THURSDAY March 25, 1999

Tonight:



Child To Work Day scheduled for April 22

In a story about "Take Your Child to Work Day" in Wednesday's Herald, the date for this event was incorrect due to information provided to the Herald. 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. Call him at 267-5513 for more information.

BSHS students to compete Friday in academic meet

Forty-six Big Spring High School students will be competing Friday in the District 5-4A UIL Academic meet. With contests such as number sense, calculators, computer science, ready writing and journalism, students from ninth through 12th grade will match their knowledge and skills against those from five other area

The event takes place at **Howard College, and** expected to last all day.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

Parents Who Care, those planning the after prom party, meet at 7 p.m., high school library. Call Kelly McBee at 263-2306 or Sue Bagwell at 264-7016 for more information.

Masonic Lodge No. 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

FRIDAY

Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281. Bring a lunch.

□ AMBUCS (American Business Club), noon, Brandin' Iron Restaurant. Spring City Senior

Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. All seniors invited.

SATURDAY

☐ Big Spring Humane Society dog flea dip, 1-6 p.m. Wal-Mart parking lot north end. \$5 per dog.

☐ Dance 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Everyone welcome.

☐ The Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. ☐ The Potton House, 200 Gregg, a restored historic

home, is open from 1-5 p.m.

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Area rancher Leland Wallace selected as Ag Producer of the Year

By JOHN H. WALKER Managing Editor

Leland Wallace, a lifetime resident

Howard County, was named Producer of the during Year noon monies today at the annual Ag Expo and Appreciation



WALLACE

Day celebration at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The award was presented by State Rep. David Counts (D-Knox City).

Wallace has raised registered Hereford cattle and sold them all across the United States for more than 40 years. Each year, he sponsors the Anxiety 4th Hereford Show and Sale at Scurry Snyder's County Coliseum.

He is a longtime member of the Texas Hereford Association and has served that organization as its vice president.

In 1998, Wallace and the late

"I've known him since the 40s and there is absolutely no one more deserving of this award than Leland Wallace."

-Dawson County rancher and friend Arlan Youngblood

Toots Mansfield were recognized as co-Grand Marshals of the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo's annual rodeo parade. For years, he has served the association as a board mem-

And while he is well-known

for his Hereford cattle, Wallace is almost as well-known for the "rain rocks" he carries in his

"Here, you need one of these," he tells someone. When they explains that it is a "rain rock"

pocket and passes out to people. ask what they've been given, he

and that they should keep it close to them.

Wallace and his wife, the for-

mer Jerald Marie Buchanan, live 10 miles north of Big Spring on the Snyder Highway and will celebrate their 59th anniversary next month. They are members of the Coahoma First United Methodist Church.

"They are fantastic people," said Jim Boyd, field man for the American Association. "They do an awful lot behind the scenes that few

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Emergency services respond to 'explosion'

Drill prepares response teams in case of an actual disaster

By MARSHA STURDIVANT

Staff Writer

About 100 professional members of six response teams Wednesday enacted a drill at Fina Oil and Chemical Company, to rehearse actions in the event of a real emer-

have always been required by the Texas Railroad Commission to have an emergency drill, but it has always been at a table where we posed questions and had our people give responses to what their actions would be," said Charlie Kosh, plant safety foreman at

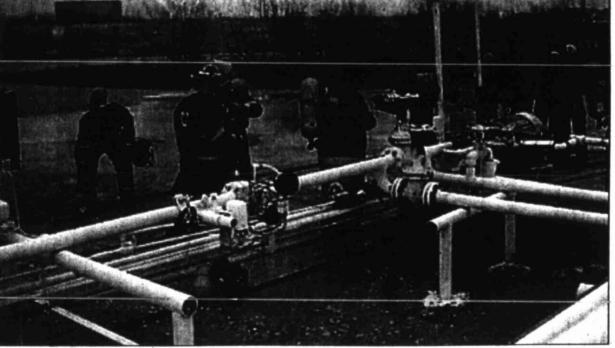
And Mark Henkhaus, district director for the railroad commission, said the commission now requires an actual, hands-

"We're doing this for the learning experience," Kosh said.

Kosh worked three weeks to



Paramedics with the Big Spring EMS prepare to transport a mock injured member of the Fina Red Hats during a simulated drill in the top photograph, while Red Hat team members pretend to close a valve at a salt well in the lower photograph. An emergency response drill enacted at Fina Oil and Chemical Wednesday meshed six different crisis teams to rehearse procedures and actions in the event of an actual emergency.



coordinate efforts between the Fina Emergency Response Team (Red Hats), the Big Spring fire and police departments, the Howard County **Emergency Management Team** and Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

The simulated emergency began about 10 a.m. with a plant-wide alert that a salt well valve was emitting a large vapor release of propylene gas.

The drill continued as about 20 of the 35 members of the Red Hats responded to the call, and a simulated explosion followed. with 10 of the Red Hats sustaining hypothetical injuries and the situation advancing from a simulated Level I emergency to a Level II.

All emergency services available in the county were summoned to help extinguish the "fire," and to attend to the "injuries." Three "deaths" were reported, and the fire wall was reported to be 300-feet high.

Kosh's drill-encompassed sev-

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Moore board receptive to helping fund Port-To-Plains

By BILL McCLELLAN

News Editor Moore Development for Big Spring board tabled a request

Wed-nesday to help provide funding for the Port-To-Plains Corridor but board members were in general agreement they will contribute. "I recognize it

is a worthy cause and can



support it, it's just a matter of councilman Chuck Cawthon, establish the Southwest to finding out exactly what help is needed. Once we figure out all the pieces of the puzzle, I think we'll be receptive to it," Terry Wegman, president of the board, told representatives of the city, county and chamber of commerce.

Wegman's comments came a day after Big Spring City Council approved on second reading a resolution to become a member of the Port-To-Plains Coalition. However, some city council members, including

have said that since the project is one of economic development, Moore Development should be asked to fund it, or at least assist in funding it.

"I think it will bring national awareness, and more specifically, regional awareness, to this trade route. I just feel like it falls under the realm of economic development and that is why we are here to ask you to fund a portion of it," Cawthon said in addressing the board.

Port-To-Plains is an effort to See MOORE, Page 2A

Northwest International Trade Corridor through the Panhandle and down through Big Spring via U.S. Highway 87, to promote economic development for cities and counties along the route. 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 corridor as well as promote it.

Groups gear up to raise funds for MS

By BILL McCLELLAN

Groups are forming to join in Saturday's MS Walk, a concerned effort to help the West Texas Division of the Multiple

Sclerosis Soc-Big Spring city employees have a group 30 strong that will be marching in the event, scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. Participants will begin signing



in at 9 a.m. at First Baptist Church. The route runs through the Coronado subdivision and into Comanche Trail Park, returning to the church.

"Heinis Highsteppers" is the city coalition, named in honor of Dianna Heinis, an MS victim on wife of fireman Mark Heinis.

"Everyone is really behind this, especially the firemen," said city employee Sandy Smith, team captain. "Mark is an excellent hand and the firemen have really rallied behind him. I'm real proud of them for

The group will also be giving away a Juan Gonzales baseball cap and Beanie Babies as an extra incentive to participate.

Last year, the local effort drew nearly 200 walkers and raised more than \$15,000 to benefit sufferers of the disease and fund research for a cure. That was the most money raised and the most number of walkers in the United States, per capita, said Kathryn Miller, special events coordinator for the West Texas Division of the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

"We want to see a huge turnout there Saturday," said Leigh Corson, co-coordinator of the event. "It is an excellent cause. The MS Society provides some wonderful services. Without them, those who have MS would have a much harder time getting through their dayto-day lives.

"In the last several years, MS research has developed some drugs that have helped control some of the symptoms. They've. made progress but they still have a ways to go to find cure.* Corson said.

Walkers collect pledges for the efforts, and participants can. win prizes depending on the amount of money raised. Top prize is two round-trip airline

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Quality of life top issue at Community Futures Forum here

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN

Features Editor

As we head into the next century, local residents want improved an quality of life for themselves, their families friends and neighbors.



the Community Futures Forum

Tuesday, sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. A group of about 30 local residents, after sorting through dozens of issues, named improved quality of life as their number one goal.

"In looking at that, that tells me that people who live in Howard County are very interested in the future of our community, that they like living here," said Dana Tarter, county extension agent for family and consumer science.

At a meeting April 13, another

group will attempt to "focus" that issue and determine what can be done locally to see it become reality. At that meeting, the extension service will also make plans for future activities that could help the community reach its goal, Tarter said. "This will be developing a

plan of action for further work on this issue," she said.

The second most important issue for the future, the forum determined, is diversity in our local economy. Participants said they would like to see the

community less dependent on the agriculture and oil indus-

Third in importance was a group of economic issues retention of businesses, redevelopment of downtown, attraction of new businesses and further development of the airpark.

Other top issues were improve and diversify education in our public schools," and "highly effective leadership within local governments."

Extension agent Brandon McGinty said he was pleased with the event.

"This is just the right amount of people," he said, "and we've got a good diversity of issues."

Three small groups worked to identify key issues, bringing their top priorities to the larger group where they were narrowed down and prioritized

Bryan Unruh, extension specialist from Fort Stockton, was one of the group facilitators. "We ... are interested in learn

OBITUARIES

Seferina Martinez

Funeral mass for Seferina Martinez of Big Spring will be 3 p.m. Thursday, March 25, 1999, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with the Rev. Chris Coleman officiating. Burial will follow at Mount Olive Cemetery.

She died Tuesday, March 23, 1999, at a local hospital.

She was born Aug. 26, 1919, in Lamesa. She was a homemaker and had lived in Big Spring for the last 20 years.

Survivors include: her son Vicente Martinez of Big Spring: three daughters. Anastacia Rodriguez, Rita Valbuena and Virginia Weaver all of Big Spring; one brother, Chavel Sepulveda, a sister, Tomasa Cardenas of Odessa, 20 grandchildren and eight great-grand-

Arrangements under the direction of Stanton Memorial Funeral Home and Chapel.

Perry Daily

Services are pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home for Perry Daily, of Big Spring. He died Thursday, March 25, 1999, in a Midland hospital.

Donald Sabaitis

Funeral service with full military honors for Donald A. Sabaitis, 60, Big Spring, will be p.m.

(MST) Friday, March 26. 1999, at Fort **Bliss National** Cemetery, El Paso.

He died at his home Tuesday, March 1999, from a

23. SABAITIS sudden illness. Mr. Sabaitis

was born March 7, 1939, in Dearborn, Mich. He retired from the U.S. Army on Nov. 30, 1978, after 22 years. He had served in France, Germany, Korea and Vietnam. He had been very active in working for veterans' rights, especially for disabled veterans.

Mr. Sabaitis had lived in Big Spring since 1984, moving here from Fort Bliss. He was Catholic.

Survivors include: three daughters, Nancy Pherigo of New Orleans, La., Audrey Johnston of Abilene and Karin Sabaitis of El Paso; and seven grandchildren.

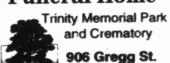
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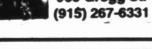
FORUM

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ing what your ideas are and what issues you think are most important," he told the group. Participants were to respond to the question. "What are the critical things that need to be addressed for you to realize the







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& CHAPEL

Perry Daily, died Thursday. Services are pending.

James Weldon Weaver, 77, died Monday. Graveside services are 4:00 PM today at Coahoma Cemetery.

Donald Sabaitis, 60, died Tuesday. Military graveside services are 1:30 PM (MST) Friday at Ft. Bliss National Cemetery.

future you desire for yourself, your family and your communi-

Other issues that were discussed during the forum included: boll weevil eradication, quantity and quality of water. volunteerism, health care and child care.

MS WALK

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Multiple sclerosis is a disease that randomly attacks the nervous system. Symptoms range from numbness to blindness and paralysis. Those with the disease gradually lose control over their bodies.

It usually is diagnosed in those between the ages of 20 and 40, and its progression is unpre-

Scenic Mountain will be the start-finish sponsor this year. Furr's also plans to donate lunch for the walkers and other volunteers who assist in the event. Media sponsors are the Big Spring Herald and KBST radio station.

Call the MS Society at (915) 570-8248 for more information about the walk.

MOORE

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The City of Big Spring's portion of that funding is \$14,353.40. Howard County

Commissioners Court has already contributed some \$3,400 its share of joining the coalition. Commissioner Crooker was at Wednesday's meeting. Also present was Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce president Chuck Williams, though the chamber had previously not been asked to provide funding for the pro-

Impacting the funding is \$9,500, still unspent from an I-27 corridor study in the early 1990s. Leigh Corson, city planning coordinator, told Moore Development board members that those funds can be returned to the entities that contributed to the effort — the city, county and chamber — in equal proportions.

Both Crooker and Big Spring city manager Gary Fuqua said they see no problem with the county's and city's share of those funds going into the Port-To-Plains project. Crooker said the county has already paid its portion, but would not turn down any assistance Moore Development might provide.

Williams said the chamber board has addressed the issue. But he did, without obligating the funds outright, say he believes it would be "fair" that the funds be put into the proproviding Moore Development would make up

the difference. Moore executive director Kent Sharp said the "fairest way" would be for the entities to chip in the finds from the nowdefunct I-27 project, with Moore Development providing the dif-

If the \$9,500 were applied to Continued from Page 1A the effort, that would mean that Moore Development would provide approximately \$8,200.

"It shows the community we all want to do our share," said Fuqua.

