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# The search begins 



Jack Patton's resignation as Hereford Independent School
District superintendent was accepted District superintendent was accepted
Tuesday night by the HISD board.

HISD trustees hire consultant to conduct statewide search for new superintendent

## By Don Cooper

The search is on for a new school superintendent in Hereford It came as no surprise to anyone
because Jack Patton already has told the Hereford Independent School District personnel of his de-
cision to accept the superintendent's cision to accept the superintendent's
job in Llano, but the HISD trustees job in Llano, but the to accept his resignation, which will be effective June 30. first step toward finding In the first step toward finding
Patton's successor, the trustees voted Patton's successor, the trustees voted
to retain the Texas Association of School Boards as the board's consultants in the search for a new
chief administrator for the chief administrator for the schoo system. TASB's fee for conducting
the search is $\$ 5,500$, plus expenses TASB coordinated the 1997 search that led to the hiring of Patton. Dr. Michael P. Stevens, an associ-
ate professor in education at We ate professor in education at West
Texas A\&M University and a resiTexas A\&M University and a res
dent of Hereford, also sought th
search consultant's position.
Before its unanimous vote Before its unanimous vote to se
lect TASB, Trustee Dave Charest said if the board does "a Charest search, it is critical that we hire consultant." He also said the board should strive to have a new superin tendent in place to assume the du ties on July 1 .
In his presentation, Stevens said the board needs to establish at the
start of the start of the search whether it in current administration or hire the outside applicant. On Monday, Patton received the
formal offer from the Llano ISD board.
Patton
Patton has indicated he decided to
leave Hereford to be leave Hereford to be closer to his
mother, who has been diagnosed with mother, who has been diagnosed with
Parkinson's disease. She lives in Menard, which is in the same are as Llano.
In other

In other business, the board: In other business, the board:

- Presented certificates to partici-
pants in the ALTA $98 / 99$ State Dys-


Directors of the Deaf Smith Rural Electric Cooperative (above) gathered Tuesday for the left, rear) Jerry Roberts Anthony Acker and Vic Christian, and (front) Clarence Martin, Donald Wright, Clark Andrews and Nick Yosten. At right, Robert Scott helped pass out door prizes.

## Incumbents retain seats as co-op's directors

By Dianna F. Dandridge
Members of the Deaf Smith Electric Coop-
erative re-elected incumbent directors Tues-
day night during the cooperative's annual day night during the cooperative's annual
stockholders meeting. Nick Yosten, Position 1, and Anthony Acker,
Position 2, received new terms on the board during the business session at the meeting,
which was held at the Deaf. Smith County ve Lou eral manager, discussed the cooperatives' concerns about electric utility deregulation proposals under
Legislature.
Louder also reported during the January customers lost electricity, but most had power
restored within 48 hours restored within 48 hours.
Cooperative income statements report $\$ 27.25$

penses; and receipts above cost of operation $\begin{gathered}\text { Capital credits totaling } \$ 1 \text { million was re- } \\ \text { was } \$ 2.93 \text { million. }\end{gathered}$ turned to members as part of the annual Returned capital credit checks were from
all of $1986-1988$ and portion of 1989 . The Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, the supplier for DSEC, is on schedule for the construction phase of the new Mustang Genwill be one of near Denver City. The station
lexia Spelling Bee; - Recognized Aikman Primar
Shirley Intermediate, Tierra Blanc Primary and West Central Intermediate schools The schools had been for academic achievement during the 997-98 school year; - Approved the Textbook
Committee's Amittee's recommendations; - Approved graduation require-
ments for Hereford High School seniors starting in 2003. The new guidelines require seniors to have 24 credits. The graduation ceremony also will recognize a valedictorian
and salutatorian, and students in and salutatorian, and students in
the top five percent, 10 percent and 15 percent of the class;

- Approved a policy - Approved a policy on the gradua-
tion ceremony. Under the new guide ion ceremony. Under the new guide-
line, students who have not met all of the gradents who have not met all not be allowed to walk across the
stage; tage;
Accepted resignations and retirements of several district personnel (see list at right); and - Accepted monthly reports from the deputy superintendent, assistant
superintendent for education support superintendent for education support
services, assistant superintendent for services, assistant superintendent for
support services, and business man-
ager. support
ager.


## Churches set Easter activities

Holy Week events range from movie presentation to more traditional fare

p.m., including the service of Holy Commun-
ion and the re enactment of Passover
"Seder"meal Members need to RSVP if thy plan to participate in the Passover meal.
Easter will be celebrated at a 7 a m. day service in the King's Manor gazebo. Morn-
ing services are also planned at 8:30 and

Hereford Church of the Nazaren
The 7 Days Ablaze will continue through
San Jose Catholic Church
Holy Thursday Liturgy will begin at $7 \mathrm{p.m}$
Good Friday Services will begin at 7 pm mand Good Friday Services will begin at 7 pm . and
Easter Vigil Liturgy will begin at $8 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. All
celebrations will be bilingul
Immanuel Lutheran Church
Immanuel celebrates Holy Week with sev Immanuel celebrates Holy week with sev-
eral special services. Maundy Thursday ser
vices will be 1:30 and $7: 30$ p.m. Good Friday services will also be at $1: 30$ and $7: 30$ p.m. To
avoid confusion, members are asked not to adjust their clocks for daylight savings time
on Easter. Simply come at the same time which would be 9 a.m. for the Easter break Following the Easter service, the church will have an Easter egg hunt. With daylight sav
ngs time change, the service times would be First Presbyterian Church
Maundy Thurday service will be held at

## WASHINGTON (AP) - The economy fin- ished 1998 with an explosion of growth but it

 wasn't enough to prevent the decade's first drop in corporate profits.The gross domestic
The gross domestic product surged at a
seasonally adjusted 6 percent annual rate seasonally adjusted 6 percent annual rate
during the last three months of the year, the Commerce Department said today.
That was
That was down only slightly from the department's earlier estimate of 6.1 percent
and was enough, with earlier quarters' $p e r f o r-$ and was enough, with earlier quarters' perfor-
mance, to increase the sum of all goods and
services produced within U.S borders by services produced within U.S. borders by a
robust 3.9 percent in 1998 . robust 3.9 percent in 1998 .
The departments
The department's first estimate of after-tax
corporate profits showed a drop at a 1 percorporate profits showed a drop at a 1 per-
cent rate in the fourth quarter, marking the

# "The economy saw a shallow profits 

 recession last year despite the booming growth and very likely will recover from that in 1999Allon Sinal, Coonomitat,

And for all of 1998 , profits slipped 2.2 percent, the first drop since 1989, when prof A price index tied to the year after mort 91 recession. The rare decline stood in marked Those produced a big drop in the nation's $\begin{array}{ll}\text { contrast to gains ranging from } 14 \text { percent to } \\ 22 \text { percent in the middle years of the decade. } & \begin{array}{l}\text { savings rate from a } 1.1 \text { percent in } 1997 \text { to jus } \\ 0.5 \text { percent in 1998, the lowest since } 1933 .\end{array}\end{array}$

