## HerefordBRAID

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HUSTLIN' HEREFORD HOME OF Christine Castaneda

## Today's weather <br> OUTLOOK



Happy St. Patrick's Day!
Increasing cloudiness Tonight: Increasing cloudiness with
a 20 percent chance of light rain or light snow, Iow around 30, southeas
wind 5 to 15 mph, shititing to northeast late. Saturday: Cloudy and colder with high in the upper 30s, northeast wind 15 to 20 mph , diminishing late in the atternoon. Saturday night: Becoming partly
cloudy Iow in the upper 20 s. Extended forecast Sunday: Sunny and warmer, high
in the mid-60s Monday: Partly cloudy, low 35 to 40, high in the mia-60s. Monday night and Tuesday: Mostly thunderstorms. low in the mid-30s cooler with a high in the lower 5 ss. Hereford weather Thursday's shigh, 37 ,
cipitaion, 0.01 inches.

## KidFISH

- TPW plans to stock pond with fish for annual event


## More than a ton of fish will be stocked in the Hereford Aquatic Park stocked in the Hereford Aquatic Park Pond next week for the $3^{r d}$ Annual KidFish event.

 partment will put more than 1,000 ponds of rainbow trout and 1,000 pond to improve the fishing.pond to improve the fishing.
Kidfish will be 9 a.m.-noon March 25. No pre-registration is required. After the event is over, all partici-
pants and volunteers will be invited Co a cookout, with Hereford City Wayne Winget manning the grills. The event will be the eighth of
the year and will qualify children will be Oct. 21 in San Angelo. Quali-
fiers for the West Texas KidFish Classic will be the top fund-raiser, the child catching the longest fish in
individual age groups, all children individual age groups, all children
raising $\$ 100$ or more, and one child selected randomly. The classic will feature fishing for trophy size cat-
fish, up to 25 pounds, and a first fish, up to 25 pounds, and a first
prize of $\$ 2,000$. KidFish is an outreach program
the Texas Game Wardens Associa. tion and is designed to give children, ages 16 and under, a chance to experience the sport, of fishing. Partici-
pants are asked to collect sponsorpants are asked to collect sponsor-
ships form friends, relatives and neighbors to win a variety of prizes. A minimum donation of $\$ 10$ will allow participants to receive awards such as T-shirts, caps, trophies and
medals. All donations go to expanding the KidFish program. However, it not necessary for a child to bring a donation to participate. All chil-
dren will receive a goodie bag, KidFish ribbon and diploma.
Longest fish winners Nintendo game system, skateboard, tent, fishing and other outdoor equipment.
Bait, tackle and loaner rods and reels will be provided for children ment. not have their own equipKidFish will be sponsored by the
City of Hereford and Chevy trucks. For more information or to volun teer to help, contact
free at (877) 733-5646.

Vote results unchanged

- Betzen's 1-vote victory stands, but Demo runoff set


Frozen car - Ice on cars was almost a memory until Thursday morning when Deaf Smith County residents awoke to find a cold front had pushed through the area, bringing with it some moisture and winter temperatures before the front moves on through the region

## BUSY SIGNALS

## Regulators attempt to curtail rapid demand for new phone area codes

WASHINGTON (AP) - The ex- has been conducting trials of giving
plosion of cell phones, pagers and out blocks of 1,000 numbers
_- is endangering for allotting digits
nopoly era syter - is endangering one of the most the telephone number Federal regu lators today tried to fix the problem.
The country could run out of area codes within the next eight to 10 years, requiring callers to punch in The Federal Communications Com mission today adopted rules tha
would allow states to more efficiently would allow states to more efficiently
allocate and manage phone numbers such as taking back numbers that carriers are holding but not using. The FCC also voted to change the
system so that numbers can be allo system so that numbers can be allo
cated in blocks of $1,000-$ instead
10, cated in blocks of $1,000-$ instead
$10,000-$ to carriers. Under the ex isting system, created before there
was competition in the phone marwas competition in the phone mar ailling region they numbers for every If a carrier has only 100 custom.
ers in a given region, the remainin ers in a given region, the remaining
9,900 numbers of the block are tied "It is high time that we revamp
this 50 -year-old numbering process," said FCC Chairman Bill Kennard. Some states have cessfully
implemented other methods of allo implemented other methods of allo
cating numbers. Illinois, for example
 the administrators of the numbering
plan two years ago that they would plan two years ago that they would
have to add another area code. But when the state examined the situathen more closely, it discovered that
there were 3 million numbers that had been assigned to carriers tha were not being used.
The FCC let the state institute measures that included requiring car riers to use at least 75 percent of their number block or be within six
months of running out of their num. nonths of running out of their num
bers before they can ask for more. "We're not trying to keep people From numbers they need," said Trina Bragdon, staff attorney with the
Maine Public Utilities Commission But the state wants to make sur the need is there before allotting numbers. Since May, the commission has
granted 10 states temporary author ity to implement measures to conserve phone numbers. The FCC also has been looking at steps to ensure that carriers are asking for numbers
based on actual usage rather than based on actual usage rather tha
projected need. The numbering system, which also covers Canada and the Caribbean,
began with 84 area codes began with 84 area codes being as-
signed in 1947 . Sixty-four codes were signed in 1947. Sixty-four codes were
gradually added through 1994, ac.

## ording to the North American Num bering Plan Administration, which

 But then the number of area codes
being assigned rapidly increased, add
ing 23 in 1996, 44 in 1997, ng 23 in 1996, 44
1998 and 42 in 1999.
The advent of competition in the
ocal phone market, as well as the popularity of new services like wiresure on the numbering system. and the of that demand is racing in tion we're in today," said John ning, senior technical ltaison for the Regulators say they want to min mize disruptions to consumers an businesses. Each area code change
forces people to learn new dialing patterns, and many must upgrade equipment and reprint business cards, stationery and advertising. Federal regulators will continue to require a more extensive overhau - like charging carriers for the num bers or adding digits to the number
ing system - that could be ing system - that could be imple
mented in the future. ted in the future.
On the Net: North America Numbering Plan Administration site: http:// www.nanpa. com Federal Communicatio
sion: $h$ ttp://www.foc.gov

