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HUSTLIN' HEREFORD HOME OF Mandi Klein

Today's weather
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Clear skles Tonight, clear with a low
in the gower 4as, southwest to south wind 5 to 10 mph .
Thursday, sunny with a Thursday, sunny with a
high near 80 , southwest wind 10 to 15 mph


Extonded forecast Friday through Sunday,
mostly clear and unseasonably warm, lows near 45, highs 80 to 85
Hereford
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## Cold front falls

 to shift pattorn A cold front that slid qui-etly through part of Texas etly through part of Texas
today was not expected to today was not expected to
influence a mostly dry, mild infiuence a mostly yred.
weather pattern in the state, according to The Associated Press.
The front extended from
near Chidress near Childress to north of
Roswell, N.M., but stalled without the benefit of strong upper-air support. Winds were southerly to
northwesterly at around 15 mph over the western half of North Texas and light and variable to the east. Early-morning tempera-
tures ranged from the mid tures ranged from the mid-
30 s to 60 s . It was 36 degrees at Dalhart, 46 at
Nacogoches, 51 in AusNacogdoches, 51 in Aus-
tin, 63 in the Dallas-Fort Win, 63 in the Gaadilupe
Worth area and Guadalut
 Dainart
Galveston.


It was hard to come back but it's helping us improve. I know that if we get to state, the games will be a lot

- Sarah Grifina after the Heretord Cady Whitefacess defeated Denten in the

- Lady Whitefaces rally for win over Denton, earn slot in Region I volleyball finals. - Page A5


## CORREGTONS

An article in the Tuesday issue of the Hereford Brand reportedly refurbished radar gun was purchased. The Deat Smith County commissioners approved the purchase for a new Texas Dep Also. one of the two individuals involved in an accident was misidientitied in a photot caption on Page A1 of the paper. Martin
Hubbard was involved in a two vehicle accidient.
The newspaper regrets the

## Remembering nation's veterans



All financial institutions, the post office, federal offices and the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce will be closed Thursday to observe the Veterans Day holiday. First American Bank will re-open 8:30 a.m. Friday; Hereford State Bank drive-up will re-open 8 a.m. Friday, with the main lobby opening at 9 a.m.; FirstBank Southwest will re-open at 9 a.m. Friday,
Hereford Texas Federal Credit Union also will reopen for business at 9 a.m., as will the chamber office. Hereford city offices and Deaf Smith County offices will not be closed for the holiday.

## Winter Gala events set

Hereford a chance to show off their take their wives on a date to Merle Norman Cosmetics wares at the Deaf Smith the gala. C.I.C.S, Wishes, Boots $\&$ County
Commerce's "Merchants Win- Entertainment will be pro- Saddles Western Wear, Beall's, $\begin{array}{llll}\text { ter Gala." The annual event } & \text { vided by Emily Fry, Miss } & \text { Radio Shack, Manley's Furni- } \\ \text { Hereford; Wendy Brisendine, }\end{array}$ will be Nov. 15 at the Here- former Miss Hereford; Diana turde, Kids Alley, The Secret ford Community Center, 100 The merchant booths will open at $5 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. for shopping,
with the evening banquet be with
ginning at 7 p
m Chamber officials are en

## Low rainfall forces some to thin herds

Staff and wire reports
Facing the threat of a third drought in four years, many Texas ranchers could be forced to
thin their herds because they can't afford to thin their herds because they can't af
feed them through winter and spring.
"If it "If it remains dry through the spring, we'll see major cattle liquidation," said economist Ernie Davis, extension livestock marketing
specialist at Texas A\&M University, specialist at Texas A\&M University. There's not any real problem up here with
cow-calf producers because they can feed them on wheat," said Michael Carlson, a local producer. "The drought is mainly in the south."
Most of the state has seen below-par rainMost of the state has seen below-par rain-
fall since July, and that is causing losses to fall since July, and that is causing losses to
mount for farmers and cattle raisers who rely on wheat, oats, rye or other forage crops to feed calves through the fall, winter and early spring, according to the Texas. Agricultural
Extension Service. "Wheat that wa shower is up pretty good," said Joe Artho, manager of Hereford Grain. "Anything planted
since then is pretty spare." since then is pretty sparse."
"If they don't get some rain pretty soon If they don't get some rain pretty soon
some producers will start feeling the lack of moisture. There's already some cracks in the ground," he continued.
in the $\$ 3$ million to $\$ 5$ million range across in the $\$ 3$ million to $\$ 5$ million range across
the 25 counties of the Rolling Plains, and the 25 counties of the Roling Plains, and Please see CATTLE, Page AO

## Firm drops lease plan

## - CHC says it lacks enough data to make

 decision on HRMC
## By Donald M. Coopor

An m not or-proft healthcare
Airm has decided not to purfirm has decided not to pur sue a lease agreement with
the Deaf Smith County Hospi tal District. Community
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proached the
hospital dis.
 In a a letter
to HRMC in
terim admin.
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s.ifity that they needed for specificity that they needed for for
a decision .... We thought we a decision. We thought we
had provided enough, but aphad provided enough, but ap
parently it didn't meet their
needs Lewis also said the
hospital's new computer sys. hospital's new computer the
tem is capable of providing the level of information appar ently required by CHC
istrator
istrator J.O. Lewis, CHC
president/cher ficer Michael Williams stated the company had decided it is
not in a position to propose a lease of the hospital.
Willita
Williams said one of the
reasons for the decision to pull reasons for the decision to pull
out of consideration out of consideration of a lease
agreement was the lack of cen. sus and revenue data by fi nancial class.
.. the lack of that information precludes our ability to
accurately organization's futureat financial position," Williams wrote. The company had planned to con-
duct a five-year financial foreduct a five-year financial
cast. based on the datal cast, based on the data.
"We just did a computer
conversion and the old system "We just did a computer
conversion and the old system
didn't produce enough data didn't produce enough data
(for CHC). Lewis said
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the 1998 supple expense is ipply ported at in is.4 per
cent of total ent ong expense
ating
while salary benefit expense to tals 56.6 percent o pense. Both o
porating ex these indicator
exceed the 50 percentile for hos pitals of a similar size and are sig
nificantly greate nificantly greater than our experi
ence in those hos pitals we ... oper ate." press an interest HRMC ${ }_{\text {with }}^{\text {providing }}$ chasing arrangements through its parent company, VHA Inc. 1,800 not-for-profit hospitals of Also, he said the company would be willing to assist the board, at cost, in recruiting a chief executive officer and chie The hospital has not had permanent CEO since John tudsrud resigned in May, less than a year on the job. Rodney nancial officer since Decembe 1994, also has submitted hi resignation, effective later this month. The presence of such quali he individuals, coupled with informaiton syy installed Please see HRMC, Page 10

## October sees fall in prices

Prices at the wholesale leve fell 0.1 percent in October the best showing in eight and food dropped sharply, the and food dropped sharply, the The decrease in the Pr
ducer Pre ducer Price Index, which meafore they reach the consumer followed a sharp 1.1 percent spike in September, the worst showing in nine years. Many was caused by temporary inwas caused by temporary in-
creases in cigarette and car prices, which both
sharply in September. October's performance marking the first drop in
wholesale prices since a 0.5 percent decline in February was better than expected Many analysts were orecas-rise by 0.1 percent.
However, not counting the
volatile energy and food catvolatile energy and food categories, the "core" rate of in
flation at the wholesale level rose a stronger-than-expected 0.3 percent in October, the second consecutive monthly
increase.

