnel from the Big Spring Police and Fire Department, Howard County Sheriff's Department, Coahoma EMS and Scenic Mountain Medical Center, among others
Everyone "passed" their test Wednesday, which lastabout $21 / 2$ hours.
While Fina is required by its various regulatory agencies to perform a variety of drills on a regular
basis, this was one of those rare drills that brought in every agency that could be impacted locally every agen
the press.
As observers, what we saw was an organization (Fina) well-prepared to meet a disaster. We also saw
our local agencies respond in a timely and professional manner, also proving they, too, are ready for a disaster, should one come our way.
That thought - of a disaster at Fina - is chilling in
itself. Even though we knew the emergency siren itself. Even though we knew the emergency siren was going to sound to signal the Level I emergency, its
lonesome wail still sends chills up and down your spine. Bur and fine-tunings that need to be made in certain areas and there were other areas where sugges-
tions were made that could improve the overall tions wer
response
But the real bottom line, as far as we're concerned following Wednesday's drill is the knowledge we can go about our daily routines with the security that
there are personnel in place within our community who are fully capable of dealing with an emergency in a professional and timely manner
And whether we live close to Fina or on the other
side of town; that information should make us feel And whether we ine close to Fina or on the other
more secure every time we pull up those covers on our more secure
bed at night.

Other Views

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## Credit life policies are a sneaky scheme


 play David against a billio
dollar insurance Goliath. In "The Raince Goker," Grisham's protagonists take on a wealthy insurance company
that refuses to honor a lifeinsurance policy for a poor family's dying son. A somilar
story is playing out in the story is playing out in the
small town of Shelby, N.C. The widow Kelly is suing a
California insurance giant for allegedly failing to honor a "credit life" policy she took
for her husband before his
. that she and her husband forthright about Mr. Kelly's when the policy was issued. In
fact, Mr. Kelly's credit-life policy was attached to a loan explicitly taken out to pay his
mounting medical bills. Even so, Kelly says, the company
assured them that they qualified for coverage.

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { Balboa Insurance of } \\
& \text { California, which wrote the } \\
& \text { policy_says that Mr. Kelly wa }
\end{aligned}
$$

policy, says that Mr. Kelly was
never eligible for its policy never eligible for its policy
because he failed to disclose a serious heart condition.
Mrs. Kelly filed a claim demanding that Balboa pay off
the balance of a $\$ 43,000$ loan, the balance of a $\$ 43,000$ loan,
the company instead the company instead sent her a
check for $\$ 3,600$-- equal to the amount of the policy premium that was rolled into the loan.
The credit life policy, Mrs.


Kelly was told, was null and Kelly's pending lawsuit,
scheduled to be tried scheduled to be tried late this
year, highlights just one of the year, highlights just one of the
problems in an industry many observers say is decidedly
unfriendly to consumers unfriendly to consumers.
Some background: Credit insurance is a $\$ 17$ billion industry and growing quickly
Policies which are usualy Policies, which are usually
sold by banks when issuing sold by banks when issuing loans, guarantee that total pay-
ment will be made should the borrower die before the loan is
paid. The premiums are often paid. The premiums are often
rolled into the loan itself, making borrowing more costly. And sometimes - as Mrs. Kelly learned - the payments
are for naught. The insurance companies aren't the only ones getting
rich. Insurers form partnerrich. Insurers form partnerships with banks by promising
rich kickbacks and commisrich kickbacks and commis-
sions for every policy sold sions for every policy sold. As
a result, borrowers don't have
the opportunity to shop around
ve got
for the best insurer. If you're
borrowing from Bank X, you
automatically automatically get $Y$ insurance.
Birny Birnbaum, an econo mist with the Texas-based Center for Economic Justice, says that credit-insurance com
panies pay out less than 39 panies pay out less than 39
cents on every dollar they receive, and some firms are paying as little as 12 cents on
the dollar. Compare that to ty ical life-insurance policies, which pay out about 90 cents that pay 85 cents. It's nowon-
der why so many prestigious banks are jumping into this business -- and why millions Americans are pelted with
offers for credit insurance For just pennies or dollars per day, the sales pitch goes
you can you can protect your heirs your debt should anything pen to you. The pitch, according to Birnbaum's group and proved especially Union, has among low-incuy effective

And the deal gets even swee er for the banks. As profits go nies, they are passed along to the banks - not customers. much lar paid to a credit lifery dol ance company finds its way to the lender's coffers in the form Birnbaum told our associas, to wonder who came up with
this scheme."
Blame for the credit life scam is scattered between the lenders and state insurance regulators. John Sheldon, wh studies the issue at the in Boston, thinks banks are the worst offenders. "Bribe me the most," Sheldon says, "and I most.". So far, regulators have
turned a blind eye to this bur geoning industry. credit-life insurance - or per centage of money paid out for claims against every dollar
that comes in is a paltry 60 percent; far lower than other lines of insurance. Yet regulators can't force credit insurance companies to pull their cent range either. As for the Kelly case, we
have learned that the insur ance company named in her lawsuit, Baboa, was a fully the lender for the Kelly's
$\$ 43,000$ loan Both $\$ 43,000$ loan. Both companies billion by The Associates bank ing group, a spin-off from Ford
Motor Company with $\$ 72$ bilMotor Company with $\$ 72$ billion in assets.
The Associate few appearances of their own in this column for lending tac tics that often target th
and unsophisticated.


