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Clinton aides, Republicans battle over Social Security, spending

WASHINGTON (AP) - White House instead to talk with Congress' fficials and a Republican leader are at odds over how to start the search for a
financial fix for Social Security as the inancial fix for Social Security as the retiring in the next century.
Budget director
Budget director Franklin Raines and Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin-said
Sunday that the Clinton administration want the problem addressed as soon as possible.
"Effectively, what that means is it has to be done in the next two years,"
Raines said on NBC's "Meet the Raines said on NBC's "Meet the
Press." "Once you get into the presiPential election, a season after that, we
won't probably see any legistation., won't probably see any legislation."
But do not wait for a proposed soluBut do not wait for a proposed solu-
tion from President Clinton. He plans
"We prisan solution, Raines said. and private pensions. move forward on this," Raines said. "We can't do it by the president alone or Democrats can't do it alone. It has to be bemartisan."
But House But House Majority Leader Dick
Armey, R-Texas, said Clinton should go first. "The president needs to exert leadership on this," Armey said on CNN's ward on it. And we're anxious to see ward on it. And we're
im make a proposal."
Rep. Bill Archer, R-Texas, chairman
the tax-writing House Ways and

Republican leaders on developing a ment plans, including Social Security
and private pensions.
Democrats and Republicans also possible over the best way to handle a budget. While GOP lawmakers called for tax cuts, most notably the marriage penalcuts, mostministration officials cautioned against steps that would raise the deficit.
Rubin Rubin said on CBS' "Face the think: it is pery fair to ask them how
thin' they're going to pay for those tax cuts, with which specifics, and what effect those tax cuts are going to have on
middle-income people and working
people, and what effect they think
those tax cuts are going to have on the overriding objective of maintaining our fiscal discipline." Rubin said Clinton will offer modest tax breaks in his 1999 budget.
He said the plan incest He said the plan includes a break to
middle-income people middle-income people for day care
expenses and energy conservation expenses and energy conservation
costs. The tax cuts would be paid for by closing corporate tax loopholes and by closing corporate tax loopholes and
eliminating some subsidies, he said. House Budget Committee Chairman
John Kasich, R-Ohio said he mald John Kasich, R-Ohio, said he would
oppose increasing federal spending oppose increasing federal spending
above the limits provided for in last year's balanced-budget agreement.
"The idea that we ought to take any
of this money and expand government
for anything, to have any additional
spending beyond the budget agreement, would be a terrible mistake, and intend to fight it," Kasich said.
At the same time, two Democratic senators, Paul Wellstone of Minnesota and John Kerry of Massachusetts called for spending more money on
education and other programs directed at young people.
kills and intellect in the health and skills and intellect and character o our children, all of our children," "If we don't invest now, we pay the price later. High levels of high school dropout, high levels of illiteracy, substance abuse and crime - I mean, this

Nancy Raney, an employee at The Heritage Museum, is helping set up the Big Spring Art Association Challenge Grant exhibit.
The newest exhibit at the museum gives artists the opportunity to arrange and paint as they choose.

## Southern Mesa aǵ conference date nears

By CARLTON
Staff Writer
The 1997 cotton crop harvest is complete and now the focus for many producers has shifted fo cotton production activities That means the Southern Mesa Agricultural Conference n Lamesa in less than two weeks. Dawson County Extension
Agent John Farris said the con ference, scheduled for 8 a.m. Monday, Jan. 19, is a direct result of producer requested educational programming and
will focus on regulation and policies affecting Texas agriculure. The conference will also focus on the best management prac-
tices (BMPs) for cotton, grain sorghum and peanut produc ion. The program is being sponThe program is being spon-
sored by the Texas Agricultural


Extension Service (TAES)
offices in Dawson, Howard,
Martin, ofrices in Dawson, Howard,
Martin, Borden,
Mitchell, Lynn, Garza and Midland, and will feature infor mation on the latest production echnology for crop production, of cottontrol, and weed control peanuts. according to Farris. Risk management and producand outlooks will be discussed the state will make presentations concerning current
research production trials Howard County Agent David Kight said that despite the current price of cotton being at a less than desirable rate, cotton
priees will not be a main focus at the conference. "Cotton prices will be on the program during the annual Ag
Expo later this spring," Kight Expo later this spring, Kight
said. "In conjunction with the ag expo, we will also have a cotag expo, we wind ald
ton production meeting similar
to the Southern Mesa

The Jan. 19 conference is management and pesticide important for area producers mage, cotton production manbecause one of the topics is risk agement, present and new weed management, Kight said.
"Risk management will be dis-
control, boll weevil manage-
ment, fertilization and salinity, "Risk management will be dis-*
cussed in a very broad sense," fertilization and salinity, Kight said. "The conference is also impor-
tant because it allows tant because it allows area pro-
ducers to come together and ducers to come together and
exchange ideas, specialists are exchange ideas, specialists are
allowed to come in and present
an overview of specific an overview of specific topic
areas and producers earn conareas and producers earn con-
tinuing education units," Kight added. include Mindy speakers will Department of Agriculture
(TDA); Randy Bowman Lemon, Mark McFarland, Jackie Smith and Peter Dotray; TAES agents Farris and Tommy Doederiein; and Wayne Keeling
with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.
Other topic area Other topic areas on the con-

One person injured in twoo-vehicle crash on U.S. 87 By kathy Gilbert Staff Writer
One person was injured in a two-vehicle accident about five miles north of Big Spring on U.S. 87 this morning. Marcelino Nieto was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center with a possible
broken jaw and other injuries after the broken jaw and other injuries after the
pickup in which he was riding collided pickup in which he was riding 18 -wheeler at about 9 a .m.

## Despite a heavy fog that blanketed the area, neither driver blamed weather condiarea, neither driver blamed weather condi- tions for the accident.