WASHINGTON (AP) - Con sumer prices shot up 0.5 percent in
February the biggest jump in 10 months, led by a record increase i fuel oil prices and sharply highe The big advance in the Labor
Department's Consumer Price In Department's Consumer Price In
dex, the most closely watched infla dex, the most closely watched infla
tion gauge, followed a modest 0.2
percent rise in January, the govern ment said today. It was a slightly
worse showing on inflation than ment saidowing on inflation than
worse shol
many analysts were predicting. They many analysts were predicting. They
forecast that consumer prices would rise by 0.4 percent.
Last month's increase stemmed from a huge 4.6 percent jump in
energy prices, the biggest gain since energy prices, the biggest gain since
a 6 percent rise in April. The 0.5 percent increase in over steepest increase since April, whe consumer prices rose by 0.7 per "We are definitely seeing the ef
fects of higher energy prices and some ripple through from higher
airfares to transportation prices, airfares to transportation prices,
said Michael Niemira, economist for the Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi. "But many other prices remain tame as
seen through the underlying inflation rate."
Outside food categories, the "core" or under lying rate of inflation rose a mild
0.2 percent in February after posting the same-sized gain the month prices were well mists said. February's core rate was
right on target with many analysts right on target
expectations.
On Wall Str
ing on this core ing on this core number rather than theased. The Dow Jones and Nasdaq stock verages were up 70 points a
late I rning. Bond prices rose to as yields on 30 -year Treasurys fe
to 6.01 percent from 604 percent late Thursday.
The Federal Reservc bas interest rates four times since June and keep inflation from escalating Many analysts expect Fed policy makers will raise rates for a fift
time at their meeting Tuesday an said the CPI report would justify such a move.
Today's CPI report day after the government said in flation at the wholesale level, led by huge increases in home heating oil, gasoline and other energy costs jumped 1 percent in February, the
biggest one-month surge in nearly biggest on

##  <br> Local roundup

Warrick receives award


Dan Warrick Deat Smith County Auditor

County Auditor Dan Warrick, CPA and investment representative Raymond James Financial Services, Inc., mem-
ber NASD/IPC, has been ber NASD/SIPC, has been
awarded the Personal Financial

> Specialist, PFS, designation by
the American Institute of Certi-
fied Public Accountants, AICPA. the American ecountants, AICPA The PFS designation, estab-
lished in 1978 by the AICPA, recognizes CPAs with considerable professional experience in
financial planning Currently financial planning. Currently,
more than 3,000 CPAs hold the PFS designation.
> Warrick met six require-
ments to earn the desigqation ments to earn the designation
including passing a technica including passing a technical
exam covering the five functional areas of personal financial planning-personal income tax planning, risk management and
insurance planning, investment planning, retirement planning and estate planning. In addi-
tion, Warrick compled tion, Warrick completed 250 hours of experience per year
for three years. All PFS candidates must also hold a valid CPA certificate and be an AICPA member in good standing. CPAs who have earned the PFS designation must be re-
y holds meeting The Deaf Smith County Genealogy Society will hold its regular monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Monday in the Game Room
of Hereford Community Center. A program on genealogy of Hereford Community. Center. A program on genealogy
research will be presented. All meetings are open to the public research will be presented. All m
and visitors are always welcome.

PLN hosts gardening seminar The Promised Land Network and the El Hormiguero Project
Organization will offer an outdoor workshop on bio-intensive Organization will offer an outdoor workshop on bio-intensive
gardening methods $9: 30$ a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at San Jose Community Center's church grounds.
The workshop will focus on "hands on" gardening techniques such as building seed flats, composting and cultivation.
more information contact Lydia Villanueva at $806-364-4445$.

## Fire outlook remains high

The Texas Forest Service warns that fire danger for much of the state remains high and residents should guard against chance wildfires. Drought comparisons between 1996 and this
year reveal most areas of the state are experiencing equal or year reveal most areas of the state are experiencing equal or
greater drought conditions this year.

## Rivera benefit fund at HSB

A benefit fund has been established at Hereford State Bank
for Eliseo Rivera, a freshman at Hereford High School who was for Eliseo Rivera, a freshman at Hereford High School who was
injured in an accident on Feb. 17. Rivera has had on-going medical
injuries.

## THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## News digest

Prison-wide lockdown ordered HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) - Some 122,000 Texas prison
inmates are confined to their cells today in a rare overall lockdown as corrections officials try to rid the nation's secondlargest prison system of contraband.
The fatal stabbing of an inmate Thursday at the Coffield Unit of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice near
Palestine in East Texas capped a series of high-profile incidents where prisoners had weapons or other illegal items. Attacks on corrections officers also are on the erise.
wWhen word came of the Coffield hom "When word came of the Coffield homicide, the decision was made to lock do
Larry Todd said. Larry Tha madate from Executive Director Wayne Scott covers 86 Texas prisons.
Earrier this week, death row inmate Ponchai Wilkerson, in
ne the seconds before he was executed, spit out a handcuff key
whili strapped to the death chamber gurney at the Huntsville Unit
Wilkerson and another condemned inmate, both armed with makeshif weapons, held a guard hostage last month for 13 In December, a corrections officer was stabbed to death at Beeville's McConnell Unit.
At the Coffield Unit Thursday morning, Roland Rios, 41, was stabbed to death with a homemade steel weapon as a guard
escorted him to a shower in handcuffs, authorities said

## Elsewhere:

MUSIC STATE It's not exactly the State of the Union, but for the music world it's pretty close. Known as the pioneer of the alternative country music, Steve Earle gives the keynote
speech Thursday to open the 14th annual South by Southwest music festival.


## JASON Project quilis



## Minorities utilize charter schools

Charter school systems serve proportionately higher number of minority students
AUSTIN (AP) - Charter generally less experienced and paid less than their public school counterparts, serve pro-
portionally more minority students than any other type of Texas school, according to a
study the State Board of Education commissioned. The Texas Center for Educational Research this week
released the last segment of a three-year evaluation of charter schools. The complete study, which the Legislature
ordered when charter were approved, will be released in June.
The data covers the third year of the program, the 1998ter schools served about 17,000 students.
About 43 percent of those students were Hispanic, 34 perand 2 percent were classified as aother," according to the
report. In public schools, 38
percent of the
Tornadoes hit Austin area
LEANDER, Texas (AP) - For
Central Texas residents terri- $\begin{gathered}\text { Minton said. } \\ \text { Hail up to baseball size also }\end{gathered}$ Central Texas residents terri-
fied by a tornado, the cleanup up to baseball size also
pounded the area between Ausand damage survey begins to-
day
day Shingles littered front yards Shingles littered front yards
and patio furniture and jungle
gyms were strewn about this gyms were strewn about this
town of 6000 people near Austin. Residents milled in the
streets after the funnel's passtreets after the funnel's pas-
sage Thursday, hugging each other and taking pictures of the damage to roofs and windows at about a dozen homes.
No injuries were reported,
Leander police Sgt. Greg