## HEREFORD BRAND <br> Locel round up

## Govenant to conduct coaf drivo

 Covenant Family Healthcare Center of Hereford will conduct a community-wide coat drive Nov. 22 -Dec. 115 . W. Park. Ave., willCovenant Family Healthcare Center, 125 .
. erve as he drop of site for the donated coats. The Dear minh Cconty chapter of the American Red Cross and Guadalupe
Economic Services will be the recipients of the coats donated this year.
Each coat will be cleaned free of charge by Custom Cleaners.
The drive will accept men's, women's, and children's coats of ail shapes and sizes.
Covenant Family Healthcare Center of Hereford is part of a rimary network in 24 communities that Covenant Health System is developing throughout West Texas and Eastern New
Mexico. The centers are part of a system that provides comprehensive and preventive care at the local level.

## Chamber business mixer scheduled

 All local businesses are invited to join together for Hereford'sChamber of Commerce annual Business Mixer at 5 p.m. Thursday Nov 18 in Sugarland $M$ Sponsors for the mixer are teevens Chevrolet
Directories. There will be plenty of snack entrees.
Everyone is encouraged to bring plenty of business cards to give out to others and also to register for a Hereford Bucks
drawing. The only way to register for the drawing is with business card. only way to register draw This will be a mix-and-mingle affair and will give local people the opportunity to exchange fellowship and share ideas.
Stevens Chevrolet will also have a few 2000 model automoStevens Chevrolet will also have a few 2000 model automo-
biles on display at the event and there will be free Choice

## Gorman Sausage Foatlval on tap

 UMBARGER - The annual German Sausage Festival, spon-sored by the St. Mary's Parish Hall, will be 11 a.m. -3 p.m. Sunday at the parish hall.
Meals are $\$ 7$ for adults and $\$ 4$ for children, ages 6 - 10 .
Carryout meals also will be available.

## Junlor High report card plek up

 Parents of students from seventh grade Chili Peppers andTexas Tumbleweeds and the eighth grade Flying 8 's are invited to attend a report card and TAAS report pickup Thursday from

ndian summor beauty -- Gardening and flowe nthusiasts across the area are enjoying the extra beauty brought out during the extended Indian summer. Many owerbeds and rose bushes are displaying bright colored perfict bright yellow rose bud was found blooming at the corner of a house on North Avenue K. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## News digest

## Dofonce contractor reorganlase

 Co.'s principal defense subsidiary A reorganization of Ry fintheon Co.'s principal eefense subsidiary driven by financial troubleswould affect several of the company's North Texas operations, including those in Arlington, executives say
Lagging profits and sales are prompting the Raytheon Systems Co. subsidiary's reorganization into four divivisions man and Chief Executive Daniel Burnham. No decisions on plant closures or layoffs from the reorgani-
zation have been made for any of the company's Texas operazation have been made for any of the company's Texas opera-
tions, a Raytheon spokesman says. ans, a Raytheon spokesman says.
AAt this point, the news is the line want to run our businewses bettere", David Pommand, a popkesman at
Rayytheon's headquarters in Lexington, Mass., told the Fort



## Dividing the ranks



A new drill -- The Mighty Maroon Band spends hours divided the band members into new groups to begin during football season. Band director Bill Nelson, Tuesday time on Friday evening at Plainview.

## Special plates benefit school libraries

Area residents can provide state of Texas.
an extra helping hand in the
The "Read To Succeed" li- $\begin{gathered}\text { dent, will provide educational } \\ \text { materials for local public }\end{gathered}$ an extra helping hand in the
effort to assure that all chil- $\left.\begin{array}{c}\text { cense plate is a colorful spe- }\end{array}\right]$ dren can read, simply by pur- cialty plate that promotes chasing a special license plat for their motor vehicle under of this plate, the first ever to
a special plan adopted by the be designed by a Texas stu-

## CBS producer faces jail

JASPER, Texas (AP) - The
judge trying the third and final dragging death case was
expected today to resolve at expected coacy to resolve at Berry's capital murder trial:
Whether it will take place in Whether it will take place in
Jasper. Jasper. Joe Bob Golden deny Berry's Joe Bob Golden deny Berrys
last-minute attempt to move the trial, filed just minutes before an all-white jury was
chosen Friday, opening chosen Friday, opening state-
ments are to begin immediments are to
ately afterward.
Gold
Golden has reviewed hun-
dreds of print and broadcast dreds of print and broadcast stories introduced by Berry's
lawyer as evidence the trial lawyer as eviden
should be moved.
In an utter reversal, de-
fense lawyer Joseph C. "Lum" Hawthorn asked to have the
trial moved because of extensive news coverage and community pressure he argues have biased the jurors against his client.
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Hawthorn originally wanted
HEREFORD BRAND
Emergency senvices

Activities reported by emerActivities reported by emer-
gency services personnel for
Nov. 9, 1999, include the following: POLICE DEPARTMENT - A $^{-1} 42$-year-old man was
arrested in the 400 block of Irving and charged with violation of a protective order.

Incidents
A- A theft was reported in
the 500 block of South 25 Mile Avenue.

- A traffic accident was re-
ported in the 100 block of ported in
Avenue $B$
-- Domestic disturbance was 14th Streat.
$-A$ A traffic accident was re-
ported in the 1100 block of West Park.
in the runaway was reported
-Disorderly conduct was re-
ported in the 700 block of ported
GHERIFTP DEPARTMENT
$\qquad$ arrested and charged with surrender of surety on a resisting arrest conviction.
- A 32 -year. arrested and charged with was render of surety on a possession of marijuana conviction. arrested and charged with waslation of probatio
glary conviction. to have the case tried in Jas-
per because Berry is a well-
liked native son, he said. liked native son, he said.
A second matter -whether A A second matter - whether to jail on contempt charges or hand over a transcript and
videotape of an interview with videotape of an interview with
Berry - still hangs over the Berry - still hangs over the
trial.
The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals on Tuesday denied without comment Mary Mapes' attempt to have two
contempt charges against her overturned, meaning she must report to the Jasper County Jail to begin serving the in-
definite sentence or hand over dhe disputed materials.


## Obituaries

E.H. EADS, SR. Nov. 8, 1989 E.H. Eads, Sr., 92, of Amarillo
were today at Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors Ivy Chapel with Dr. John Bridwell, minister emeritus of First Christian Church. Entomb-
ment was in Memorial Park Mausoleum.