 Hector Gomez, the driver of the 18 -wheel er, said he saw a pickup "inching up" from of the highway. He then hit the brakes to avoid a collision, causing his truck to jackMatt Massingill said he was parked in the turnaround when Gomez apparently "pan-Traffic in the southbound lane of U.S Highway 87 was halted from about 9-10 a.m Safety, Howard County Sheriff's Office and Big Spring Emergency Medical Service responded to the scene. Nieto was the only ambulance.
No further information on Nieto's condi-
tion was available at press time.

## Boss Hog

Slated for 9 a.m. Saturday, 9th annual cookoff serves as fundraiser for Harley group By debbie L. Jensen Features Editor
tastebuds.
Saturday is fre up your Saturday is the 9th annual
Boss Hog Chili Cookoff fundraiser for the Harley Owners Group at the Harley
Davidson Shop, 908 W . Third. Barry Barnett of the group
promises there wili be plenty of promises there will be plenty
different flavors at the event but no fish.
"We had a chili made with fish one time," Barnett said. "If
it doesn't look like chili and it doesn't look like chili and
smell like chili, nobody's required to eat it."
The competition begins with a
cook's meeting at 9 a.m. Anyone rectipe for a $\$ 15$ fee, as long as
they are willing to follow a few they are willing to follow a few
rules. -We loosely follow the Chili Appreciation rules,
International saiet
said Barnett. That includes a stipulation against adding beans, he
said. w won't throw them out, but we might hang 'em,' Barnett said. Otherwise, almost anything goes - even unusual meats
like venison. The spicy flavor and "heat" of the chili will vary "We've had them go all the way from real mild to 'burn your "We have some great chil cooks around here." Judging begins at 1 p.m. After samples of all the chili have been collected for the judges,
the remaining entries will be the remaining entries will be
available for tasting by all those who have paid a $\$ 5$ entry fee. not to give out samples before then," Barnett said.
Judges are split into two Judges are split into two
groups - those who taste for groups preliminary round and
the
those who taste only finalist entries.
"We have to do it that way," once you've gone through the many cups of chili, your taste buds are pretty well shot." Competitors should provide
their own cookers, equipment their own cook
and all supplies.
"Some of their setups are pret ty elaborate," Barnett said. "We'll see all kinds."
The cookoff is HOG's main The cookoff is HOG's main
fundraiser for the year fundraiser for the year.
Although the group sponsors

Veteran chili cook offers tips to uninitiated o, oevail L Levesen


Chili cooks have their own secret recipes, but most do follow certain rules, according to a local veteran of the cookof "If you want to be a champi on chili cooker," explained local CPA Max, Green, you recipe." recipe."
Green
cooks whid there are a few ory and plenty on thelir mem.
advises would-be champ ${ }^{\text {against it. }}$ Those that cook chili by the seat of their britches, their
winning is en winning is extremely erratic
and can't be counted on.' he said.
For the basic recipe, Green recommends basic chili spices
added to high-quality scrap adeat, tomato sauce or paste but no beans, corn or whole tomatoes.
The rule has been if you put some strange ingredients in there,... you
Most cookoffs, such as the Harley Owners Group's event
planned Saturday, follow Chili Appreciation Society International rules
There are some rules you must follow, but it is possible
to experiment'a little bit," he said.
See TIPS, Page 2
other events, most of them are designated to benefit someone "This is really the only thing that we will keep the money
from, to use for our projects." he from,
said.
Ent
Entertainment is also a big
draw: Local band wild raw: Local band Wild Texan afternoon.
The main variable $H O G$ mem bers are watching as they pre pare for the event, is the weath pare for the event,
er, Barnett said.
LLast year, the
Last year, the weather was 10 cooks," he said $"$ "We about great time. But we hope great time. But we hope for
good weather this time around.

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Obituaries

Katherine Teresa Braun McNallen
 The family suggests memoriTs to: The Boys Club; P.O. Box 128; Big Spring.
Arrangements under the
direction of Nalley-Pickle \&
Welch Funeral Home.

## Manuel Odis Wise

## Odessa, passed away Friday afternoon at his home after a

 follow in Mount Olive
Memorial Park.
He was born oct. 11, 1912.
in Hunt County. He married
Mildred Howell on July 26.

| NALLEY-PICKLE |
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| \& WELCH |
| Funeral Home |
| Trinty Memorial Park |
| and Crematory |
| and. 906 Gregg St. |
| (915) 2676331 |
| Elmer L Belcher, 69, died |
| Monday Services are pending <br> with Nalley-Pickle \& Welch <br> Funeral Home. |

MYERS \& SMITH \& CHAPEL 24th \& Johneon 267-8288 Manuel Odis Wise, 85, died
Friday. Services will be 10:00
AM Tuesday AM Tuesday at Myers \& Smith
Funeral Home Chapel, with burial at Mount Olive
Memorial Park.
Edna Pope, 69, died Monday.
Services are pending.

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1991, in Odessa. He had lived in
Odeessa for the last eight years.
He was a Baptist and a member

## He of O A

 Order of Oc Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Disabled Veterans of Foreign Wars. He veterans of Foreign Wars. Hewas a veteran of World War II,
serving in