## You never forget how to ride a bike

Mnew bicycle for went with her to
for example, could raise the
cap on the money that now
flows frem the state's cap on the money that now
flows from the state's sporting
goods tax to state parks. That goods tax to state parks. That
move would free up more funds to-pperate Texas parks,
which are so important to pro-
viding more Texans opportunities to explore the
THE BORDER Comptroller Carole Keeton
Rylander has discovered one way to help the state meet some dramatic needs along the
Texas-Mexico border without Texas-Mexico border without
using general revenue. The
comptroller proposes that comptroller proposes that road and building projects
along crowded border high. along crowded border high
ways, and then use those

## payments

 payments from the 1998 federaltransportation bill This apportation bil
This approach may require a
constitutional amendment. But legislators should explore the proposal. It provides a creative way to help Texas build up its
border communities and also accelerate the flow of goods
der. After some acrimonious skirmishes, the Texas Senate
passed a plan Wednesday that passed a plan Wednesday that
appropriately requires preg. appropriately requires preg-
nant teenagers to notify either nair parents or a judge befor getting an abortion. Unlike other bills before the Legislature, this measure does not prohibit a young girl from
getting an abortion. But it doe getting an abortion. But it does
require her to stop, think and involve her family or an officer of the court before doing
(He actually was my (He actually was my best couldn't admit your best friend was a boy.) We rode our bikes no less than a million miles, over,
around and through a peaceful
neighborfood. Donnie's a col around and through a peace
neighborhiood. Donnie's a co-
lege English professor now, a
sophisticated sophisticated, gray-haired fel-
low who has been in the theater, read everything, written ater, read everything,
serious papers, collected
deres degrees along life's way.
Once he was simply Don Once he was simply Donnie,
kind, red-haired and freckled, a kind, red-haired and freckled, a
Toby Tyler with size 26 bicycle tires. (Mine were only 22s.)
I remember the first time I remember the first time I
saw him. I was sitting curbsaw him. I was sitting curb-
side, checking the air pressure in a tire. There was ample air and I knew it, but sometimes it
felt good to sit down and spin felt good to sit down and spin
those marvelously balanced those marvelously balans
black rubber doughnuts against the flat of your hand. Suddenly I saw an inquisitive
face through the spokes of face through the spokes of my "That a 22 or a 24?" he aske
Thus did our relationship begin in the safe and circum-
ferential realm of childhood.

There was an unwritten bicy-
cle etiquette among children. If
someone wanted to talk, both
bicyclists slowed down while bicyeone wanted to talk, both. If $\begin{array}{ll}\text { bought a jar of marshmallow } \\ \text { crear and took turns dipping } \\ \text { our fingers into the }\end{array}$ you could hear. If someone was
you hill, no-hands, there was no need to announce it. The part
with the wild thought simply started down the hill, and the were tired, your partner knew
it when you dismoun dropped the bike to the groun and fell beside it. If you were dickstand.
traddling those lives while discussed careers as private detectives, scientists and writ
ers. We ers. We planned trips to
Florida and France. We debated the merits and drawbacks of working mothers (like his) and
stay-at-home moms (like mine)
We stay-at-home moms sedike mine).
We blazed secret trails through the tall grass beyond the cul-de-sac, and carefully balanced
cartons of glass Coke bottles on cartons of glass Coke bottles on
our handlebars. We redeemed
the bottles for change our hattleb for change at the
Little Store, then sent Little Store, then spent the
money on candy. Once we most literal sense You don't see kids on bikes like you used to. You see
adults. And the congested streets aren't safe for bicyclists
of any age, really. Now people have to strap their bikes to their cars and haul them somewhere far from home to ride. Traffic crawled through Ware
Hill Drive twice a day - once Hill Drive twice a day - onc
when the men went off to work, again when they came
home. The rest of the time the home. The rest of the time the
street was empty except for street was empty except for
housewives in kerchiefs swap ping gossip, kids on homemade skateboards and best pals in
tandem, riding their bikes.

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## House

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Medicaid pat can't be evic from nursing


## Freed dea inmate finds to get life tos CHICAGO (AP) death row inma

## House debates \$1.3 billion for Central America, farmers

WASHINGTON (AP) - Whẹ President Clinton Despite a White House veto requested the aid a month ago,
threat. Republican leaders he proposed paying for it most$\begin{array}{ll}\text { threat, Republican } & \text { leaders } \\ \text { began pushing a } \$ 1.3 \text { billion } & \text { he proposed paying for it most- } \\ \text { ly out of this year's anticipated }\end{array}$ package , through the House today that would help Central America recover from Hurricane Mitch and dispense Republicans and Democrats mostly agreed on how the noney would be spent. But they
were clashing over how the leg were clashing over how the
islation should be paid for.
Medicaid patients can't be evicted from nursing home WASHINGTON (AP) - Many nursing home residents who their way are gaining help from new law protecting them new law pr
aur parents, grandparents seniors deserve to be secure in he knowledge that they will not be forced to live like ears,"' said Sen. Bob Graham Fa.: a sponsor of the legisia President Clinton planned to sign the measure today The bill easily passed Democrats and Republicans vere eager to respond to a high
y publicized attempt last year y one of the nation's largest nursing home, operators, Vencor Inc., to remove its homes in several states. Public criticism and pressure from government regulators But many lawmakers wanted a law that would prevent an such actions by nursing home The new law would not force nursing homes to accep Medicaid patients. However ing new Medicaid patient ould be barred from evictin or transferring those Medicaid Forts they already have. hobse not to accept Medicaid patients would have to notify any new residents able to pay heir own way at first that they might have to move if they and need to rely on Medicaid. Most Americans think of Medicaid as providing health hildren. But two-thirds o elderly nursing home patient heip pay for their care With averaging $\$ 40,000$ a year, about half of the senior citizens wh nust turn to Medicaid withi three to five years. Vencor and nursing home industry groups supported the Congress also to look into the fairness of Medicaid rates, say ing inadequate payments are a dents face.