Mr. Eads died Monday. He was born in Tuttle, rillo since 1943 . He was a hide and wool buyer and a former mason. He was a mem-
ber of the First Christian ber of the First Christian
Church and the Loyalty Sunday School Class.
He married Audrey Morris in 1994 in Amarillo.
Survivors include his wife; One brother, Alph Eads of Wheeler, three grandchildren,
including Suzy Fangman of
Hereford; and 12 great-grand-
He was preceded in death
by his first wife in by his first wife in 1992, one daughter and one son.
The family suggests
rials be made to Baptist St. Anthony's Hospice aptist St. Amarillo, $79176-0001$ Box 950 , vorite charity.

dent, will provide
materials for
school libraries. Cost of these special plates
is only $\$ 30$, in addition to the is only $\$ 30$, in addition to the regular registration fee, how-
ever every "Read To Succeed" ever every Read To Succeed"
license plate will generate $\$ 25$ for the purchase of educational materials for the public school
library of the purchaser's library of the purchaser's To order the new "Read To
Succeed" license plate, simply fill the application form (available at the nearest school) and mail it alang with a check to
the Texas Department of Transportation. Please be sure to indicate on the application the local school district and campus name where your doschool librarian or principal
can provide this infor can provide this information.
The new plates will arrive at The new plates will arrive at
the Deaf Smith County Tax the Deaf Smith County Tax
Assessor-Collector's Office in 6-8 weeks. "Read To Succeed"
dent for most of her life. She was a retired cook and waitress. She was a member
Calvary Baptist Church She mapried Charlie Lee
MCCrary in 1937. She married Mche married. Charlie Lee
Ivan Lester Mays in married 1950 at Ivan Lester Mays in 1950 at
Clovis, N.M.
Survivors Survivors include three
daughters, Wanda Cardwill of daughters, Wanda Cardwill of
Amarillo, Alice Ewing of GarAmarillo, Alice Ewing of Gar-
land, and Betty Mays of Clarendon; two sons, Douglas
McCrary of Dumas and Rich McCrary of Dumas and Rich-
ard McCrary of Garland; a ard McCrary of Garland; a
brother, Raymond Martin of
Hereford 14 grandchildren; Hereford 14 grandchildrren; 26
great-grandchildren; and one great-grandchildren; and one
great-great grandchild. She was preceded in death
by her first husband, her sec by her first husband, her secter.
WILBUR ELLIS "BILL"
HIENDERSHOT Oct. 81,18e9 HUTCHINSON, Kan.-- SerHendershot, 81, of Hutchinson, Kan., were Nov 2, at the South
Hutchinson United Men Hutchinson United Methodist Church with Rev. Dr. Lee R. was in Pleasant View Cemetery in Darlow.
Mr. Hendershot was born
on Feb. 21,1918 , in Lincoln
Township, Reno County, Kan.,
Township, Reno County, Kan.,
Adelia Lyman Hendershot. He
was a lifetime Reno County
resident. He farmed south
Hutchineon since 1940 .
He married Winifred Jena

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { Brock at South } \\
& \text { June 7, } 1944 .
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He was a member of
Hutchincon United Morthodist Church; Sons of the American Revolution; past presidentican Bureau Board; Alphaty Garm She was born in Missouri 1921, to William French Thurmond and Vera Childre in Amarillo. She worked as a telephone operator and m
1957.
Survive Survivors include two sons Charles G.Paddock of dock of Santee, Calif.
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Cash Five
The winning Cash Five the Texas Lottery:
Pick 8
The winning Pick 3 numTexas Lottery, in order:
plates can also be personal-
ized for an additional $\$ 40$. Motorists will have their choice of five characters, symbols or spaces to add a custom touch. The grand total for this option
is $\$ 70$ ( $\$ 30$ for the Read To Succeed plate and $\$ 40$ for per sonalization) plus the normal registration fees. The plates can be updated
at any time at any time, even if curren registration has not expired.
Application blanks may be obtained at the County Tax Office, school libraries and can also be downloaded from the
Internet at wwwteastate.us reading Completed applications should be mailed to the Vehicle Titles and Registration
Division, Texas Department of Transportation, Austin, Texas 78779-0001, with the appropriate special license plate fee.
The special license plates may be transferred to another vehicle registered in the applicant's name.
Camping Club; and past president and member of the tor Board.
Survivors include his wife; one son, Larry R. Hendershot, of Hereford; one daughter, Sharon J. Kinney of Wichita, Hendershot of Wichita and Robert Hendershot of Hutchinson; six grandchildren; He was preceded in death by two brothers and one sis-

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## MARGIE CHILDRE

Graveside services for Margie Childre, 78 , of Santee,
Calif., will be 11 a.m. Saturday at West Park Cemetery with retired Baptist minister Rev. Harold Green officiating. Arrangements are under the
direction of Gililland-Watson Funeral Home.
Mrs. Childre died Sunday
in Santee, Calif.

## LIFESTYLES

Teddy bear sale to benefit foundation
Employees in the business appropriate for Christmas, Medical Center are choosing to All proceeds from the sale will make a difference in our benefitthe DeafSmithHealthcare
community by hosting a teddy
Foundation, community by hosting a teddy Foundation, a non-profit
bear sale to benefit the Deaf bear saie to benefit the Deaf corporation which maintains an
Smith Healthcare Foundation.
endowment fund for Hereford $\begin{array}{ll}\text { Teddy bears make a special } & \text { Regional Medical Center and }\end{array}$ Christmas, birthday or anytime gift for a child or an adult. Teddy bears will be on
sale in the front
lobby of Hereford Regional Medical a.m.-5 p.m.onN 11, Dec. 10
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Foundation is to ensure financial ensure and to improve, enhance and
strengthen health care strengthen heaith cal
services in the area. an
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Pilot Club welcomes special guests


Anchor Club members who attended the Pilot Club meeting were April Cruz, left, and Candice Huckins, right. Also pictured is Anchor
sponsor Dianna Kimmel

Anchor Club president meeting. Minutes read by
April Cruz and member Bobbie King reflected that April Cruz and member
Candice Huckins were spe- $\begin{aligned} & \text { Bobbie King reflected that } \\ & \text { Beverly Harder was the }\end{aligned}$ cial guests at the Tuesday speaker at the previous morning breakfast meeting of Hereford Pilot Club. The students gave a
report on activities planned by the Anchor Club for November and December. A
thanksgiving dinner will be thanksgiving dinner will be
provided for a needy family provided for a needy family
on Nov. 22 and a toy drive is planned for Christmas. Anchor is a youth program governed by Pilot principles
through the high school through the high school
system. Dianna Kimmel is the Pilot Club member sponsor.
Pilot Club president Sue Hyer presided at the business
program meeting.
Pilot Club mem Pilot Club members will Christmot chocolate at the Christmas-in-the-Park" tree lighting to be held in
Mother's Park at 7 pm on Nother's 29 . Park at 7 p.m. on
N With the Pilot International grant and matching club funds, a GeriWalker was purchased and Center activity director Karen Harkins for the use of residents. The Geri-Walker provides the user with the a wheel chair.