## Elmer L. Belcher <br>  <br> The ASSOCLATED PRESS

 serving in the EuropeanTheater. He was in the 110th
Infantry Company $M$ of the
28th Division. He was wounded Infantry Company M of the
28th Division. He was wounded
during the Battle of the Bulge.
He was one of 14 survivors of a company of 149 men. He was
retired from the Texas absolute must is keeping
fhe grease to a minimum, Green retired from the Texas the grease to a minimum, Green
Highway Department.
He is survived by: his wife, said.
Mild, when your chili is cooling,
Mise of Odessa; three
there is a great big slug of Mildred Wise of Odessa; three
sons and daughters - in-law.
Marvin and Margaret Wise of Big Spring, Wiley and Martha Wise of Abilene, and Dan and
Mardell Wise of Midland; two Mardell Wise of Midland; two
daughters, Laverne Wise of Big daughters, Laverne Wise of Big
Spring. and Syble Wise of
Albuquerque, N.M. an adopted Albuquerque, N.M.; an adopted
daughter. Lynn Hill and her
husband, John of Colorado
City; three step-sons, Kenneth City; three step-sons, Kenneth
Smith of Colorado City, Keith
Smith of San Angelo. Ronnie
Smith and his wife Judy of San Smith and his wife Judy of San
Angelo; one sister, Jessie
Oliver of Odessa; 27 grandshil dren; 33 great-grandchildren;
and one great-great-grandchild. Grandsons will serve as pallbearers: John Jannamon,
Ronnie Jannamon, Morgan
Wise. Jeff Wise, Jay Wise and Danny Wise.
The family suggests memoriThe family suggests memori-
als to the Masonic Home for
Children; co Staked Plains
Lode 998, A.F. \& A.M.. Box Children; c/o Staked Plains
Lodge 598, A.F. \& A.M.; Box
1751: Big Spring; 79721. The family will be at 2204
Carl Street.
Patd obtuary Edna Pope Spring, is pending with
\& Smith Funeral Home. She died Monday, Jan. 5 ,
1998, at Midland Memorial
Hospital. Louise Harper
Standefer
Service for Louise Harper
Standefer, 94, Stanton, was 10 Service for Louise Harper
Standefer, 94 , Stanton, was 10
a.m. today at the First United
Methodist Church, Stanton.
Burial followed in the
Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland.
Mrs. Standefer died Friday,
Jan. 1998, at Country
Meadows Elder Care in Meadows Elder Care in
Stanton.
She was born on Dec. 18, 1903, in Houston and moved to
Martin County in 1936 and to
Stanton in 1951. She married
Clarence Grady Standefer on Clarence Grady Standefer on
Oct. 15, 1922, in Colorado C City.
He preceded her in death on
Nov. 7, 1987. She was a member
of the First United Methodist
Church of Stanton, the Gospel Singers Assoc., Senior Citizens
and Home Demonstration Club,

Waves of severe thunderarea of Texas, causing flash flooding that is bellieved to
have claimed the life of an Irving boy and forced the clos-
ing of Interstate ing of Interstate 35 between
Waco and Temple for several
hours.
The severe thunderstorms
moved across most moved acrorss most of the east.
ern half of the state on Sunday. ern half of the state on Sunday.
Most of the heavy rainfall had Most of the heavy rainfall had
ended early today, but fash flooding remained in many
areas. Texas Department Transportation spokesman Bill
Powers said Interstate 35 near Temple was closed for several
hours and reopened about $2 \cdot 15$ hours and reopened about $2: 15$
a.m. today.
The I-35 closure was at Troy, The $\begin{aligned} & \text { about } 30 \text { miles soure was at Troy, } \\ & \text { Waco, at } 10 \text { p.m. } . \text { backing of up }\end{aligned}$ Waco, at 10 p.m., backing up
traffic for miles in both direc trams.
Six to eight feet of water built
up at an underpass, Powers up at an underpass, Powers
sadid.
vehicles were detoure
the accesss reade detoured onto the prob-
lem was compounded because lem was compounded because
of heavy traffic caused by peo-
ple returning from holiday trips.
U.S. 75 was closed in Ellis County, Just south of Dallas, for
a time during the night because a time during the night because
of high water.
High water also forced the High water also forced the
closing of U.S. 82 in Fannin
County between Sherman and County between Sherman and
Bonham. Fannin County
authorities reported several authorities reported several
bridges were washed out in the
county. county.
Large hail also pelted portions of Limestone and
Freestone counties in Central

## Free Tex W

## Evelyn Maxine Minter, Lois, Vermell Hill, both of Amarillo, and Jannie Ladell Linney, Stanton, 11 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great erandel

## Water was reported to be two feet deep on Story Road in Irving during the night. <br> \section*{rrving during the night Rescue workers

}Rescue workers at Irving
called off their search unt11
daylight today daylight today for a 15 -year-old
boy who was swept away in boy who was swept away in a
creek at Lively Park in the
Dallas suburb

## Dallas suburb. Rescue workers managed to save the boy's companion

 save the bork's companion, to 13 -year-old Carlos Ramirez, who

## Eva Lee Dixon

| Clyde, will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 6, 1998, at the First Baptist Church, Clyde, with Dr Jerry Joplin and Rev. Riley Pugitt Clyde Cemetery <br> Mrs. Dixon died Saturday Jan. 3, in the Clyde Nursing Center <br> She was born in Taylor County near Bluff Creek on W.A. Dixon on July 28, 1927, in Taylor County. They moved to Clyde from Tye in 1947. She owned and operated the Dixon Help-Ur-Self Laundry in Clyde Mrs. Dixon was a cafeteria School for 10 years and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Clyde <br> Survivors include: a son, William Leo Dixon, Clyde; three sisters, Fannie Froman, Nina Tarrant, both of Clyde, and Cleo Young, Big Spring; seven grandchildren; and 16 <br> Arrangements under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home, Clyde. |
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& \text { had to cling to a railroad cross } \\
& \text { ing while a third boy, } 13 \text { year- } \\
& \text { old Kelly Honey rode his bicy- } \\
& \text { cle to a nearby police station } \\
& \text { for help. }
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The National Weather Service
issued a tornado warning in the Stephenville area and flash
nood warnings for much of food warnings for much of
North Texas because of the North Texas because of the
thunderstorms that roamed across the state on Sunday.
Widespread urban flood Widespread urban flooding
took place Sunday. Five inches took place Sunday. Five inches
of rain was reported in the
Houston subur of rain was reported in the
Houston suburb of Pasadena.
Some flooding was reported Some flooding was reported
in southeast Harris County in southeast Harris County,
northern Brazoria and
Galveston counties and northern Brazoria and
Galveston counties Sunday
evening