Hispanic, with 14 percent black, 45 percent white and 3 percent other. About 4 million
students are enrolled in Texas public schools.
The study also showed that a higher percentage of minority charter school students panic students and about 50 percent of black students are enrolled at so-called "at
risk" schools. About 34 per risk" schools. About 34 per-
cent of white students attend at-risk schools.
Such students are considered at risk for failure or
dropping out of school. The dropping out of school. The
study defined at-risk charter schools as "those schools enrolling half or more at-risk
students and with a students and with a school
mission to serve dropouts." mission to serve dropouts."
According to state law, charter schools maintaining an enrollment of 75 percent at-risk
students are exempt students are exempt from the
state's cap on the number of charters that may be granted. The study also found char-
ter school teachers have about six years experience compared to an average of 12 years for
public school instructors. Additionally, full-time charter school teachers are paid about
$\$ 7,500$ less than $\$ 7,500$ less than their public
school counterparts. The average Texas public
school teacher earns $\$ 38,377$. Catherine Clark, a spokes
pounded the area bet
tin and Georgetown.
An Austin-
An Austin-based insurance
trade group had trade group had no estimates Thursday evening of what fi-
nancial impact the storm would have.
He said those with automoHe said those with automo-
bile or home damage should contact their insurance agents
as quickly a s possible. as quickly as possible.
The wall of a closet that
had been the had been the tornado shelter
for Larry Gregory's fal had been the tornado sheiter
for Larry Gregory's family was
pierced by a fence post.
ter, said the study followed teachers that are paid less
lawmakers' directions by col.
than other teachers and have lawmakers' directions by col- than other teachers and have lecting data without evaluat- less in the way of te
ing individual schools. Researchers will evaluate the Under Jim Crow la findings further in the final blacks were forced to attend report this summer, she said. inferior schools, lacking in that more minorities attend $\begin{gathered}\text { sources and instruction. } \\ \text { Publicly funded, open-en }\end{gathered}$ charter schools as an indica- ment charter schools, which tion of the schools' locations ment charter schools, which and missions, many of which tions, were touted by backers reflect diversity, Clark said.
"We didn't so much see it as a way to encourg W. Bush as segregation as a negative tional innovation. Bush and
thing but distinction," she said. others have sid. thing but distinction,", she said. others have said the program
But the statistics worried has spawned many succesful But the statistics worried has spawned many successful
John Cole, president of the schools, but still needs time to Texas Federation of Teachers. work out growing pains. The group originally supported Texas has approved 168 charter schools in Texas, but charter schools, with 145 opnow says the expanding pro- erating. They receive about gram needs to be re-evalu-
ated. "We seem to be reinventing the old Jim Crow school system in a way. These are or revoked charters of a cosed schools that have mostly mi- fur of charter schools for a
nority kids and nority kids and are using troubles, nnancial or staff

## HEREFORD BRAND

## Emergency services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for

March 16, 2000, include the following: | POLICE DEPARTMENT |
| :--- | - An individual was arrested in the 400 block of Barrett and charged with criminal

mischief. Incidents
-Criminal mischief was re-
ported in the 700 block of ported in the 700 ble
South 25 Mile Avenue. ported in the 600 were reported in the 600 block of
East Fourth Street. Children returned home shortly after the police were called. walking in the roadway in the walking in the roadway in the
100 block of Brevard.

A 20-year-old man wa riminal trespass. - An 18-year-old man was criminal trespass and terroris. criminal tresp
tic threats.

- 39 -ye
- A 39 -year-old man was arrested and charged with de
ivery of marijuana ivery of marijuana THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Texas lottery


## SHE MENT

## The winning Cash Five num-

 The winning Cash Five num-bers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery:
$4-18-20-33-36$

Pick 3
The winning Pick 3 num bers drawn Thursday by the
Texas Lottery, in order:

Quality Caskets at Iair Prices....

## LIFESTYLES

## 'Petra' in concert

Special to The Brand Petra, a Christian band that
came tolife in the 1970s, will bein concert at 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 24 at Wayland Baptist in Plainview. Bob Hartman is the founding
member of Petra who writes most member of Petra who wrices moser Lithuie Weaver who has been
wand since 1981 and lead inger John Schilitt Newbies to Petra are Lonnie Chapin on bass, Trent Thomason n keyboard and Pete Orta, a Lubbock native, who is lead Petra han just a band. They are eaching out to people for Christ as ungh theirs song.
Thickets for "Petra in Concert" are $\$ 10$ and are available ily Bookstore and High Plains Religious Bookstore in Amarillo, or Master's Books and Gifts in
Clovis, N.M.

## School Menus

HEREFORD I.S.D.
Breakfatt
MONDAY-French toast sticks
with syrup; or cereal, buttered
toast, orange juice, milk choice.
TUESDAY-Breakfast pocket;
or cereal, buttered toast, rosey
appleesauce, milk choice,
WEDNESDAY-Scrambled
eggs, blueberry muffinjor cereal,
buttered toast, grape juice, milk
choice.
THURSDAY-Sausage patty,
biscuit and jelly; or cereal,
buttered toast, orange smiles,
milk choice.
FRIDAY-Cinnamon tastries; or cereal, buttered toast, pineapple juice, milk choice.
MONDAY-Lasagne with cheese, garden salad with dress. ing, green beans, garlic toast, peach crisp, milk choice.
TUESDAY-Steak fingers with gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, whole wheat roll, "candied" apple half, milk choice.
WEDNESDAY-Chilidog with WEDNESDAY-Chili dog with
mustard, border beans, tatertots
with catsup, strawberry banana potato wedges, black-eyed peas,
bar , mill choice.
ThURSDAY-Chicken fajitas with picante sauce, lettuce and
tomatoes, Spanish rice seasoned pinto beans, mixed fruit, cowboy bread, milk choice. FRIDAY-Fish nuggets with tartar sauce, quick baked potato, black-eyed peas, fresh fruit
choice, cowboy cookie, milk choice,
choice
ST.ANTHONY'SSCHOOL

## Church News




> Grand Re-Opening

Children's Exchange Bargain Bust Prices Saturday, March 18 th 9:00 am - $5: 00 \mathrm{pm}$ 900 North Lee
Clothing Sizes: Infant to Junior (Boys \& Girls) Clothing and Accessories with
"A Soft Touch of Experience"

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Refrosh need this week. ${ }^{6}: 30$ Roging. Fire, the youth choir,
 9:30. And worshhip fare is served from are available for ehildren ages 3
10:30 to 11:30.
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## luck O the lrish

St. Patricks Day Supper Stuffed baked potato, * ge salad, dessert, \& drink!
Friday, March 17, 2000
5:30 to 7:00 * $\$ 4.00$ per person King's Manor/Lamar Room . * $\because$ There will be a drawing *** for a King's Manor - DOT OF GOLD

Carry outs avaliable grade, yourh grades 7.12 and adut your request
Bible study classes. Sunday morning worship is at $10: 50$ service awaiting you at First Baptist
and is Bible-based and and and and ana is Bible-based teaching. The Church.

| uck O' the Irish <br> St. Patricks Day Supper Stuffed baked potato, ge salad, dessert, \& drink! <br> Friday, March 17, 2000 5:30 to 7:00 <br> * $\$ 4.00$ per person <br> King's Manor/Lamar Room * * <br> ** There will be a drawing for a King's Manor GOLD |
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## Rings are where?