Freed death row inmate finds it hard to get life together
CHICAGO (AP) - Former death row inmate Anthon Porter walked out of custody or the second time in six my life together" after being ailed on domestic battery " T 'm innocent and no com ment right now, sald the 4 in days of execution and spent more than 16 years in priso nit. stand, and get my life together," he told reporters as he lef ednesday. death row largely through the Unforts of a Northwestern was jailed again Tuesday on domestic battery charges. Poilce said he attacked one of and her mother, Carlia Perkins "He was beating my mom," the 26 -year-old Porter told the Chicago Tribune. "He was punching her in
Porter was released o Wednessay after posting bond. Attorney Daniel Sanders said a Porter relative had put up the federal surplus. House measure - and a $\$ 2.2$ bilion version approved Tuesday Republicans would instead cut programs Clinton likes. These for purchasing weapons-grade plutonium and uranium from


It signals that we are com- nuclear threat mitted to changing the way Edwards said cutting that pro-

things are done in Washington,
gram would be "unwise, dan to living within our means," gerous, and I hope and pray not said Rep. Porter Goss, R-Fla. Demoerats and administra tion officials said the cuts were unwise. Rep. Chet Edwards, Dspending billions on a new antimissile defense system with their proposal to cut $\$ 150$ mil-
lion from the program that purlion from the program that pur-
chases nuclear materials from
Russia to reduce that nation's Russia to reduce that nation's

Senate approval marked a rebirth for a measure that only Monday seemed destined to remain unfinished for another month. The major obstacle was
removed after Republicans deleted language seeking to ock U.S. military involvement the Senate adopted a separate,

U.S. action.

s. action. supporting sponsor of the measure, said it
would "permit the United States Senate passage came after sen- to shoulder unambiguously its
to 1998 accident in which a Marine


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| All bodies of water are subject to the tide-  <br> producing forces of the sun and moon, but  <br> only where oceans and continents meet  <br> are tides great enough to be noticed.  |

Big Spring Herald

## New insurance plan aims to create healthy kids

Parents struggling to make ends meet might want to take advantage of a non- profit corporation formed by the Texas Legislature Kids Corp. Represent on Tuesday, April 6, to introduce the program to parents and to help fill o orms for those who are interested. Everyone is welcome to come, chi- dren too," said Jennifer Bice, a repreTexas, which is handling coverage in the Howard County area.<br>The enrollment will be held from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. at Dorothy Garrett coliseum. Those who attend should use he west entrance. the west entrance.

| Texas Healthy Kids Corp. |  |
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| Any family can take advantage of the program, which the legislature set up to ensure that all children in Texas can be covered by health insurance. Local rates will be $\$ 72$ per child per month. However, low-income families may be eligible to pay as little as $\$ 10$ per child per month. <br> The statewide program covers children age 2 through 17. The child must not have been insured for the past 90 days, and has to be enrolled in school, | if old enough. Also, the child cannot be covered by any other health care plan or program, such as Medicaid, and has to have been a resident of Texas for at least six months. <br> "Texas Healthy Kids Corp. envisions a Texas where health insurance benefits for children will be accessible and affordable to all Texas families," said Tyrette Hamilton, executive director of Texas Healthy Kids, Corp. <br> Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas repre- |

said the program is a PPO-styled ser
vice. It is more expensive than some o vice. It is more expensive than some of
the Texas Healthy Kids rates across
Texas, but allows more choice for the Texas, but allows mor
Coverage includes physicians' office
visits, immunizations, well-child visits prescription drugs, eyeglasses, lab tests X-rays, hospitalization, basic mental health and treatment for chemical
dependency, rehabilitation and home health services.
Dental benefits are also available but are optional- $\$ 3.75-\$ 4.50$ a month for parents who pay the full
Information at the enrollment will be available in both English and Spanish.
For questions about the program cal For questions about the program, cal Wilbourn at (915) 570-6927,
699-0344 or 1-877 WELL KID.