## evening.

There were reports of flood-
ing in Friendswood, Pearland ing in Priendswood, Pearland
and South Houston, with feeder and South Houston, with feeder
roads along the Beltway and
Gulr Freeway under water roads along the Beitway an
Gulf Preeway under water.
Flood waters rose dramatica Flood waters rose dramatical
ly in portions of League City ly in portions of League City,
and water approached homes near Coral Cove Court, an areea
near Kemah, the National near Kemah, the National Weather Service reported.
The thunderstorms were trig:


TWO PRESENTATIONS OF DRAMATIC events from
American history with a Biblical perspective are planned Friday, liso and 4 p.m.
at First Baptist
Church Richard "Little Bear" Wheeler Richard Little Bear Wheeler
will be featured. He also plans a special event for teens and
their parents Saturday at 10

## This event is sponsored by Concerned Women for American of West Texas. Corl Suzanne Haney at 263.7147 or

 Luann Stallings at 398-5506 for
## HERITAGE MUSEUM MUR

 DER MYSTERY Night is planned ran.game recen beginning at
p:30 various murder mystery games
to be played by teams of eight. to be played by teams of eight.
Call $267-8255$ for more informa-
$\underset{\text { BOSS HOG CHILI }}{\text { COOKOFF is planned Saturday }}$ COOKOFF is planned Saturday
at the Harley Davidson shop at the Harley Davidson shop,
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cooks meeting. Anyone is wel-
come to enter a chili entry for a come to enter a chili entry for a
$\$ 15$ fee.
All you can eat of chili All you can eat of chili
entries is $\$ 5$, and entertainment
is planned by local band "Wild is planned by local band "Wild
Texans" in the afternoon. For more information, call the
Harley shop at $263-2322$. LINE DANCING IS OFFERED at the Big Spring Family YMCA, Fridays from 11
a.m.noon. This is a great way the same time. Call for more information, 267-8234:
TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH will offer flu shots to
those 18 and over every Wednesday of the evinter
months (October throut months February). The injections are available from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-4:30 p.m. at 501 Birdwell
Lane. Lane.
For
is no For those on Medicare, there
is no co-payment, but the card
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of the injection. For others, the

## Springboard

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TACT GINA GARZA, 263 -
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Springboard items must be submitted in writing. Mail
to: Springboard, Big Spring o: Springboard, Big Spring
Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring. Texas 79720 ; bring it
by the office at 710 by the office at 710
or fax it to $264-7205$.


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weigh in and 6:15 p.m. meeting.
Best Home Health Care, 1710 E
 meeting and 8 to 99 p.m. at the Gospel singing, 7 p.m.
Gentwood Center, 2805 Lynn Call 267.6764 . Guest singers
from Stanton, Midland and Colorado City.
-Encourager's support group. p.m., Santa Fe Sandwich Shop, p.m., Santa Fe Sandwich Shop,
Big Spring Mall. For more
information call $398-5522$ or 399 Bin
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## Markets

March cotton 67.60 cents, up 49
points; Feb. crude 17.10, down points, Feb. crude 17.10, down
33ponts; Cash hogs steady at
50 cents higher at 35; cash steers steady at 65; Feb. lean hog futures 57.25 , down 27 points;
Feb. live cattle futures 64.62 down 32 points.


## Police

The Big Spring Police ing activity between 2 p.m.

Saturday and 8 a.m. Monday: -GEORGE GONZALES, 33 duct (abusive fanguage). -STEVEN OBRIEN, 36, was -HERBER RT BELCHER, 44 was arrested for driving while -KEVIN KLLASSEN, 37, was rrested for driving while | ntoxicated. |
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| -RICHARD DELACRUZ, 32 | was arrested for public intoxi -GUADDALUPE LEDEZMA

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Sunday's high 68
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| urth attempt to pilot a balloon | 11 y | trouble Saturda when equipment fail- | his altitude. Fossett then was forced to | to land in a mustard field in Indta |
| op around the world came to an | " | ures caused problems with heat in the | crawl through the bubble top of his | because he ran out of fuel. ${ }^{\text {a }}$ ( $)^{\text {a }}$ |
| the edge of the Black | tor Alan Blount said. "We're getting | cockpit and directional controls, chief | gondola to fire them manually | Where he landed today, though, he |
| day, stymied by low winds, low fuel |  | engineer Tim Cole said. Fossett also |  | neither record. The land- |
| and equipment problems that left him | Asked about the possibility someone | was running low on fuel. | A significant problem w | ing site is about 7,300 miles from St. |
| hivering in his cockpit. | else will beat him tothe record, Blount | The heater fadlure, which normall | ity to get the balloon | Louis,', and his flight lasted about 41/2 |
| After flying about a third of the | said: "If they do, it's great. More | keeps the 6-by-4foot gondola's temper- | ing subtropical jet |  |
| tempt and land after crossing the | 'll | ature at between 45 and 50 degrees, left | south, Cole said. <br> Fossett decided to cut short his | In addition to the attempt in January |
| Black Sea, his control team said. He | Two other balloonists were gearing | Fossett's feet. | attempt Sunday evening St. Louis | y |
| ded at 5:27 a.m. CST about 50 miles | up make their own try this week. Pilot | know | time, while crossing the Black S | was forced to land in Canada. In 1995, |
| rth of Krasnodar, Russia, according | Dick Rutan of Mojave, Calif., veteran | that he's uncomfortable and he's ready | Blount said. Despite the problem | Fossett hiad become the first persorit to |
| Vitaly Andreyev, of Russia's civil | of the first nonstqp airplane flight | to end this one," Blou | ;Fossett had been upbeat in his co | fly solo ácross the Pacific in a balloon. |
| aviation authority in Moscow. | around the world, and co-pilot Dave | this morning. | munications, team members said | Ground control said that he didn't |
| Officials in the area told Andreyev | Melton of Espanola, N.M., plan to take | More bad news came with the mal- | Fossett, still had hoped he might | nounce it at the time, but he had |
| at the landing was smooth. Joe | off early Tuesday from Albuquerque, | fuction of one of the two propane | break his own record of traveling |  |
| hie in the balloonist's control cen- |  | burners that are fired whenever the | 10,361 miles in a balloon, or, his own | world that time, making this week's |
| here said a Russian official had | Fossett, a 53 -year-old Chicago com- | hot-air p | record for longest duration, six days | effort his fourth attempt. |