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## Madame flexander

The premier name in the world of doll collectors. Here's your chance to start a collection of special dolls for that special little girl, just in time for Christmas. Choose from vintage dolis that are mint in the box and have never been played with. Prices range from $\$ 34.95$ to $\$ 59.95$. Call now! 364-1530

## Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landors: Please Edward O'Brien, USMC
print this in observance of Veterans Day. I'm sure every vet sees it will be proud. - Tom in
Tacoma, Wash. Here it is, with pleasure - an extra salute, and richly deserved. Thank you You can't tell a vet just by
looking.
He is the cop on the beat who spent six months in Saudi Arabia sweating 2 gallons a day sonnel carriers didn't run out sonnel.
He is
He is the barroom loudmouth
weighed in the cosmic scales by four hours of unparalleled bravery near the 38th Parallel in Korea.
She is the nurse who fought went to sleep sobbing every night for two solid years. He is the POW who went away one
He is the drill instructor who
has never seen combat, but has has never seen combat, but has lazy no-accounts into turning and teaching them to watch He is the parade-riding le gionnaire who pins on his rib ons and medals with a pros He is the white-haired old guy bagging groceries at the supermarket, aggravatingly slow, who helped liberate a Nazi A vet is
extraordinary human being and someone who offered his life's most vital years in the service
of his country. He is a soldier and a savior and a sword against the darkness, and nothing more than the finest, greatest testimony on behalf of the finest,
rreatest nation ever known. We wreatest nation ever known. We debt of gratitude we owe. And now, dear readers, here is a provocative piece by a clergyman who is also a mem-
ber of the U.S. Marine Corps: Veterans Day by Father Denis

## Caring.


buttered peas, peach/cottage
cheese salad, cheese salad, chocolate chip
cookies; or fried fish scribblers cookies; or fried fish scribblers
with lemon wedge; diabetic cookies.
TUESDAY-Chickenfried steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, butteredScandinavianvegetables,
rosy applesauce, pound cake with rosy applesauce, pound cake with
whipped topping;or roast chicken. whipped topping; or roast chicken.
WEDNESDAY-Beef stew with celery, onion, potatoes, carrots, tomatoes, cheese sticks, fried
okra, fruit cocktail; or chicken okra, fruit cocktail; or chicken
stew. THURSDAY-Pool classes, oil painting 9-11 a.m., exercise class a.m.-noon, Thrift Store open 9 a.m. 5 p.m.
FRIDAY-Pool classes, HSCA board meeting 9 a.m., Thrif
Store open 9 a.m. 5 p.m. Store open 9 a.m.-. p.m.
MONDAY-Pool classes, quilting 9 a.m. $\mathbf{3}$ p.m., doll class 1 4 p.m., FOT meeting 9 a.m. Golden K Kiwanis noon, Miracle
Ear 9 a am.-noon.
WEDNESDAY-Festival of Trees 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m., Preview of Trees $5-8$ p.m., Thrift Store
open 9 a.m. $-5 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.


DALEINE T. SPRINGER
SPRINGER INSURANCE AGENCY



Member recognized - Chester Harrison, right, was honored Monday night as a 50 -year
member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. Making the presentation was Oral "Pat" member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. Making the presentation was Oral "Pat"
Kunsemman of Bovina, District Deputy Grand Master for District 100, while Dennis Newton, left,
worshipful master of Hertord Masic促

## Gourds abound for winter crafts

AMARILLO, Texas - What as birdfeeders or bird nests. parts water. They need to be "I do training for other teach- placed in an area where they shapes and sizes; was used by fascinated the most by - these Higgins said. Native Americans for everything gourds," Puroff said. "I did a Etiggins places them in airy from bowls to rattles; and appears to be immune to squash Gourds.
It's harvest time for these colorful, uniquely shaped plants. And it's not too early to think seed next year.
Native American Jen Shunatona Cale, of the Ameri-
can Indian Cultural Center tells can Indian Cultural Center, tells that Mother Earth made the first rattle - the dried gourd ith seeds still inside.
$\qquad$ ourd rattles made from smal gourds, mounted on sticks and adorned with intricate peyote Thitch beadwork.
Americans used dried gourds of various shapes for many uses ranging from bowls and eating vases, Cale said.
"Most of the agricultural tribes grew them because they were so useful," Cale said. They weren't edible, but the Today, Native Americans are among the people who grow gourds throughout the summer and dry them through the winenvironmental uses.
Carver Elementary Academy is one of the schools that grows gourds as part of school projects the environment.
Students plant gourds every spring from the seeds harvested The gourds grow dred gourds link fence from mid-May through fall, said Tanya Puroff environmental science special$t$ for Carver.
The fourth-graders pick them he ceiling in her clang from he ceiling in
In spring, the sam rill holes in the dried gourds ecorate them and sell theurds, school silent auction to han
workshop in East Texas, and I have to mail seeds to them. grow, and that's what we' trying to do - get them in-
volved in nature, Puroff said that this year growing squash or pumpkins. "But these gourds were not affected by them, nor did they
attract them" she said "But attract them," she said. "But ily" Puroff said that she's never had trouble growing gourds They harvested almost 70 this But Jeana Higgins of the Village of Timbercreek Canyon said that she has had some good years and some bad years growing gourds.
deer eat her vines. Higgins has grown gourds for a friend in Arizona who made bowls and vases out of
them. She and other memer them. She and other members
of the Timbercreek Garden Club have also decorated gourds as garden projects.
People People who use gourds for crants projects can cut them to
make vases, strainers, bowls. Or they can leave them whole and paint on the outside of the entire gourd so they resemble
Santas or snowmen, Higgins said. or snowmen, Higgin
Jorene Kirkland has seen gourd decorated to look like
girk When harvesting Kirkland said that gourds should be left on the vine until after the first freeze. "When you cut them off, you put them somewhere and let
them dry, leaving about 6 inches of stem on when you cut them, Kirkland said.
Ornamental gourds are used as fall decorations in table set-
tings, she said. Eventually the may rot, but some of the gourds may rot, but
To dry gourds, Higgins brings
them indoors and wash them indoors and washes them, then scrubs them in a solution
of one-part bleach and three
baskets in her garage for the winter.
Puro Puroff hangs them from the ceiling of
they cure.
Kirkland
Kirkland puts them in green house to dry out in the winter As they cure, the exterior o he gourd may mold. When does, it can be scrubbed again
with the bleach water Higgins said Most dry to a light, golde color, Higgins said. When decorating, they can be darkened with brown shoe polish, painte Ornamental gourds, dipper gourds, birdhouse gourds, pear shaped gourds... growers hav many options when selecting Describing them as a ong-term project for children Puroff said gourds grow with little
soil. "It's amazing," Puroff said Those things will germinate within three to five days. They are fast to come up. You ca Kirkland said people can gourd seeds at any busines hat sells garden seeds.
Night of Praise
is this Sunday
at St. Anthony's
Members of several local churches are joining together for Sunday at St. Anthon's Craise this Church. The service will start at 6 p.m. and will feature a contemporary worship band from Amarillo
led by Tom Norman. ed by Tom Norman.
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The featured speaker will be Jesse Hodge, an ordained elder and minister of the Methodist Proceeds from the annual Methodist in Hinistred at Wesley fund-raiserbenefit the Benevolent Methodist in Hereford for several Care fund at Kings Manor which years. He also serves on the helps provide for those residents
conference board of the ordained who haveoutlived theirresources ministry. For tickets or additional Entertainment will beprovided information, call King's Manor at
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## College Report

BrandonStow of Hereford was a member of the West Texas A\&M University Speech Team which took the first place overall tournaments recently in Plano The Great Wide Open Swing included a tournament hosted by Texas Tech University and another hosted by Colin County
Community College. WTAMU won the first
tournament with a total of 77 points and the second tour
with a total of 71 points.
Stow, a sophomore speech communication major, placed sixth in Poetry and fifth in
Program Oral Interpretation in the first tournament, and third in Poetry and fourth in Program
Oral Interpretation in the tournament.