## Trustees OK retirements, resignations

 Hereford IndependentSchool District School District trustees on eral resimations and retir
ments of MISD personne - Mepignations
 Keys, special education Mooring, K5 teacher, Aikman:
 Patton, superintendent. Julis Arredonds. Julia Arredonda, specia education teacher, shiriey,
Doris Cacle, Hosts teacher,
Northwest. Marther Northwest: Martha DeBord, $1^{\prime \prime}$ Grade teacher; Alkman; teacher, West Central; Carol
Gage, $4^{\text {in }}$ grade teacher, Weat Also, Joan Hopper, $1^{\mathbf{u}}$ grade Jackson, $5^{\text {th }}$ grade tegcher Shirley; Mary Robinson, G/T teacher, Stanton; Donita Rule,
$2^{\text {af }}$ grade bilingual See.IISD, Page Ac

## Corporate profits dropped in '98

## THE HEREFORD BRAND

## Local roundup

Senior parents start work days Parents of Hereford High School seniors are invited
participate in work days in preparation for the annual prom. participate in work days in preparation for the annual prom.
The work days will be at 7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursday through May 21, at Stanton Learning Center, 711 E. Park Poetry submissions to be accepted
Poet's Corner accepts poems of any form or style to 40 lines.
All submissions should include the poet's name. Poems may be delivered to The Hereford Brand, 313 N . Lee HISD early dismissal All Hereford School District campuses will dismiss classes
one hour early on Thursday, April 1, for the Good Friday/ one hour early
Easter holiday.
Easter holiday.
Buses will run on the earlier schedule and parents who pi up their children are asked to make note of the change.
Classes will resume at their regular time on Tuesday.

## Easter STEP

Hereford police department will once again participate in a
holiday Selective Traffic Enforcement Program during the holiday Selective Traffic Enforcement Program during the
Easter holiday, April 1-4, 1999. Easter holiday, April 1-4, 1999.
During this time extra officers will be on patrol issuing "We're not just out to get people," said Lt. Ben Barrick. "This
is a safety issue and we want everyone to realize the is a safety issue and we want everyone to realize that seat belts and child safety seats do save lives. The additional traffic
during a holiday period is a good time to make people aware of during a holiday
it's importance.

Today's weather
OUTLOOK

## Partly cloudy skies expected

 Tonight, partly cloudy andbreezy, lows breezy, lows 45 to 50 .
Thursday, partly cloudy and windy, highs 75 to 80 .
Extended forecast
with a slight chance for show-
ers and thunderstorms late, ers and thunderstorms late,
lows in the lower 40s, highs Saturday, cloudy with a
chance of rain lows near chance of rain, lows near 40,
highs in the mid-60s. Sunday, partly cloudy, lows
near 40, highs around 70 . Tuesday recap

## THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## News in brief

Fight brews over tobacco windfall AUSTIN (AP) - A proposal in the Texas Legislature to back
bonds for roads, bridges and other facilities with at least half of the money the state is due from its settlement with the
tobacco industry is kicking off a debate over where the billions of dollars should go.
Under bills pughed by House Appropriations Chairman Rob Junell and Senate Finance Chairman Bill Ratliff, the Legisla-
ture in the upcoming two-vear budget would spend the state's tobacco money exclusively on health care.
But after that. the settlement proceeds would be up for grabs by future legisiatures. Brown. R-Lake Jackson, and Sen.
A proposal by Sen. Buster Blall
Tom Haywood. R-Wichita Falls. would allow the state to issue omds for roads and bridges and other infrastructure needs,
bondising health care facilities. The state would pay off the
incldd with annual
bonder bonds with annual income from the tobacco settlement.
Brown's proposal represents the first legislative effort this Browns proposal represents the first legislative effort this
year to try to use tobacco proceeds for something other than
heaith care, according to the Austin American-Statesman.

Judge wants donations as part of probation HOUSTON AP - A state judicial committee has ruled
that judges can't order defendan:s to make charitable donations as part of their probation. but a Houston-area judge who
believes in the practice is taking her case to lawmakers. believes in the practice 18 taking her case to lawmakers.
Harris County. Judge Diane Bull is leading an effort to
create legisiation that would allow defendants to donate to the poor or infirm as part of their probation. according to The
Texas Journal of the Wall Street Journal in todays editions. lawmaker to sponsor the measure
Current state law permits donations only to the Crime
Stoppers program and charities that are "related personally Stoppers program and charities that are "related personally to
the rehabilitation of the defendant.
Earlier this month, the state. Judicial Ethics Advisory
Committee, which interprets judicia! rules for judges, ruled Earlier this month, the state Judicial Ethics Advisory
Committee, which interprets judicial rules for judges, ruled
that judges can't order those convicted of petty crimes to make
charitabie donations as a condition of their probation.

## ELSEWHERE BASTROP Two North Carolina mien charged with attempted capital murder after a shootut with police were ordered held on $\$ 250,000$ bond each Tuesday The two men led police on a $30-$ mile chase through two counties and exchanged 50 gun-

## shots with officers . CORPUS CHRIISTI: A weekend storm caused at least $\$ 5.5$ million in damage at Naval Air Station

when gusts of wind blew roof material off seven hangers. Also
a plane belonging to a civilian was turned upside down
AUSTIN The opening of the cill a presidential affair. According to published reports, President opening of the new Austin-Bergstrom International Airport welfare assistance under felogiss would be disqualified from
House considered by a state

## Texas Press Association member 1989




Bill regulates outpatient anesthesia

reported in the intersection of
Blevins and Mable Street. Of
ficers located wio guing.

- suspicious vehicle was
reported in the 500 block of Avenue I.
- A suspicious vehicle was reported parked in the 1000
block of $14^{\text {a }}$. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT Arrests
- A 46 year-old man was
arrested and charged with violation of probation on a bur
glary charge.

FIRE DEPARTMEN
March 30, -5.45 a.m. Firefighters re-
sponded to a smoke scare at
418 Long.
shoddy anesthesfa equipment.
Kami's case and others have Kamis case and others have legislation approved Tuesday
by the Senate Health Services by the Senate Health Services
Committee. Committee.
Outpatient settings where anesthesia is used would face
safety regulations similar to safety regulations similar to
hospitals and surgical centers
under a bill by Sen safety regulations similar to $\begin{gathered}\text { Under Carona's bill, doc- } \\ \text { hospitals and surgical centers } \\ \text { under a bill by Sen. John accered have to apply for }\end{gathered}$
acceritation of their offices Carona, R-Dallas.
"Texas children have died Texas Board of Medical Exas a result of sedation in a aminers-approved accredita-
doctor's office and outpatient tion agency $\begin{aligned} & \text { actors office and outpatient } \\ & \text { doctting," said Carona. "It is agency. } \\ & \text { sen } \\ & \text { past time to enact laws that }\end{aligned}$
Tenate for consideration.