Moore Development board tabled the matter until exact dollar amounts are known, including a decision on whether the chamber will contribute those funds it has coming back from the I-27 project.

Moore Development board members also tabled a request to retain a consultant for future projects. That request will be taken up in April, Wegman

The board did accept a bid of \$350 a month to retain Ramirez Janitorial Service, while noting that bids ranged from the low of \$350, to as high as \$1,800.

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ROBERT D. MILLER

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eral potential scenarios of emergency, including two men lost in the field, and news media and family members demanding information from personnel manning the office and front

'I'm not sure we want to meet Jimmy Miller's wife, and she says she doesn't want to help with the drill any more," Kosh joked after the drill concluded. A community member posed

as Miller's wife (Miller is 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 established within the plant offices. Here, reports from the "hot zone" were disseminated into information that was released to the official entities, such as OSHA (Occupational Health and Administration) and Railroad Commission.

A media room was established, where news reporters and photographers were escorted for information.

A staging area organized emergency vehicles and personnel. As ambulances, fire trucks and patrol vehicles arrived at the scene, staging-area supervisors routed the needed personnel and equipment into the hot zone, and organized the others into a pattern that made their services most available.

And at the hot zone, firefighters and EMS personnel worked to transport not-so-injured members of the Red Hats to Scenic Mountain Medical Center, where each enjoyed a complete recovery.

"Things went very well, and we are pleased at the way the groups meshed together. We had Fina and city and county firefighters working together and using the same hose lines and we all worked well together,* Kosh said. Karen Jones, a crisis manage-

ment coordinator from Fina's corporate headquarters, was on site to observe the drill. *Overall it went very well. But

we did have one media person wandering around for 30 minutes before we spotted him,"

Another critique she added was that personnel trained in media responses needed to be in charge of that area, to provide accurate information without suffering intimidation.

We need the right people in those spots," she said.

Other critiques made after the four-hour drill concluded was that radio communication seemed excessive, and that designated captains in the field might facilitate increased cooperation.

"I am very pleased with the effort and I saw good things happening," said Steve Weber. plant manager.

WALLACE

people know about. We are proud to have them as Hereford breeders.

Dawson county rancher Arlan Youngblood has known Wallace for more than 50 years.

"In 1953 a group of us had cattle down there in Fort Worth. And we had been trying to get them sold anyway we could. There was a terrible drought back then you know

"It was Sunday morning, I think and we had been down there two or three days. We had been washing those cattle and we decided to go to lunch. We found a place and Leland was one or two people ahead of us, walking along and we overheard a lady, you know, she kinda turned up her nose and said 'Those are cowmen.' Well,

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we kidded Leland about that a long time. They thought that was terrible, they were having lunch with cowmen. Youngblood said.

'I've known him since the 40s and there is absolutely no one more deserving of this award than Leland Wallace.

*Mr. Wallace certainly been a leader and a dedicated man to the breed his entire life. If everyone was as dedicated to their job as he is, this world be better place," said Jack Chastain, manager of the Texas Hereford Association and editor of Texas Hereford Association magazine. "He's been a dedicated supporter to our organization. He's provided some quality cattle and he's been breeding them a long, long time. He's been one of our banner carriers for many years."

Tee Knox from the Tarzan area has known Wallace for more than a few years.

"It was in 1953 the first time I met him. He's been a Hereford promoter from the word go," said Knox. 'He used to say I knew everything; heck, everything I knew, I learned from him. I sold a lot of bulls with him and made a lot of trips with Leland. He's a super Hereford breed supporter. He supports the 4-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 qualified farmers and ranchers we have," Feagins explained. "It can be anyone involved in the 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 supplies, seed suppliers, financial institutions and insurance providers.

Seminars hosted by the Howard County Extension Service included row spacing, row patterns and plant populations by Dr. Bryan Unruh, extension agronomist; boll weevil summary for Howard County and boll weevil management, by Tommy Doederlein, EA-IPM-Dawson County; and the economics of drip irrigation by David Kight, Howard County Extension Agent.

Others include reducing tillage to increase profitability, Dr. Unruh; continuing education units (CEU) workshop, Shelly Borgstedte, Department of Agriculture and worker protection standards, laws and regulations.

"We feel like its a worthwhile project to show farmers appreciation for their efforts in a tough market. It's a wonderful way of life but one that's been 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 Chamber of Commerce and more than 500 persons in farming and ranching were fed at the noon meal.

BRIEFS

PARENTS WHO CARE WILL 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 library. For more information call

Kelly McBee at 263-2306 or Sue Bagwell at 264-7016.

AMERICAN ANNUAL **HEART ASSOCIATION chari**ty golf tournament, Big Spring Municipal Golf Course April 17. Sign up at the Municipal Golf

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Lottery numbers are unofficial until confirmed by the state lottery commission.

course for four-person scramble, must have A,B,C,D player (open to all). \$200 per team (includes cart and green fee).

All proceeds of this event go to the Howard County Chapter of the American Heart Association to help in the fight against heart disease.

MARKETS

May cotton 61.60 cents, up 8 points; May crude 15.32, down 2 points; cash hogs steady at 29 even; cash steers steady at \$1 lower at 65 even; April lean hog futures 44.02, up 40 points; April live cattle futures 66.45, down 17 points. courtesy: Delta Corporation.

Noon quotes provided by Edward D. Jones & Co.

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

 BURGLARY OF A VEHI-CLE was reported in the 1000 block of Nolan. A golf club bag and cart, 13 golf clubs, and miscellaneous items such as golf balls and tees, all valued at \$1,284, were reported stolen.

 DOMESTIC DISTUR-BANCE was reported in the 300 block of East 19 the and 400 block of Gregg.

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ed for local warrants. · PAULA BAKER, 39, was arrested for criminal trespass warning and local warrants.

 JUVENILE PROBLEMS were reported in the 1000 block of East 12th and 1100 block of Gregg.

 ASSAULT was reported in the 1200 block of Madison. **ROBERT CARSON was** arrested for possession of mari-

juana less than two ounces. ATTEMPTED BURGLARY

was reported in the 700 block of West Third.

· MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 200 block of West Marcy.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Monday and 8 a.m. today:

 ANTONIO FLORES, 18, was arrested for motion to revoke probation of evading arrest and resisting arrest or detention.

· ORBIN H. DAILY, 58, was arrested for possession of a dangerous drug and possession or marijuana less than two ounces.

STEVEN BRADLEY MATTHEWS, 38, was arrested for motion to revoke probation of attempted murder.

· JOSEPH GARZA JR. 17, was arrested for assault causing bodily injury/family mem-

 DUANE EDWARD JEN-DRO, 38, was arrested for assault/family violence.

 YOLANDA RACHEL MIER, 23, was arrested for motion to revoke probation of failure to identify. · ALBERT SMITH JR., 26,

was arrested for motion to

revoke probation of possession

of a controlled substance. FIRE/EMS

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

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transported to VA Medical 1:21 p.m. - 1700 block W.

Fourth, medical call, patient transported to SMMC. 4:15 p.m. - 1300 block 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

CORRECTION

A headline on Page 1A of Wednesday's Big Spring Herald misrepresented information contained in the story about the boll weevil eradication vote. The headline on the story should have read, "State funding may hinge on outcome of boll weevil vote, group told."

RECORDS

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Clinton justifies airstrikes to prevent wider war in Europe

WASHINGTON (AP) Making his case to the American public, President Clinton says preventing a wider war in the Balkans and averting the slaughter of innocents are the two pillars underlying the continuing U.S. and allied airstrikes in Yugoslavia.

The mission entails risks to U.S. fliers, he acknowledged in a nationally televised address Wednesday night, and already has opened a rift in U.S.-Russian relations.

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As U.S. and allied warplanes fought through the night over Yugoslavia and readied for a second round of strikes today, Clinton took to the airwaves to try to win support from a public largely unaware of the severity of the crisis in Kosovo, and uncertain, even, of where the Yugoslav province is on the

"Kosovo is a small place, but it sits on a major fault line between Europe, Asia and the Middle East," Clinton said. "All the ingredients for a major war

Yugoslav television showed pictures of flaming structures at Serb military bases and ammunition storage sites.

are there."

Although all U.S. and allied warplanes were reported to have returned to their bases safely from the initial assault waves, the strikes were exacting a tangible diplomatic price. Both China and Russia, a historic ally of the Serbs, denounced the strikes during a U.N. Security Council emergency meeting Wednesday.

Defense officials had no immediate damage assessment

from bombs and scores of cruise missiles, but Yugoslav television showed pictures of flaming structures at Serb military bases and ammunition storage sites, and the government-controlled media reported that there were some civilian casu-

Defense Secretary William Cohen said NATO forces would continue hitting the Yugoslav military until Yugoslav President Slobodan M losevic relents in a campaign of epression and violence against the majority ethnic Albanian people of Kosovo.

U.S. warplanes encountered little in the way of ground fire and, in the initial waves, no launchings of surface-to-air missiles. But Yugoslav fighters took to the air and engaged NATO planes in air-to-air combat, coming out losers in the first engagements. A U.S. defense official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said at least two Yugoslav MiG fighters were shot down by NATO planes.

On Capitol Hill, the Republican-controlled Congress followed a long-established pattern: support for the troops in the field despite skepticism, at best, toward the Clinton administration policy.

Armed Services House Committee Chairman Floyd Spence, R-S.C., expressed "deep reservations about the direction of our policy in Kosovo" although "no reservations whatsoever" about supporting the

But Clinton said he was "convinced that the dangers of acting are far outweighed by the dangers of not acting.'

He dwelt mainly on what he said would be the hazards of not acting: greater repression by Yugoslav government against the ethnic Albanian minority in Kosovo, a widening conflict as refugees streamed into unstable neighboring countries, and the possibility of a complete loss of Western credibility if threats made by NATO were not carried out.

Congressional Texans voice support for troops Republicans

WASHINGTON (AP) -Texans in Congress expressed support Wednesday for U.S. military personnel involved in NATO

airstrikes on Yugoslavia, though Republicans denounced the Clinton administration's foreign policy.

"I am very proud of the skill and courage being

demonstrated by the thousands of men and women of the armed forces who are executing the mission in Yugoslavia," said Sen. Phil Gramm.

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But the Texas Republican, who a day earlier was among 38

Democrats voting against a resolution of support for the airstrikes, denounced President Clinton's decision to deploy the troops "into a civil war where we have no vital national inter-

"It appears to me that President Clinton views American pilots, soldiers and sailors as world social workers," Gramm said. "He scours the globe for opportunities to do good in hostile lands, and when he finds a problem, his inclination is to dispatch our troops to

Rep. Joe Barton, R-Ennis, said it is a "mistake to send our troops into the danger of this longstanding, extremely volatile conflict where airstrikes will not be the final solution.'

Nation's first nuclear waste repository seems poised to open

studies, countless hearings and innumerable protests, the U.S. Department of Energy loaded/a truck with radioactive waste Wednesday and prepared to send it on a historic journey to an underground dump in southern New Mexico's salt beds.

Just after midnight, a semitractor trailer carrying three huge stainless steel containers was expected to head down a high mountain plateau on a 270-

- After 25 years, hundreds of National Laboratory, birthplace of the atomic bomb, to the \$1.8 billion Waste Isolation Pilot Plant near Carlsbad.

> Barring any last-ditch lawsuits or truck-stopping protests, the load would arrive about eight hours later, the first to be A second environmental appeal stored in the nation's first nuclear waste repository.

Excavated in ancient salt beds hearly half a mile below the surface, WIPP will contain protec- Department. tive clothing, gloves, tools and

with plutonium during the nation's weapons work.

The U.S. Court of Appeals on Wednesday denied an effort by a group of environmentalists to block the shipments pending a state permit for the repository. was pending.

"We are moving forward," said Anne Elliott, a spokeswoman for the Energy

State officials expect protests

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) mile trip from Los Alamos other materials contaminated Thursday, particularly as the shipment skirts the capital city of Santa Fe on a newly constructed highway bypass. The state's top police official warned any attempt to disrupt the shipment would mean arrests.

'We recognize this has been a long, hard-fought battle by the opponents and that, right now, emotions are very high,' Department of Public Safety Secretary Darren White said. "So we simply say we understand anybody's wanting to continue to protest the shipments, 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 Protection Agency's certification of the repository.

The state has no jurisdiction over radioactive waste.

But it does over so-called mixed waste, which contains once the waste is buried.

hazardous chemicals such as solvents as well as radioactive elements.

Gov. Gary Johnson said Tuesday he expects the permit will be issued, probably in the, next few months.

WIPP challengers have argued the permit should be in place first, because there is no sure way of determining whether waste is contaminated with other substances and the permit process will be meaningless

Federal government will stop regulating most cable television services director of the Consumers much aware that they need to **WASHINGTON** (AP) — The Specifically, it will lift federal

government is getting out of the business of trying to hold down Americans' monthly cable TV bills. During the past several years, even with that regulation, rates rose sharply.

Starting March 31, the Federal Communications Commission, following the directive of a 1996 law, will stop regulating most cable TV services.

price controls for the expanded basic services that include many popular cable TV channels, such as Discovery, CNN, MTV and ESPN.

"Customers won't notice the difference because they have already become numb to cable price gouging from three years of meaningless regulation," contends Gene Kimmelman, co-

Union's Washington office.

and lawmakers say they will keep a close eye on rates after the price controls are lifted.