## New Arrivals

Bobby and Angela Baker are Lauren,
the proud parents of a son, Robert Grandparents are Mark and Lee Baker IV, born Nov. 1 in Janie Banner and Bob Baker, all
Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital in of Hereford.
He weighed 7 pounds, 14 Great-grandparents are Elmer ounces and was $201 / 2$ inches long. and Irene Reinart of Hereford He was welcomed home by and Alice Conway of Janesville
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Bronco Busters
Lady Whitefaces survive errors, sluggish play to defeat Denton High, 15-$10,15-11$; advance to the Class4A Region I final against Canyon Randall

By Yuri Soto
VERNON - The Class 4A ship again will be champion the Texas Panhandle, thanks to Sarah Griffin.
After falling very deep
early in the second Tuesday night, Griffin, game sparked the Hereford Lady Whitefaces and helped them to a 15-10, 15-11 heart-drench Broncos at Vernon Lady School, and sending Hereford into the regional finals against Canyon Randall. Griffin said, "but ome back us improve. I know that if we get to state, the games will be a lot harder." up for a bad
Griffin made Grimin made up for a bad start in winning Game 1 , the
After
Whitefaces gave Denton the first three points of the game and let them win that second game because they had the advantage over us," Griffin said. "We came back from the deficit, gained the momen
tum and finished the game." A dig error by Michelle Bernhardt, a kill error by Ashley Fangman and a service ace by Denton's Nicole cos the early lead.
But Griffin seemed to start a Iittle spark when she stuffed the ball to the ground
on two consecutive series Denton's consecutive series.
Denas cut to $3-2$. "We knew that our errors were killing us," Griffin said. 1 think this week we'll be working on serves, receiving
and passing. Against Randall,
we have to play a lot bette
than we did tonight." "We got most of our points, onestly, out of Denton er rors," Hereford coach Brenda dig and service errors; we passed poorly; we seldom set ourselves for them to swing the ball at us and that's a
concern right now. We will not last long on Saturday if we don't play better." But here came the errors A the Lady Whitefaces.
A service ace by Stephanie Peters, a net violation on Hereford and two errors on Audra Witkowski and lead to $7-2$ inc "A bright spot for us was Sarah serving for us," Kitten said. "She served so many times and had a couple of big locks to get us going."
After exchanging a couple Ater exchanging a couple
sideouts, Hereford cut Denton's lead to 4-7 on a multiple hit error on Nichols Toni Eicke. and we didn't come out as tough as we wanted," Eicke, Who recorded three kills, said. and we can't have those mistakes come Saturday", Two errors called on coupled with service ace by coupled with service ace by
Brandi Grimes and Nichols, gave the Lady Broncos a seemingly commanding 11-5
lead. At this point. Denton had. the momentum to force a third and deciding game. "If they had any greater
momentum, they would have See HERD, Page A6


Team roping champions Joe Boggeman and Jeffrey Seaton.

## Amold wins bareback riding title, Boggeman victorious in team roping



Jordan Satterfield finished tied for first with Aaron Pot day with a score of 169 Boggeman finished tied for second with Jeffrey Seaton of Lazbuddie with a score of
In Texas State High Schoo Rodeo competition from Sat Boggeman weaton and Joe Bogreman wi.
In other state competitions, Amanda Schumacher combined for 117.00 points in barrel racing. She finished and second on Sunday with 72.00 . She was fifth in breakaway roping, scoring 25.50 on Saturday. Wisp Kendrick and Rodey Saturday in team roping.


Tori Walker spikes the ball over Denton's Charlie Strickland as Michelle Bernhardt and Brandi Grimes (13) watch over the action on Tuesday night during the Class 4A Region I semifinal match between the Lady Whitefaces and the Lady Broncos. Hereford won an error-pronen maturay, victory ainain
Hereford Rodeo takes competition by storm


Bareback riding winner Lane Arnold


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## Don't Celebrate yet, ladies



The Hereford Lady Whitefaces celebrate yet another victory in the Class 4A playoffis, but the toughest test will come Saturday, when Hereford faces the Canyon Randall Lady Raiders on the state championships in Austin, a very familiar sight for the Hereford faithful.

## Herd

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 weren't playing very aggres-sively sively on defense," Griffin
said. But after all that, the night was over for Denton.
Two kill errors by Lauren Stecik, a block assist by Walker and Fangman and two kills by Bernhardt and a 11. During that scoring process, Griffin keyed Hereford's comeback with digs and
blocks. A kill error by Jennifer Morris, a position error on the Lady Broncos and a kill by Walker put the Lady Whitefaces one point away
from going to the regional from going to the regional That's when Griffin's dig sailed over the net and landed on the center of the Denton
middle floor Hereford had a better start to the match. After giving up the first point on a kill error by Bernhardt, two errors on
Denton and two block aces
won the game because we from Walker put Hereford Strickland, coupled with two up "I knew that we had to go the score at 10-9, the Lady out and fight really hard and . Whitefaces with the lead. I was really proud of Sarah "These are errors that we for stepping it up tonight," try to prevent," Kitten said.
Ashley Gonzalez, who had "An ugly win is certainly betthree digs, said. "She did re- ter than an ugly loss and we ally good tonight." felt like we snuck out of the After a kill by Peters put
the score 4-2, Hereford got a $\begin{aligned} & \text { gym again with a win.", } \\ & \text { Two error exchanges by }\end{aligned}$ the score $4-2$, Hereford got a Two error exchanges by
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11-10, by a kill and block ace After a net violation on the by, Walker, coupled with two Lady Whitefaces put the kill errors on Morris and score at $5-3$, Hereford re- Nichols, ended the first game
ceived their next five points off errors three-of- and set up a classic game A service errors. error on Morris, a multiple with eight kills and Hereford hit violation, a block ace by aces. Michelle Bernhardt
Walker and Walker and a kill from Eicke added three kills. "Coach Kitten told us that Now, the Lady Whitefaces bid we reached high over that get a rematch against the blocks that we would have Canyon Randall Lady RaidEick on the court for a kill," ers. Griffin knows their work Eicke said. "We had to find is cut out for them.
spots on the floor." spots on the floor." "We can't make these same But Denton came back on mistakes against Randall," she
kills by Peters and Charlie said.

## Spurs blast Warriors, 118-89

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) - seven players in double fig- cent) while facing constant Tim Duncan scored 19 points ures, including Malik Rose defensive pressure. was the
and led a suffocating defen- with 21 and Mario Elie and Antawn Jamison was and led a suffocating defen- with 21 and Mario Elie and Antawn Jamison was the
sive effort that held Golden Samaki Walker with 13 lone Warrior starter to score sive efrort that held-qolden Samaki Waiker with 13 at least 10 points. No other points as the San Antonio David Robinson, Avery starter for Golden State had Spurs beat the Warriors 118- Johnson and Terry Porter more than seven points and 89 Tuesday night. The defending NBA cham- Golden State fell behind hopelessly pions, despite substituting 34-9 after the first quarter, against spurs. freely in a game they led by converting just four of 21 Tony Farmer's
as many as 32 points, had shots from the field (19 per- led Golden State.