Checking the recipe -. Xi Epsilon Alpha members Peggy Hyer, left, and Tamara Mimms
discuss a recipe for making a cake to put in the Xi Epsilon Alpha bake sale benefitting Big Brothers discuss a recipe for making a cake to put in the Xi Epsilon Alpha bake sale beneititing Big Broth
Big Sisters which will be held from 9 a.m. noon Saturday in Homeland, 535 N .25 Mile Ave.


## D••• <br> and ni CREATORS SYNDICATE

 $\underset{\substack{\text { In } \\ \text { my } \\ \text { dedicato } \\ \text { poem }}}{ }$
##  <br> about the


and down his granddaughter's other big church wants an ears - and to all our lovely I wonder if this would be grandchildren who also have appropriate.
holes all over their bodies. I holes all over their bodies. I $\begin{aligned} & \text { I it proper for me to give } \\ & \text { hope you will print it. - Ann Moira a bridal shower, even }\end{aligned}$ hope you will print it. - Ann Moira a bridal shower, even
Kartsman, Laguna Woods, Ca- though no wedding date has lif. Dear Ann Kartemani, been set? Can she register for loved your poem, and I'll bet
"Gramps
will gifts yet? Would it be in banounce their onThanks for sending it on. Here meet the groom's family? it is. (P.S.: I'll bet your grand- We are happy for Moira, children think you are a and want to do the right thing mighty hip Gram.) Rings on their fingers, Rings on their fingers,
Rings on their nose.
Rings on their eyebrows, Rings on their eyebrows,
Anything goes, Anything goes.
Rings on their to
Rings on their tongues,
Rings on their brows, Rings on their brows,
Rings on their navels. Kids tell me how You found such places
To put your ringers. To put your ringers.
How about putting How
back
On
gers? gers? just ears and just fin-
Dear Ann Landorsi This is in response to "Gramps in River Grove," who disapproved of his granddaughter having
er uppor earlobe pierced.
Ten years ago, when our
daughter was 13, she took
piano lessons from our
minister's wife. One day, she was telling the teacher how ears double-pierced, but her father had said, "Only trashy women have double-pierce back her lovely, long brunett hair and said, Tell your Dad hat his minister's wife has in Pennsylvania Pennsylvania that minister's wife is very popular with the younger set n Pennsylvania. Thanks for a et won't enjoy but many oth
$\qquad$
Dear Ann Landorsi My 32-year-old daughter recently became engaged to a very nice
man. "Moira" was married nee before, but the marriage
lasted only a few months embarrass ourselves. - Mom embarrass our illos.
Somewhere in ilin
In Dear Illineis Momi Sorry, dear, only one big church wed ding per bride. And I'd skip the bridal shower and regis
tering for gifts as well. Moir probably has a boatload of sil verware and crystal from the first time around.
It's OK to have an intimate
party for relatives and close party for relatives and close
friends to meet the groom and his family, but keep it smal and low-key. And if Moira wore a bridal gown with a veil and
train at her first wedd shouin at her first wedding, she
shoar the tradd regalia again.

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## Church News



## SPORTS

## Herbford Brand - Friday, March 17, 2000 - AS <br> Tennis team strives to improve



## Trotter does it again



Spectal to the Brand
Eddie Trotter was up to his usual tricks last weekend. The Hereford Trapshooter traveled to Odessa, Fla. to com-
pete in the $20^{\text {th }}$ Annual Southpete in the $20^{\text {th }}$ Annual South-
ern Satellite Grand American ern Satelite Grand American
Tournament. Trotter is still competing in the Junior AAA
division. division.
The field consisted of over
1200 shooters. Trotter 1200 shooters. Trotter, son of
Johnny and Jana Trotter of Hereford, and the late Dee Anne Trotter, brought home two championship trophies.
On Friday, Trotter aced the
Southern Grand Doubles ChamSouthern Grand Doubles Championship. Trotter scored 200
points to
qualify for a "night points to qualify for a "night
shoot-off" and took home the Junior Championship Trophy.
On Saturday, Trotter competed in the Southern Grand Singles Championship. Trotter
shot an amazing 197 out of shot an amazing 197 out of
200 winning the trophy of junior runner-up in a "night shoot-
off." So far this has been Trotter's best year accumulating "All-
American" points early in the
season.
Trotter's next stop will be in
San Antonio on April 6 -9
San Antonio on April 6-9.
$\square$ Hereford team looks to better their performance at the Hereford toumament

Dy deff Blackmon
The Hereford High School
tennis team is beginning to prepare next weekend to host the Hereford tournament. Head coach Amanda Nimitz said she is beginning to see positive results from the tean since the Pampa tournament on March 10-11. "There was some really tough competition, but we saw some good things at the end
of the tournament," Nimitz said. "There was some good
competition and the kids competition and the ki $\underset{\text { Npimitz said during tennis season only then }}{\text { spen }}$ spring tennis season only the
top teams from district can
advance to the regional tour- are getting mentally stronger,
nament.
and they all move and try to
nament. said the tournaments She said the tournaments
in which the team is competIn which the team is compet
ing in are to prepare them
for the district ing in are to prepare them "We try to play some tournaments where we will get to
see district competition, Nimitz said.
Nimitz said she thinks the team played well in Pampa play from her team in the future. She said her players are hanging in there with
some of the best competition in the panhandle. Nimitz said showed in Pampa last week end Ivory Isaacson split sets in
her first match with her first match with a very good player," Nimitz said
"Kimberly Scott also won the consolation division."
On the boys' side, Nimitz said Riley Hail and Nelson
Beville are also playing well. Beville are also playing well.
Nimitz said she sees some great play from her players and wants to see some win at district. She said the teams to beat in their district are
Pampa and Dumas. She said even though they are tough, her players are beginning to
demonstrate some good skills demonstrate some g
and a desire to win
"Our team is
smarter," Nimitz said. "They go after every ball."
Nimitz said that unlike the all season, the players can nly play, either singles o doubles. Players can not com pete in both. in is more of
"In the fall it team effort, but in the spring it is individual," Nimitz said. Nill come at the district tour will come at the district tour
nament n April $7-8$. She said no matter how well the team has done during the spring if they don't win at district they can not advance. shot deal" Nimitz said.
Nimitz said she is looking forward to competing at home for the only time this Spring
She said even though there is not my ffe if s $A$ homecourt advantagef fe fonows a good crowd will be out to suppor
Hereford tenris. "Hoperford tentris. we will have some peopl/ out here and that will hoplp," Nimitz said. Nimite said she also thinks whoever comes out to the players from around the area. See Tennis, Page A6