## Maine prepares for

 controversial 'death with dignity' proposal READFIELD, Maine (AP) -Karen Cox tenderly watches
over her sleeping husband at
home. She strokes his head, over her sleeping husband at
home. SSe strokes his head,
bald from radiation, and whispers lovingly, hoping he under-
stands despite the three stands ravaging his brain.
tuman Cox, a 49-year-old anaAlan Cox, a 49-year-old ana-
lyst for the state Department of Labor, felt dizzy Oct. 20. Two
weeks later, he lapsed into a wema. He has regained consciousness and feels no pain,
his wife says but his left side his wife says, but his left side
is paralyzed and he can't conis paralyzed and he can't con-
verse. Alerthess fades in and
out Standing by the side of his
bed Cox, 43 , a city worker in Augusta, doesn't know if she'll ever get her Alan back. One thing she is certain of, , owev-
er, is that she would never er, is that she would never
help her husband of two years end his life. "It's not my call to end his
suffering," she says. "I'm expe-
riencing the riencing the loss of my hus-
band, but this is his life and I don't know why he's suffering,
I don't know why he has to go I don't know why he has to go
through this. It's not up to me to determine to end his suffer-
ing because I don't want to suf
 She calls his expertefee ta A widow in York County
feels differently. Her husband, a self-made millionaire and
voracious reader in his late
vos, 70 s , shot himself 10 years ago
after a long battle with severe asthma capped by late blind-
antess.
ne ness.
It would have been better "if
he could just have ben something to have let him go
to sleep and been put out of his misery, rather than to have my
daughter go into the room with
dight find me and find that gun in his
right hand and his head
droo drooped over on his right
shoulder and blood coming out of his mouth," says the
woman, who asked not to be
identified These are the polar ends of the emotional, put-wrenching
debate in Maine and across the debate in Maine and across the
country about assisted suicide,
or "physician aid in dying" as supporters call it. Maine's
This month, M Legislature takes up a bill that
would legalize it under certain conditions. The bill's sponsor,
Democratic Rep. Joseph Brooks, is a Roman Catholic
who expects the Church will

Maine lawmakers have con-
sidered the issue three times sidered the issue three times
before, most recently in 1995 when the bill made it out of committee for the first time
but was soundly defeated on the floor.
According to the National Conference of National Legislatures, 24 states intro
duced legislation concerning assisted suicide last' year South Dakota and Virginia enacted laws that, prevent
authorities from holding physicians liable for prescrib ing or administering medica-
tion to tion to relieve pain even if the
dosage hastens death. dosage hastens death.
Only Oregon allows termi nally ill patients to request a prescription for medication to
commit suicide. Before commit suicide. Before a pre-
scription may be written, two scription may be written, two
doctors must determine the
patient is mentally competent patient is mentally competent,
not depressed and has less
than six monts than six months to live. Then
the patient must wait 15 days
betw he patient must wait 15 days
between requesting the drugs
and picking them up from a and picking them up from a Brooks' bill is similar
Oregon's Oregons law.
Brooks and Fred Richardson,
former istate legishator, who a former state legislaton, who
has sponsored assisted suicide has sponsored assisted suicide
bills in the past, say the elec-
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Legislature and developments
this year in Oregon and the this year in Oregon and the
U.S. Supreme Court have improved the odds of passage. court said terminally ine highe
have no constitutional right to have no constitutional right to
assisted suicide, but it did nothing to bar states from
notich legalizing it.
In Novembe soundly rejected a ballot proposal to repeal their assisted
suicide law.
Assisted suicide supporters have formed PRO-916, named
after the number after the number on Brooks'
bill. The fledgling group has received $\$ 10,000$ from the right to-die Hemlock Society USA
and about $\$ 5,000$ from individMarc Mutty, spokesman for the Portland Roman Catholic
Diocese, doesn't think the Legislature will approve assist
ed suicide. Instead of helping people
take their lives, society should be focusing on alleviating pain and improving care for the ter
minally ill, Mutty says. (i) Arniwersary, Celebrating 40 Years of Business 1958-1998 During January 40\% off Quality namebrand Jewelry, Gold Chains, 14 K Gold Earrings, Diamonds, Pearls, Sterling Silver, Men's Rings, ladies Diamond Rings, Weddmg Rings and Much, Much More!