## Class 4A Region I Football Playoffs

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El Paso Ysleta (4-6) vs. Pecos (5-4), 8:30 p.m. (CST) Friday, El Paso Ysleta Hereford (9-1) vs. Plainview (8-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Plainview. Big Spring (7-3) vs. Brownwood (8-2), 1 p.m. Saturday, San Angelo Stadium Denton (8-2) vs. Weatherford (9-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Farrington Field, Fort Worth

## DIVISION II

## Bidistrict

El Paso Parkland (9-1) vs. Clint (6-4), 8 p.m. (CST) Friday, El Paso Parkland. Snyder (8-2) vs. Everman (7-3), 2 p.m. Saturday, Tarleton Memorial Stadium, Wichita Falls (8-2) vs. Saginaw Boswell (5-5) 7. Wichita Falls. $\quad$ p.m. Friday, Memorial Stadium, San Elizario (8-2) vs. El Paso Riverside (7-3), 8:30 p.m. (CST) Friday, San Elizario. Wolfforth Frenship (6-4) vs. Pampa, 7:30 p.m., Friday, Pampa. Stephenville ( $10-0$ ) vs. Andrews ( $8-2$ ), $1: 30$ p.m. Saturday, Shotwell Stadium, Abilene. White Settlement Brewer (6-4) vs. Wichita Falls Hirschi (8-2), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, BISD Athletics Complex, North Richland Hills.

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## GOIN' SOUTH Hatch uses drug firm's plane

Republican front-runner George W. Bush is still smarting from the fallout over a reporter's pop quiz last week. He could not name three of four heads of state, and looked baffled trying to deal with the situation.

## South Carolina seen as critical

GREENVILLE, S.C. (AP) - not name three of four heads With the Republican presiden- of state, and looked baffled tial race tightening, this state's presidential primary is shaping up to be a critical test for
front-runner George W. Bush. Nestled high on the election calendar, South Carolina is the traditional gateway to the South for presidential hopefuls. It will become even
more important if Steve Forbes or Arizona Sen. John McCain undercut Bush's lead
in Iowa and New Hamphire in Iowa and New Hampshire. onservative $\quad$ millionaire Forber is drawing large crowds
on his bid to win the Jan. 24 In his bid to win th owa caucuses. Hi campaign will bein any day as he attempts to draw imself and Bush In New Hamp shire, which holds primary a week uses, McCain cau narrowed Bush's ead in the polls. hey advisers fear McCain lose to paign finance repealing to the tate's taste for combative under-
dogs.
Delaware is next on the election calndar, but the top trio of candidates rarely seen in
the state that holds primary Feb. 8. That leaves South Carolin Forbes and McCain if they ome the state's large veterans population. He is the hero on and grandson of Navy ad war steeped in the military community.
Bush is not without advan tages. South Carolina delivfather, former President George Bush, in the 1988 and 1992 primaries. Dozens of votars greeted the younger Bush for his father.
Ceding no ground to McCain, Bush made veterans affairs the centerpiece of a as Lour.
Bush is still smarting from pop quiz last week. He could
ownership of
the Texas hasn't Rile Senator McCain haser, we think he fired manrelevant experience to be the nation's commander-in-chief," said spokesman Howard
Opinsky. "We'll let the voters Opinsky. "We'll let the voters
decide." McCain's campaign is sensitive to slights because it has so much riding on South Caro-
lina. While Bush's lina. While Bush's campaign warchest would allow him to stagger deep into the primary
process, McCain can't advance without a strong showing here.
Bush is feeling the heat Bush is feeling the heat,
too. Some backers say he has too. Some backers say he has spread himserf too thin to get election, neglecting his politics
in early primary states - esin early primary states - especially New Hampshire where even his own team has
complained that he has stayed away too much.

## First lady's trip to Mideast has campaign overtones

## JERUSALEM (AP) - First

 lady Hillary Rodham Clinton's child-rearing and healthcare concerns - but whatever she says or does is likely to be construed as a sales pitch to tituency in her anticipated New York Senate bid.Mrs. Clinton and her daughred, Chelsea, were given a armac decorated with U.S. lags, this afternoon at Ben Gurion International Airport, waved to
ookers as she and her daugh. The first lady headed to a in crisis, one of several such encounters scheduled during her four-day tour of Israel and Jordan. Lend ater today, she was to attend a children-and-youth conon preventing Aviy University Minister Ehud Barace, Prime Minister Ehud Barak's wife, sponsors.
Invariably, the visit will have campaign overtones. Mrs. Clinton is deep into an as-yet
undeclared
Senate race undeclared Senate race Rudolph Giuliani.

WASHINGTON (AP) - Sen. ciary Committee, which Hatch Orrin Hatch tells voters he's sympathetic to their concerns about costly prescription drugs,
but he's also made some of his presidential campaign travel aboard a private jet owned by a major pharmaceu-
tical company. The compan
tical company
Plo Plough Corp. of New Jersey is fighting to keep a popular allergy pill from being cloned
by generic drug makers. The
issue is scheduled for by generic drug makers. The
issue is scheduled for a vote
today before the Senate Judi-
chairs. The current price of prescription drug price of the prescription drug, Claritin, is so high - up to $\$ 2.66$ per health tablet - that some heaith insurance companies no
longer pay for it. Generic makers say they can sell it for a quarter of the cost. Schering-Plough argues that its patent for Claritin should be extended two years
beyond its 2002 expiration date beyond its 2002 expiration date
because of the amount of time because of the amount of time
the government took to ap-
prove the drug.
Last week, Hatch told his committee members that he "basically favors" legislation that would allow the company to argue their case before a special patent body.
The outcome of the bill has huge financial implications for Schering-Plough. Last year
alone, Claritin's sales totaled $\$ 1.9$ billion.
Hatch sees no conflict of interest in using Schering-
Plough's jet, which he used
for five campaign trips. The practice is allowed by election law under certain circumstances.
"The f
The fact that an owner of plane may have something pending before the Congress does not affect the decisions that are made," said Ron Rogers, a campaign spokesman for the Utah senator. it is allowing Hatch to use its it is allowing Hatch to use its
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## Gore making a pitch for the black voters

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) - stumping Church of God in his prophetic "Mountaintop In recent weeks, Vice Presished his scripted speeches and get away from the microphone - to appear less wooden and more approachable. But when he spoke Tuesmembers of the hand-clapping tambourine-shaking, foot- Rev. Martin Luther King gave "Amen" and "that's right."

## "It wasn't really sermonic

 as it was truly from the heart,"said Charles Wallace of Mem. said Charles. Wallace of Mem-
phis. "He tried to convey a phis. he tried to However, some spectators said Gore wasn't as stirring as Clinton was when he became the denomination in 1993. the denomination in 1993.

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Education through roading - Students at Bluebonnet intermediate school are working to improve their skills by participating in the Reading is Fundamental (RII) program conducted through the library. These students were in the library recently selecting reaading material from the many books displayed by Librarian Deloris Phipps. Students include (rrom left) Ruben DeLeon,
Anthony Ortiveros, Fermin Olivarez, Fidencio Contreara, Judith Grajeda, Nellie Alonso and Crystal Anthony
Martinez.