## SCHOOL NEWS

## Coahoma band

The following Coahoma Junior High Band Students
participated in UIL Solo and participated in UIL Solo and
Ensemble Contest in Abilene on Feb. 20. Students who
received a Division I (superior) rating are:
Meaghan Meaghan Henderson-flute, Lauren Green-flute, Ashley clarinet, Austin Barton-saxo-
phone, Gabriel Reyes-saxophone, Gabriel Reyes-saxo-
phone, Kristi Gonzales-trum-
pet, Kendra Tatum-trumpet pet, Kendra Tatum-trumpet,
Priscilla Ont iveros-trumpet,
Zach Williamson-trumpet Zach Williamson-trumpet, Ray
Valencia-trumpet, Natalie Valencia-trumpet, Natalie
Rodgers-french horn, Josh Rodgers-french horn, Josh
Brown-tenor
saxophone, Nathan Sellers-baritone, Cory
Mulkey-snare drum, Jeremey Hart-snare drum, Anna
Burgess-snare drum, Haley Butts-clarinet, Natasha
Mitchell-saxophone, Whitney Wells-saxophone, Elisha Teeler french horn, Garrett Cornett-
trumpet, Sam Tindol-baritone,
K. K. Kellar-tuba, Bianca Flores-tuba.
The follow
The following Coahoma High
School students participated in UIL Solo and Ensemble contest
on Feb. 20 in Abilene at Hardin-Simmons University.
Students who received a
Division Division
a class I
state are:
Leslie
Leslie Martin-xylophone and
piano. Monica Chen-flut piano, Monica Chen-flute; a
saxophone quartet including
Daniel Clark, Bobbi Spiller, Daniel Clark, Bobbi Spiller,
Monty Rowden, Rhonda The following high school
students received a Division I (excellent) rating: Mis i
Turner-french horn; a bra is trio including Ben Best, Rav،dy
Overton, Matthew Marlar. under the direction of Jincy
and Jeremy Ross. Big Spring High department abermen
'EDtv' is lighthearted, unapologetic romance
 "EDtv" would suggest that one named Ed. And something Both have major roles in this bracing new comedy from
director Ron Howard tha probes the nature of fame. Ed, Iovably played by Matthew
McConaughey, is a 30 -ish video McConaughey, is a 30 -ish video a cable channel televise him ive, around the clock.
"All Ed, all the time" is the slogan for ratings-starved Tru crew shadows Ed, broadcasting Swiftly, this redneck schmo his family in San Francisco ha become a celebrity hailed from coast to coast.
"I don't go to the bathroom
nntil Ed goes to the declares one hooked viewer,
"because I don't want to miss anything." wonder. It arrives as the third
in a vid released to theaters in the past
nine months nine months, including las
summer's "The Truman Show and last fall's "Pleasantville. On paper, "EDtv" appears
quite similar to "The Truman


## Thalidomide

Notorious drug making comeback in AIDS treatment HOUSTON (AP) - Thalidomide, notorious babies to be born with deformities, is being tout-
ed today a a miracle treatment for dozens of illed complications.

## The drug's effectiveness on curing agonizing

 seven medical schools nationwide.$\qquad$ Houston dental clinic already know that it
works. He's been prescribing it for nearly five
years. works
years.
Nic
for all gay Montrose area to serve AIDS patients
unique needs. Minor mouth irritations ca erate quickly into major complications, includ-
ing painful sores that don't heal ing painful sores that don't heal on their own,
because AIDS sufferers have weakened immune In 1994, a patient suggested to Nichols
prescribe thalidomide to heal the sores. prescribe thalidomide to heal the sores.
"I had a patient who had one of these $u$ and steroid treatments weren t working,
Nichols.said, "He walks into the office one day
and said he'd been cioing research and had found and said he'd been cioing research and had fo
a drug he thought would help.' Nichols, who at 42 was a child when the
thalidomide babies were born, was stunne "I the drug worked.

## Student gets OK to attend prom in drag

 PIERSON, Fla. (AP) School officiads reversed theirdecision and will allow a decision and will allow a
teen-age boy to attend his high ş̦hool prom in drag. Charles Rice plans to wear gown, red satin shoes, gloves
and matching rhinestone jewelry to Saturday's prom.
Last week Last week, Principal Peter
Oatman told the 18-year-old Oatman told the 18 -year-ord
Taylor High School senior he Taylor High School senior he
would be refused entrance to the prom if he showed up in
drag.
Oatman backed down after $\begin{gathered}\text { Oatman backed down after } \\ \text { with } \\ \text { winferr ing } \\ \text { Superintendent Bill Hall and }\end{gathered}$ school district attorneys.
Hall ss id Rice his gown for the prom only his gowi for the prom only
because the principal let him wear skirts and dresses to special events in the past.
Because of these prior Because of these prior
episodes, the school system
would have had a weak case episodes, the school system
would have had a weak case
if if the matter
court, Hall said.