Decker Anstrom, president of the National Cable Television Association, doesn't believe the nation's 67 million cable cus-tomers will get a price jolt.

act with restraint," Anstrom The Clinton administration said. "If they don't, Congress will come back in and reinstitute rate regulation.

Congress and the Clinton administration set the March 31 date with the hope that widespread competition to cable would materialize, making price controls unnecessary. But such competition hasn't devel-

The most basic level of sermeanwhile, which includes mostly broadcast TV channels and a few cable net-

lated. So will prices for set-top boxes and remote controls. Premium channels such as HBO and Showtime were neven

works, will continue to be regu-

subject to federal price regula-

When cable price controls took effect in 1993, after a 1992 law that regulated the industry, rates initially did go down, saving customers billions of dollars. But near the end of 1994, the FCC under political pressure revised the rules, giving cable companies much more leeway to increase rates to account for increases in various business costs.

House Republicans push \$1.74 trillion 2000 budget, with \$141.4 billion surplus

Republicans are driving toward passage of their first budget in an era of government surpluses, a plan crafted to buttress Social Security and raise Pentagon spending while leaving room for sizable tax cuts.

charged Democrats advance that the GOP would shortchange Medicare.

'We are going to make every effort to try to lock up the surplus in payroll taxes for Social Security and Medicare," House Budget Committee Chairman John Kasich, R-Ohio, said Wednesday on the eve of debate on the House floor. "Our tax cut doesn't come from Medicare."

The budget lays out priorities and sets guidelines for spending and tax bills to follow later this

As such, it marks a critical early test for the slender 11-vote Republican majority and the new House speaker, Rep. Dennis Hastert of Illinois. 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 GOP defector, Rep. Bud Shuster of Pennsylvania, only hours before debate began, and in a gesture of bipartisanship, promised a group of moderate Democrats the House would vote on their alternative.

The \$1.74 trillion Republican blueprint for fiscal 2000 envisions a surplus of \$141.4 billion. The government ran a surplus last year for the first time in three decades, triggering a debate over how to allocate the money suddenly available by the tens of billions of dollars. In the House, the GOP plan

calls for setting aside \$1.8 trillion in surpluses through 2009 to pay down the federal debt, a step designed to strengthen Social Security. In theory, debt reduction would lead to a stronger economy and more government revenues to pay retirement benefits. Social Security aside, the GOP

budget would boost defense spending to \$289 billion, \$9 billion more than this year and \$8 billion more than President Clinton has proposed. It would also increase spending for primary and secondary schools by more than \$2 billion next year, and provide more for some agriculture and veterans programs. Other programs would have to be cut to keep Congress from breaking spending caps put into place in the 1997 balanced budget accord.

The GOP plan envisions a tax cut of \$15 billion next year and \$778 billion over the next decade. Republicans argued they had set aside more money for Social Security than Clinton and had provided money for a

Democrats argued those tax cuts would benefit the wealthy at the expense of Medicare and other domestic programs. "Your tax cut gets bigger and bigger as time goes on and it takes huge cuts out of all of these accounts, including defense," Rep. John Spratt, D-S.C., told Republicans at a House Rules Committee hearing that offered a preview of the debate.

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Six people killed in Wisconsin van crash

JANESVILLE, Wis. (AP) - A tor Marsha Martin. van carrying 14 people overturned on a highway today, killing six of the passengers and injuring the other eight, 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 dispatcher for the Wisconsin State

Two men and a woman, all in their early 20s, were in critical condition, and a 19-year-old woman was treated and released from Janesville Mercy Hospital, said nursing coordina-

A fifth person was hospitalized in critical condition at University Hospital in Madison, said nursing supervisor Kit Soper.

The three others were taken to hospitals in Rockford, Ill., where their conditions were not available.

Investigators did not immediately know the cause of the accident.

"It's been such a severe accident that at this point, it's just been a matter of gathering information," the dispatcher said.

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OUR VIEWS

Disaster drill proves response teams are ready

here was an explosion with injuries and a fatal-Tity on one of Fina's salt water wells Wednesday No, it wasn't real, but rather a drill to help test the preparedness of both Fina personnel as well as personnel from the Big Spring Police and Fire Department, the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department, Howard County Sheriff's Department, Coahoma EMS and Scenic Mountain Medical Center, among others.

Everyone "passed" their test Wednesday, which lasted about 2 1/2 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 — even 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 was going to sound to signal the Level I emergency, its lonesome wail still sends chills up and down your

But Wednesday's drill served its purpose. There are tweaks and fine-tunings that need to be made in certain areas and there were other areas where suggestions were made that could improve the overall

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 more secure every time we pull up those covers on our bed at night.

OTHER VIEWS

As the 1999 Texas Legislature approaches its midpoint, the session appears ready to hit its stride. Lawmakers should attend to these areas as their

work accelerates **CAMPAIGN FINANCE**

The House Elections Committee continues to hear measures that would improve Texas campaigns. Two principles should guide committee members during their sessions: The state needs better laws governing the disclosure of campaign contributions, and Texas should finally put some limits on campaign donations.

A bill introduced by Rep. Pete Gallego, D-Alpine, would especially improve disclosure laws. Among other reforms, it would require state candidates to disclose the employer of contributors who donate more than \$50. Voters could then determine whether there is another source behind a candidate's donations.

Many states have campaign contribution limits. But not Texas. The House Elections Committee should embrace Mr. **Uher's bill and see that Texas** finally gets them.

THE TEXAS OUTDOORS Texas A&M University recently reported that Texas ranks 49th among states in percapita contributions to operate state parks. The state auditor also concludes that the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department needs about \$10 million in additional state funding just to stay in 49th place.

The Senate Finance Committee could start to improve matters when it considers the park system's budget this week. The committee, for example, could raise the cap on the money that now flows from the state's sporting goods tax to state parks. That move would free up more funds to operate Texas parks, which are so important to providing more Texans opportunities to explore the outdoors.

THE BORDER Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander has discovered one way to help the state meet some dramatic needs along the Texas-Mexico border without using general revenue. The comptroller proposes that Texas issue bonds to finance road and building projects along crowded border highways, and then use those bonds to qualify for accelerated payments from the 1998 federal

transportation bill. 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 across the Texas-Mexico bor-

der **NOTIFYING PARENTS**

After some acrimonious skirmishes, the Texas Senate passed a plan Wednesday that appropriately requires pregnant teenagers to notify either their parents or a judge before getting an abortion. Unlike other bills before the Legislature, this measure does not prohibit a young girl from getting an abortion. But it does require her to stop, think and involve her family or an officer of the court before doing

— The Dallas Morning

Credit life policies are a sneaky scheme

ike a character in a John Grisham novel, Thelma Jean Kelly knows what it's like to play David against a billiondollar insurance Goliath.

In "The Rainmaker." Grisham's protagonists take on a wealthy insurance company that refuses to honor a lifeinsurance policy for a poor family's dying son. A similar 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 out for her husband before his death. Thelma Kelly alleges that she and her husband were forthright about Mr. Kelly's extensive health problems 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

Balboa Insurance of California, which wrote the policy, says that Mr. Kelly was never eligible for its policy because he failed to disclose a serious heart condition. When Mrs. Kelly filed a claim demanding that Balboa pay off the balance of a \$43,000 loan, 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.



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Kelly was told, was null and void.

Kelly's pending lawsuit, scheduled to be tried late this year, highlights just one of the problems in an industry many observers say is decidedly unfriendly to consumers.

Some background: Credit life insurance is a \$17 billion industry and growing quickly. Policies, which are usually sold by banks when issuing loans, guarantee that total payment will be made should the borrower die before the loan is 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 partnerships with banks by promising rich kickbacks and commissions for every policy sold. As a result, borrowers don't have the opportunity to shop around for the best insurer. If you're borrowing from Bank X, you automatically get Y insurance.

Birny Birnbaum, an economist with the Texas-based Center for Economic Justice, says that credit-insurance companies 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 typical life-insurance policies, which pay out about 90 cents on the dollar, or car insurers that pay 85 cents. It's no-wonder why so many prestigious banks are jumping into this business -- and why millions of Americans are pelted with offers for credit insurance.

For just pennies or dollars per day, the sales pitch goes, you can protect your heirs from making payments on your debt should anything happen to you. The pitch, according to Birnbaum's group and the Consumer's Union, has proved especially effective among low-income people and minorities.

And the deal gets even sweeter for the banks. As profits go up for the insurance companies, they are passed along to the banks - not customers. Birnbaum estimates that as much as 50 cents of every dollar paid to a credit life-insurance company finds its way to the lender's coffers in the form of commissions and kickbacks.

"It's sneaky but ingenious," Birnbaum told our associate

Kathryn Wallace. "You've got 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, who studies the issue at the National Consumer Law Center in Boston, thinks banks are the worst offenders. "Bribe me the most," Sheldon says, "and I will screw my customers the

So far, regulators have turned a blind eye to this burgeoning industry. Recommended loss ratios for credit-life insurance - or percentage 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 loss ratios up from the low percent range either.

As for the Kelly case, we have learned that the insurance company named in her lawsuit, Balboa, was a fully owned subsidiary of AVCO the lender for the Kelly's \$43,000 loan. Both companies were recently bought for \$3.9 billion by The Associates banking group, a spin-off from Ford Motor Company with \$72 billion in assets.

The Associates has made a few appearances of their own in this column for lending tactics that often target the poor and unsophisticated.

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You never forget how to ride a bike

y cousin Donna got a new bicycle for her birthday, and I went with her to pick it up from the store The bike

was red. Not timid red like raw meat. Screaming fire-engine red. New bicycle red. I felt a surge of envy, though I'm pretty sure if I had a shiny red bike parked outside I'd rarely find time to ride



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Donna let me push her fine machine through the store to the parking lot. I resisted the urge to hop on and speed through Housewares.

By the time we got to my truck, I was in another world, thinking of days long ago, Ware Hill Drive and Donnie

Nobles Donnie was one of my best friends through elementary

and junior high school. (He actually was my best friend, but at that age you 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 neighborhood. Donnie's a college English professor now, a sophisticated, gray-haired fellow who has been in the theater, read everything, written serious papers, collected degrees along life's way.

Once he was simply Donnie, kind, red-haired and freckled, a Toby Tyler with size 26 bicycle tires. (Mine were only 22s.)

I remember the first time I saw him. I was sitting curbside, 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 those marvelously balanced black rubber doughnuts against the flat of your hand.

Suddenly I saw an inquisitive face through the spokes of my Schwinn.

"That a 22 or a 24?" he asked. Thus did our relationship begin in the safe and circumferential realm of childhood.

There was an unwritten bicycle etiquette among children. If someone wanted to talk, both bicyclists slowed down while one circled the other. That way you could hear. If someone was in the mood to coast down a hill, no-hands, there was no need to announce it. The party with the wild thought simply started down the hill, and the companion followed suit. If you were tired, your partner knew it when you dismounted, dropped the bike to the ground and fell beside it. If you were done for the day, you used the kickstand.

We planned our lives while straddling those bicycles. We discussed careers as private detectives, scientists and writers. 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 blazed secret trails through the tall grass beyond the culde-sac, and carefully balanced cartons of glass Coke bottles on our handlebars. We redeemed the bottles for change at the Little Store, then spent the money on candy. Once we

bought a jar of marshmallow cream and took turns dipping our index fingers into the white goo.

It was no problem to streak away from younger siblings on our faster bikes or to pedal away from respective houses pretending not to hear our parents' voices reminding us of chores

Bicycles were freedom, in a sense, the most freedom you were afforded as a child. When your bike was out of commission, you were grounded in the 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 when the men went off to work, again when they came home. The rest of the time the street was empty except for housewives in kerchiefs swapping gossip, kids on homemade skateboards and best pals in tandem, riding their bikes.





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House debates \$1.3 billion for Central America, farmers

Despite a White House veto threat, Republican leaders began pushing a \$1.3 billion package through the House today that would help Central America recover from Hurricane Mitch and dispense money to U.S. farmers and oth-

Republicans and Democrats mostly agreed on how the money would be spent. But they were clashing over how the legislation should be paid for.

Medicaid patients can't be evicted from nursing home

WASHINGTON (AP) — Many nursing home residents who depend on Medicaid to pay their way are gaining help from a new law protecting them against eviction.

"Our parents, grandparents, and future generations of seniors deserve to be secure in the knowledge that they will not be forced to live like nomads in their retirement years," said Sen. Bob Graham, D-Fla., a sponsor of the legislation.

President Clinton planned to sign the measure today.

The bill easily passed Congress earlier this month. Democrats and Republicans were eager to respond to a highly publicized attempt last year by one of the nation's largest nursing home operators, Vencor Inc., to remove Medicaid patients from some of its homes in several states.

Public criticism and pressure from government regulators caused Vencor to reconsider. But many lawmakers wanted a law that would prevent any such actions by nursing home operators in the future.

The new law would not force nursing homes to accept Medicaid patients. However, homes that choose to stop taking new Medicaid patients would be barred from evicting or transferring those Medicaid patients they already have.

For the first time, homes that choose not to accept Medicaid patients would have to notify any new residents able to pay their own way at first that they might have to move if they eventually run out of money and need to rely on Medicaid.

Most Americans think of Medicaid as providing health insurance to poor families and children. But two-thirds of elderly nursing home patients also count on the program to help pay for their care.

With nursing home costs averaging \$40,000 a year, about half of the senior citizens who initially pay their own way must turn to Medicaid within three to five years.