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## in her new hometown of Bartlett stonewalled her when she asked for public Bhe asked for public informa- tion, she said, so Vike ton, she said, so Vyke Robbins ran for City Council - and

 won.But little has said. Ms. Robbins, who was
elected in May says her open recerd in requests are still mostly
being ignored "Their gener
"Their general response is
something to the effect of 'Yeah, something to the effect of Yeah,
yeah we'll get it to you.' But yeah we get it to you. But
they never do anything,"
Robbins said "There's Robbins said. "There's always a
reply verbally, but I never seem reply verbally, but I never seem
to get answers."
Advocates of open records say the situation in Bartlett, a town of 1,648 about 50 miles northeast
of Austin, underscores difficul. of Austin, underscores difficul-
ties that Texans often face when requesting government documents.
Robbin Robbins said she first found
herself at odds with Bartlett's government in October 1996, when she inquired about several rocking horses donated to
Blue Santa, a charity Blue Santa, a charity sponsore
by the local police department She said she had a tip that the gifts might not have been dis-
tributed, and she wanted tributed, and she want
know where they were
Before responding to
records request, the city "aptor ney submituted Robhins request
to the Texas attorney general' to the Texas attorney general
office for an opinion on whether the information was public. After six months, Robbins
was given information about rocking horses in 1996, but was told no such records existed for the year before.
that's horrific." Robbins said "' thought it was." began lookin
Robbins then into the city budget. She attend
ed city council meetings and


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New Bartlett council member proves to be a thorn in side of city on open records issue
 the Emergencs Medicial
been charging the ity for or over time and Robbins said she
Wanted to review the records of his department.
The city submitted request to the attorney general
for an opinion. Franz said the city was concerned
patient confidentiality.
State law State law permits public agen
cies to request an cies to request an attorney gen tion over whether is a que might legally be kept from public view, such as attorney-client
matters or private records.
But M
But M.J. Nicchio of the Tex Daily Newspaper Association said some government agencies use the excuse of asking for an
attorney general's opinion to delay release of public records "To use the attorney general's office to discourage or postpone
requests goes against requests goes against the prin
ciples of open records.". he said Of the 48 open records
requests Robbins has made since October 1996, she said she
is still awaiting information on at least six.
Bartlett Mayor Jimmy Evame said 'Robbims' requestsp bidehid ing those she has nadocas
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causing a problem for the town


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## Other views

Sending Oklahoma City bombing conspirator Terry Nichols to prison for the rest of his life is a wholly satisfying punishment for
of domestic terrorism.
The jury was obviou
The jury was obviously torn about how to deal with and injured more than 500
-Prosecutors had evidence that bound him to the plot and tied him to financing and construction of the truck bomb, but not to the final acts that led to its detBuilding
Jurors apparently separated Nichols' role in the con spiracy from the murderous decision to ignite the fuse
They are empowered to make distinctions that terrorists and bombs do not. In their own twisted thi Terry McVeigh, were aveng ing the 1993 federal raids on the Branch Davidian compound in Waco, Texas. They never gave the benefit of the doubt to 19 children in a day-care center or pensioners visiting the Social Security offices Nichols does not need to be sentenced to death to end his life. Remove him from the society he turned his Let the quiet, contemplative man described by defense attorneys stew in the corrosive bile of his own self pity.

The Seattle Times
Television has been a popular venue for the adver ising of nostrums since the days of the 9 -inch screen

But more and more manufacturers are using television to advertise prescription drugs. Most of the commercials suggest customers ask their physicians for
specific drugs Pharmaceutical companies have discovered the
approach is more direct than advertising in obscure medical journals seen only by medical professionals. .. Physicians are complaining that patients are
demanding prescriptions for many of the advertised drugs. Traditionally, physicians have suggested the proper treatment.
Pushy patients are berating physicians who won' vations about certain drugs are having difficulty in appeasing their patients.
Physicians have a right to be wary. They've been burned.
During the diet-drug rage, they too readily wrote millions of prescriptions for drugs based on public
demand. The result in thousands of cases were combinations that proved dangerous to the health of the The smart consumer is the one who The Hawk Eye Burlington, Iowa

Out of calamity comes opportunity
Nowhere is that maxim more apparent right now
than in the two Koreas, where economic collapse in the democratic South may, paradoxically, provide a Financial turmoil in the South and the accompany ing victory of President elect Kim Daf Jung provide than at any recent time.
Kim, as the first outsider to break the grip of South Korea s ruling party, presents a new tace and a new ing means of getting serious at the bargaining table . Officials in Pyongyang can point to this transition in while they've remained constant. No longer bound by rhetoric aimed at the current government. they can negotiat
But equally as significant as a change in leadership in the South is the change in South Korea's economic and maybe more - from the International Monetary Fund and a downgrading of Seoul's credit rating to "junk bond" status has left the proud South humiliat
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## Death row mercy shouldn't be based on sex

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By BONNIE ERBE

Much as many of us might al stereotypes and get on with orces us to realize trom Texa differentiation, if not discrimi nation, is still quite alive and well in America. This fascinat lack thereof comes to us in the case of one Karla Faye Tucker Tucker's February 3d execu-
tion date is scheduled as state ron date is scheduled as state
retribution for one of the most blood-curdling murders in Houston history. She readily admits that during a drug
induced high she helped a boyfriend murder two sleeping people. She's even on record as describing in horrid detail how
she experienced a surge of sexhe experienced a surge of sex
ual pleasure while driving a uickeasure while driving a
pick through a sleeping woman's throat. The odd thing is that The odd thing is that some of
her most prominent supporter
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And yet that is nowhere appar But special treatment on account of gender is not approny other. Because the unfortu-
nate corollary to special treatnent is mistreatment. If women can be spared the horors that men face, they can b driving an 18 -wheeler cross country overnight. Isn't that too, something so taxing th
only a man can endure it? No, if we as a nation support the death penalty (and poll
after poll shows we do by an after poll shows we do by an
overwhelming margin) then overwhelming margin) then
Tucker will have to take it like man, or set an example for what taking it like a woman is to mean for the many who wil
surely follow her.