## "There is a push to cut

 costs and cut hospital time, so more and more procedures are performed now in the office,"said Les Weisbrod, Favors torney. "The torney. "The law has not
caught up to the new technology." up to the new technolUnder Carona's bill, doc-
tors would have

ENCARNACION ORTIZ March 30, 1999

## Services for Encarnacion Ortiz Rios, 89, of Hereford

 were today at the San Jose Catholic Church withDomingo Cras Domingo Castillo officiating. Catholic Was in Semetery. Anthony's Catholic Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direc-
tion of Parkside Funeral Home.
Mr. Rios died Tuesday. Mr. Rios was born May 9,
1909. in Laredo to Felibert 1909, in Laredo, to Feliberto
and Tiburcia Ortiz Rios. He and Tiburcia Ortiz Rios. He
was a retired laborer, having
worked many years in Here-
ford.
Survivors include his wife,
Margarita Rios of Hereford ford.
Survivors include his wife,
Margarita Rios of Hereford;
five sons, Joe Rios of Johnson,
Kan., Jesse Rios of Anchorage, Kan., Jesse Rios of Anchorage,
Alaska, and Ruben Rios, Tony Rios and Ricardo Rios, all of
Hereford; five daughters, Hereford; five daughters,
Cathy Bastardo and Paula Cathy Bastardo and Paula
Rodriguez, both of Brownwood, Maria Chavez of Austin, and
Josephine Hernandez and Tibursia Moreno, both of Here-
ford; a brother, Juan Rios of ford; a brother, Juan Rios of
Toledo, Ohio; 42 grandchildren;
and 35 , and 35 great-grandchildren.
KATHERINE HUBBARD March 30, 1899 Funeral $\begin{gathered}\text { services } \\ \text { Katherine } \\ \text { Hereford }\end{gathered}$ fobbard, 77, Katherine Hubbard, 77, of
Hereford are pending with
Parkside Chapel Finn Parkside Chapel Funeral
Home.
Mrs. Hubbard died Tuesday Mrs. Hubbard died Tuesday
at Hereford Regional Medical Center.

BAYLOR DURHAM

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { March 28, } 1999 \\
& \text { DUBLIN, Texas - Funeral }
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services for Baylor Durham,
95 , of Waco, sister-Dulaw 95, of Waco, sister-in-law of
Margaret Ann Durhem Margaret Ann Durham were
Tuesday at the WilkirsonHuesday at the
Hatch Bailey Funeral Home
with Rev. Ben Disney with Rev. Ben Dissey officiat-
ing. Burial was at Lower

## Bush speaks at youth conference

 AUSTIN (AP) - Gov.George W. Bush, wife Laura
and former Reagan Cabinet and former Reagan Cabinet member William Bennett are
among the speakers for the among the speakers for the
close of the Governor's Conference on Right Choices for The conference, which is The conference,
ending today, is the latest part of the Lone, Star Leaders initiative to help young Texans
make the right. choices about make the right choices about
drugs, tobacco, alcohol, sax drugs, tobacco, alcohol, sex
crime and all the other hurdles that teens face today. "Many major threats to our
children today are not a matchildren today are not a mat-
ter of chance, but a matter of ter of chance, but a mattor of
choice," Bush said in announcing the conference. Bush's address is sure to
contain a message about percontain a message about per-
sonal responsibility, something sonal responsibanty, something
the Republican governor has been pushing since his first run for the top spot in Texas. Bush says he has moved the
state toward that goal of personal responsibility by approving major changes in welfare and juvenile justice programs. Bush spokeswoman Karen
Hughes said Bush Hughes said Bush has suc-
ceeded in efforts relating to
welfare and juvenile justice. welfare and juvenile justice.
They used to commit crime "They used to commit crime after crime," she told the Aus-
tin American-Statesman. Thtin American-Stret responsibil-
dayere is strit
itt Today when kids are sent ity. Today, when kids are sent
to juvenile justice facilities, they go to intake facilities
where their heads are shaved, they are dressed in bright or ange, they say 'yes, sir or
'yes, ma'am,' and they don't speak unless spoken to." they must sign personal responsibility agreements promising to remain drug-and al-
cohol-free, and to keep their cohol-free, and
kids in school.
Patrick Bresette of the Aus-tin-based Center for Public Policy Priorities, a nonprofit
advocacy group for low- and moderate-income Texans, said Bush's personal responsibility
programs have included an
interesting mix of things that interesting mix of things that
are very punitive and some
things that would be support. things that would be support-
ive.
'I'm concerned a lot of the punitive ones are couched in terms of responsibility but leave little leeway for people
to make mistakes, he told the newspaper.
Bush is now taking his mes-
sage of responsibility sage of responsibility on the
national campaign road. national campaign road. helping usher in what I call the 'responsibility era,"' he says in one of his presidential cam-
paign fund-raising letters. "All paign fund-raising letters. "All
citizens must understand they are all responsible for their decisions, for the children they bring into this world, for their ties."

Greens Creek Cemetery in Greens Creek Cemetery in
Erath County. Arrangements were under the direction of
Wilkirson-Hatch-Bailey Funeral Home.
She died
She was born Sept. 2, 1903, in Erath County and graduated from Hico High School, Tarleton Junior College, and
Texas Tech. She taught school Texas Tech. She taught school to work for the State Welfare
to Department. She retired in 1972 as regional director. She
was a member of Central was a member of Cent
United Methodist Church. Survivors include one sister-in-law; two nieces and numerous great-nieces and greatnephews.
The family suggests memorials be made to Gideons International, P.O. Box 721, Waco, TX, 76703.
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Texas lottery

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by he Texas Lottery:
$7.18-16-29-86$

Plek 8
$\underset{\text { The winning Pick } 3 \text { num- }}{\text { Thice }}$ eers drawn Tuesday
Texas Lottery, in order:

## LIFESTYLES

Sudents take honors in phonetic spelling bee
Eleven Hereford students were Eleven Hereford students were
finalists, and four brought home first place awards, in the annual
Academic Language Therapist Association Spelling Bee in Dallas recently. Ludent reciejo, a West Central trophy. Hereford Junior High students, John Cardenas and Roy Rincon, earned first place a first place trophy.
Earning finalist certificate were Eddie Villalovos from West Gallardo and Marcos Escamilla from Bluebonnet; and Matthew Collier and Thomas Hammarbeck
The spellin
he phoneticapp bee emphasize concentrating on th to spelling ules of the English structural here were 480 students who ompeted in the Spelling Bee in January with 337 returning for
the finals.