ul hormonal forces that overin the early pubescent years. some behavioral scientists have underestimated the
impact of the biochemical impact of the biochemical We can see the effect of these hormones on the physical body, but something equally
dynamic is occurring in the dynamic is occurring in the
brain. How else çan we explain why a happy, contented, coop-
erative 12-year-old suddenly erative 12-year-old suddenly
becomes a sullen, angry, becomes a sullen, angry,
depressed 13 -year-old? Some authorities would contend that
social pressure alone accounts for this transformation. I simply don't believe that.
The emotional characteristics of a suddenly rebellious teenager are rather like the symp-
toms of premenstrual syndrome or severe menopause in
women, or perhaps a tumulwomen, or perhaps a tumul-
tuous midlife crisis in men.
Obviously dramatic changes tuous midlife crisis in men.
obviously, dramatic changes
are going on inside! Furthermore, if the upheaval
were caused entirely by environmental factors it it onset
would not be so predichain would not be so predicabidn
puberty. The emoibonal changes on
have described arrive right on
sched timed to coincide schedule, timed to coincide
precisely with the arrival of sexual maturation. Both char-
acteristics, I contend, are driven by a common hormonal assault. Human chemistry
apparenfly goes haywire for apparenfly goes haywire for a
few years, in some more than others, affecting mind as much as body. QUESTION: I made a little offhanded comment the othe
day about my daughter's hair day about my daughter's hair
and she cried for an hour. didn't mean to hurt her. guess she's just more sensitive
than I thought. Do I have to walk on thougghells around her? DR. DOBSON: You should always be mindful that your
daughter is listening to what daughter is listening to what
you say about her and that you say about her and that
she's "reading" the subtle attitudes you might like to conceal. Kids are extremely sensi-
tive to their parents' love and respect. That's why adults
must learn to guard what they say in their presence.
Many times I have been con-
sulted by a mother regarding a sulted by a mother regarding a
particular problem her child is having. As Mom describes the details of the boy or girl's problems, I notice that the subject
of all this conversation is standing about a yard behind her. His ears are 10 feet tall as he listens to a candid descrip-
tion of all his faults. The child tion of all his faults. The child
may remember that conversation for a lifetime.

See DOBSON, Page 7A

## Educator of the Week

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| POSITION/SCHOOL: Sixth grade language arts teacher, Goliad. <br> YEARS TEACHING OR IN EDUCATION: 17 years. <br> UNIQUE TALENTS/METHODS YOU BRING TO THE JOB:Love of learning, enjoyment of travel. <br> WHY I BECAME A TEACHER/EDUCATOR: I had attended Texas Tech, studying education before I married. When I had my children, I wanted to be the kind of educator I wanted them to have, so I went back to finish my degree. <br> SPECIAL HOBBIES/INTERESTS: Art, travel, liberal arts interests, geology. <br> FAMILY INFORMATION: Married with grown son and daugh- <br> ter. Each is married, living in Dallas and Houston area. I grew |
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BIG SPRING HUMANE SOCIETY will sponsor a dog flea dip Saturday from 1.6 p .m. at the north end of the Wal-Mart parking
lot. The cost will be $\$ 5$ for each dog.

PARENTS WHO CARE WIL meet with parents of junior students at 7 p.m. today for those who are helping in the planning of the after prom party or would like to volunteer, in the high school
librara, For more information call Kelly McBee at $263-2306$ or Sue

## There's way too much 'disappointment TV'

NEW YORK (AP) - Surely
you know what appointment TV is. It's programming you What do you call television that lets you down? Let's call it disappointment TV.
For instance: Sunday's Oscars and, thanks to potty-mouthed host Whoopi Goldberg. raunchy. It was an award-winning disappointment.
Not the only one these days.
Moderator Ken Bode getting bunced $\left.\begin{array}{c}\text { ben Bode getting } \\ \text { from } \\ \text { "Washington Week in Review," }\end{array}\right]$ That was disappointing. ABC axing the romantic drama "Cupid." Very disappointing.
warbara Walters' interview O'Donnell's cold shoulder to that high school band from TV gig doing commercials for TV gig doing commercials for Way disappointing.
And what about that disap-
pointing new trend where TV pointing new trend where TV
networks - and I don't mean the Home Shopping Network have become product retailers pitching stuff directly at you while you're watching their
Remember NBC's toll-free
number to order the soundnumber to order the sound-
eries "The '60s"? The network's
goal, said one of its execs, "is
turning viewers into buying turning viewers into buying customers."
Behold the new NBC: MustBuy TV! From now on, don't watch the programs, watch
your wallets.
Raise one last colortini to Raise one last colortini to
Tom Snyder, who disappointTom Snyder, who disappoint-
four-year-old "Late teins to his four-year-old "Late Late Show
after Friday's appearance after Friday's appearance.
At 62, this big talker remain a unique TV personality. And as the art of personality. And submitted to glibness and irony
(a specialty of his successor (a specialty of his successor,
Craig Kilborn), Snyder's selfCraig Kibed "old, fuddy-duddy, dinosaur show" never lost its