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## White House office winning friends in nation

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| Gbverning Magazine | almost every possible combina tion of federal, state and local governments against each | intergov office bring strong backgrounds to the job. Ibarra, |  |
| Ranidy Johnson, president of the National Association of |  |  |  |
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| Counties, has a two word description of the White House | about White House "intergov" people of yesteryear primarily |  |  |
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| Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, and it might seem amazing, especially since the chairman of the Hennepin County, Minn., commissioners | refer to those who served in the <br> first Clinton administration. <br> Mickey Ibarra, who took over <br> as Clinton's director of inter |  |  |
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|  | governmental affairs just this past June, concedes that 'the Office of Intergovernmental |  |  |
| is a Republican. "'They're splendid," says |  |  |  |
| Johnson. '"They've gone out of their way to seek county views on a variety of issues. They |  |  |  |
|  | Office of Intergovernmental Affairs is responsible, first of all, for building support for the president's policy initiatives. |  |  |
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| give us access to the adminis. tration It's a night and day dif | But he, and Lynn Cutler, his deputy for city and county <br> affairs, have coupled that prior |  |  |
| ference from a year ago Then, we didn't even get our calls |  |  |  |
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|  | affairs, have coupled that prior ity with plenty of consultation |  |  |
| door " | and action on behalf of those <br> whom Ibarra calls "our partners in government " |  |  |
| Inevitably, there is some dis sent from his view, but among |  |  |  |
|  | ners in government." <br> Johnson, for example, cites the group of federal officials |  |  |
| city and county officials it approaches unanimity. Among |  |  |  |
|  | the group of federal officials representing 14 different agen cies that Ibarra and Cutler |  |  |
| governors, and the people who work for them, the sentiments | cies that Ibarra and Cutler brought to NACo's most recent national convention, setting |  |  |
| are more mixed, but still pre dominantly favorable. |  | new block grant for health car |  |
|  | national convention, setting them up in a room where any county officeholder could come |  |  |
| That would be good news at any time, but right now it is especially valuable to have |  |  |  |
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| especially valuable to have attentive and effective people in the White House intergovern | Debby Kilmer, director of |  |  |
|  | Florida's Washington office, says when she can't get a time ly answer from Health Care |  |  |
| the White House intergovern mental office (not to mention the corresponding offices, many |  |  |  |
| the corresponding offices, many <br> of them recently created or expanded, in some 30 federal | Financing Administration staff |  |  |
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| They are urgently needed, cause one of the conse sences of devolution, it turns th is aver.longer more |  |  |  |
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## Elway's dominance continues in Broncos' 14-10 win over Chiefs

 The ASSOCIATED PRESSKANSAS CITY, Mo. - John Elway
and Marty Schottenheimer each have
their demons to conquer - like getting
Super Bowl rings.
But when it comes to the Elway-
Schottenheimer rivalry, it's no contest.
The Denver Broncos and their quarter-
back have held the upper hand over
Schottenheimer, no matter where he
has coached.
And so it was Sunday - Denver 14,
Kansas City 10 - with the Broncos
moving on to Pittsburgh for next
Sunday's AFC championship game.
IIthink Marty's record in the regu-
lar-season speaks for itself," said
Elway, a sometime off-season golfing
partner of the Kansas City coach.


| ansas City took more than 20 second get off the last play. |
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| ar the play that was called in from bench," said Grbac who was 24 -of |
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| This was classic tough playoff football - taking place in Kansas City |
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| y over Denver Nov. 16 on Pete |
| Stoyanovich's 54 -yard field goal on the final play of the game. |
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|  | 10 yards, missed from 44 yards. Then Elway drove the Broncos 65 yards. Then went ahead $7-0$ on the first 1 -yard run

by Davis, who gained 101 yards on 25 carries.
The Broncos missed another chance to score in the final minute of the half when Elway was sacked and fumbled.
After Kansas City cut Denver's lead to $7-3$ on a 20 -yarder by Stoyanovich, the Broncos blew a big chance. Davis went 41 yards to the Kansas
City 11, but had to rest the ribs he bruised last week in the wild-card win over Jacksonville. Two plays later,
Derek Loville, fumbled the ball away. Derek Loville, fumbled the ball away.,
That allowed the Chiefs to take their That allowed the Chiefs to take their
only lead - on a 12 -yard TD pass from

Lady Hawks, Hawks post Arizona wins нemal stutr foeor


Members of Big Spring's new semi-professional football team, the Warriors, take part in a practice session Sunday at Blankenship Field. The Warriors are one of eight teams taking part in the Pan American rootbail League's inaugural season. They wili play an eight-game schedule in hopes of quat
ifying for the league's playoffs. The Warriors' next workout session is set for $\mathbf{1 0}$ a.m. Saturday.
Tennessee's Lady Vols in familiar spot atop AP women's hoops poll Lady Raiders move up one spot to No. 5 The assocante press

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## Pack's returning to NFC title game with 21-7 victory <br> The ASSOCIATED PRESS