Mereford students and teachers who attended the Academic Language Therapist Assocation Spelling Bee in Dallas were, front from left, Pete Rodriguez, Billee Landrum, Marcos Watson, back from left, Linda Baird, Matthew Collier, John Cardenas, Roy Rincon, Thomas Hammarbeck, Ashley Carroll and Kris Dollar

Flame Fellowship will host Stanford as speaker

## Hereford Flame Fellowship to other pastors and is an

 will present Reydon Stanford, associate member of Trinitpastor of Christian Center Fellowship Association of $\begin{array}{ll}\text { pastor of Christian Center } & \text { Fellowship Association } \\ \text { Church of Muleshoe, as its guest } \\ \text { Churches based in Amarillo. }\end{array}$ speaker during the meeting at Meetings of Flame Fellowship
$7: 30$ p.m. Thursday Stanford began his ministry are open to the pubic. Menen and children are welcom at the age of 11 as a church rganist. He later served as a
youth pastor before becoming one of the founding members of the Anchor Brothers Band. Seven years ago, he accepted
the pastorate in Muleshoe with the pastorate in Muleshoe with Christian Center Church, an
interdenominational fellowship with a vision to reach hurting people for Christ.
He is married to Sharla and
hey have two sons, ages 6 and 3 they have two sons, ages 6 and 3 .
Stanford serves as an advisor

$\rightarrow$ New $\rightarrow$ Flea Market

In Hereford
Every Weekend April 2nd \& 3rd
Limited Rental Space Available contact
anuel or Pat at Manuel or Pat at: Mani and Pof's Gift Shop
$364-2350$ or 364-1108 Come and see us soon!


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## Ann Landers



## anniversary

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25\% OFF EASTER DRESSES FOR JUNIORS
33\% OFF FAMOUS MAKER COORDINATES
60\% OFF ENIIRE STOCK FINE JEWEIRY
BUY 1 ; GET 1 HALF OFF ALL FOOTWEAR
25\% OFF ALL EASTER DRESSES FOR GIRLS
29.99-39.99 LEV'S JEANS FOR GUYS \& GALS



Looking Back

## Today in History

By The Associated Press Today is Wednesday, March There are 275 days left in the year. The Jewish holiday Pass ver. begins at sunset.

## Today's Highlight

 On March 31, 1949, New oundland entered confedera tion as Canada's 10th provin on thiszate:In 1889, French engineer Alexandre Gustave Eiffel un atop the Eiffel Tower, officially marking its completion. In 1917, the United States ook possession of the Virgi In 1923, the first U.S. danc In 1923, the first U.S. dance
marathon, held in New York City, ended with Alma Cummings setting a worl ecord of 27 hours on her feet In 1933, Congress autho tion Corps.
In 1943,
, Rodgers Hammerstein's mus homa! opened on Broadway.
In 1945, the Tennessee Wi liams play "The Glass Menag erie" opened on Broadway.
In 1968, President Johnson stunned the country by anfor another term of office In 1976, the New Jersey Supreme Court ruled that Quinlan could be disconnected from her rèspirator. In 1986, 167 people died
when a Mexicana Airlines when a Mexicana Airlines
Boeing 727 crashed in a reBoeing 727 crashed in a re-
mote mountainous region of Mexico.
In 1995, Mexican-America In 1995, Mexican-American
singer Selena, 23; was shot to singer Selena, Cos Christi, Texas, by the founder of her fan club Ten years ago: The FBI announced it would conduct a criminal investigation into the
massive oil spill in Alaska's massive oil spill in Alaska'
Prince William Sound.
Five years ago: The PLO Five years ago: The PLO and Israel agreed to resume

## Memories.

 Images so real that, in an in
yesterday becomes
today.
 (27) wive
nore than a month after the ebron mosque massacre.
One year ago: For the first ime in history the Clinton administration released a de tailed financial statement for the federal government showing its assets and liabilities. posed a new arms embargo on Yugoslavia to pressure the Serbs into concessions concerning ethnic Albanians in gresswoman Bella Abzug died gresswoman
at age 77.
Today's Birthdays: Actor
Today's Birthdays: Actor Willam Daniels is 72. Hockey Tennessee Williams (1911-
Hall-of-Famer Gordie Howe is 1983)

At the Center
Senior Citizens

MIENUS
THURSDAY-Mexican stack Spanish rice, pinto beans, salad fixings, tostados, pineapple; or
smothered chicken, buttered peas. FRIDAY-Fried fish with tar tar sauce, baked potatoes, veg etable mediey, perfection salad peaches, Easter selad.
pork, D'zerta salad
MONDAY-Beef stew with celery, tomatoes, onions and
carrots, cheese sticks, fried okra, cabbage/fruit slaw, butter scotch pudding with vanill
$\left.\begin{array}{cl}\text { wafers; or chicken stew, D'zerta } & \text { ercise class 10-10:45 a.m., oil } \\ \text { pudding. } \\ \text { TUESDAY-Chicken fried } & \text { painting 9-11 a.m., Thrift Store } \\ \text { open 9 a am.-5 p.m. }\end{array}\right\}$

Registration underway for two local pageants

Registration is underway fo inose interested in competin the Miss Hereford pageants, according to a spokesperson for the Women's Division of the Commerce.
Pageants have tentatively been scheduled for early June. Registration forms are avail merce office, 701 N. Main Age divisions for the Little Miss Hereford pageant are Cutest Miss-preschool and kin-
dergarten; -Miss Petite-first, second and third graders Little Princess-fourth, fifth and sixth graders; and Junior Miss-seventh, eighth and ninth
graders. There is a $\$ 10$ graders.
registration fee.
Young ladies
Young ladies ages 16 to
21are eligible to compete in the Miss Hereford scholarship in the eant. Contestants vie for schol arships and prizes as the compete in casual wear, forma wear, interview and talen categories. ${ }^{W}$. hepe that any girls interested in competing in either pageant will complete registration forms and turn them in as soon as possible plans for the pageants," Gail Richardson, pageant co-chairman, said.
Completed forms should be
returned to the chamber office Registration deadline is Apr ${ }_{30}$ Registration deadline is Apr


Arriving in style-This surrey "with the fringe on top" was stylish way to arrive 100 years ago. Those attending the Women's Division Quarterly Meeting at the Deaf Smith County Museum at 7 p.m. April 6 will view this and other exhibits at the museum and hear an update on activities.


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# SPORTS <br> HEREFORD BRAND • Wednesday, March 31, 1999 - A5 

## Rangers eye slot for Mateo

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. - Eager to see Rangers' rookie sensation
Ruben Mateo at The Ballpark in Arlington? So is Rangers' manager Johnny Oates, which is why he's ooking for possible ways to put him eady come up with a contingenc plan in which Mateo would be in his pening Day lineup.
The tricky part will be convincing Oates said Mateo Melvi
ressive spring, is likely to be the Rangers first option if first baseman Rafael Palmeiro can't go Monday gainst the Detroit Tigers.
Melvin, Oates said. "Put it this way .. he (Mateo) would be considered in ny mind. In my mind, he would be highly considered.