Vencor and nursing home industry groups supported the new law but have asked Congress also to look into the fairness of Medicaid rates, saying inadequate payments are at the root of some problems residents face.

Freed death row inmate finds it hard to get life together

CHICAGO (AP) - Former death row inmate Anthony Porter walked out of custody for the second time in six weeks, saying he had to "get my life together" after being jailed on domestic battery charges.

"I'm innocent and no comment right now," said the 43year-old Porter, who came within days of execution and spent more than 16 years in prison for two killings he didn't com-

"I got to go home, you understand, and get my life together." he told reporters as he left the Cook County Jail on Wednesday.

Porter, who was freed from death row largely through the efforts of a Northwestern University journalism class, was jailed again Tuesday on domestic battery charges. Police said he attacked one of his daughters, Evelyn Porter, and her mother, Carlia Perkins.

"He was beating my mom," the 26-year-old Porter told the Chicago Tribune. "He was punching her in the face and

chest." Porter was released on Wednesday after posting bond. Attorney Daniel Sanders said a Porter relative had put up the bond money.

When President Clinton requested the aid a month ago, he proposed paying for it mostly out of this year's anticipated federal surplus.

He has threatened to veto the House measure — and a \$2.2 billion version approved Tuesday by the Senate - because Republicans would instead cut programs Clinton likes. These include food stamps and funds for purchasing weapons-grade plutonium and uranium from

"It signals that we are committed to changing the way things are done in Washington, to living within our means," said Rep. Porter Goss, R-Fla.

Democrats and administration officials said the cuts were unwise. Rep. Chet Edwards, D-Texas, contrasted GOP calls for spending billions on a new antimissile defense system with their proposal to cut \$150 million from the program that purchases nuclear materials from Russia to reduce that nation's

Edwards said cutting that program would be "unwise, dangerous, and I hope and pray not catastrophic."

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 block U.S. military involvement in the Kosovo crisis. Instead, the Senate adopted a separate,

bipartisan measure supporting U.S. action.

Senate passage came after senators added \$40 million for families of victims of the Feb. 3, 1998 accident in which a Marine jet cut the cable of an Italian ski gondola, killing 20 skiers. The House bill contains no such lan-

The \$40 million for the gondola accident — up to \$2 million for the family of each victim was added by voice vote.

Sen. Charles Robb, D-Va.,

would "permit the United States to shoulder unambiguously its responsibility, uphold the honor of the United States military both at home and abroad, and begin to ease the grieving of 20 families who lost their loved ones."

In a statement distributed at the Capitol, families of the accident's German victims called for "compassion" as the compensation measure moves through Congress.



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Big Spring Herald

Thursday, March 25, 1999

New insurance plan aims to create healthy kids

By BILL McCLELLAN

News Editor

Parents struggling to make ends meet might want to take advantage of a nonprofit corporation formed by the Texas Legislature in 1997 — Texas Healthy Kids Corp.

Representatives will be in Big Spring on Tuesday, April 6, to introduce the program to parents and to help fill out forms for those who are interested.

"Everyone is welcome to come, children too," said Jennifer Bice, a representative of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas, which is handling coverage in the Howard County area.

The enrollment will be held from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Those who attend should use the west entrance.

SCHOOL

NEWS

participated in UIL Solo and

Ensemble Contest in Abilene

on Feb. 20. Students who

received a Division I (superior)

Meaghan Henderson-flute,

Lauren Green-flute, Ashley

Lang-clarinet, Miranda Parson-

clarinet, Austin Barton-saxo-

phone, Gabriel Reves-saxo-

phone, Kristi Gonzales-trum-

pet, Kendra Tatum-trumpet,

Priscilla Ontiveros-trumpet,

Zach Williamson-trumpet, Ray

Valencia-trumpet, Natalie

Rodgers-french horn, Josh

Nathan Sellers-baritone, Cory

Mulkey-snare drum, Jeremey

Burgess-snare drum, Haley

Mitchell-saxophone, Whitney

Wells-saxophone, Elisha Teeler-

french horn, Garrett Cornett-

trumpet, Sam Tindol-baritone,

K.K. Kellar-tuba, Bianca

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 I (superior) rating on

a class I solo and qualify for

Leslie Martin-xylophone and

piano, Monica Chen-flute; a

saxophone quartet including

Daniel Clark, Bobbi Spiller,

The following high school

students received a Division I

(excellent) rating: Mis i

Turner-french horn; a bress

trio including Ben Best, Randy

All Coahoma Bands are

under the direction of Jincy

Big Spring students picked

up some awards for their act-

ing skills during Tuesday's

District One-Act Play competi-

Sarah Smith was honored

with an All-Star Cast award at

the event, which was held at

Big Spring High School.

Honorable Mentions in the act-

Johnathan Hull and David

Other schools that competed

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of

category went to

Overton, Matthew Marlar.

Big Spring High

School drama

department

and Jeremy Ross.

Rowden, Rhonda

saxophone,

Anna

Natasha

Brown-tenor

Butts-clarinet,

Flores-tuba.

state are:

Monty

Barnett.

Hart-snare drum,

Coahoma band

rating are:

TEXAS HEALTHY KIDS CORP.

Any family can take advantage of the if old enough. Also, the child cannot be 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

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,

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.

"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.

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas repre-

sentatives Bice and Claudia Wilbourn said the program is a PPO-styled service. It is more expensive than some of the Texas Healthy Kids rates across Texas, but allows more choice for the health care customer.

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 cost of the health insurance premium.

Information at the enrollment will be available in both English and Spanish. For questions about the program, call Wilbourn at (915) 570-6927, Bice at (915) 699-0344 or 1-877 WELL KID.

In adolescence, chemistry goes haywire

QUESTION: My teen-age son is becoming increasingly difficult to get along with. Isn't there some way to avoid this blackout period and the other

stresses associated with the adolescent voyage? DR. DOB-SON: Not some with teen-agers,

perhaps not with majority. Tension occurs in the most loving and intelli-

DR. JAMES DOBSON gent of fami-

lies. Why? Because it is driven by powerful hormonal forces that overtake and possess boys and girls

in the early pubescent years. I believe parents and even some behavioral scientists have underestimated the impact of the biochemical changes occurring in puberty. We can see the effect of these hormones on the physical body, but something equally dynamic is occurring in the brain. How else can we explain why a happy, contented, cooperative 12-year-old suddenly becomes a sullen, angry, depressed 13-year-old? Some authorities would contend that social pressure alone accounts for this transformation. I sim-

ply don't believe that. The emotional characteristics of a suddenly rebellious teenager are rather like the symptoms of premenstrual syndrome or severe menopause in women, or perhaps a tumultuous midlife crisis in men. Obviously, dramatic changes are going on inside! Furthermore, if the upheaval were caused entirely by environmental factors, its onset would not be so predictable in

puberty. The emotional changes have described arrive right on schedule, timed to coincide precisely with the arrival of sexual maturation. Both characteristics, I contend, are driven by a common hormonal assault. Human chemistry apparently 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 other day about my daughter's hair, and she cried for an hour. I didn't mean to hurt her. I guess she's just more sensitive than I thought. Do I have to walk on eggshells around her?

DR. DOBSON: You should always be mindful that your daughter is listening to what you say about her and that she's "reading" the subtle attitudes you might like to conceal. Kids are extremely sensitive to their parents' love and respect. That's why adults must learn to guard what they

Many times I have been consulted 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 description of all his faults. The child may remember that conversation for a lifetime.

'EDtv' is lighthearted, unapologetic romance

AP Television Writer

Logic would suggest that "EDty" is mainly about someone named Ed. And something

The following Coahoma Junior High Band Students Both have major roles in this bracing new comedy from director Ron Howard that probes the nature of fame. Ed, lovably played by Matthew McConaughey, is a 30-ish videostore clerk who consents to let a cable channel televise him

> live, around the clock. "All Ed, all the time" is the slogan for ratings-starved True TV, whose three-person video crew shadows Ed, broadcasting his life to an insatiable nation.

> Swiftly, this redneck schmo who had lived obscurely with his family in San Francisco has become a celebrity hailed from coast to coast.

"I don't go to the bathroom until Ed goes to the bathroom," declares one hooked viewer, "because I don't want to miss anything.'

If "EDty" sounds familiar, no wonder. It arrives as the third in a video triptych of films released to theaters in the past nine months, including last summer's "The Truman Show" and last fall's "Pleasantville."

quite similar to "The Truman Show," which starred Jim

Carrey as the hero of his own ongoing telecast. But the differences are legion: Truman lived in a studio mocked up as his hometown. Everyone around him was employed as his supporting players. And he knew none of this.

"The Truman Show" was a chillingly observed allegory, while "EDtv" is a lighthearted fable. And it's something else: an unapologetic romance.

Which brings us to the film's most delightful ingredient: Ed's girlfriend, Shari, a UPS driver who just wants a relationship and — God help her! — privacy. In this world of would-be stars, Shari is the lodestar, the modest but resolute conscience.

Shari neither wants to be on TV, nor does she belong there. After all, Ed's audience clamors for him to ditch her in favor of Jill (Elizabeth Hurley), a sexy actress angling to share Ed's prominence. (According to a newspaper poll, 71 percent of "EDtv" viewers feel Shari isn't good enough for Ed.)

A splendidly appealing character, Shari is played by Jenna short of a revelation.

Like her or hate her on the ABC sitcom "Dharma & Greg," On paper, "EDtv" appears here you're in for a surprise. As Shari, a woman unsure of herself and even less sure of talk-show

men, Elfman is fresh, natural. comic yet winsome. In "EDtv," Elfman proves herself to be an

actress and a true original. The rest of the cast is strong, too, especially Woody Harrelson as Ed's loutish, loopy brother, Ray.

"This could change things!" he tells Ed, insisting that the TV cameras are their key to fame and fortune. "How many chances do guys like you and I

Unfortunately, fame has its downside. Now, when Ray cheats on Shari (who, as the film begins, is dating him), she witnesses his philandering on live TV

A bit later, she fights back, announcing to the "EDtv' viewership that Ray is a zero in the bedroom. This time, a horrified Ray is watching the show. Soon Shari and Ed have fallen in love.

Sally Kirkland is fine as the brothers' flighty mother, and Martin Landau is spot-on as their stepfather, an endearing kook confined to a wheelchair.

At the cable network, Ellen Elfman, and she is nothing DeGeneres plays Cynthia, the program executive who hits on the idea of "EDtv." Rob Reiner is dandy as her egomaniacal

Cameos abound. For instance, pundits

denouncing "EDtv" include Harry Shearer, Michael Moore and George Plimpton, who sniffs at its "celebration of booberie.

The film's pacing is brisk, the production values classy (especially the lovely San Francisco scenes).

At their best (as in "A League of Their Own"), screenwriters Lowell Ganz and Babaloo Mandel share a deft, human touch for comedy. Thanks to them, "EDtv" is not only nourished by an affectionately humorous tale, but also armed with laugh-out-loud dialogue.

When Cynthia is asked if research supports her choice of Ed as the network's new star, she shrugs, "Research? We don't even have enough money in our budget for coffee filters. We're using a yarmulke."

And ponder this observation: You put anybody on television 16 hours a day, at some point they're going to wind up rolling off the table and squashing a

The truth of that is demonstrated in "EDtv" — a tender, witty look at what it's like to go public

A Universal Pictures and

Imagine Entertainment release, "EDtv" was produced by Brian Grazer and Howard, and is rated PG-13.

Student gets OK to attend prom in drag

PIERSON, Fla. (AP) School officials reversed their decision and will allow a teen-age boy to attend his high school prom in drag.

Charles Rice plans to wear a red, floor-length evening gown, red satin shoes, gloves and matching rhinestone jewelry to Saturday's prom.

Last week, Principal Peter Oatman told the 18-year-old Taylor High School senior he would be refused entrance to the prom if he showed up in drag.

Oatman backed down after conferring with Superintendent Bill Hall and school district attorneys.

Hall said Rice gets to don his gown for the prom only because the principal let him wear skirts and dresses to special events in the past. Because of these prior episodes, the school system would have had a weak case if the matter had gone to court, Hall said.

say in their presence.

Parents often inadvertently

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Thalidomide Notorious drug making comeback in AIDS treatment HOUSTON (AP) — Thalidomide, notorious

four decades ago for causing at least 10,000 babies to be born with deformities, is being touted today as a miracle treatment for dozens of illnesses, including leprosy, cancer and AIDS-related complications.

The drug's effectiveness on curing agonizing oral ulcers in AIDS patients is being tested at seven medical schools nationwide.

But HIV-infected patients at Dr. Mark Nichols' Houston dental clinic already know that it works. He's been prescribing it for nearly five Nichols has directed the Bering Dental Clinic

for all 12 years that it has existed in the largely gay Montrose area to serve AIDS patients' unique needs. Minor mouth irritations can accelerate quickly into major complications, including painful sores that don't heal on their own, because AIDS sufferers have weakened immune

In 1994, a patient suggested to Nichols that he prescribe thalidomide to heal the sores.

"I had a patient who had one of these ulcers, and steroid treatments weren't working,' Nichols said. "He walks into the office one day and said he'd been doing research and had found a drug he thought would help.

Nichols, who at 42 was a child when the thalidomide babies were born, was stunned when the drug worked.

"I thought, 'My God, this might be something

worth getting into," Nichols said. "I got it for another patient, then another patient. A year later the (Food and Drug Administration) knew me real well because I had to get permission for every single patient.'