| N BAY, Wis. - The | another error when backup snapper Dave Moore's snap was |
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| Green Bay Packers know they'll | too high for holder Steve Walsh |
| ave to play like Super Bowl | to handle. |
| champions next weekend | Trent Dilfer went 11 -for-36 for |
| have a chance to become Super | 200 yards and was intercepted |
| Bowl champions again. What | twice. The previously potent |
| they displayed in their first | running game behind Offensive |
| playoff effort simply won't be | Rookie of the Year Warrick |
| good enough. | Dunn and fullback Mike Alstott |
| The Packers were ragged | stum |
| st of their 21-7 victory | When you're playing a great |
| e Buccaneers on Sunday | team, you need to make great |
| Luckily for Green Bay, the play- | plays," Dilfer said. "We came |
| off novices from Tampa |  |
| were in a charitable mood. | upper echelon yet, but we're |
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| Green Bay receiver Antonio | The Packers are there, as are |
| Freeman said. "But we did | the 49ers. Levens, who rushed |
| enough to win the ballgame. | for a team playoff record 112 |
| There is a lot of room for | yards and a clinching 2 -yard |
| improvement." | touchdown, can't wait for the |
| That improvement must co | trip to San Francisco. |
| rapidly: the Packers play at Sa | That's the kind of game you |
| Francisco next Sunday for th | live for," Levens said. |
| NFC championship. The 490 er | Levens, who gained 1,435 |
|  | yards this season after being |
| They're a great team | promoted to first string when |
| be | Edgar Bennett was injured in |
| played all year," Brett Fav | had 88 yards in |
|  | the second half. He made nearly |
| 'I think this game will be | all the key plays for Green Bay |
| ame between the two best | on offense after being held to 98 |
| ms in the NFL." added | yards in two regular-season |
| Reggie White. <br> "I get excited for big game | wins over the Bucs. <br> "It was a challenge," Levens |
| aid Dorsey Levens. "I wan | said. "Are they going to do it |
| play well and not be a liability | again? Or are we going to step it |
| Hopefully, the guys can depen | up and prove we can run the |
| on you and you wont be one of |  |
| those who blows a game | On defense and special teams, |
| Green Bay (14-3) easily could | the Pack got a more balanced |
| ave blown this one. In the | effort. Robert Brooks, returning |
| first meaningful game in nearly | punts for the first time in three |
| a month, the Packers' rust | years, broke free for 28 yards to |
| showed early. Their tackling | set up one of Ryan Longwell's |
| as sloppy, they dropped a ha | two field goals. Freeman had a |
| dozen passes, lost a fumble and | 90 -yard kickoff runback negated |
| Favre was intercepted twice. | by a penalty. |
| uckily, they were at ho | Generally, the Bucs weren't |
| ost |  |
| yoffs and have won 27 | For instance, Tampa Bay |
| aight overall. The Bucs also | tackle Warren Sapp was the |
| en't won a game with the | best defensive player all day. He |
| erature below 42 degrees at | seven tackles and three |
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Sutton, Perex and Carter top list of Hall candidates The associnte prass
NEW YORK - Don Sutton's pitch for the Hall of Fam
ple - more than 300 wins, more than 3,500 strikeouts.
"I do believe I've erned "I do believe I've earned it," he said.
While' the former Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher thinks those
numbers are good enough for Cooperstown, he'll find out today numbers are good enough for Cooperstown, he'll find out today
whether they are enough to convince the Baseball Writers Sutton, however, is not plannirg any victory parties.
"I don't have any champagne ready," he said. "I am disapyear."
Tony PereZ, Jim Rice and Ron Santo are among the 26 candiTony Perez, Jim Rice and Ron Santo are among the 26 candi-
dates. Gary Carter, Bert Blyleven and Jack Clark lead the list of
nine players on the ballot for the first time. nine players on the ballot for the first time.
Sutton is hoping to match the feat of Phil Niekro, elected to the Hall last January on his fifth try.
The longtime Atlanta knuckleballer was $318-274$ lifetime with a
3.35 ERA and 3,342 strikeouts. Sutton was 324.256 with a 3.26 ERA 3.35 ERA and 3,342 strikeouts. Sutton was $324-256$ with a 3.26 ERA
and 3,574 strikeouts.
This is Suttren fifth This is Sutton's fifth time on the ballot - he came within nine
votes of making it last year - and it might be his best chance for a while.
Next year, a dazzling crop of candidates will be eligible for the
first time. Nolan Ryan, George Brett and Robin Yount appear to first time. Nolan Ryan, George Brett and Robin Yount appear to
be shoo-ins, and Carlton Fisk and Dale Murphy also figure to get be shoo-ins, an
consideration.
Sutton's supporters say he was an excellent pitcher for a pro-
longed period. His critics claim his 23 seasons just make him a longed period. His critics claim his 23 seasons just make him a
testament to longevity.

What can national champions cry: By JIM LITKE

When people say the singular charm of
college footbalyis precisely that it allows
college footbayis precisely that it allows
for a split national championship, this is for a split natonal ches to mind Unhappy fans in tw
what comes
towns instead of one all screaming. "We
No.,."
Noo such chants were reported over the Lincoln, Neb., though clearly that was
prevailing sentiment on both campuses. Members of Michigan's football team
paraded The Associated Press' trophy around Crisler Arena to rousing cheers
Saturday night. But it was like grateful Saturday night. But it was like graterul
relatives cheering a contestant on "The
Price is Right" for winning a refrigerato Price is Right" for winning a refrigerator
even though what everybody really want even though wha
More telling was coach Lloyd Carr men
More telling was coach Lloyd Carr men
tioning to the local newspaper that it was
"a disappointment" so many of his "a disappointment" so many of his lodge
brothers changed their vote at the last brothers changed their vote at the last
minute in the USA Today/ESPN coaches
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the last-minute lobbying campaign
the Orange Bowl was over. Apparently,
given the way the Cornhuskers ran up th
score on Tennessee, he expected them to
be tired "Nnhody" Rov cid "owes
 go on and on, which wouldn't upset some

## 'We're No. $1 / 2$ ?'

There will be conversations about a play. off syster, too, and the end result won't be
any more productive. At least not for the any more productive. At least not for the
next couple of years. This past season culnext couple of years. This past season cul
minated in 20 bowl games, paying about $\$ 100$ million.
Estimates that a playoff could generate twice that much, minimum, and perhaps dents all excited at the NCAA's annual convention last January. A report was commissioned and Wyoming president
Terry Roark, whose school was left out of Terry Roark, whose school was left out of
the bowl picture the season before despite a 10-2, asked the President's Commission to develop a playoff system with or without the cooperation of "presently vested bowl interests.
But like plenty
But like plenty of the presidents' past
forays into the murky forays into the murky waters of college The "presently vested bowl interests" went back to work on forging yet one more alliance that would promise one more time to find a way to match No. 1 and No. 2 in a bowl game every year
That bunch now controls all the teams. and enough of the bowls to do that. It still,
however, will have to rely on the polls in any number of scenarios. And imagine the
chants if it comes down to a half-dozen chants if it comes down to a half-dozen unbeaten or once-beaten teams.

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