Mern said, "It would still be best for Ruben to go to Triple A and be ready in case of an injury. But it's ing; he's someone we feel comfortable with if we have to use him." Mateo has never played above Double A, and the Rangers tlanned friple-A Oklahoma City. But that was before Oates fell in love with him.
"He's going to be a good majoreague player, and it's not going to Oates said Mateo would not sit on the bench if he's on the major league roster.
Garnett leads Minnesota to win over Mavericks

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) - Take MINNEAPOLIS (AP) Take
away Tom Gugliotta and Stephon Marbury. Take away two more starters and two key backups. That leaves Kevin Garnett and a whole new look for the Minnesota Timberwolves.
But the $\$ 126$ million man doesn't need much help, and when he gets it the Wolves still look like an emerging Western Conference power, even in the last $21 / 2$ months. That's what happened in Tuesday night's $98-78$ victory over the Dallas Garcett
Garnett dominated in every face He scored 22 points on 11 -for- 12 shooting, tying a team record with his 91.7 percent shooting. He added nine rebounds, eight assists and a smothering defensive performance on ing scorer.
Terrell Brandon scored a season high 22 points, Tom Hammonds had a season-high 15 and Dean Garrett
added 12 for the Wolves. A lot of players chipped in, but Garnett carried the load, as usual.
"He does so many things," coach Flip Saunders said. "If we were leading the division, everybody'd be talk in everything he does that his de-

Finley, an explosive 6-foot-7 small forward, scored just six points, more the $7-1$ below his average, before for the Garnett went to the bench and the Wolves leading $92-67$ remainin Finley shot 3 -for- 13 before hitting two jumpers after Garnett left the game. He finished with 10 points. "He can guard anybody in the league," Saunders said of Garnett. the team's floor leader since the trade that sent Marbury to the New Jersey Nets.
"It's extra duty, but somebody's
got to do it," he said. Brandon, acquired in the Marbury deal, is averaging 15.5 points and
8.4 assists in nine starts with the 8.4 assists in nine starts with the
Wolves and is starting to feel Wolves and is starting to feel more
comfortable with Minnesota's offen sive and defensive schemes. Brandon scored 16 points in the third quarter as the Wolves turned the game into a rout. He hit all
seven of his shots in the period, including three straight jumpers on feeds from Garnett.
"Coach was disappointed that I only took eight shots in the last game,", Brandon said, referring to
"He will be in the lineup," Oates
said. "Somewhere he'll be in the said. Somewhere he's be in the innings every game. I'm giving him every opportunity to change minds." Mateo played nine innings in the
Rangers' $8-1$ loss to the Tampa Bay Rangers' 8-1 loss to the Tampa Bay
Devil Rays at Al Lang Field yesterday. He played center field while Tom Goodwin served as designated hitter, and Mateo 2 -for-4 with a single
and a double. He is hitting .292 for and a doub
"Two more line drive hit
said. "Don't overlook it"" "I feel overiook it. spring," Mateo said. "To make this team would make me very happy before God. I'm not thinking about really good. I always felt like I fould play in the big leagues like I could know I can. I always tell myself, The Mateo. you can do it.'n Mateo, 21, is ready aren't sure if needs a full season at now or I don't think he'd get embar rassed, Oates said. "You'd have to
have patience ... but he plays the game well."
Palmeiro run in his first spring training apgame in Port Charlotte.
He continues to give the Rangers He continues to give the Rangers
hope hell be ready for Opening Day. See, RANGERS, Page A6
Minnesota - See, GARNETT, Page A6

## Just a friendly chat



The way I saw It - An umpire explains his ruling on a balk by Dumas pitcher John Ireland background right, to an upset Bill Zumberis during Tuescay's district opener here between Hereford and Dumas. Dumas lost this paticicliar battle, but won the war $12-6$.

## Dumas downs Herd

Hereford went toe-to-toe with Dumas here Tuesday in a the two teams.
It just turned out that Dumas had bigger feet after the Demons clipped Hereford 12-6 after
jumping out and holding on to a 4-2 lead in the first inning. The Whitefaces dropped to 3 $10-3$ overall and to $0-1$ in loop play. George Castillo fanned five batters and gave up nine walks, but never sat down in the loss.

But Dumas never relinquished the two-run lead it earned in the frst inning after scoring four
runs on three hits off Castillo. Hereford answered in the second after J.P. Holman doubled to score Andrew Ramirez, and bring Hereford within two runs of Dumas going into the second inning. Dumas chalked-up another added one hit in the second and the third before the Whitefaces the third before the Whiteface

Ramirez and Holman each connected for base-hits and Ramirez. The Whitefaces brought two more runs in before L.J. Vallejo was thrown out at the plate on a
suicide squeeze play to finish suicide squeeze play to finis
Hereford's half of the inning. Both teams went scoreless in the fourth and both came back in the fifth to score two runs each. to meet Amarillo Palo Duro there at 1 p.m. Saturday, April in their second district outing.


## Lady Whitefaces fall to Frenship

FRENSHIP - The Lady out-hit Hereford 10-4, Whiteface softball team scored three more in the turned in one of its best third and one run in the defensive performances to fourth while holding Here-
date here Tuesday, but it datill were Tuesday, but
sto
Amanda Vallejo led led off over the hump after Hereford fell 7 -2 in seven innings Lady Whiteface pitcher. Monica Dominguez fanned four batters, but absorbed the loss as Hereford slipped And even though Hereford posted only four errors in the game, the fewest thus far this season, three of them came in the second inning to open-up an early
$3-0$ Frenship lead. The Lady Tigers, who with a single and Teresa Zimmerman popped-out on a bunt before Janae Schlab. doubled to drive in Vallejo. on a fielder's choice and was then driven home on a
single by Crystal Luna to single by Crystal Luna to
give Hereford its second and final run.
The Lady Whiteface varsity and junior varsity
softball teams will meet softball teams will meet
Clovis there Thursday in a doubleheader set to begin at $4: 30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.

## Major league baseball considers uniform ads

NEW YORK (AP) - Seek-
ing a new way to increase revenue, major league base-
ball is considering selling advertisements on the sleeves of uniforms, according to a pubUnder the tentative plan, teams would sell small
patches of ads to local corpopatches of ads to local corpo-
rations and then possibly share revenue over a specified minimum with other clubs, the New York Times
reported today reported today
Tobacco, alcohol and broadTobacco, alcohol and broad-
cast companies would not be cast companies would not be
allowed to buy ads, the newspaper said Q Baseball currently allows
only the uniform maker's logo only the uniform maker's logo
on the sleeves of uniforms.

The issue being considered
here goes beyond the scope of a uniform manufacturer' logo," said a team official w
asked not to be identified asked not to be identified.
Howard Smith, the Howard Smith, the vice jor League Baseball Properties, would not comment on
the proposed plan, but did the proposed plan, but did
say: "We're talking from A to $\mathbf{Z a y} .{ }^{\text {about re tar on-field programs, }}$ and bringing in additional sponsors in other formats than
we have now. But we're not we have now. But
close to anything."
In recent years, teams have
placed ads on outfield placed ads on outfield walls
and in revolving signs behind and in revolving signs behind
home plate. Baseball would home plate. Baseball would
not be the first to have ads
on apparel.