## Rangers make trade

## -Texas <br> be our DH starting out." <br> the Expos with nine homers

 sends Stevens to Montreal for SeguiDUNEDIN, Fla. (AP) While the Toronto Blue Jays
and Texas Rangers met on and Texas Rangers met on the field Thursday, they an-
nounced a three-way swap of nirst basemen that also included the Montreal Expos. Toronto sent David Segui and cash to Texas, which then dealt Lee Stevens to the Montreal sent Brad Fullmer to the Blue Jays. "Every place he has played, Jim Fregosi said of Fullmer. "He has had his problems fielding. He was probably meant to be an AL player
because of no DH (designated hitter) in the NL, and he will

Segui hit a combined 298 for Seattle and Toronto last
season with 14 homers and season with 14 homers and
52 RBIs. A 285 career hitter, he was dealt by Seattle last July 28 for pitchers Tom Davey and Steve Sinclair, be-
came a free agent after the came a free agent after the
season, then signed a season, then signed a
$\$ 4,325,000$, one-year contract to stay with the Blue Jays. lion dollars on the face of the transaction," Toronto general manager Gorrd Ash said. With Carlos Delgado at
first base, Segui would have first base, Segui would have
been Toronto's DH . "I don't know how happy David would be DHing,"
Fregosi said. "David will plat Fregosi said. "David will play more first with Texas than he
would have here. Stevens batted 282 last season for the Rangers, setting career highs with 24
homers and 81 RBIs. homers and 81 RBIs. release me before they would reease me before they would
trade me," Stevens said. "It's going to be tough leaving exas, because it's the only
place I have ever really stayed," have ever really
Fullmer split last season between Montreal and TripleA Ottawa of the International
League. He batted .277 for
and 47 RBIs.
"My bat is my meal ticket" Fullmer said. "I don't forsee any problems as a DH, but I always thought my fielding
was OK.
 1999. "We didn't see eye to eye
last year, but this year I came last year, but this year I came in with an open mind," he
said. "I guess it was not to be. It's a beginning for me and I just want to go where I am wanted." The only other trade in-
volving both Canadian occurred in Canadian teams Blue in 1985 when the Mitch Webster to Montreal for a player to be named. lion after will make $\$ 3.5$ milbitration losing in salary areligible for Like Segui, he is this season. Fullmer's Fullmer's contract was re-
newed earlier this month at a salary of $\$ 310,000$ if he's in the major leagues and
$\$ 185,000$ if he's in the minors He could be eligible for salary arbitration after this season and for fleee agency after
the 2003 World Series.

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## No major upsets in NCAA

## Tennis <br> From Page AS

St. John's, LSU and Ken-
tucky already are living dantucky already are living dan-
gerously in the NCAA tourgerously in the NCAA tour-
nament. At least they're still alive. So are nearly all of
Thursday's favorites as the Thursday's favorites as the opening day was nearly de-
void of upsets, Only 10th-
seeded Gonzaga's $77-66$ victory over No. 7 Louisville in
the West had a lower seed winning. St . John's, seeded second in the West, barely survived a late comeback by Northern
Arizona, $61-56$. LSU, the fourth seed in the region, outlasted Southeast Missouri State 64.61. Kentucky, seeded
fifth in the Midwest, had to fifth in the Midwest, had to
work extra hard, going to work extra hard, going to
double overtime to subdue
St. Bonaventure $85-80$ St. Bonaventure 85-80.
A third SEC team, Auburn, also cut things close, partly
because coach Cliff Ellis used the team manager in the f nal moments. The Tigers
nearly blew a nine-point lead nearly blew a nine-point lead, Auburn from one of the most embarrassing moments in college basketball history when
he blocked Ben Walker's 3 pointer at the buzzer for a
$72-69$ victory in the Midwest. Burdue got past Dayton 62. 61 in the West as Jaraan Cornell hit three late 3-point-
ers and the Flyers missed ers and the Flyers missed
several shots down the stretch.
The rest of the games The rest of the games
pretty much went to form In the West, it was Texas 77, Indiana State 61; Arizona 71, Jackson State 47; Wisconsin 66, Fresno State 56; and Okla-
homa 74 , Winthrop 50 . In the Midwest, it was Syracuse 79, Samford 65; Michigan State
65, Valparaiso 65, Valparaiso 38; Utah 48, Saint Louis 45; Iowa State
88, Central Connecticut State 78; Maryland 74, Iona 59; and UCLA 65, Ball State 57 . The East gets started today in Buffalo, where it's Or-
egon vs. Seton Hall, Temple
vs. Lafayette, Oklahoma State
vs. Hofstra, and Indiana vs. vs. Hofstra, and Indiana vs.
Pepperdine, In Winston-Salem,
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N.C. it's Ilinois vs. Pennsyl-
vania, Florida vs. Butler, Kanvania, Florida vs. Butler, Kan-
sas vs. DePaul, and Duke vs. In the South, it's Cincinnati vs. North CarolinaOhio State vs. Appalachian State, and Miami vs. Arkan-
sas, all at Nashville. And at sas, all at Nashinle. And at
Birmingham, Ala., it's Tennessee vs. Louisiana-Lafayette,
Connecticut vs. Us, Connecticut vs. Utah State,
North Carolina vs. Missouri, North Carolina vs. Missouri,
and Stanford vs. South Caroand Stanfor
St. John'0 et, Northern Arizona se
Lavor Postell's three-point
Lay with Postell's three-point 10.9 seconds replay with 10,9 seconds re-
maining and Erick Barkley's
steal with thres steal with three seconds to go got the Red Storm through
to the second round.
"I expected to have a tough
"I expected to have a tough
game, but I did game, but I did not expect coach Mike Jarvis said. Tig 3 s Lown dorjacks hit some big 3s down the stretch, but
St. John's scored the final six points.
"We
points. didn't play St. John's
"Wasketball," Postell said "I kind of felt I let my team mates down. At the end, with 11 seconds left, I finally did something right, and it turned
out to be the game-winner." out to be the game-winner."
Purdue 62, Dayton 61
The Boilermakers advanced
to the second round for the to the second round for the
seventh successive year seventh successive year as
Brian Cardinal led all scorers with 18 points.
With his team down $62-61$ with 6,7 seconds to ${ }^{60}$ go, Dayton's Brooks Hall was
fouled. He made the first of fouled. He made the first of
two shots, running his free two shots, running his free
throw string to 23 , but missed the second.
Gonzaga
Gonzaga 77, Louisville 66 The Zags, last year's NCAA
sensation, lood sensation, looked just as
sharp this year. Despite season-high 24 turnovers, Gonzaga pulled away in the
second half with timely shoot-