## Clemency for Indian activist urged

A may francisco arap President Clinton to grant clemency to American Indian leader Leonard Peltier, who
is serving two life sentences for killing two FBI agents in a 1975 gun battle on a South
Dakota reservation. Dakota reservation.
"The FBI has now discredAmmiano said Tuesday. "This

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## Comics

## The Wizard of Id



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By Fred Lasswell



## ABC off to strong start


#### Abstract

NEW YORK (AP) - ABC is of to a strong start in what promises to be a fiercely competitive "sweeps" month competitive "sweeps" month for television networks. The musical "Annie" and The the game show "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" held of leprechauns, government agents and rock n ' rollers on Sunday, giving ABC a big night in the Nielsen Media Research ratings. The 26 million viewers for Annie gave it the largest audience of any Disney movie since "Cinderella" two years ago. "Millionaire" drew just ago. "Millionaire" drew just under 26 million viewers, its under 26 million viewers, its biggest audience ever, in the


first of a 15 -night run. won the week with a 9.1 rating and 15 share. NBC had an
8.9 rating and 14 share, ABC had an 8.7 rating and 14 share had an 8.7 rating and 14 share 0 share.
But ABC actually had more But ABC actually had more erage prime-time hour, than any other network - an indi-
cation that families gathered cation that families gathered
together to watch "Annie" and together to watch "Annie" and
"Millionaire." ABC also narrowly edged NBC among nar- 18 -to-49-year-old viewers, the de-
mographic most sought by ad mographic most sought by ad "Millionaire" beat Fox's sea-
son premiere of "The X-Files" in the ratings, as well as
NBC"s "The Magical Legend of the Leprechauns" and CBS's the Leprechauns" and CBS'
"Shake, Rattle and Roll." Proving that sex sells, Fox's Ally McBeal" drew its largest udience ever for an episode and Lucy Liu's passionate kiss and dance floor grope, as well as Portia de Rossi's spanking
with a hair brush. As is typical, NBC's "ER" was the week's most-watched Among the second tier of and 4 share narrowly edged newly competitive UPN.

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By Doan Young \& Stan Drake


Nigh Five Colobration - Tierra Blanca Primary School reading goals for the previous six weeks to "High Five" every students Felipe Enriquez and Ruben Villanueva were among teacher in the school as they line up around three sides of the many who completed the second six weeks of classes the school gymnasium. They also had a "High Five" with the with a "High Five" celebration of success. The event gives book figure of the six weeks, Curious George, who awaits the students who have reached or exceeded their individual traditional hand slap from Felipe.

## HRMC

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## Army admits hero victim of injustice

WASHINGTON (AP) - Nearly three years after President Clinton righted a wrong by awarding the Medal of Honor to the officially acknowledging that it inflicted more injustices on Carter than even the president knew.
In a ceremony today in the Pentagon's historic Hall of Heroes, the Army was apologizing to Carter's family for having him from re-enlisting in September 1949. The Army has determined the charges of disloyalty had no basis in fact.
The damage done to Carter was brought to light last spring by U.S. News a World Report, which chronicled a long struggle by Allene Carter, the wife of Carter's eldest son, Edward Carter
III, to uncover the truth about her father-in-law, restore his good name and force the Army to admit its mistake.

## Cattle

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could multiply into millions of decline for beef demand has more here and around the shown a slowing decline since state," ${ }^{\text {Stan Bevers of Vernon, }}$ an extension economist for In the long term, a big sellNorth Texas, told the Fort off of cattle herds, would prob-
Worth StarTelegram. Forage losses and water Forage losses and water
shortages are considered to be East woxse in Central and East Texas.
If cattlem sell off much are forced to sell off much of their herds,
consumers would see a shortterm windfall in lower prices as the supply of beef increases.
Rising demand for beef this year has pushed retail and on-the-hoof prices higher. Fresh beef has averaged $\$ 2.58$ a pound, an increase of 5 cents, over the rest nine
months of the year, according to the newspaper.
Association rexas Cattle Feeders Association reports beef de-
mand is showing a 4.6 percent mand is showing a 4.6 percent ter of 1999 compared with last year. More and more the rate
cattie and beef prices beyond have fewer ranchers would have fewer cows calving Beef supplies would decline and prices for competing pork and
poultry could poutts said could also rise, experts said.
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many herd sell-offs and cow inventory reductions spurred by the $1995-96$ and 1998 droughts, said Davis, the livek marketing specialis
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## 2 firms still take a look at HRMC

Community Healthcare lieves the local hospital disCorp. may have dropped its trict directors are "struggling plans to lease Hereord Re- to do the right thing," but
gional Medical Center, but stabilizing the organization is here are at least two other companies that have are still
interested in managing the
center.
Tri-Cities, a private hospital company based near
Pleasanton in south Texas, has indicated it would like to make a pitch for a lease agreement at next week's board meeting, according to board president Also, Larry
Also, Larry D. Krupala,
president/chief executive officer of TORCH Management Services Inc., a subsidiary of the Texas Organization of Rural Hospitals (TORCH), proposed year management agreement with his firm.
Krupala said recently the company, which did place in-
terim administrator J.O. Lewis in Hereford, would hire a new hospital administrator and would take over
of the hospital.
The management company pertise for the administrator oard and HRMC, Krupala said Under the agreement, the hosand pay the new CEO's salary as well as pay a $\$ 5,00$ Krupala said the needs ural hospital's are "acute" and noted many hospitals in Texas are at the "lowest financial ebb they he voiced have been. Howthe future of the rural hospitais, saying pressure brought o bear on Congress should result in some changes in the which hospital administrator say has created many of the financial problems confronting Kealthcare facilities.
Krupala also said he be-

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He suggested the management agreement would enable the board to regain its focus, as well as gain some breathing room in deciding what is over the long term.
The board would not lose The board would not lose
control of the hospital under the agreement, Krupala said. He said the new adminis-
rator be hired by TMSI, with the board's approval, and the administrator would report to
both the board and TMSI He said the board and He said the board would
retain its role of giving direcretain its role of giving direc-
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Krupala said TMSI also
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what will work, what will not work - and access to talented experts in all areas of the healthcare industry.


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ATLANTA (AP) - A conthat she began an affair with former House Speaker Newt Gingrich six years ago, while
he was still married, The At he was still married, The At-
lanta Journal-Constitution reported today. Corted today. tioned for more than two
hours Tuesday by attorneys representing Gingrich in his diverce from his wife,
Marianne. Mrs. Gingrich's law-
yers also want to question
Ms. Bisek, an aide to the House Agriculture Committee, but no date has been set.
Gingrich's lawyers told the Gingrich's lawyers told the newspaper that Ms. Bisek re-
fused to discuss details of her sex life with the 56 -year-old Gingrich. Ms. Bisek's lawyer, Pamela Bresnahan, said she
advised her client not to anadvised her client not to anexpose her to "infamy, ridicule or personal contempt."