## Rangers

## From Page A5

He was allowed to bat leadoff in every inning yesterday, giv
ing him the nine at bats. Mateo is at least going to
make it to the finish line The make it to the finish line. The Rangers are planning to take lington this weekeng for their
final to exhibition games.
The wert expet final two exhibition games. heir final cuts until after beautiful. ${ }^{\text {s. }}$, it takes. She is so
Baturday's


## Garnett

## From Page 45

## $\begin{array}{cc} & \text { Gary Trent had } 16 \text { points } \\ \text { and } 11 \text { rebounds to lead Dal- }\end{array}$

New York Mets
want him to see his girl friend," Oates said. "He's nev
seen his girlfriend before."
What? "He said The Ballpark is
his girlfriend," Oates said. his girlfriend," Oates said. "I can't wait to see her,
Mateo said. "But if I don' stay, she's told me she'll wait

California teams beat the best in the west


By The Associated Press The best in the West were
beaten by a couple of California teams with losing records. Bimbo Coles and John Starks sparked a fourth-quar-
ter rally that gave the Golden ter rally that gave the Golden State Warriors a 93-90 victory
over the Portland Trail Blaz-
ers. Portland still has a leaguebest 23-6 record, but two of the losses have come at Golden
State. The Warriors beat the State. The Warriors beat the
Blazers $105-100$ in double overtime on Feb. 14.
"Obviously, we didn't learn from our first experience here,
Portland guard Greg Anthony Paid. "It's not rocket science. They were just the most ag-
gressive team. They outworked gressive team. They outworked Coles finished with 24 points, including 11 in the fourth quarter. Starks scored 16 points, including nine in riors overcame an eight-point riors overcame an eight-point
dit just got into the flow of "I just got into the flow of
the game," Coles said. Vernon Maxwell scored 33 points and fellow reserve
Predrag Stojakovic added 26 as Sacramento beat Utah 104
101 in overtime 101 in overtime.
Although Kings star Chris Webber missed his second Webber missed his second
straight game with the flu, Sacramento still managed to Sacramento still managed to
beat a Utah team that leads
the Midwest Division with a
$21-8$ record. "Our bench did an excellent job." said Kings center Vlade Divac, who finished with eight points and 13 rebounds.
Maxwell made six 3 -point Maxwell made six 3 -point-
ers and Stojakovic had five as ers and Stojakovic had five as
Sacramento used long-range shooting to overcome a lack of shooduction from its starters.
"They made a bunch of 3 s " "They made a bunch of 3s,"
Utah guard Jeff Hornacek Utah guard Jeff Hornacek
said. They did a good job of
going inside, said. They did a good job of
going inside, then quickly
passing it outside passing it outside. Maxwell can play that type of game,
he's a streak shooter. The other guy (Stojakovic) was hitting them, too."
In other NBA games, it was
Boston 109, Charlotte 99; DeBoston 109, Charlotte 99; De-
troit 93, Atlanta 77; Orlando 100, New Jersey 98; Toronto 101, Cleveland 99; New York
94, Indiana 93; Minnesota 98 94, Indiana 93; Minnesota 98,
Dallas 78; San Antonio 95 , Dallas 78; San Antonio 95,
Seattle 87; Milwaukee 107, Saethe 87; Milwaukee 107,
Whiladelph 105; Chicago 91, Philadelphia 81; Vancouver
101, Denver 87; and Houston 101, Denver 87, and Houston
104, Los Angeles Clippers 95 104, Los Angeles Clippers 95 .
Celtics 109, Hornets 99 Celtics 109, Hornets 99 Koints and Boston shot a sea-son-high 59 percent from the
field to snap Charlotte's eightfield to snap Charlotte's eight-
game home winning streak. Raptors 101, Cavaliers 91 Dee Brown scored a sea-son-high 28 points, including a team-record eight 3 -point-
ers, as Toronto won at Cleveand.
Pistons 93, Hawks 77 Atlanta, Grant Hill scored 28 points as Detroit
won its fourth straight and won its fourth straight and
snapped the Hawks' five-game winning streak.
Mavic 100 Nets 98
with the Toronto Blue Jays in the off-season as part of a no longer the case. The Rangers turned down the Arizona Diamondbacks when they
brought up Mateo in Brian Anderson trade talks this spring.
come out of is one thing that's Mateo is as close that Ruben Mateo is as close to untouch-
able as you can get," Melvin
said.

Nick Anderson had 28
points and 10 rebounds, and

Horace Grant hit a baseline
missing three games with
with a sore back, scored 26 jumper with 16.6 seconds as Ke Magic won at home.
Knicks 94, Pacers 93 Patrick Ewing scored 37 points, his most in two years,
and was involved in an alter and was involved in an alter-
cation with Jalen Rose as New York beat Indiana at Madison Square Garden.
Bucks 107, Wizards 105
Ray Allen scored with a sore back, scored 26
points as Chicago snapped a four-game losing streak by winni

| ter. |
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| Spurs 95 , SuperSonics 87 | Spurs 95, SuperSonics 87

At San Antonio, Tim Duncan scored 26 points as
the Spurs got their 14th win Ray Allen scored 25 points
and Glenn Robinson scored in 16 games. and Glenn Robinson scored
with 3.1 seconds left as the
Bucks beat the Wizards in with 3.1 seconds left as the
Bucks beat the Wizards in Milwaukee.
Bulls Bulls 91, 76ers 81
Toni Kukoc, returning

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## 'Forces of Nature' turns into memorable movie

'Futurama' actually may have a future

NEW YORK (AP) "Futurama" may really have a future a future.

The new animated com-
edy from Matt edy from Matt Groening,
creator ob creator ob "The Simpsons,
scored solid ratings Sunday during an encouraging week for new shows. The Fox car-
toon set in the year toon set in the year 3000
tied for 11th place in the tied for 1 1th place in the
Nielsen Media Research ratings last week - outdistancing
Simpsons." Simpsons."

NBC won the week's
prime-time competition with
a 9.0 rating and 15 share prime-time competition with
a 9.0
rating and 15 share, for the season's top spot by Wednesday nights.
CBS was second with an 8.7 rating and 15 share, ABC had a 7.0 rating and 12 share
and Fox was at 6.5 and 11 The WB had a 3.0 rating and 5 share, UPN was at 1.8 and
3 and Pax TV was at 0.8 and


Though not as impres
sive as "Futurama," new ABC comedies also had thong ${ }_{n}$ weeks. "The Norm Show," starring Norm
McDonald, was 20th and It's Like, You Know' came in 33rd ER" was the week's
most-watched show, as most-watched show, as it
has been for each of the 17 original episodes this year However, it had the lowest rating for an "ER" origina
since 1994.