Thalidomide is preferred over steroids, another ulcer treatment, because steroids suppress the immune system, the opposite of what AIDS patients need.

Although Nichols' clients used to be mostly gay white men, today he treats many more black men and women. Although blacks make up 12 percent of the U.S. population, they comprise 45 rcent of new AIDS cases.

Sam, a 29-year-old Houston AIDS sufferer, is among the approximately 5 percent of Nichols' patients who develops oral ulcers. He's also among the 40 or so for whom Nichols has prescribed thalidomide.

Sam credits thalidomide with healing three sores in just two weeks.

"(The ulcers) caused me not to be able to eat or speak properly because of the pain," he said. The FDA, which averted the birth defect outbreak in the United States by rejecting thalidomide in the 1950s, approved it last July for leprosy. Selected doctors and pharmacies may prescribe it for other illnesses

The drug's resurgence upsets its victims. "This is really haunting us," Randy Warren,

EDUCATOR OF THE WEEK

EDUCATOR NAME: Sara Beth Homan Warren POSITION/SCHOOL: Sixth grade language arts teacher,

YEARS TEACHING OR IN EDUCATION: 17 years.

UNIQUE TALENTS/METHODS YOU BRING TO THE JOB:Love of learning, enjoyment of travel. 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. SPECIAL HOBBIES/INTERESTS: Art, travel, liberal arts inter-

FAMILY INFORMATION: Married with grown son and daughter. Each is married, living in Dallas and Houston area. I grew up in Big Spring.

PEOPLE WOULD BE SURPRISED IF THEY KNEW I: Moved into my grandparents' house, built in the 1920s-30s, rather than see it torn down. I have a great interest in preserving Big Spring of old and future.

MOST GRATIFYING EXPERIENCE WITH YOUNG PEOPLE: Seeing students finally grasp understanding and learning to enjoy it and thrive to

IF I COULD CHANGE ONE THING ABOUT MY JOB, IT WOULD BE: To reach those students that don't care about school and learning all there is to know.



COMMUNITY NEWS

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 WILL 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 library. For more information call Kelly McBee at 263-2306 or Sue Bagwell at 264-7016.

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There's way too much 'disappointment TV'

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For instance: Sunday's Oscars telecast. Interminable, boring 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 bounced from PBS "Washington Week in Review." That was disappointing. ABC axing the romantic drama 'Cupid." Very disappointing.

Barbara Walters' interview with Monica Lewinsky. Rosie O'Donnell's cold shoulder to that high school band from Georgia. O.J. Simpson's new TV gig doing commercials for

Way disappointing.

And what about that disappointing 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 sound-

turning viewers into buying customers.

Behold the new NBC: Must-Buy TV! From now on, don't watch the programs, watch your wallets.

Raise one last colortini to Tom Snyder, who disappointingly gives up the reins to his four-year-old "Late Late Show" after Friday's appearance.

At 62, this big talker remains a unique TV personality. And as the art of TV interviewing submitted to glibness and irony (a specialty of his successor, Craig Kilborn), Snyder's selfdescribed "old, fuddy-duddy, dinosaur show" never lost its

Now his time and talk are just about over.

And yet ... Snyder leaves with one former fan disappointed not so much that he's leaving, as in him. That's because, during an

interview a year ago, Snyder chose to flat-out lie when asked how much longer he would stay on his CBS show.

He could have said "I can't discuss that" or "I'll let you know" or "Nice tie." Instead, he inventively, elaborately streamed out a reply that track CD for its recent minis- likened doing his show to hav-

for calling for the check, "I don't see it yet.'

Truth was, Snyder's departure were already nailed down. According to people who watch his show, Snyder recently expressed some sort of on-air apology to the reporters (there were more than one) he deceived. Nice trv. Disappointingly too little, too late from a man who built a

long career on straight talk. Snyder soon will be gone. But Bryant Gumbel, disappointingly, has already vanished.

Fortunately for him, Gumbel isn't paid by the hour at CBS

Nor was he shown the door upon his newsmagazine's demise after a dismal single

Mostly out of the public eye (as well as "Public Eye") since last September, Gumbel remains on the job, apparently given nothing to do and doing 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 better return on their investment.

It's disappointing, too, to CBS News employees, who might like it better if Gumbel were

NEW YORK (AP) - Surely eries "The '60s"? The network's ing dinner in a restaurant. As pulling his weight. And maybe even disappointing to some viewers, who miss seeing him in action.

What could be more disappointing? Well, MSNBC.

With the July 1996 launch of its cable and online components, it was billed as a convergence 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 Monica to jaw about by the hour, the network seems more than ever a secondhand outlet for stories recycled from "Today" and "Dateline NBC."

Little wonder that Fox News Channel has closed in on MSNBC, and even beaten it, in the ratings.

How has MSNBC responded? 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 disappointing Nielsen numbers before anybody sees them.

enue from subscribers, who

number around 150,000, accord-

DOBSON

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convey disrespect to a child whom they genuinely love. For example, Mom may become tense and nervous when little Jimmy speaks to guests or outsiders. She butts in to explain what he is trying to say or laughs nervously when his remarks sound foolish. When someone asks him a direct 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 him an extended lecture on how to avoid making a fool of himself. These subtle behaviors are signals to the child that the mother doesn't trust him with her

image and that he must be supervised closely to avoid embarrassing the whole family. He reads disrespect in her manner, though it is framed in genuine love.

The first step in huilding a strong self-concept in your child is to be very careful what you say and do in his or her presence. Be particularly cautious about the matters of physical attractiveness and intelligence. These are two primary 'soft spots" where boys and girls are most vulnerable.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Dr. James C. Dobson's "Focus on the Family" appears each Thursday as a cooperative effort of Scenic Mountain Medical Center and the Big Spring Herald. Letters to Dr. Dobson may be sent to P.O. Box 444; Colorado Springs, Colo.; 80903.

DRUG

Continued from Page 6A head of the Thalidomide Victims Association of Canada, said from his London, Ontario, office. "We don't accept a world with thalidomide in it."

Tragically, one of the powerful sedative's first uses was as a morning-sickness cure. Women who took it in the first trimester of pregnancy had babies with no limbs or flipperlike arms and legs, serious facial deformities and defective organs.

Warren's mother took two spoonfuls of a thalidomidelaced juice while living in West Germany. As a result, the 37year-old's legs and arms are shortened.

Rather than futilely fight thalidomide's return, Warren's group has helped New Jerseybased drug marketer Celgene Corp. develop a screening and labeling program to prevent a

modern-day repeat. Warren worries that HIVinfected women who would be willing to risk unprotected sex to get pregnant would also overlook the danger of taking thalidomide, so potent that just one pill can contort a fetus.

He's also bothered that thalidomide 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 cutting off the blood supply to tumors. When combined with chemotherapy or radiation therapy, the cancer cells, in theory, die of starvation.

"I have this sick feeling that when I'm in my late 70s, 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

Every thalidomide patient must sign up for a registry run by Boston University and overseen by Celgene and the FDA. Women must agree to take extreme birth control measures and submit to a battery of preg-

Ms. Magazine is back: Funnier, lighter this time ads and derives most of its rev-

NEW YORK (AP) - Call it the magazine that refused to

After ceasing publication for the second time in its 27-year history, Ms. magazine is coming back yet again, this time owned by a consortium of businesswomen, heiresses and feminist icon Gloria Steinem.

"They are women who have put their money where their hearts are," said Ms. Steinem, a co-founder of the magazine and consulting editor. "It is the only magazine for women controlled by women.'

First launched in 1972, Ms. ceased publication for eight months in 1989 because it was Section Called Control of A DA 641A1

included Snyder, Andrews,

This was the first year in a

redesigned district that includ-

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San Angelo Lake View.

The first issue of the newly reconstituted Ms. announces on its cover: "WE'RE BACK! Wake Up & Smell the Estrogen."

back, without ads, cut publication from monthly to bimonthly and raised subscription prices.

In 1997, Ms. celebrated its 25th anniversary with a new owner — Jay MacDonald, publisher of Working Mother and Working Woman.

Last year, MacDonald sold Ms. to Liberty Media for Women, an investment group that includes Ms. Steinem; Abigail Disney, grand-niece of Walt Disney; Sandy Lerner, colosing money. In 1990, it came founder of Cisco Systems,

ed the addition of Snyder and

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to regional competition.

maker of computer-networking equipment; Alix L.L. Ritchie, a philanthropist and publisher of 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 on some newsstands March 30

The magazine still accepts no to lighten up."

ing to chief editor Marcia Ann Gillespie. The first issue of the newly reconstituted Ms. announces on its cover: "WE'RE BACK! Wake Up & Smell the Estrogen.' Ms. Gillespie said the new

Ms. is edgier and funnier. "When Ms. was in its hiatus, I really did listen to what women had to say about it,' she said.

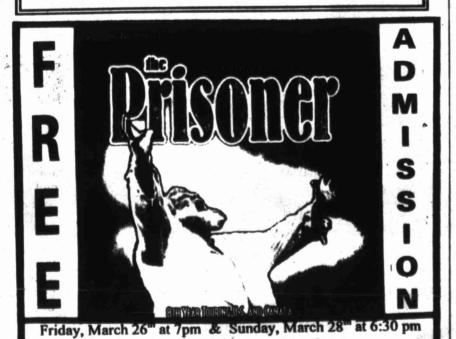
"A lot of them said things like 'Ms. is really good for you but it's hard because there's so much in there.' So we decided

A Golfer's Personality Quiz

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Note to MOM: Ask your boss about "Take Your Child (ME) to Work Day"in Big Spring Thursday, April 22. Love, YOURKID! P.S. Let's eat lunch out, too!



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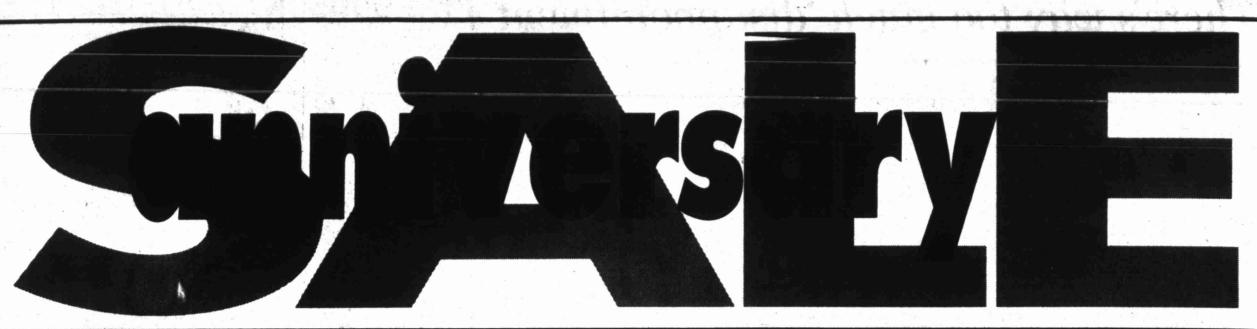




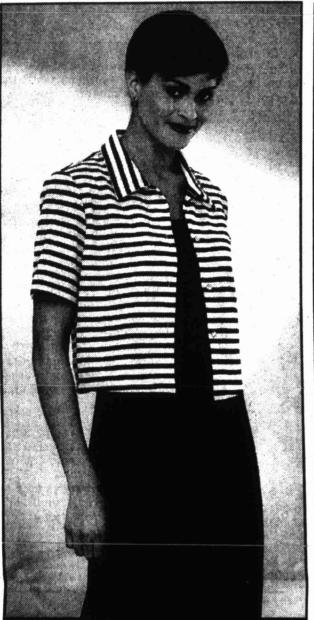




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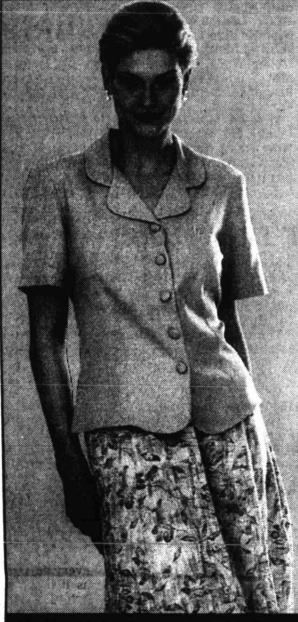


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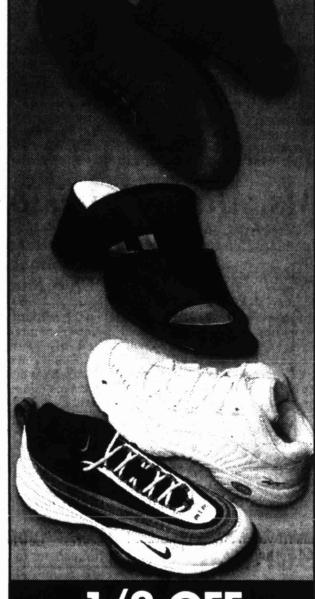
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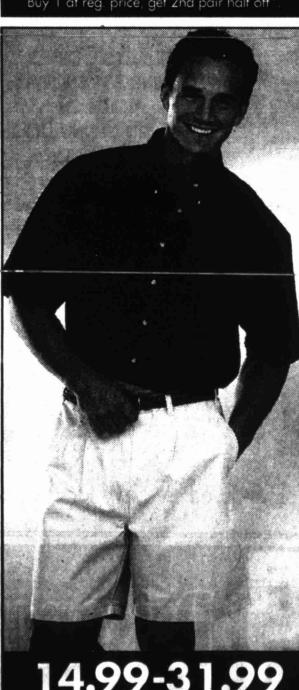
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YMCA swimming meet scheduled for Saturday

The Big Spring YMCA swim team will host a meet beginning at 11 a.m. Saturday at the YMCA pool.