10 and held Jackson State to
three field goals in the last
ing and a tight defense that
held Louisville to 38 percent
from the field. "We didn't come here to
get just one win," guard Matt Santangelo said. "We have a chip on our shoulder. We want
to prove the to prove that last year was
no fluke, that Gonzaga is a good basketball program.
Oklahoma 50 Oklahoma 74, Winthrop Oklahoma made 10 of 213 -
pointers, while the Eagles pointers, while the Eagles
shot just 26 percent, missing 18 of 203 -pointers.
Five players scored in
double figures for the Soandouble figures for the Soon-
ers, led by J.R. Raymond with

## At Salt Lake City LSU 64, Southe

## souri State 61

Brian Beshara hit a
pointer with pointer with 17.8 seconds re-
maining for LSU, in the maining for LSU, in the tour-
nament for the first time in seven years.
Roderick Johnson had 19 points and 11 rebounds for the Indians, who were play-
ing their first game in the Ing their first game in the $61{ }^{\text {Texas 77, Indiana State }}$ ${ }^{61}{ }^{\text {Da }}$

Daints Kelly scored 17 points and Texas big men
Chris Mihm, Gabe Muoneke and Chris Owens each added 16 for the taller Longhorns.
"Our game plan was to Our game plan was to
play from inside out," Texas play from inside out," Texas
coach Rick Barnes said. "We
felt we had an advantage felt we had an advantage Michael Menser led Indiana State, in the tourney for ana State, in the tourney for
the first time since Larry
Bird led the Bird led the Sycamores to the final game in 1979, with
22 points.
22 points.
Arizona 71, Jackson State
Gilbert Arenas made 3.
pointers on consecutive pos. sessions midway through the
second half, and Richard Jefferson added another as
the Wildcats buried Jefferson added another as
the Wildcats buried Jackson State with an 11-2 run. Ari-
three field goals in the last
10:48. Bryant scored 21 Jon Bryant scored 21
points, including four straight points, including four straight
3-pointers from the left cornepornters as the Badgers made cor-
ne a ner as the Badgers made it a
short NCAA trip for Jerry Tarkanian. As coach at his
alma mater, Fresno State, alma mater, Fresno State,
Tark was making his first appearance since his UNLV
team lost in the 1991 title game.
"It was great being back,"
Tarkanian said. "I just wished Tarkanian said. "I just wished
game." Bulldogs went 7:26
The Bula without a basket through the midpoint of the second half,
Auburn 72, Creighton 69 Auburn 72, Creighton 69
The Tigers were so sure their lead was safe, they put their team manager, Jimbo
Colbert, on the court in the final seconds.
But Creighton, the best
long-range shooting team in
pointer from Ryan Sears, and
Tolbert turned the ball over with a bad inbounds pass. Terrell Taylor hit anther 3 to pull the Bluejays to 72.69
at 3.8 seconds, and stunned at 3.8 seconds, and stunned
Auburn turned over the ball on the inbounds pass again.
But N'diaye blocked But N'diaye
Walker's shot.
Walkers shot.
I was glad he got the
moment and I'm glad we were
able to survive it," Ellis said.
Iowa State 88 , Central Con-
necticut Stat 78
necticut State 78
Marcus Fizer had 27 points
and 11 rebounds and Jamaal
Tinsley added 26 points for
Iowa State. Central Iowa State. Central Connecti-
cut State erased a 19 -point cut State erased a
first-half deficit with pinpoint first-half deficit with pinpoint
shooting and easy drives beshooting and easy drives be.
fore the Cyclones settled
down. Maryland 74, Iona 59 Maryland 74, Iona 59
Terence Morris, had 22
points and 12 rebounds as Terence Morris, had 22
points and 12 rebounds as
the Terrapins ran all over the Terrapins ran all ove
Iona, building a $23-4$ lead. Iona made it respectable
out not only for our kids, but
also some of the teams that also some of the teams that imitz said are really good," with any butterflies that are going on," Nimitz said. "Usutennis coach at Hereford since ally if there are no bu
tterflies that means some last summer,and hopes she thing is probably wrong." has brought some experience Nimitz she also wants ${ }^{\text {"I }}$ have help the team. ${ }^{\text {see }}$ seam support throughmatches and experience fro help prepare the team" support each other," Nimitz Nimitz said. "I've played a lot said. "I think that it helps Nimitz said from her expe- cally," mentally and physi-
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is no credible evidence of is no credible evidence of
criminal activity in the White House's improper gathering of hundreds of FBI background files.
Closing out the probe with-
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esty, ${ }^{\text {f }}$ former Bush White House speechwriter Joseph Duggan said in a statement. tigative files invariably contain material that is
not necessarily not necessarily
true, but almost true, but almost certainly is nega--
tive and embarrassing. ... The FBI improperly nay gave our files to unauthorized
and politically hostile individuals."
Ray said Thursday he could not investigate violations of
the Privacy Act of 1974 which are misdemeanors and therefore outside the Independent Counsel's jurisdiction.
Duggan, who said he will Duggan, who said he will now ask the Justice Depart.
ment to investigate possible privacy act violations, is a plaintiff in a lawsuit fled by Judicial Watch. The conserva. tive group, which has sued
the Clinton administration on a wide range of issues, called Ray's closing of the probe "irresponsible and outrageous." Ray also said there is no
credible evidence that former White House counsel Bernard Nussbaum lied to Congress regarding the controversy in White House officials have White House officials have
said an Army detailee, Anthony Marceca, made a bu reaucratic blunder in collecting the FBI files based on an
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Bush wants to strengthen accountability by
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testing of students and by threatening to yank fed. eral money from
schools that perform poorly. He
contend Gore simply promises more schools and
teachers without addresscational problems. "This is a ing line in this campaign," Bush Al Gore (left) and George W. Bush started going after each
other even before they locked up their parties' presidentia nominations. his name still pops up in Gore's $\quad$ after its executive vice presispeeches when he says Bush's
proposed five-year, $\$ 483$ billion tax-cut plan is bigger even than what Gingrich and "that gang" of Republicans had of-
 tian right when noting Bush's tian right when noting Bush's. calling, but he did not criticize Other fodder for Gore is EDUCATION: Bush is run. Bush's reluctance to criticize the GOP nomination Tuesday not been signiffeantly reformed
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Gore also has switched from linking. Bush's "risky tax
scheme" to scheme to the Reagan-Bush
years, connecting it years, connecting it to the Gore says he simply wants to "refer to the most recent experience, " but introducing former
Vice President Dan Quayle's Vice President Dan Quayle's
name is not accidental, as Gore tries to stoke whatever public Berception is out there that Bush is a lightweight. the experience to be presiche experience to be presi-
dent? Gore asked Wednesday
night at night at a rally in Moon Town.
ship. Pa. "No." ship, Pa. "No," the crowd
screamed back. A continuing vulnerability for Gore, however, is public unease about his ties to Clinton.
A recent ABC News-Wash.
ington Post poll showed people evenly split on the question of whether Gore is too close to Clinton to provide the fresh start the cou
be seeking. Ory turn.
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insured today than when Clinton-Gore took office in
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'Wonder Boys' shows act of making choices in life