## Now his time and talk are

 just about over. And yet ... Snyder leaves withone former fan dise one former fan disappointed
not so much that he's leaving not so much that he's leaving,
as in him. That's because, during an
interview a year ago, Snyder interview a year ago, Snyder
chose to flat-out lie when asked chose to flat-out lie when asked on his CBS show. He could have said "I can't discuss that" or "I'll let you he inventively, elaborately streamed out a reply that
ing dinner in a restaurant. As
for calling for the check, "I don't see it yet." Truth was, Snyer's ' Truth was, Snyder's depar
ture were already nailed down. According to people who watch his show, Snyder recently expressed some sort of on-air
apology to the reporters (there apology to the reporters (there
were more than one) he were
deceived.
Disappoint Disappointingly too little, too
late late from a man who built long career on straight talk.
Snyder soon will be gone. Sryader soon will be gone. But
ly has Gumbel, ly, has already vanished.
Fortunately for him isn't paid by the hour at CBS News.
Nor Nor was he shown the door upon his newsmagazine's
demise after a dismal single demise after a dismal single
season. Mostly out of the public eye
(as well as "Public Eve") (as well as "Public Eye") since
last September, Gumbel last September, Gumbel given nothing to do and doing
it well, while he collects his it well, while he collects his
reported salary of nearly $\$ 5$ million a year.
That's got to be disappointing to CBS shareholders, who presumably prefer a be
on their investment.
It's disappointing, too, to CBS
News employees whe It's disappointing, too, to CBS
News employees, who might
like it better if Gumbel were
puling his weight. And maybe
even disappointing to some
viewers, who miss viewers, who miss seeing him in action.
Wointing could be more disapWointing? Well, MSNBC. With the July 1996 launch of its cable and online compogence work in progress, a pair of passing lanes on the information superhighway The current lull in scandals
to over-report finds MSNBC grinding its gears on the low road, and getting nowhere fast.
Suddenly deprived of Bill and Suddenly deprived of Bill and
Monica to jaw about by the hour, the network seems more than ever a secondhand outlet
for stories recycled from for stories reciycled from
"Today" and "Dateline NBC." Little wonder that Fox News Channel has closed in on MSNBC, and even beaten it, in
the ratings. the ratings.
How has
Its new hire for a weeknight show called "Equal Time"" is Oliver North, radio talk show
host - and a key figure in the Reagan Administration's Iran Contra scandal.
Shrewd move, MSNBC! If things don't get better soon,
North can revert to his old ways and shred those disapways and shred those disap-
pointing Nielsen numbers
before anybody sees them.

## Ms. Magasine is back: Funnier, lighter this time

NEW YORK (AP) - Call it
the magazine that refused to the magazine that refused to
die.
After ceasing publication for the second time in its 27 year ing back yet again, this time owned by a consortium of businesswomen, heiresses and feminist icon Gloria Steinem.
"They are women who ha put their money where their hearts are," said Ms. Steinem, a co-founder of the magazine
and consulting editor "It is the and consulting editor. "It is the
only magazine for women cononly magazine for
trolled by women.'
First launched in 1972, Ms. ceased publication for eight months in 1989 because it was
losing money. In 1990, it came


The first issue of the newly reconstituted Ms
maker of computer-networking equipment; Alix L.L. Ritchie, a a weekly Massachusetts newspaper, the Provincetown
Banner, and others The magazine stopped publishing for three issues while the sale went through. Publication resumes with the
April-May issue, which will be April-May issue, which will be
on some newsstands March 30 for $\$ 5.95$.
The maga The magazine still accepts no
ads and derives most of its rev-
enue from subscribers enue from subscribers, who
number around 150,000 according to chief editor Marcia Ann Gillespie.
The first issue of the newly The first issue of the newly reconstituted Ms. announces on its cover: "WE RE BACK! Ms. Gillespie said the new
Ms. is edgier and funnier Ms. is edgier and funnier. I really did listen to what T really did listen to what
women had to say about it,"
she said she said.
"A lot of them said things
like 'Ms. is really good for you like 'Ms. is really good for you
but it's hard because there's so much in there.' So we decided to lighten up.'

DOBSON
convey disrespect to a child whom they genuinely love. For example, Mom may become tense and nervous when little siders. She butt guests or outwhat he is trying to say or laughs nervously when his remarks sound foolish. When question, she interrupts and answers for him. She reveals her frustration when she is trying to comb his hair or make him look nice" for an important event. He knows Mom
thinks it is an impossible assignment. If he is to spend a weekend away from the family,
the mother gives the mother gives him an
extended lecture on how to extended lecture on how to
avoid making a fool of himself. These subtle behaviors are sig-
nals to the child that the moth nals to the child that the moth-
er doesn't trust him with her

## DRUG

## head of the Thalidomide

 Victims Association of Canada soffice. "We don't accept a world with thalidomide in it." Tragically, one of the powerful sedative's first uses wasa morning-sickness cure Women who took it in the firs trimester of pregnancy had babies with no limbs or flipper like arms and legs, serious
facial deformities and defective organs.
Warren Warren's mother took two spoonfuls of a thalidomidelaced juice while living in West
Germany. As a result, the 37-year-old's legs and arms are shortened
Rather than futilely fight
thalidomide's group has helped New, Warren's based drug med New JerseyCorp. develop a screening and labeling program to prevent a modern-day repeat. Warren worries that HIVinfected women who would be willing to risk unprotected se to get pregnant would also
overlook the danger of taking thalidomide, so potent that jus one pill can contort a fetus.
image and that he must b mage and that he must be
supervised closely to avoi supervised closely to avoid He reads disrespect in her man ner, though it is framed in gen
uine love. The first strong self-concept in your child is to be very careful what you say and do in his or he presence. Be particulariy car
tious about the matters of phys ical attractiveness and intelli gence. These are two primar girls are most vulnerable. C. Dobson's "Focus on the Family" appears each Thursday as a cooperative effort of Scenic the Big Medical Center and o Dr. Dobson may be sent to P.O. Box 444; Colorado Springs Colo.; 80903.

He's also bothered that He's also bothered that
thalidomide reportedly is being thaildomide reportedly is being
tested in the treatment of more than 70 cancers, meaning "a huge population of people from
all different walks of life" will be exposed to the drug. Thalidomide works by cut ting off the blood supply to
tumors. When combined wi tumors. When combined with
chemotherapy or radiation therapy, the cancer cells, in theory, die of starvation.
"I have this sick feelin "I have this sick feeling that
when I'm in my late 7os, I'll be sitting across a table from a thalidomide victim in their 30s," Warren said. Celgene provides patients
with a frank video that includes a stern warning from a thalidomide victim. Patients also see plenty of pictures of
thalidomide babies including one on the drug's packaging one on the
itself.
Every Every thalidomide patient
must sign up for a registry must sign up for a registry run
by Boston University and over seen by Celgene and the FDA. Women must agree to take extreme birth control measures
and submit to a battery of nancy tests.