By Ted Anthony
The Asociated Press What's a groom to do? Ben
(Ben Affleck), a nerdy Ben Affleck), a nerdy
wentysomething who w twentysomething who writes
book-jacket copy in New York City, has the pre-wedding
Cookjitters, and they just keep
getting worse. getting worse.
Bad enough Bad enough that his Grandather - after suffering
a heart attack while dancing
with a stripper - admits he with a stripper - admits never found Ben's grand
nother attractive. ${ }^{\text {TThe }}$ mother attractive. "The ike Tolstoy., ${ }^{\text {, }}$
Then, as the flying-timid ren's plane heads down the narriage to his fiancee, Bridget (Maura Tierney), it
crashes into a fence In the rashes into a fence. In the mate, Sarah (Sandra Bullock) from serious injury. No more plane.
So Ben and Sarah decide ion to Georgia. That's the premise and, ultimately, the genius of "Forces of Nature,
a wonderfully executed wonderfully executed picture replete with odd
moments and subtly deliv red messages. Romantic comedy? Yes and no. "Forces
of Nature" is, really, a worthy example of an increasingly Bullock brings her usual Bulm to Sarah but adds
charmething else she often something else she often lacks: an edge. Sarah inhal
life; her wild streak has defined her and made her
existence a bouncy ride. Still, she has both regrets and
hollowness, feelings she's not
 quite ready to deal with. typically annoying late-1990s urban schmo who has gotten by on brains and cuteness for
so long that he's incapable of so long that he's incapable of
introspection. He strains to write his wedding vows on his Powerbook but he doess such a
generic job that Sarah wngeneric job that Sarah won-
ders if he works for a greeting card company. As Bridget wonders and worries in Georgia (providing
for some entertaining scenes for some entertaining scenes
with her old-money Southern parents, the deliciously drawling Blythe Danner and
Ronny Cox) obstacles keep Ronny Cox), obstacles keep First, the a rental cars. So the pair latch onto a guy named Vir, who
agrees to take them South. agrees to take them South. But Vic (who's aggressively
divorced, disenchanting Ben divorced, disenchanting Ben marijuana possession, and
Ben and Sarah narrowly Ben and Sarah narrowly They turn to Amtrak,
Thene where Ben finally sees, a happily married elderly ouple. Wait - they're actuSarah entices Ben onto the arah entices Ben onto the
roof while the train is stopped
on a bridge. The vista is cars are detached and they After After hopping off the train,
hey find a tour bus full of Florida-bound senior citizens shopping for condos. Things
only get worse. A rainstorm only get worse. A rainstorm
forces them to take refuge in a K Mart. Their wallets are solen from a Laundromat. "Against All Odds." An elde nan has a heart attack at the South of the Border roadside
attraction - while Ben is posing as a doctor for his free bus ride.
Ben, predictably, blames the misfortunes on Sarah. "I alongside a natural disaster," he bleats.
Will Ben hook up with Sarah and realize she's the and marry Bridget after all? and marry Bridget after all?
Will he be left alone and bitter? It doesn't matter, at leas until the very end. Because ine best part of road movies nation.
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Karen White, $4^{\text {th }}$ grade teacher, Bluebonne
Also, Nina Brown, English, journalism, high school; Betty
Cicero, special education, junior high; Ed Coplen, social studCicero, special education, junior high; Ed Copplen, social stud ies/athletics, high school; Randy Farr, American history, junior
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Reyna, director of language, administration; and June Rudd, nurse, high school.

## Easter

From Page 11
p.m. in the large fellowship hall. The sermon will be "Broken Avenue Baptist Church
Easter Sunday will be a very special day at Avenue Baptist
Church with a Resurrection Service at $8: 30$ a am. Breakfast will Church with a Resurrection Service at $8: 30$ a.m. Breakfast will
follow at 9 a.m., Sunday School at 10 a.m. and the Easter Cantata at 11 a.m. Barn Church
Breakfast will be served at 6:30 a.m. followed by a sunrise
service at $7: 15$ a.m. on Easter Sunday.

## NASE names King area representative

## Special to The Brand

Carry King recently was named Hereford area membership
representative for the National Association for the Self-EmNASE The organization was formed in 1981 by a group of small
business owners seeking the kinds of benefits and services then available only to large corporations. Since its inception,
NASE has grown to more than 320.00 members NASE has grown to more than 320,000 members.
The organization regularly conducts surveys The organization regularly conducts surveys of the views basis for action on issues being debated in Congress. For example, NASE has lobbied for reduced esstate taxes on
small businesses, increased deduction of health insurance for small businesses, increased deduction of health insurance for
the self-employed, the home office deduction, Social Security reform and clarification of independent contractor status.
NASE also offers more than 100 benefits geared to smen businesses, including motivational and educational materials, an annual scholarship competition, discounted long-distance
telephone service, travel rebates and a toll-free business telephone service, travel rebates and a toll-free business
consultant service. It also offers a variety of small-business information at its website, http $/ / /$ www.nase.org.
For more information about the organization and its ben For more information about the organ
efits, call King at toll-free (877) $813-8655$.

| The National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League began running the TV spots in New Hampshire and | man, Ari Fleischer, says she is "prolife." Fleischer con- demned the commercials as "negative attack ads." <br> Bush has been attacked from both |
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| Dole Iowa about a week | Bush attacked from both sides of the abor- |
| the campaign to Los Angeleson Monday. The California ads | tion debate since saying ear- |
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| appear primarily during local | a constitutional amendment to |
| nd national news broadcasts | outlaw most abortions if more |
| on network and cable outlets. | voters supported it. <br> Leslie Goodman, a GOP |
| cuss her abortion views in | consultant and California |
| depth since entering | Bush supporter, said the ads |
| al fray. Her spo | were a "public-relations stunt." |

## McDougal gets decision to let Steele testify

LITTLE ROCK, Ark, (AP) - Prowecitors of a criminal case against, Whitewater figure Stern McDougal were stunned by a judge's decision to alfon tentimony
from a Virginia woman who claims, as Mis. McDougal does, that she was mistreated by lidependent Counsel Kenneth Starr.
Now in its fourth week, the trial took a dramatic Jurn Tuesday when U.S. Distriet Judge Goorge Howard mond, Va. He then granted a defense request that Ms. Steele be allowed to tell her story to the jury that will decide Mrs. McDougal's guilt or innoosnec on criminal
contempt and obstruction of justice charges contempt and obstruction of justice charges. sel Mark Barrett after rising from his chair to address the judge about the ruling.
Outside the courthouse, Barrett said, "I think we've
been on the defense since the defonid case begin, but been on the defense since the defense case begah, buṭ Mis is a dielent hevel. charged by Starr's office with thine counts of obstruction of justice and one count of maling filse statements in the probe involving Pronident Clinton and Willey alleges. Clinton mado an unwented sexual ad-
vance in 1993. Ms. Steele saye she was asked by Mrs. Willey to tell a lie that supported the allogation. In testimony before ifownd, MA Stoole said she federal grand jury last year about Mind before the nevertheless was indicted.
She said Starr's prosecutore aloo quastionod her
brother, one of her daughtors, hor sceountant and her brother, one of her daughtors, hor accountant and her
neighbors and friends before she wai indicted. She also neighbors and friends before she wan madiected She also on, now 8, she said.
against Ms. Steele's testimony. Thoy contyond argued ould create "a minitrial" in the trial agoinit Mrs. ring the defense exceeds the court's provious order bartigations.
They asked for time to he judge said he had heard enoution argumenta, but hhey could get "up to speed" on tho unth Monday so office brought against Ms. Stoelo. Thi Jude anid no.