Dy Tod Anthomy
APNational Writer Grady Tripp has fallen, and he can't get up. What's worse, that anythings wrong. In Curtis Hanson's wonderfully elegiac "Wonder Boys," based on Michael Chabon's
book, Grady (Michael Douglas) book, Grady (Michael Douglas)
is a raffish, graying writer is a ramsi, graying writer
and Pittsburgh university pro-
fessor whose first novel pron fessor whose first novel propelled him to literary heights.
His follow-up - well, that's another story.
It's not that he can't write
it. Just the opposite: He can't it. Just the opposite: He can't stop. Page after page, he
churns forth prose from his churns writing and writing as
gits real life sinks ever deeper into inertia
His umpteenth wife has just lersity affair with the uni-
versity chancellor (Frances McDormand) is at a crossroads. His agent (Robert
Downey Jr .) is pushing him Downey Jr.) is pushing him
to publish - or perish profesto publish - or perish profes-
sionally. One of his students, James Leer (Tobey Maguire), is melting down; another, Hannah
Holmes), is treen
(Kating to seduce ${ }_{\text {him }}^{\text {This }}$ is the premise for the three-day odyssey of angst and epiphany chronicled in "Wonder Boys, a memorable, mel-
ancholy ride through one lost ancholy ride through one lost
soul's slow realization that he has outgrown the shine of his
potential. potential.
The prime reason for the
movie's success is, somewhat movies success is, somewhat
surprisingly, Michael Douglas, an actor known more for evok. ing the testosterone side of male characters than the sen-
sitive, self-aware side. As
played by Douglas, Grady Tripp somewhat egomaniacal lit-crit snot who's bought into the
praise that's been lavished upon him. In the three days upon him. In the three days
of his life that we see, the flip
side is revealed. side is revealed. It's not
pretty.
What reveals it in stark relief is hiveals relationship stark James, a promising young
writer having dificulty sepa. writer having diffeulty separating fiction from reality.
Grady takes James under his wing. As Grady decays and his life unravels, he begins to
wonder whether he's in any wonder whether he's in any
position to help James.
Maguire is the perfect choice for James. His bemused take on the world, deployed so well in "Pleasantville" and
"The Cider House Rules" "The Cider House Rules,",
takes on a different dimension here. The interplay of truth and deception that governs James life gives Maguire a chance to branch out, to
take the good-hearted charactake the good-hearted charac-
ters of his previous films and give them a darker side to conquer. He looks to Grady
for support, and finds Grady for support, and finds Grady,
equally confused, staring right equalk. conrused, staring right
As Grady's agent, Terry Crabtree, Downey rounds out
the triumvirate of wonder the triumvirate of wonder
boys. He, too, was a star in boys. He, too, was a star in
his profession, but now he is barely hanging onto his job thanks to Grady's unflinished manuscript. Seeing the three of them try to claw their way
through their lives, each as blind as the other lwo, is
quietly heartbreaking and feels absolutely genuine.
McDormand is
welcome presence, this time
as a woman balancing the
rigors of being a university chancellor with a university juggling
act that infidelity demands act that infidelity demands.
Holmes, star of the hormones. Hoimes, star of the hormones-
and-learners'-permits TV show "Dawson's Creek,", shows again that her movie choices are wiser. She was great in "Go"
and "Teaching Mrs. Tingle," and she's great here.
There is no strict "plot" to Wonder Boys," simply a rolling, undefined feeling of for-
ward movement that may not ward movement that may not
actually be forward. The pacing is crucial. The textured neighborhoods of Pittsburgh,
rendered in gray winter tones, rendered in gray winter tone
also fit the mood perfectly.
"Wine "Wonder Boys" is a movie about tarnished hopes and
making choices not just making choices - not just
the right ones, but the act of making choices itself. As Grady's book keeps growing, Hannah renders her opinion: "It reads as if you didn't make
any choices at all." Thyt's what tend
pen in life. Good, caring men pen in life. Good, caring men
like Grady Tripp hurt them-
selves and selves and the people they
love by shutting down and love by shutting down and
refusing to make choices. To refusing to make choices. To
be happy, sometimes we have to make the tough choices. That's one of the quieter
wonders of life, and the explowonders of life, and the explo-
ration of it is the main reason that "Wonder Boys" turns out to be a relevant, moving piece of filmmaking,
"Wonder Boys," "Wonder Boys," a Para-
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on Chabon's novel.. It is rated
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## Hillary apparently loves all parades, and can take joke

NEW YORK (AP) - She Nine days after four white po used to compare herself to lice officers were acquitted of
Eleanor Rooseveti, now she murder in the shooting of an says she's Rip Van Winkle. She murder in the shooting of an
unarmed black man, Amadou loves a parache and can take a Diallo, Clinton made what her ioke, which is a good thing, because there
barbed ones.
In the six woeks
since Hillary Rodham Clinton announced she
is running for the Senis running for the Sen-
ate in Now York, her "listening tour", has given way to a more traditional campaign as
the first lady tries os the first lady tries to
define herself, and what she stands for, in a race whose outcome is
anybody's guess. No one can recall
the last time a first
clinton hady marched in one of New York's parades, but this
first lady is turning up with first lady is turning up with
the regularity of a baton-twirler. in an early St. Patrick's Dod nanade early St. Patrick's Day parade in Queens. On rriday she is schoduled to walk up
Fifh Avenue in the main 5 . Patrick's Day oxxtravaganza. She also plans to take part in the
Million Mom March, an antiMillion Mom March, an anti gun event on Mothers Day, as
well
as the Gay Pride parade in June.
But unlike her appearances in friendly liberal churches and Democratic clubs, parades cas
not be managed by her press aides - and so they are fair game for notorioualy outapoken New Yorker. At the Queens Parace, amid cheers of and fans smapping her picture, a gang of hecklers followed her, shouting, "Go back to Arkansas, carpetbaggerl" and ence to her marriage. In general, however, the public appetite for insight into why she stays married to Bill Clinton appears to have been replaced
by a fascination with her new home in Chanppaqua, aka the
Wem Westchester White House. Last week she took five books on
heme decorating out of the home decorating out or the talked about the thrill of gro. cery shopping after seven years in a Washington bubble. It is so much fun for me to just go up and down the aises
and see what's out," she told Lifetime cable. II feel a little like Rip Van Winkle. There are things Maven't seen before on tie shelves." Among the items
she has pondered: Skim Plus milk, She stood there for the longest time, she said, "rtying
to decide what to decide what 'Skim Plus' Sometimes she has take just as as long trying to toceide
what to say about local issues.