## Clinton delays trip to Greece

WASHINGTON (AP) President and shorten a trip to delay and shorun a trip wh areece
amid security concerns and the prospect of anti-American pro-
tests, the White House said cests, the White House said
today. Presidential spokesman Joe
Lockhart said the delay had Lockhart said the delay had
been requested by the Greek been requested by the Greek
government. Ciinton will ravel to Athens on Nov. 19 rived there on Satourday for a
state visit at the beginning of state visit at the beginning of
a European trip. Instead, he a European trip. Instead, he
will leave Washing on on Sunday morning and fly directly
to Turkey,
The president will shorten his stay in Greece to just one night rather
nally planned
The delay will put Clinton's visit after the Nov. 17 anniversary of a 1973 crackdown
of a student uprising of a sudent uprising against
the then-military dictatorship. Many Greeks criticize the United States for its perceived role in supporting the junta,
and Nov. 17 is traditionally, day of anti-American rallies a Clinton said Greece felt it would be more productive for him to come after a summit in Turkey of the Organization
for Security and Cooperation in Europe.
Whether the demonstrations had anything to do with

## Baptists want Rebel

 flag to come downCOLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) The state's largest religious
denomination has voted overwhelmingly in support of lowering the Confederate battle flag from the Statehouse call to remove the banner. The South Carolina Baptist Convention's resolution, passed at its annual meeting sembly to consider moving the banner to a "public place of heritage, honor and recogni-
tion."
achieve racial harmony," said Mike Hamiet, pastor of Nor
Spartanburg First Baptist. About 1,100 delegates are attending the meeting, but individual churches.
The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People called for a tourism
boycott of South Carolina to boycott of South Carolina to
begin Jan. 1 and continue until the flag comes down. So far, at least 80 groups have canceled plans to meet in the
state. state.

## Lawyer: Gingrich affair with aide began in 1993

Gingrich, who gave up his seat in Congress after the GOP's disappointing showing in the 1998 election, separated from his wife of 18 years on July 29.
One of Gingrich's divorce lawyers, Randy Evans, said Ms. Bisek admitted the rela-
tionship began in November 1993. Gingrich has asserted that
he and his wife were legally
separated at the time, but
Evans conceded that the relationship continued even after
the Gingriches were reconciled the Gingriches were reconciled speakership in 1995. "I don't think that anybody's proud of the existence of the relationship," Evans said. "But I think, given the circumstances here, it's a hittle differ-
ent, where you had a legal ent, where you had a legal
separation and something de-
veloped between two people."


## Tax cut linked to wage boost


Elements of an $\$ 18.4$ billion small business tax relief package approved by the Senate as part of a measure to increase the minimum wage.

## HEALTH CARE

 Creates a new tax deduction for all health insurance costs for workers who don't get at least 50 percent of those costs paid by their employer. The deduction would begin at 25 percent of costs in 2002and gradually rise to 100 and gradually rise to 100 percent in 2007.
Immediately permits selfemployed people to deduct insurance costs. Under curinsurance costs. Under curuntil 2003 for full deductibility.

## PENSIONS

Increases annual contribution limits for $401(\mathrm{k})$ and 403(b) plans from $\$ 10,000$ to $\$ 15,000$ by 2005.
Allows women and others who were temporarily out of
the workforce to "catch up" on their retirement plans by their retirement plans by
making larger contributions when they return to the job. - Increases the ability of workers to take pension plans with them when moving from job to job.

SMALL BUSINESS - Increases the amount of business investment that can depreciated to $\$ 30,000$ beginning in 2001. Current law would gradually raise the amount from $\$ 19,000$ this year to $\$ 25,000$ in 2003.

- Boosts the business meal tax deduction from 50 percent to 80 percent for small businesses and the selfamployed.
- Immediately repeals the on businesses, first enacted on businesses, first enacied
in 1976 and now extended until 2007.
Makes permanent a tax credit for employers who hire workers from one of eight specific groups, mainly those receiving federal assistance.


## Crash investigators think black box may have data

News
digest

NEWPORT, R.I. - The pulled off the bottom of the Atlantic Ocean does contain information, heartening investigators who feared it might
offer no clues to the destrucoffer no clues to the destruc
ion of EgyptAir Flight 990 . The flight recorder - one of two "black boxes" from the Boeing 767 - arrived Tuestion Safety Board laboratory in Washington. It was accompanied by investigators from the United States and Egypt.
"The magnetic tape "The magnetic tape
was removed from its protec-
tive casing, cleaned and dive casing, cleaned and Hall, said. "The tape has dats on it, and NTSB engineer ract information."
Some findings were expected
to be released as early as
earching for, the jet's other
black box, the cockpit voice
A remote-controlled underwater robot, Deep Drone, recorder about 5 am . Thata re-
and hauled it to the and hauled it to the deck o r-ates entivers

## CLEvELAND - A handfu

 of Koreans and American have gathered here after mares to pray and rememberwhat happened when their
paths first crossed at a place paths first crossed at a place
called No Gun Ri.
Three South Korean survivors and three U.S. Army vet hamlet where witnesses say American troops killed hundreds of refugees early in the Korean War - planned a "rec ognition and remembrance
service today at the Old Stone Presbyterian Church.
The the The meeting was sponsored f Churches and its South Ko what the church groups called a "long process of healing and reconciliation between our two
countries and our peoples." countries and our peoples."
But tension and uncertain
ies clearly ties clearly troubled the participants before the unusual session.
"We $h$ tions and anger," said Kum Cho-ja, a 61 -year-old woman
who suffered a severe stom ach suffered a severe stom. shootings. "They are human ings. Why did they kill us innocent people?
"My heart goes out to these
people. Nobody wants to see
anybody die," said Robert C. Grybody die,", said Robert C.
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## ceriloment cultioes.

 HAVAT MAON, Weat Bank hundreds of Jewish dragged some kicking and others hurlBank encampment that had to Prime Minister EhudBarak's land-for-peace deals with the Palestinians.
Settlers climbed to rooftops, clung to door frames and flung themselves to the ground,
making it harder for unarmed moldiers it and police officers to soldiers and police officers to
forcibly evacuate them from the barren hilltop to waiting
buses. buses.
"We won't leave the Land of Israel," one young man
shouted before soldiers usin ladders charged onto the roof where he stood. Some settier wept, and one officer carried
away a toddler as he sucked on a milk bottle.
Havat Maon was one of 42 yutposts established in the past year to stake a claim to as
much West Bank land as pos. sible - an attempt to prevent the territory from being handed
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## Budget fight continues

WASHINGTON (AP) - De- earliest because lawmakers are sistence on $\$ 1.2$ billion that
pite shaking hands on fund-
spite shaking hands on fund optimism for a budget dea this week has vanished amid fights over teachers, United Nations dues and how to pay
for billions of dollars of new projects.

The disputes are far more modest than budget talks wer four years ago, when President Clinton and congressional
Republicans squared off ove whether entire agencie should be abolished and spending slashed. But the sides of their political agendas, and of their poilitical agendas, and show among seniginning to
${ }^{\text {ers. }}$.When the boys and girle decide they're through playing and really want to finish their work, we'll get it done," Senate Majority Leader Trent
Lott, R-Miss. "And once we reach that moment we'll get reach that moment we'll
it through just like that." Such resolution wan't hap-
pen until next week at the tonight to take part in Veterans Day parades and other ans Day
The good feeling with which lawmakers returned to Washnew hurdles cropped up Tues${ }^{\text {day }}$.For WFor every step we took, we
took two steps took two steps backward,"
Houso Appropriations Commit. toe Chairman Bill Young, $R$ Fla., saidd late Tuesday on his way from one bargaining session to another.
Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho,
said Western state senators seeking eased restrictions on gold and other hard-rock mines were joining forces with Sen. defying the Clinton administration and wants legislation letting Eastern coal mines vamp tons of waste into
valleys and streams. But the highest-pro veanwhile, the House voted
cies But the highest-profile is- The oxtension, the fifth since sue pits Clinton's demand for fiscal year 2000 began Oct. 1, $\$ 1.4$ billion solely for hiring was needed because th
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