A field of 90 swimmers from Amarillo, Lubbock, Midland, Odessa, Abilene, San Angelo, Monahans and Andrews, as well as the local team, is expected to compete.

The public is invited to attend and admission will be

Industrial softball league slates Tuesday meeting

Industrial Softball League officials will hold their first meeting of the year at 7 p.m. Tuesday at John Wesley's Billiards.

League fees will be discussed and new board members will be selected.

All interested teams and their coaches are urged to

For more information, contact Jesse Rios at 264-6129.

Big Spring UGSA's registration continues

Officials with the Big Spring United Girls Softball Association have announced that registration will continue until April 9 at All-Star Sports, formerly Neal's **Sporting Goods.**

The organization will also be registering players April 3 during the Ballapalooza at **Roy Anderson Complex.**

Parents should bring each child's birth certificate and registration fee of \$25 when signing up their children for the league.

Fundraiser tournament scheduled for April 3

The Ballapalooza Softball and Ragball Tournament to benefit youth sports programs and the Roy Anderson Complex has been scheduled for April 3.

Games will begin at 8 a.m. each day and continue until midnight.

Entry fees for the 20-team softball tournament field will be \$100, while a fee of \$80 will be required to enter the 12team ragball tournament field. The deadline for registering

teams will be April 1. For more information, call Chris at 264-2100 or Andrea Earle at 800-734-7641.

Heart Association slates charity event for April 17

The Howard County Chapter of the American Heart Association has scheduled its annual charity golf tournament for April 17 at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

The four-person scramble requires that all teams must have A.B.C and D players.

Entry fees are \$200 per team. Anyone wanting to play should sign up at the Comanche Trail Pro Shop.

YMCA extends period for roller hockey sign-ups

The Big Spring YMCA has extended registration for its new roller hockey program. Play will be staged in three

age groups Fees will be \$15 for YMCA members, \$27 for basic members and \$32 for non-members. The seven-week season will

begin Saturday. For more information, call the YMCA at 267-8234.

ON THE AIR

Television

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

6:30 p.m. - NIT Tournament,

championship game, ESPN, Ch. 8:30 p.m. — College Slam Dunk and 3-point Championships (same-day tape), ESPN, Ch. 30.

NBA BASKETBALL 7:30 p.m. — Toronto Raptors at Houston Rockets, FXS, Ch. 29.

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11:30 p.m. — Lipton Championships, wo0men's quar terfinal (delayed tape), ESPN, Ch.

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Cal faces Clemson in NIT championship game tonigh

California coach Ben Braun sees it, there are no bad teams playing in late March.

Which is why he knows tonight's National Invitation Tournament championship game against Clemson will call for the Golden Bears' top performance of the season.

We played one of our better games because we played consistent throughout," Braun said Wednesday, the day after Cal took control early in the second half and beat Pac-10 rival Oregon 85-69 in Tuesday night's semifinals. "This team takes pride in its performance and wants to go out on a winning note."

So does Clemson, which blew a 24point second-half lead, but still managed to beat Xavier 79-76 to reach the title

"We're feeling confident right now,"

Clemson first-year coach Larry Shyatt said. "Our older players don't want it to end and the younger players are enjoying the ride.

When the Tigers (20-14) and Golden Bears (21-11) meet for the first time, the winner will come away with its first NIT title. For Clemson, it would be the school's first basketball championship in 60 years. California, meanwhile, has

been waiting 40 years. "Even though we didn't make the NCAA tournament, we got selected for the NIT and decided we would try to go out there and win it," Tigers guard

The NIT might be perceived as loser's event, but the finalists don't see it that way. A win would be a fitting sendoff for the seniors as well as providing a building block for next season.

Terrell McIntyre said.

For California, there's an even bigger reward for senior starters Francisco Elson, Thomas Kilgore, Geno Carlisle and Michael Gill. The foursome came to Cal two years ago knowing the school was facing NCAA sanctions.

"I'm really happy for them," Braun said. "They came to our program and they came at a tough time. Now they have an opportunity to go out winners. This tournament is very important to our program and players.

Two years ago, the Golden Bears reached the final 16 of the NCAA tournament, but were banned from postseason play last year for an alleged illegal payment by former coach Todd Bozeman's staff to a recruit.

Not one of California's current players had played in a postseason game before

season losses to Oregon, Elson said: "We did not want to go out with a loss. We wanted to win the championship. We want to keep playing for something. We didn't want to finish third or fourth. We just wanted to win.'

Clemson may have finished 5-11 in the Atlantic Coast Conference, but winning the NIT would ease the pain.

"Throughout the season we weren't having as much fun as we did our first three years, and that showed in our play," said McIntyre, the 5-foot-9 senior who scored 20 points against Xavier. "We just want to go out and have fun and that's what we're doing."

Clemson's only postseason title came 60 years ago when the Tigers won the-Southern Conference; California won the NCAA championship in 1959.

Bulldogs post big win Point guards

Hale Center's Friday visit looms large

HERALD Staff Report

Coahoma's Bulldogs remained unbeaten in District 3-2A baseball action Tuesday with a 13-4 win over Olton's Mustangs.

The lopsided final score was not indicative of how competitive the Mustangs proved to be in facing the defending Region , Class 2A champions.

Olton took advantage of control problems experienced by Bulldogs starter Aaron Ovalle, jumping out to a 4-1 lead before Coahoma head coach Scott Lewis called on Cody Teeler to relieve his beleaguered pitcher.

Teeler responded by shutting out the Mustangs for the final 4 2/3 innings.

They gave us a little bit of a scare," Lewis said. "They jumped out to that 4-1 lead and we didn't really put it away until there in the top of the seventh inning."

Going into the seventh inning, the Bulldogs owned a 6advantage and had Lewis hoping for another insurance run or two.

They provided that and more. By game's end, the Bulldogs had pounded out 15 hits.

Among Coahoma's offensive leaders was shortstop Vincent Garcia, who went 2-for-4 on the day and clubbed a solo home run in the Bulldogs' 7-run sev-

Travis McMillan was also 2for-4 for the day, while Brandon Hancock and Blake Nichols were both 2-for-3 at the

The Bulldogs improved their record to 8-6 overall and

Bulldogettes continued their

blitzkrieg through District 2-

2A's softball ranks on Tuesday.

needing just three innings to

Sophomore Kenni Kay

Buchanan struck out all but

two of the 10 batters she faced,

giving up just one hit to the

Her eight strikeouts made it

easy for the Bulldogettes to fin-

Cardinals a 17-0 spanking.

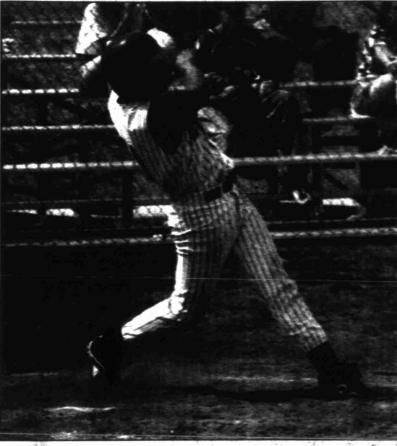
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na shortstop Vincent Garcia, shown Bulldogs' doubleheader split with Midland's junior varsity on

improved to 3-0 in district play going into their 5 p.m. Friday game in which they'll host Hale Center's Owls.

The Owls, Coahoma's area round playoff opponent a year ago, have their sights set on contending for the 3-2A title and are considered favorites to reach the playoffs along with the Bulldogs and Tahoka's **Bulldog version**.

"It's definitely a big game ... at least we see it as a big game and I'm sure they do, too," Lewis said looking ahead to the Bulldogs' next opponent. "There's no question they're definitely one of the playoff contenders in our district. And when someone's that good,

Bulldogettes pound Hermleigh, 17-0

belonging to Buchanan herself

when she fielded a chopper

back to the mound and threw

Conversely, the Bulldogettes

pounded out 17 hits and bene-

fited from five Hermleigh

Cassie Tindol and Misty

Baker paced the Coahoma

offense with 3-for-3 perfor-

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out the batter at first.

being doubles.

you've got to be ready to play

of playing." Hale Center will come into Friday's game with a 2-1 district record, it's only loss coming at the hands of Tahoka.

slate, is currently tied atop the district's standings with Tahoka and Lewis stresses that his team needs to remain in that position.

'We certainly want to be 4-0 when we go up there (to Tahoka) next week," he said. "This is a tremendously tough district. So we've got to take advantage of playing at home There won't be anything easy playing Tahoka in their park.

Bingham and Kayla Smith

were both 2-for-3 with a double

Freshman Erin Stovall was

also among Coahoma's leading

hitters, going 2-for-4 at the

plate with a double to her cred-

The Bulldogettes improved to

17-2 overall with the win and

are a perfect 3-0 in District 2-

2A play. They return to action

at 4:30 p.m. Friday when they

the best baseball you're capable

"We only had seven or eight scholarship players on our team a year ago ... Scoonie would play with the other guys, the walk-ons, and they would beat Coahoma, with it's 3-0 district

our starters. That was the challenge we were giving to him." 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 honors with another Final Four point guard, Michigan State's Mateen Cleaves. "It's a coaching cliche, but he

do that," coach Jim O'Brien

recalled Wednesday.

already laying the groundwork

determined to get ahead.

this season.

really is somebody who's coaching the guys," O'Brien said. "If I just sat there and kept my mouth shut, you know things would get done the way you want them to be done because of Scoonie's knowledge of what should get done. The point guards for the

teams headed to St. Petersburg for Saturday's national semifinals were a hot topic of discussion among the coaches in a conference call Wednesday.

leading their teams within two victories of a national title are Duke's William Avery and Connecticut's Khalid El-Amin. "This tournament has as good

a (group of) four point guards as I've seen in a long time. They

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

have the respect of the other

players," Michigan State coach for the Buckeyes' first trip to the Final Four in three decades. Tom Izzo said. Penn sat out last season after While Cleaves and Penn transferring to the Big Ten shared the player of the year school from Boston College, and award in their conference, Elthe 5-foot-10 point guard was Amin has a reputation for doing whatever is necessary to help Instead of going through the Connecticut win. Duke coach motions when there were no Mike Krzyzewski says Avery

has improved in his first year games to prepare for, he pushed as a starter as much as any himself in practice and worked himself into a position to help point guard he's ever had. the Buckeyes achieve more "As much as us coaches think than many thought possible we feel on the sidelines, somebody out on the court can feel 'We talked to him in terms of the pulse of a team and the

When you come to practice other team and react instinc-every day, you've got to treat a wely to that feel," Krzyzewski as if that's your game, fourte said of the importance of hav-got to make this competitive, ing an accomplished point and you've got to try to win guard. "If you have a good one, every situation.' He was able to it makes you look great."

None of the floor leaders among the finalists leads his team in scoring, but there's no question where the Blue Devils, Buckeyes, Huskies and Spartans look for guidance in tight situations.

"Very simply, the people who have the ball in their hands the most time end up controlling the game. That's kind of a simple explanation of why all four of us, I'm sure, are here," Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun said

"Clearly in our case, Khalid has been our energizer. He was 0-for-12 against Gonzaga and yet down the stretch still was the guy who made the difference ... He makes us go, not only physically but psychologically. He really truly is the guy the kids 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 vice versa. He said both players have a rare ability to make everyone around them better.

"You call it charisma, you call Joining Penn and Cleaves in it energy, you call it leadership, you call it competitiveness, Calhoun said. "Those are attributes they both have and are able to impart to their teammates. That's a very, very unusual characteristic to have, not only in sport but in life.'

Duke's women hoping for better trip to San Jose this time

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) - Gail Goestenkors is an emotional coach, and she held nothing back when her Duke Blue Devils lost their season opener by 30 points to Connecticut in mid-November.

"I was totally shocked, surprised and dismayed by our performance," she said. "I was especially surprised by the way my seniors were unable to handle the pressure."

That 104-74 loss came in the Four in the Fall tournament at the San Jose Arena, an event intended to showcase some of the top women's teams in the nation.

"That was the worst game of our season," Goestenkors said this week. "I told the players after the game, 'Well, now we know how bad we can be. We've got the entire rest of the season to find out how go. I we can be.'

That tourney, which also included Stanford and Arkansas, began a season

Women's Final Four at the San Jose Arena. Duke is the only one of those four teams making a return trip.

ish the game with no errors - added two doubles in three

the only defensive opportunity trips to the plate, while Amber

Catcher Kortney Kemper host Loraine's Lady Bulldogs.

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it, as well.

We wanted to set our schedule up so that the beginning of our journey would be in San Jose and the end of our journey would be in San Jose. They've known from Day 1 what that first trip was all about. It wasn't the best trip," Goestenkors said. "I think there would be nothing more fitting than to play our last game there and have it be our best

Duke reached the Final Four with a stunning upset of three-time defending national champion Tennessee. The Volunteers' loss is one of the reasons this weekend might be more notable for who's missing than who's at the Final

When the Four in the Fall tournament was played, it seemed like the beginning to a perfect buildup for the Final Four -

that ends this weekend with the which was coming to an area wild about women's hoops and proud to host the American Basketball League's headquar-

> Fans were even relishing a dream Final Four matchup: local favorite 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 the Final Four is expected to have on the city, reality turned out to be a lot different than the expectations of last autumn.