speech' on improving as aico "major speech" on improving policoe-com.
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would still be alive. And the day after a
6 -year-old was shot in Michorigan, apparently b
Min a clasamate, Clinton ig
nored reportere tions about her view on gun violence. In
stead she took ques. Rockiand County children at a visiting, incuudy school she wais from
furth-ourth-grader: "What are the foasons my parents should vote "Because 1 would do a ver she then had a question
sol the children: "Does anybody know whose position Im run ning for"
None of nswer - retiring Sen the righ Patrick Monnihan's seat -buu
ne child offered: one child offered: "Rud
Giuliani? ${ }^{2}{ }^{2} \mathrm{No}$
responded hot not there now, City isiani, moyor of Noply. York City, is Clintonse Republican $r$ vat for the first time since her campaign began when the shook hands March 11 during the Inner Circle show, a spoo porters.
The show, known for its rol licking tastelessness, got a num ber of laughs at the first lady
expense ( 'Wo live in Chape now, a performer playing her said, adding: "That's Indian for
The
Tand The Land of Separate Bed rooms"). But to her credit,
Clinton laughed, smiled and clapped all night, even when the joke was on her.
noticed a subtle change in her wardrobe. She long ago adopted a black pantsuit as her uniform ften paring campaign trail, blouse. Then Tim with a pink March 6 ran a strip of photos showing her wearing a pink weeks. once a week for six weeks. In the days that followed she switched to blue,
green and white. Pink disap. peared - till Tuesday, when the blouse showed up in Albany
Eleanor Roosevelt was right.


## GUNS \& POLICS

- Bush breaks with NRA after top official states Clinton has 'blood on his hands'; Texas governor charges gun lobby went too far in its attacks

SPRINGFIELD, III. (AP) SPRINGFIELD, III. (AP) -
George W. Bush, in a rare disagreement with the National Rifle Association, said
Thursday a top official of the Thursday a top official of the
gun lobby had "gone too far" gun lobby had "gone too far
by accusing President Clinton oy accusing President Clinton
of having "blood on his hands for not enforcing gun-control laws.
The T The Texas governor, a long-
time gun-rights supporter now on his way to the Republican presidential nomination, said at a campaign stop: "There's
ways to debate the issue without casting aspersions on the president like that. I just think they've gone too far." After a bitter primary cam-
paign in which Bush aligned paign in which onservative in terest groups, he is seeking to move back toward the political center for the general
election. Gun control is a popular issue among indepenpopular issue among indepen
dent-minded voters, particu larly suburban women, who NRA is now criticizing us for


## Vermont House

 OKs 'civil unions' for gay couples
## THE ASSOCIATED PRESS <br> News

 digestMONTPELIER, $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{t}}$. Les. bian and gay couples could be
walking down the aisle in Ver. mont by this fall.
In a historic step Thursday, the state House voted $76-69$ to adopt a bill allowing homo-
sexuals to form "civil unions" that mirror marriage and provide all the same rights and
benefits. benefits. If the bill becomes law, the state will have gone further
than any other in recognizing same-sex couples.
"This certainly is groundbreaking," said Peg
Byron, education director for Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, a gay advo-
cacy group. "I think it really cacy group. "I think it really
sets a moral as well sets a moral as well as a
legislative example for the rest of the country,"
Vermont lawmakers still
sought to preserve the term sought to preserve the term of a man and a woman, adopting an amendment making that clear. That definition previously had existed only in
the bill's preamble and not in the text. Fourteen Republicans, 57
Democrats, four Progressives and one independent voted in favor of the bill. It now moves Senate, where it is expected to win approval by the end of next month. The legislation also has the support of Demo-
cratic Gov. Howard Dean. The issue was forced on the Legislature after the state Supreme Court ruled in De cember that same-sex couples
were being unconstitutionally were being unconstitutionally
denied the benefits of marriage. The high court left it up to the Legislature to de cide whether to allow gay mar
riages or create some kind of riages or create some
domestic partnership.

## U.S. to make gesture

 toward IraniansWASHINGTON - The to declare it will lift a ban on from Iran and propose a settlement of claims in a bid to encoura
Tehran.
The net effect is to begin oreverse more than two de cades of estrangement. State Madeleine Albright is making the moves in a major policy
speech here today to the

## American-Iranian Council, a

 Private group based in Princeton, N.J., that seek a senior U.S. official told The Associated Press. The partial easing of sanctions and the offer to have claims against each other ad-judicated is being coupled with a renewed proposal for
formal talks, said the official formal talks, said the official who spoke Thursday night
only on condition of anonym ity. So far, Iran, a Persian Gulf
country that the Clinton ad country that the Clinton ad ministration accuses of pro-
moting terrorism, has not remoting terrorism, has not re-
sponded to the U.S. proposal. Even as President Clinton this week extended sanctions against Iran, the administra
tion explored ways to encour age reformists there.
One way under consideration and then approved was to lift the ban on imports of
such Iranian goods as carpets, caviar and pistachio
Report: Auction firms said to share lists
NEW YORK - Sotheby's and Christie's shared confidential lists of exceptionally rich clients who were spared
from paying fees charged to other sellers, The New York Times reported today.
The lists were The lists were honored by both of the powerful auction
houses in deciding which cus. houses in deciding which cus-
tomers were charged lower commissions or none at all, the Times reported, citing people close to the compa-
nies and a federal antitrust investigation.
Sotheby's and Christie's si-
multaneously multaneously charged rates up to 20 percent to oth
sellers, the Times said. The Justice Department began investigating the houses in 1997, focusing on alleged price-fixing in commissions.
The auction houses, which control 95 percent of, which
billion billion worldwide auction market, have said they are cooperating with prosecutors. Spokesmen for both houses
said Thursday they would said Thursday they would
have no comment during the have no comm
The lists about 50 names, including some of the
world's wealthiest families were compiled separately and closely held by top executives, the Times reported. In
1995, with the art market 1995, with the art market
suffering, the companies suffering, the companies
switched from a flat seller's commission to a sliding scale of 2 percent to 20 percent, depending on the size of the
They then shared the lists of preferred customers to pro-
tect the other's special deals.



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## BUSH

"There's ways to debate the issue without casting like that. I just think they've like that. I just think they've
gone too far," gone too far."
that provision in favor of 24-hour wait, and gaver of a has been on the back burner since then.
Negotiators from the House and Senate are supposed to resolve differences between
the two bills, which also contain a number of other provisions. On Wednesday, the House agreed, on a non-binding vote of $218-205$, to urge a resume work on the legisla. tion.

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