## INSIDE <br> 'Worth the look'

## Texas governor hinting he might not accept federal funds in his bid

AUSTIN (AP) - Gov. George curate," Bush said after an have estimated he W. Bush says hes considering AP report earlier this week would need to raise
bypassing federal campaign said he had raised at least $\$ 3$ about $\$ 50$ million to bypassing federal campaign
funds for next year's GOP pri- $\begin{aligned} & \text { said he had raised at least } \$ 3 \\ & \text { million so far. }\end{aligned}$ maries but won't make that decision until late autumn.
Such action would allow him to ignore spending limits in next year's presing lidential primary states.
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, "I think it's worth the look,
Bush said in an interview with Bush said in an intervie The Republican. governor
said he's pleased with his fundsaid he's pleased with his sund-
raising efforts thus far raising efforts thus far. He
formed a presidential explor atory com prittee on March 7, and its first finance report is
due April 15 . due April 15. "It's important to measure how well It Id rant to measure
think it's going fine," he say. I how eit's going fine," me said.
think
"I don't follow it minute by minute, but I believe reports
that we are successful are ac-

The Austin American-States-
forgo the 2000 fed-
eral match, which man reported that Bush would they estimate could
announce today that he has total between $\$ 13$ announce today that he has total between $\$ 13$
raised about $\$ 4$ million. The million and $\$ 16$ milfigure was confirmed Tuesday million and $\$ 16 \mathrm{mil}$ limits. by campaign finance chairman
Donald Evans, the newspaper
Bypassing the money durDonald Evans, the newspaper said. ${ }^{\text {We're not }}$ twisting arms , we're responding to the en- the limits placed on those who ergy and enthusiasm for the take the federal dollars governor," Evans said. Millionaire publisher Steve Most presidential candi- Forbes, who largely financed dates agree to limit the his own campaign in 1996 and amount of money they spend is doing so again, faces no in primary elections to be eli- spending restrictions. In 19996,
gible for federal funds to Forbes spent huge amounts in ible for federal funds to Forbes spent huge amounts in match part of the contribu- early-voting states, causing
tions they receive, up to $\$ 250$ headaches for eventual GOP tions they re
Bush advisers, speaking on in 2000 is probected to be $\$ 1.1$ in 2000 is projected to be $\$ 1.1$
$y$, million per candidate in Iowa


## Bill seeks to create ombudsman to help with insurance problems

AUSTIN (AP) - Texans
frustrated by their health infrustrated by their health in-
surance could get some exsurance could get some ex-
pert help under legislation being considered by the House Insurance Committee. The bill would provide om-
budsmen to help consumers understand what they should do when medical care or pay-
ment is denied or slow ment is denied or or ow in in coming, said sponsor Rep.
Elliott Naishtat, D-Austin. The bill is intended to cre ate a program that would provide information to consum-
ers, help them file complaints
and appeals when necessary,
and provide mediators when and provide mediators when
problems crop up, he said. problems crop up, he said.
"We have found that Tex"We have found that Tex-
ans are becoming increasingly
frustrated by our health insurance system, ${ }^{\text {n }}$, said Naishtat. saic guage in the bill kept the House Insurance Copt the from voting on the bill Tues day. Rep. Craig Eiland, D Galveston, said he was worried the bill would allow the ombudsmen to represent con
immunity. "Hopefully you can narrow
he focus," the he focus," the committee vice hairman told Naishtat. Eiland also said he was uncertain the program should collect inproposed legislation. proposed legisiation.
Committee Chairman Rep. John Smithee, R-Amarillo, said. he was worried that the representation called for in the
bill would require legal training for people working as ombudsmen.
Several Several people testified that Several people testified that
consumers, emotionally and
physically weak from illness, have a hard time navigating, the health care system to find out their treatment options.
In the past, patients gene In the past, patients generally got whatever care their
doctors recommended but doctors recommended, but
health costs spiraled. Under heaith costs spiraled. Under insurance companies control access to specialists and expensive tests and treatments, pensive tests and treatments,
trying to avoid paying for trying to avoid paying for
costs that are unnecessary.

## Upping the ante

## Administration seeks to raise cost to Yugoslavia

WASHINGTON (AP) - The said from the start of the Milosevic persists in his camClinton administration, seek- NATO campaign March 24 paign of ethnic cleansing,
ing to raise the cost to Yugo- that it would impose a heavy
eventually Kosovo "would be slavia for its scorched-earth toll on Milosevic's means to come so radicalized that that corching of Kosovo, says Presi- wage war, went further Tues- might prove impossible to dent Slobodan Milosevic risks day in remarks at the State keep as is. And also, the inosing international support for Department. U.S. officials Serb province Milosevic's brushed off Nilosevic's call for an end to ing cost of his continued ag-
gression," Clinton said " bombing. NATO bombing. $\begin{aligned} & \text { see need to grind away at } \\ & \text { sustained period, }\end{aligned}$ "We need to grind away at
his," Vice Adm. Scott A. Fry, this,
chief of intelligence for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said Tues-
day as he and other U.S. offiday as he and other U.S. officials claimed slow but steady
progress on Day 7 of a NATO arr campaign against the Yugoslav army and special po-
lice forces that are routing ice forces that are routing
Kosovar Albanians.
President Clinton, who has
that his military, we will see ously diminished key military infrastructure destroyed, the prospect for international supprospect for international sup-
port for Serbia's claim to
Kosovo increasingly jeopar-
dized." Whized." House spokesman Lockhart said there has not been a shift in U.S. policy
that Kosovo be an autonomol that Kosovo be an autonomous
region. But, he said, if
port for keeping Kosovo as
part of Serbia would be part of
eroded." Clinton said in a speech Tuesday night: "We must not
allow, if we have thus ability allow, if we have the ability to stop it, ethnic cleansing or
genocide anywhere we can stop it - particularly at the
edge of Europe." edge of Europe."
NATO NATO's military com mander, U.S. Army Gen. has been authorized to expand the range of targets of he bombing campaign.

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## The Deaf Smith County Hospital District Board of Directors

Invite the community to attend a public meeting Saturday, April 10, 1999 at 8:00 am
at the HISD Administration Building
The future of the hospital will be discussed and presentations from Parkhill, Smith \& Cooper and HealthExec, Inc. will be heard.
The Board of Directors encourage you to attend this important meeting to hear straightforward presentations that will outline the necessity ind cost to renovate the existing hospital as well as the possibility and cost to build a new hospital.
The future Long Range Strategic Plans of the hospital will be presented to expose the plans for the hospital throughout the coming years.

Your questions can be answered by
the expeits, and your thoughts and ideas are important!

Please consider the importance of our hospital and It's impact on our entire community and make an effort to attend this special meeting.