The ABL folded a few days before Christmas. Fans still grieve the loss of a league they thought represented the growing opportunities for women ath-

Stanford had a disappointing season that ended in the first round of the NCAA tournament, and Tennessee lost 69-63 to Duke in the regional finals to miss out on another trip to the Final

Duke, struggling to get fan support on a campus infatuated with its men's basketball team's run to the Final Four, will face Georgia in the first semifinal game Friday evening. The nightcap will be

Louisiana Tech against Purdue. Purdue also made a West Coast trip earlier this season, and left just as dismayed as Duke. A 73-72 defeat at Stanford in the third game of the season remains the Boilermakers' only loss of

Goestenkors remembers the long trip home from San Jose last November, but her more recent memory is of the happy journey home after Monday's win over

Tennessee. "We had a wonderful bus ride home." she said. "Lots of singing, lots of danc-

That joyous trip was exactly what her colleague at Duke, men's coach Mike Krzyzewski, has always preached about.

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NCAA-MEN

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NCAA-WOMEN

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to the minors by the New York

Mets, which might open the

door for them to enter the bid-

because it involves a player of

his stature and given what he's

done in his career," Mets gen-

eral manager Steve Phillips

said Wednesday after deciding

to cut the 1995 NL Rookie of the

Year — apparently against the

"But I've got to make a judg-

ment in what I can do to have

us win as many games as we

can, and this starts the

process," Phillips said in Fort

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Chicago Cubs 16. Chicago White Sox 5 Today's Games Tampa Bay vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers, Fla., 12:05 p.m.

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Miami at Minnesota, 7 p.m.

Denver at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.

Toronto at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.

Washington at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.

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SOCCER

Pla., 12:05 p.m. Toronto vs. Kansas City at Haines

Nomo, 30, joining the Dodgers

in 1995 and won 45 games in Los

Angeles, but struggled last sea-

son and was traded to the Mets

in June. He went 4-5 with a 4.82

ERA in 17 games with New

York and was ineffective this

spring, going 0-2 with a 7.62

Denny Neagle and two other

pitchers on the disabled list

Wednesday and temporarily

dropped Pete Harnisch from the

ERA in four appearances.

The Cincinnati Reds

Saturday's Games
Chicago at Kansas City, 7:30 p.m.
Colorado at San Jose, 9 p.m.

New England at Miami, 2 p.m. Dallas at Los Angeles, 7 p.m.

WPHL PLAYOFFS

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8. Carson-Newman
9. Delta State Central Missouri

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19. UMass-Lowell 20 Millersville 21. Central Oklahoma (tie) Rollins (tie) Rollins 23. Georgia College 24. Mansfield 25. Columbus State

NAIA BASEBALL

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Through March 22 ALL-AROUND

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load some picnic type benches which are being donated from Western Container Corporation to be used at the Roy Anderson Complex.

Lakers lose first game with Rodman in lineup a season-low 71 points and only Charlotte 110, Chicago 81;

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Dennis Rodman is no longer undefeated in a Los Angeles Lakers uniform.

Cliff Robinson scored 24 points and Jason Kidd had 23 points, 10 assists and seven rebounds as the Phoenix Suns beat Los Angeles 106-101 Wednesday night.

It was the first time the Lakers lost a game in which Rodman played for them. They were 11-0 with him in the lineup and 1-3 without him since he joined the team last month. Rodman missed four games after leaving the team for personal reasons.

"Sometimes we play together, and other times we play like we just met yesterday," said Shaquille O'Neal, who had 24 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 ninegame home winning streak.

Luc Longley had a seasonhigh 18 points and 11 rebounds for the Suns, who won their second straight game after three consecutive losses.

"Jason made some big shots down the stretch and Cliff made some big plays," coach Danny Ainge said "That was the difference."

In other games, it was Minnesota 87. Boston 68;

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GOLF TRATL

Houston 88, Dallas 78; Miami 84, Milwaukee 76, Washington 96, Seattle 92; Philadelphia 95, Vancouver 90 in overtime; Sacramento 92, New York 91; and Golden State 92, Los Angeles Clippers 80.

Detroit 84, New Jersey 71;

Atlanta 103, Indiana 102;

Timberwolves 87, Celtics 68

Kevin Garnett had 22 points and 14 rebounds, and Dennis Scott also scored 22 points as Minnesota beat the slumping Celtics.

The Celtics have lost 10 of their last 11, while the Timberwolves won for just the second, time in seven games. Kenny Anderson scored 16 points for Boston, which shot 31 percent from the field.

Hornets 110, Bulls 81

Rookie Brad Miller scored a Rockets 88, Mavericks 78 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 road games. Toni Kukoc missed the game with a sore back

Pistons 84, Nets 71 Detroit limited New Jersey to 23 field goals, which tied a franchise low for the Nets. Bison Dele scored 18 points

and Jerry Stackhouse 17 for the visiting Pistons, who shot 51 percent from the field. Keith Van Horn led the Nets with 27

Hawks 103, Pacers 102

Mookie Blaylock hit a 10-footer in the lane with 1.9 seconds remaining, giving Atlanta its second victory in eight days over the top team in the Central Division.

Steve Smith scored 25 points and Dikembe Mutombo had 19 points, 14 rebounds and four blocks for the Hawks, who also beat the Pacers on March 16 at Market Square Arena: Reggie Miller led visiting Indiana with 26 points

Hakeem Olajuwon scored 24 points and rookie Cuttino Mobley added 16 as Houston beat the Mavericks for the 11th straight time.

Charles Barkley added 16 points and 11 rebounds for the Rockets, who have won three straight and seven of their last nine. Shawn Bradley had 20 points, 13 rebounds and six blocks for Dallas.

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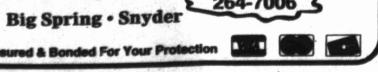
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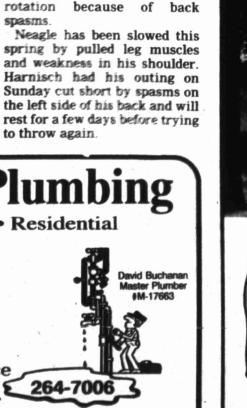
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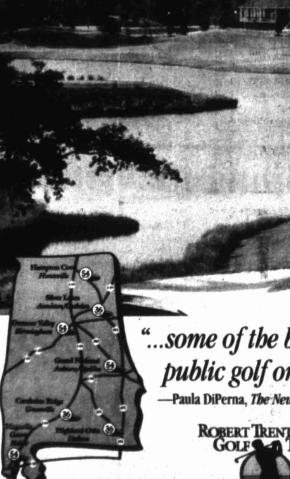
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Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for March 24. (Report also available on Web as

CENTRAL
BROWNWOOD: Water stained; 62 degrees;
Black bass are good on chartreuse or white sinnerbalts and black/blue jig-n-pigs fished in the
main lake around the rocky banks. Most of the
fish are staging to spawn. Crapple are fair on
white jigs and minnows fished in 10 to 15 feet of
water around the docks in the evening and at
night. Hybrid stripers are fair (they are finally
starting to make their spring run) on chrome colored Rat-L-Traps. Cast along the banks in the
mornings and troll from 10 o'clock on in about 6
to 10 feet of water.
BUCHANAN: Water clear; 64 degrees; 10' low;
Black bass to 4.5 pounds are fair, on white
Terminator spinnerbalts, June Bug Top-Dog
lizards and Rat-L-Traps fished around Islands in
upper lake in 1 to 7 feet of water. Striped bass
are good trolling 1oz, bucktail jigs and on live
shad fished in 24 feet of water. White bass are
good trolling Mystic Shad R's and Shad Raps
slong creeks. Crapple are fair on minnows.
Channel and blue catfish are good on trotlines.
Yellow catfish to 31 pounds are good on live
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PROCTOR: Water stained; 60 degrees; Black bass are fair on spinnerbalts and jerkbalts fished in 5 to 10 feet of water (fish bright colors). Crapple are good on minnows fished around the bridge pillions in 10 to 15 feet of water. Hybrid Stripers slow

AMISTAD: Water lightly stained; 64 degrees; 35' low; Black bass to 10.3 pounds are good on neon gold Nichols spinnerbaits and pumpkin seed with a chartreuse tail Carolina-rigged lizards fished around the grass and in the backs of the toves in 3 to 20 feet of water. Crapple are fair on minnows fished at night under lights. White and striped bass are fair to good on slabs fished in 40 to 50 feet of water (look for the birds). Channel and blue catfish are fair on cheesebalt fished in 6 to 20 feet of water

ALAN HENRY: Water clear; 57 degrees; 4.5' low; Black bass to 7.5 pounds are fair on lizards. No reports on smallmouth or Alabama Spotted Bass. Crappie are excellent on live minnows and jigs fished off the crappie dock. Catfish are slow. ARROWHEAD: Water clear; 55 degrees; 5' low; Black bass to 4 pounds are fair on spinerbaits. DIRECK DASS to 4 pounds are fair on sprinerbalts. Crappie are fair on minnows fished near Henrietta Bridge, the derricks and peers. White bass are slow on white jigs and minnows fished in 10 to 12 feet of water. Channel and blue catfish are excellent on nightcrawlers fished in 18 feet of water on the south end of the lake. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines balted with goldfish in 10 to 15 feet of water. 10 to 15 feet of water.

BRADY: Water stained; 57 degrees; 14' low; Black bass to 8.5 pounds are slow on crankbalts and worms fished in 10 to 20 feet of water. Crapple are slow on live minnows and jigs fished in 6 to 12 feet of water. Blue catfish to 5 pounds

In 6 to 12 feet of water. Blue catfish to 5 pounds are fair on cut shad and cut balt fished in 12 to 18 feet of water. Yellow catfish to 31 pounds are slow on trotlines balted with minnows and perch. COLORADO CITY: Water stained; 59 degrees; 13.5' low; No fishing report available. FT. PHANTOM HILL: Water slightly stained; 60 degrees; 17' low; Black bass are fair on spinner-balts fished in 8 to 10 feet of water. Crapple are good on minnows fished in 4 to 6 feet of water. Sand bass are fair on jigs fished in 4 to 6 feet of water. Hybrid stripers are poor on shad fished in 7 to 9 feet of water. Blue catfish are good on shad, shrimp and chicken livers fished in the shad, shrimp and chicken livers fished in the shallows. Yellow catfish to 18 pounds are poor

shallows. Yellow cattles to 18 pounds are poor fished in 12 to 14 feet of water.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water slightly stained; 57 degrees; 4.5' low; Black bass to 5.5 pounds are good on Rat-L-Traps, crankbalts (shad patterns) and lizards. Crapple are good on minnows and small jigs fished under boathouses in 9 to 12 feet of water. White bass, are fair on small spin-post-bits, small craphibatic and minnows. No nerbalts, small crankbalts and minnows. No reports of hybrid stripers. Channel catfish are good on live worms, stink balt and cut balts fished in 7 to 8 feet of water.

No. 17 to 8 feet of water.

KEMP: Water stained; 50 degrees; 12' low; No report for Black bass, sand bass or crapple this week, few fishermen due to weather. Yellow catfish are poor on trotlines baited with goldfish. NASWORTHY: Water stained; 60 degrees; Black bass to 9 pounds are fair on red shad Ilzards. Crapple and white bass are good on min-nows fished in the shallows. Hybrid stripers to 5

reports of redfish. Channel and yellow catfish to 40 pounds are good on trotlines balted with gold-NOCONA: Water stained: 58 degrees: 4' low: Black bass are good on pumpkinseed/char-treuse lizards fished in 2 to 8 feet of water and slow rolling a white spinnerbalt on the edges of the grass. Crapple are good on chartreuse jigs and minnows fished in 2 to 10 feet of water.

white bass and hybrid stripers are fair on lip-less crankbaits and Sassy Shads in 8 to 15 feet of water. Channel and blue catfish are good in 2 to 12 feet of water on prepared baits. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines balted with live shad. OAK CREEK: Water slightly stained; 60 degrees; 10.5 low; Black bass to 9 pounds are degrees; 10.5 low; Black bass to 9 pounds are good on jigs, spinnerbaits and minnows fished in 5 to 15 feet of water. Crappie are excellent on small jigs and minnows fished in 5 to 18 feet of water. White bass are good on minnows and jigs fished in 5 to 15 feet of water. Channels and

blue catfish to 3 pounds are slow on goldfish, minnows, livers and stink baits fished in 5 to 15 feet of water. Yellow catrish to 11 pounds are slow on goldfish, nightcrawlers and minnows fished in 10 to 20 feet of water.

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O.H. IVIE: Water clear in main lake, stained in Concho River, Muddy in Colorado River; 60 degrees; Black bass to 11 pounds are good on Rat-L-Traps and live bait fished off the points in 5 to 6 feet of water. Crappie are slow to fair on min-nows and jigs fished in the river channels in 12 to 18 feet of water during the day (at night fished in 30 to 40 feet of water). White bass are good in 30 to 40 feet of water). White bass are good on slabs and jigging spoons fished in 20 to 35 feet of water along the river channels. Hybrid stripers to 8.15 pounds (new lake record) are slow. Catfish are slow but a few are being caught on trotlines baited with live balt in the rivers. POSSUM KINGDOM: Water stained; 56 degrees; 9.5' low; Black bass are good on crankbalts and spinnerbalts fished in 5 to 10 feet of water. White bass are slow on minimakers.