## SCHOOL

included Snyder, Andrews,
Fort Stockton, Sweetwater and Fort Stockton, Sweetwater and This was the first year in a
redesigned district that includ-


Note to MOM:
Ask your boss ab out "Take Your Child (ME) to Work Day"n Big Spring Thursdap, April 22. YOURKD!
P.S.Let's eat lunch out, too!

ed the addition of Snyder and Snyder and San Angelo Lake
View high schools will View high schools will advance
to regional competition. to regional competition


## A Golfer's Personality Quiz

$\square$

My idea of a good time would be:
$\square$ A. Taking out the trash;
$\square$ B. Working at the office on weekends;
$\square$ C. Admiring a 250 -yard drive on the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail.

## This weekend I plan to:

$\square$ A. Clean out the garage
$\square$ B. Wash the dog;
$\square$ C. Head for Alabama to play one of the seven sites on the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail.

Please checkone
A. Discuss Greco-Roman architecture;
B. Attend an interpretive dance weekend;
C. Take on the 414-yard, par four "Assassin" at Oxmoor Valley.
I would feel better about myself if $I$ :
$\square$ A. Lost 20 pounds;
B. Learned a foreign language;
C. Shot my handicap on any one of the eighteen Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail courses.


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## SPORTS

Cal faces Clemson in NIT championship game tonight


















































 Anyone wanting to play
should sign up at the YMCA extends period for roller hockey sign-ups The Big Spring YMCA ha
extended registration for its new roller hockey program. Play will
age groups.
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## Point guards may be key for Final Four

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla (AP) all may do different things, but

- Before he ever suited up for the common ground for them is Ohio State, Scoonie Penn was they all run their teams and
already laying the groundwork have the respeet of the other
for the Buckeves' first trip to players." Michigan State coach for the Buckeyes' first trip to players," Michigan State coach
the Final Four in three decades. Tom Izzo said. the Final Four in three decades. Tom lizo said.
Penn sat out last season after While Penn
(rransferring to the Big Ten, shared the player of the year transferring to the Big Ten,
school from Boston College, and school from Boston College, and
the 5 foot-10 point guard was
determined.to get ahead. $\begin{array}{lll}\begin{array}{ll}\text { determined.to get ahead. } \\ \text { lnstead of going through the }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { Amin has a reputation for doing } \\ \text { whatever is neecssary to help }\end{array} \\ \text { Connecticut win. Duke coach }\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{lll}\text { Instead of going through the } & \text { Connecticut win. Duke coach } \\ \text { motions when there were no } & \text { Mike Krzyzewski says Avery }\end{array}$ games to prepare for, he pushed has improved in his first year
himself in practice and worked as a starter as much as any himself into a position to help point guard he's ever had. the Buckeyes achieve more
then mangurch as us coaches think
than many thought possible we feel on the sidelines, somethis season.
When talked to him in terms of
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every doy, you've yot tide.
as if that's your game? as if that's your game, grira
got to make this competitive
and you've got to try to win every situation.'He was able to
do that." coach Jim O'Brien do that," eoach Jim OBrien
recalled Wednesday.
"We only had seven or eight "We only had seven or eight
scholarship players on our team a year ago...Scoonie would
play with the other guys, the play with the other guys, the
walk-ons, and they would beat our starters. That was the chal-
And he hasn't let up.
Ohio State is in the Final
Four for the first time since
1968, thanks in no small part to Penn, who averaged 17.1 points
and 4.3 assists to share Big Ten player of the year honiors with
another Final another Final Four point guard,
Michigan State's Mateen really a coaching cliche, but he ing the guys." O'Brien said. "II

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uard. "If you have a good one, makes you look great. None of the floor leaders
among the finalists leads his eam in scoring, but there's no
question where the Blue Devils,
Buckeyes Buckeyes, Huskies and
Spartans look for guidance in tigartans look for guidance in "Very simply, the people who
have the ball in their lands the
most time end "ip controling the game. That's kind of a simg of us, I'm sure, are here,"
Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun said. "Clearly in our case, Khalid
has been our energizer. He was has been our energizer. He was
0 -for-12 against Gonzaga and yet
down the stretch still was the guy who made the difference... iceally but psychotogically. He
really truly is the guy the kids
res turn to for energy, for direction, and sometimes for courage.
He's that type of player."
Calhoun looks at Penn, who the Huskies are familiar with from his days in the Big East.
and sees a lot of El-Amin, and and sees a lot of E1-Amin, and
vice versa. He said both players
have a rare ability to make have a rare ability to make
everyone around them better.
"You call it charisma, you call it energy, you call it leadership,
you call it competitiveness," Calhoun said. "Thositiveness,"
Cattributes they both have and are
able to impart to their teammates. That's a very, very
unusual characteristic to have unusual characteristiv to hav
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## Duke's women hoping for better trip to San Jose this time

 SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) - Gail that ends this weekend with the which was coming to an area wild about Four.Goestenkors is an emotional coach, and Duke, struggling to get fan support on a campus infatuated with its men's bas-
ketball team's run to the Final Four, will face Georgia in the first semifinal game Friday evening The nightcap will be Purdue also made a West C
Purdue also made a West Coast trip
mayied as this season, and left just as dis- 73.72 defeat at
mater Stanford in the third game of the season
remains the Boilermakers' only loss of remains
the year.
Goestenkors remembers the long trip
home from San Jose last November, but home from San Jose last November, but journey hom
"We had a wonderful bus ride home,"
she said. "Lots of singing. lots of danc-
ing",
That joyous trip was exactly what her That joyous trip was exactly what her
colleague at Duke, men's coach Mike
Krayzewski, has always preached about.
she held nothing back when her Duke 30 points to Connecticut in mid"I was totally shocked, surprised and I was especially surrprised by the way pressure." the Eail tournament at the San Jose
Arena, an event intended to showcase some of
nation.

"That son," Goestenk worst game of our seathe players after the gaid this , Weell, "I told know how bad we can be, well, now we | entire rest of the season to find out how |
| :--- | That tourney, which also included

Amernican Baosketball peague's headquar
 Final weur matchup loceal faverite Stanford, capping a decade of success. against nearly unbeatable Tennessee.
Although San Jose remains excited about playing host to the games and
about the $\$ 32$ million economic impact about the $\$ 32$ million economic impact
the Final Four is expected to have on the city, reality torned out to be a lot differ ent then ABC fildectations of last autumn. The ABL folded a few days before league they thought represented the
growing opportunities for women ath letess. that ended in the first round of the
NCAA tournament, and Tennessee lost 6963 to Duke in the regional finals to
miss out on another trip to the Final


Ctry Parks and Recreation employees Bruce Broughton, Tracy Ausbie and David Medina, left to right, load some picnic type benches which are belng donated from Western Container Corporation to be

## Lakers lose first game with Rodman in lineup <br> The ASSOCLATED PRESS <br> 

Dennis Rodman is no longer undefeated in a Cliff Robinson scored 24
points and Jason Kidd had points and Jason Kidd had 23
points, 10 assists and seven rebounds as the Phoenix Suns beat Los Angel
Wednesday night.
$\qquad$ Lakers lost a game in which
Rodman played for them. They were $11-0$ with him in the line-
up and $1-3$ without him since be upand 1.3 without him since he
joined the team last month Rodman missed four games after leaving the team for per-
sonal reasons. sonal reasons.
"Sornetimes we play together,
and ust met yesterday," said Shaquille O Neall, who had 24
points and 10 rebounds for the points and 10 rebounds for the
Lakers. "I thought we played OK, but we just had a letdown in the last 10 minutes." Rodman grabbed 13 rebounds
and the Lakers outrebounded the Suns 48-44, but Phoenix still managed to snap LA's nine game home winning streak.
Luc Longley had a season Luc Longley had a season for the Suns, who won their sec ond straight game after three consecutive losses.
"Jason made som "Jason made some big shot
down the stretch and Cliff made some big plays,", coach Danny Ange said. "That was the dif
ference." In other
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Mets send Nomo to minors The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hideo Nomo was sent outrigh to the minors by the New York
Mets, which might open the door for them to enter the bidding for Orel Hershiser fricult decision is stature and given what he's ral manager Steve Phillips aid Wednesday after deciding out the 1995 NL Rookie of the ear - apparently against the "But I've got to make a judg ment in ws mat can do to hav is win as many games as we
can, and this starts the rocess," Phillips said in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.


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Timberwolves $87_{\text {, Celtics }} 68$
Kevin Garnett had 22 point nd 14 rebounds, and Dennis Scott also scored 22 points as
Mimesota beat the slumping Celtics.
The Celtics have lost 10 of heir last 11 , while the
Timberwolves won for just the secomd, time ju seven games. Kenny Anderson scoted 16 poirts for Boston, which shot 31 Hornets 110, Bulls 81
Rookie Brad Miller scored season-high 25 points, including
12 during a second-quarter run that put the Hornets in control at Charlotte. Dickey Simpkins scored 20
points for the Bulls, who lost for the fifth time in their last six the fifth time in their last six
road games. Toni Kukoc missed road games. Toni Kukoc mis Pistons 84, Nets 71
Detroit limited New Jersey to Bison Dele scored. 18 points visiting Pistons, who shot 51 percent from the field. Keith Van Horn led the Nets with 27 points.
Hawks 103, Pacers 102 Mookie Blaylock hit a 10 -foot-
$r$ in the lane with 1.9 seconds emaining, giving Atlanta its second victory in eight days
over the top team in the Central Steve Smith scored 25 points nd Dikembe Mutombo had 19 blocks for the Hawks, who also beat the Pacers on March 16 at Market Square Arena Reggie iller led visiting Indiana with
ockets 88, Mavericks 78 Hakeem Olajuwon scored 24
points and rookie Cuttino Mobley added 16 as Houston eat the Mavericks for the 11th Charles Barkley added 16 Charles Barkley added 16
points and 11 rebounds for the Rockets, who have won three straight and seven of their last points, 13 rebounds had 20 blocks for Dallas.


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ville, the Palace Theatre opened in New York City.
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