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of yellow catfish.

STAMFORD: Water slightly stained; 54 degrees; 13' low; Black bass are fair on worms and crankbaits. Crappie are poor on pink, chartreuse, and yellow jigs. White bass are fair on minnows. There have been no reports yellow catfish being caught. Chanael catfish to 4 pounds are fair on cut shad and punch balt. Blue catfish to 5 pounds are good on punch balt and cut shad fished in shallow water with a sandy bottom. West Texas Utilities plans to dredge a channel from the boat ramp at Anchor Marina Lodge to the main take. This would make the lake accessible by boats when the lake level is extremely

low.

SWEETWATER: Water stained; 60 degrees;
Black bass are slow on crankbalts fished in shellow water up the creeks. White bass are good on crankbalts and ligs fished in 10 to 12 feet of water. Crapple are slow in deep water. Blue and channel catfish are good on minnows and stinkbalt. No reports of yellow catfish.

TWIN BUTTES: Water stained; 60 degrees; The lake level is at 9% of normal due to the work on the dam. The work is scheduled for completion in May, While the level is down, the city of San Angelo is building a four-lane boat ramp for the North Pool near Sailboat point to be used when the level is back up. They will also build a two-lane boat ramp for the South Pool. One very steep boat ramp is accessible on the south side of the North Pool.

WHITE RIVER: Water stained; 55 degrees; 22' low; Black bass are good on spinnerbalts.



By BETTY DEBNAM

Arizona's historical election

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all women. (Arizona does not have a

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became the first

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Breaking Records Women in Politics

Today there are more women serving in the U.S. Congress than ever before in our history. These 65 women include record numbers of women in both the Senate and Representatives.

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are women. **Making gains**

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than ever before. There are five times more women in state legislatures than there were 30

years ago. Even with all these gains, women still have a long way to go. Females make up about 50 percent of the population, but only about 12 percent of our U.S. congressional members are women. As more incumbents, or people already in office,

step down, more and more women will probably be elected. Women will be catching up faster and faster.

Source of statistics: Center for the American Woman and Politics, Eaglete Institute of Politics, Rutgers University



Three states, New Jersey, New Hampshire and Artzona, have women governors. Color those states.

Gains in the states

There are 89 women in top state positions. These include three women governors, Jane Dee Hull from Arizona, Jeanne Shaheen from New Hampshire and Christine Todd Whitman from New

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Sen. Blanche Lambert Lincoln of

Arkansas, 39, is the youngest woman

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she took office in January, she also

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To celebrate National Women's History Month, The Mini Page talked



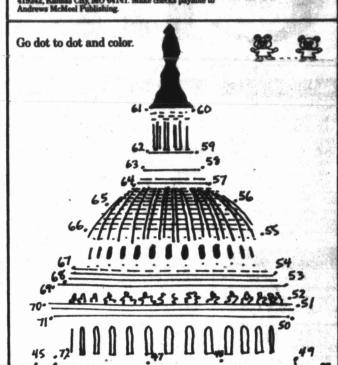
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WOMEN IN TRY 'N **POLITICS**

Words that remind us of women in politics are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward. See if you can find: MEMBER, ELECT, WIN, SERVE, COUNTY, GOVERN, CONGRESS, HISTORY, LAW, WOMEN, LEGISLATURE, RUN, HOPE, VOTE, POLITICS, SENATE, POPULATION, CABINET, WPOPULATIONHQBE



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race and served until 1996. She did not seek re-election because she was expecting twins. Two years later, she was elected to the Senate. Juggling her roles

Background

would be a senator.

career in medicine.

Sen. Lincoln said: "I had a blissful,

wonderful childhood. I played a lot with

When she was growing up, "never in my wildest dreams" did she think she

She graduated from college in 1982 with a degree in biology. She planned a

These plans changed

when she took a job

with a congressman,

assistant. In 1992 she

won her own House

working as a receptionist and staff

Senator Lincoln must balance many important parts of her life. These include: · wife senator

• mother daughter

granddaughter

Heroines

A Senator Talks to Kids

"The women in my family are my heroines. I come from a long line of strong

Her mom's mother. Adne. sold insurance, worked in a bakery and raised the children. She was a widow for 27

"She always had a job. She was a modern woman before it was cool to be a modern woman."

She said about her dad's mom, Blanche: "There was not a person who met her who was not awed by her graciousness,

her ability to make people feel at ease. Her mother, Martha, is also an important role model. "She's strong, compassionate, hard-working. She encouraged all of us to reach for our dreams, all the while not forgetting where we came from.



Blanche Lincoln's husband, Stephen, is a doctor. Their 21/2 year-old twin sons are

Advice to kids

"Know within yourself what your goals are. Don't try to be somebody you're not. "This takes work. Pay attention to your surroundings, to what's around you, to the people around you. In many ways,

you are the company you keep. "Pay attention to current affairs. The world tomorrow is framed by current events today."

Arkansas Arkansas is famous for its beautiful

scenery. The Ozark and Ouachita mountains run through parts of it. There are six major rivers, including the Mississippi. ND MN WIT AND SO NOT SO OK TN people." (Arkansas is shaded on the map.)

The flag



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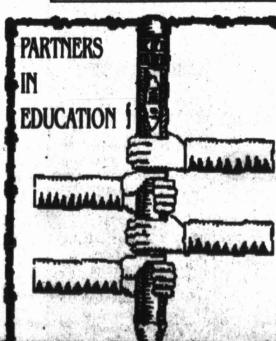


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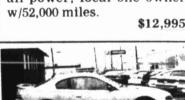
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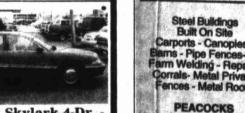
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interest that will be binding upo you including changing the child's name from Michael Lynn Lively, Jr. to Michael Lynn Parnell

Issued and given under my hand and seal of the Court at Big Spring, Howard County, Texas on the 22 day of March, 1999. GLENDA BRASEI CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS BY: COLLEEN BARTON Deputy 2242 March 25, 1999

HOROSCOPE

Stand on your own capable feet! Tonight: Balance the books.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) *****Popularity peaks. You could sell ice cubes at the South Pole and make a mint! Or you might have loftier ambitions; travel and education play roles. However, be aware of a tendency to see a love interest or boss through rose-colored glasses. Tonight: King of the world!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***Relax. You might be unaware of how tired you are until you find yourself snapping at someone in your day-today life or getting frustrated at something you normally wouldn't. It's OK to disappear into your thoughts and entertain yourself. Finish work then vanish. Tonight: Nowhere to be found.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

*****You can get what you want, whether it is accord with a partner or a pat on the back from friends who support you and your causes. In your elation, you could overspend or overextend yourself unnecessarily. Instead, hook up with a trusted associate and share a responsibility. Tonight: Out very, very late! SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

***Everyone and everything could tick you off today. How much of this is your reaction to a frustrating career situation? If you find that dissatisfaction there is the source of your discomfort, change that while aspects surrounding employment are positive. Tonight: Have new resumes printed up. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

****Optimism, enjoyment and independence mix nicely. Your sign is the most freedom-loving of all, and today you feel little to hinder that. Reach out, make contacts, be a naughty flirt and have a blast! Set the tone for a

wonderful weekend. You're unlikely to be alone! Tonight: Make travel arrangements.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

****Cut out early from the office, extra work in hand. There's something you need to research in relative secrecy. A friend might try to trick you into revealing some inside information. Don't let your desire to be helpful make you shoot yourself in the foot! Tonight: Zip your lip.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) *****If single, you could get the urge to merge in a big way. Fortunately, you won't lack possibilities. Unfortunately, there might be too many to choose from! Keep a high profile and refuse to settle personally or professionally. Tonight: Keep a meeting with a potential partner businesslike.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***Your ability to get the job done and put your personal touch on a task delights a financial tie, but could make an associate at a distance envious. Don't reveal your "tricks of the trade" to just anyone. Keep your eye on the ball, moneywise. You're about to get richer! Tonight: TGIF with co-work-

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Letters on scrap paper may need reading between lines

DEAR ABBY: Why in the world does "Sick of Scraps" friend uses to correspond with her? Does she share her mail don't get it. In this age of faxes, cell phones and e-mail.

"Sick Scraps' be tickled pink she's receiv-Perhaps her friend's

finances have not kept pace with infla-

Does "I love you'' mean

any less if it is written on the back of an old memo or newsletter? On a more pragmatic level, using scraps of paper helps the planet by recycling paper. The amount of usable paper we throw out every day borders on obscene. -PAULINE H.G. GETZ, ATTOR-NEY, SAN DIEGO

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DEAR PAULINE: It occurred to me that the friend might have been using "memo pads, odd pieces of paper or whatever appeared to be available" for economic reasons. That's why I suggested that "Sick of Scraps" send her friend a box of stationery. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: "Sick of Scraps" seems to be more interested in pretty paper than she is in her "cherished friendship." Personally, if my friend wrote letters to me on scraps, I'd be more concerned for her financial needs. After all, they're both in their 70s and are most likely retired. Has it even occurred to "Sick of Scraps" that her friend might not wish to burden her with such information?

Your response to send a box of stationery didn't even address that woman's rudeness to her friend. Your suggestion bothered me because there have been times when I couldn't afford even cheap stationery, but I still wanted to be in touch with my dear friends. True friends don't judge the book by its cover (or the letter by its paper). Didn't you notice how petty her complaint was?

I'm only 43, but I'm thankful for my cherished friends and whatever way they choose to stay in touch. JONI KELLY, NOLANVILLE, TEXAS

DEAR JONI: The woman wasn't rude to her friend. She addressed her concerns to me. And as to whether I noticed

that her values might be skewed in the wrong direction, care what kind of paper her I advised her that a 36-year friendship should be more important to her than the kind and is somehow embarrassed? I of paper (stationery) that sustained it across the distance.

I agree, true friends don't judge a book by its cover - or the letter by the paper on which it is written. Read on: DEAR ABBY: The letter from

"Sick of Scraps" reminded me of how the correspondence between my mother and her sister deteriorated as they both sank deep into dementia.

Relatives of the elderly would do well to read "The 36-Hour (Johns Hopkins University Press). It's an excellent treatise on dementia. -KIRBY A. WILLIAMS, MAR-TINEZ, CALIF. DEAR KIRBY: Thank you for your succinct and thought-provoking note. It hadn't occurred to me that either of the women might be suffering from mental impairment. Now that you have pointed it out. I agree it's worth considering since the woman's behavior changed abruptly four years ago.

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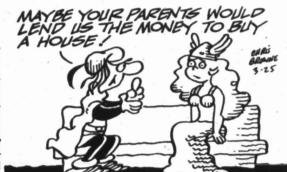
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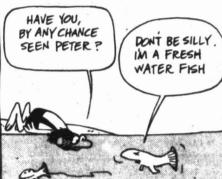






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281 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On March 25, 1911, in a tragedy that galvanized America's labor movement, 146 immigrant workers were killed when fire broke out at the Triangle Shirtwaist Co. in New York.

On this date:

In 1634, Maryland was founded by English colonists sent by the second Lord Baltimore.

In 1865, during the Civil War, Confederate forces captured Fort Stedman in Virginia.

In 1894, Jacob S. Coxey began -leading an "army" of unemployed from Massillon, Ohio, to Washington, D.C., to demand help from the federal govern-

In 1913, the home of vaudeville, the Palace Theatre, opened in New York City.

In 1918, French composer Claude Debussy died in Paris.

In 1947, a coal mine explosion in Centralia, Ill., claimed 111

In 1957, the Treaty of Rome established the European Economic Community.

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In 1965, the Rev. Martin Luther King Junior led 25,000 marchers to the state capitol in Montgomery, Ala., to protest the denial of voting rights to blacks.

In 1990, 87 people, most of them Honduran and Dominican immigrants, were killed when fire raced through an illegal social club in New York City.

In 1992, Soviet cosmonaut Sergei Krikalev, who had spent 10 months aboard the orbiting Mir space station and missed the upheaval in his homeland, finally returned to Earth.

Ten years ago: In the wake of the Exxon Valdez oil spill in Prince William Sound, Alaska's chief environmental officer, Dennis Kelso, criticized cleanup efforts as too slow.

Five years ago: American troops completed their withdrawal from Somalia.

One year ago: Shaken by horror stories from the worst genocide since World War II, President Clinton grimly acknowledged during his Africa tour that "we did not act quickly enough" to stop the slaughter of up to 1 million Rwandans four years earlier. The FCC netted \$578.6 million at auction for licenses for new

wireless technology. Today's Birthdays: Modeling agency founder Eileen Ford is 77. Former astronaut Jim Lovell is 71. Movie reviewer Gene Shalit is 67. Feminist author Gloria Steinem is 65. Singer-actor Hoyt Axton is 61. Singer Anita Bryant is 59. Singer Aretha Franklin is 57. Actor Paul Michael Glaser is 56. Singer Elton John is 52. Actress Bonnie Bedelia is 51. Singer Nick Lowe is 50. Actress-comedian Mary Gross is 46. Actor James McDaniel ("NYPD Blue") is 41. Actorwriter-director John Stockwell is 38. Actress Lisa Gay Hamilton is 35. Actress Sarah Jessica Parker is 34. Singermusician Jeff Healey is 33.

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