
U.S. 385 PROJECT

TxDOT explains construction plans

Extended forecast Sunday: Partly cloudy, low
the mid-30s, high in the lower to mid-70s. Monday: Partly cloudy,
low in the lower low in the lower to mid-30s,
high in the mid- to upper 60s.
Tuesday: Partly cloudy, low in the mid- to upper 20s, high in the mid-
upper 505.
Hereford weather Hereford weather Thursday's high,

## By Julle L. Carison

$\qquad$ representatives met Thursday with city and county officials
in an effort to ease concerns in an effort to ease concerns
about construction planned for about construction planned for
U.S. Highway $385(25 \mathrm{Mile}$
Avenue). Avenue).
"Several years ago, we went through it and replaced the
right-hand lanes with concrete right-hand lanes with concrete
because there are so many because there are so many
trucks passing through Heretrucks passing through Here-
ford and now we have the
same problems
said Tonya Detten, a spokes-
person for the Amarillo office
of the Texas Department of of the Texas Department
Transportation (TxDOT). Thons of grain trucks pass hrough 385 , so we decided to
go through the whole thin o through the whole thing
with concrete)" she said Hereford residents, as well s some non-Hereford resi ents, clearly remember resihassle it was working on U.S. 885 the first time. Holmes Construction of
marillo Holmes Construction of
Amarillo has been hired for
the new U.S. 385 project after

Miles Smith, project coordinator for Holmes Construc tion, explained the construc.
ion layolt press City which did not imVolen. The original plan which in The original plan, which is
currently under deep consideration with new changes, was eration with new changes, was to tear up the southbound
lanes of 25 Mile Avenue in lanes of 25 Mile Avenue in sections, starting at $15^{\text {th }}$
Street. Once the sounthen Street. Once the southbound
lanes are completed, construc lanes are completed, construc-
tion would begin with the
northbound lanes. Each sec-

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t of complaints from local and
usinesses, ${ }^{\text {n }}$ City Manager Chester Nolen said.
For For most businesses along the highway, business lumps during constructiness
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ore difficult (with more traf-
and id. businesses, Smith
TxDOT and Holmes Conruction representatives said ey have learned from the st construction on U.S. 385 nd are focusing a lot of untion on businesses. ention on businesses.
"Our plan is to go door to
door before the construction starts and tell businesses 'you know this is what we plan to do ....' and some may need Please see PROJECT, Page AO

## Witkowski, Vallejo are Miss, Mr. HHS

By Dianna F. Dandridge

 WASHINGTON (AP) (AP)
Congress is going back to
work on managed care form and will deliver a bill
that will let consumers sue their HMOs by mid-April,
House Majority Leader Dick Armey said.
Armey, R-Texas, said he be heves patients should be be al.
lowed to sue, but only in fed oral courts and only after they review process.
The idea of putting law scene." he told an audience of conference Thurbday.
s similar to a plan House Republican leaders rallied be broader HMO bill that in cluded an unfettered right to ${ }^{\text {sue. }}$ But some House Republito pass a stronger bill.


At the annual Koobraey awards presentation Thursday night, Audra Witkowski was named Miss HHS, while L.J. Vallejo was Audra Witkowski was
the pick for Mr. HHS.

Most Courteous: Audrey Cabezuela Most Likely to Succeed Lisa Coneway and Nelson Beville;

Most Humorous: Ashley Gonz Most Humorous: Ashley Gonzales Most Athletic: Brionne Yosten and Ram Zambrano; $\quad$ Cutest: Laci Black and Slade Hodges; Most Talented: Hannah Williams and
Wade McNutt: Most Dependable: Kali Hall and Kyle Senior Favorites: Michelle Bixler,
Jackie Gaitan, George Castillo; Junior Favorites: Tessa Baker and Sade Hodges;
Sophomore Caperton and Drew Denison;
Freshman Favorites. Wendy Freshman Favorites: Wendy Briones
and Nick Foster: and Nick Foster;
Most Intelligent: Lynita Dotson and Nelson Beville; (Girls): Sarah Artho, Toni Eicki, Valerie Guzman, Tori Waiker and
Audra Witkowski;
What Who's Who (Boys): Nelson Bevill Please see KOOBRAEY Page AO

## BUDGET

- Clinton's proposal to call for boosting the spending limits WASHINGTON (AP) - Seeking po-
litical advantage for this election year President Clinton will propose raising strict spending limi
Though some cons be reluctant, many Republicans are willing to consider it, perhaps in ex change for roping off some of the say. But Republican leaders have not decided what to do which were forged
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Congress aimed at
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budget was banced
in 1998, thanks to the robust economy. and many lawmakers from both par Cos ties feel the limits could give an are outdated in in election year.
today's world of
$\qquad$ pluses. The current blueprint we're work said Rich May, a former GOP House Budget Committee direc or who is now a consulta Boosting the spending caps could
ive Clinton a political edge over Re publicans. Since surplus projection are based partly on assumptions about
future spending, higher spending future spending, higher spending
means less money left for the tax cuts many Republicans want, including

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- Domenici claims GOP keeps pledge on Social Security
WASHINGTON (AP) - Despite last year's splurge of apending and tax
cuts by lawmakers, Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici says Republicans have delivered on
their pledge to protect Social Security money.
In a letter Thursday to Senate Ma. jority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss-, Domenici wrote that his staff projects $\$ 10$ billion to $\$ 20$ billion. Fiscal 2000 runs through Sept. 30

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Building enthusiasm - More than 90 businessmen and women listened Thursday evening to tips provided by Joe Combs an directed toward improving customer service. The second edition of the seminar, which is being conducted at the Hereford Community Center, 100 Ave. C., will begin at 7 p.m. Jan. 20. The course is sponsored by the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce

## Невегояа в вммо <br> Local roundup

Chamber banquet to be Feb. 3 Tickets for the 2000 Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce
banquet went on sale this week at the chamberoffice, 701 N . Main, and at the local banks. Tckets, which cost 816 each, also may be
purchased from chamber members and the Hereford Hustlers. The banquet will be 7 p.m. Feb. 3 in the banquet room of the
Hereford Independent School Administration Building, 601 N. 25 Mile Ave
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keynote speaker.
The banquet also will feature the presentation of the Hereford Lions Club sannual Citizen of the Year Award. The chamber Women's Division's Woman of the Year also will be recognized, as
will the chamber directors.

## Friends of Library sale set

 The annual Friends of the Library book sale will be FridaySaturday downstairs in the Deaf Smith County Public Library. Saturday downstairs in the Deaf Smith County Public Library.
The sale will be $5-9$ p.m. Jan. 14 for members and 9 a.m. -5 p.m. The sale will be 5 5b.9.m.
Jan 15 for non-member.
Memberships are 33 per
Memberships are $\$ 3$ per person, $\$ 6$ per family.

## County 4-H Project Show

 The Deaf Smith County 4-H project Show will be this Saturdayin the Little Bull Barn. This is a good time for all 4.H showmen to experience and prarn. Thice showis a a good thitime for animall All AlH 4howmen to to
who will be showing an animal at the Hereford Livestock Show
who who will be showing an animal at the Hereford Livestock Show
under 4 -H are invited to participate. Awards will be given to the winners of each class and division for all species. Everyone
welcome to come and support local youth during the events. The 4-H Project Show schedule is
$8: 00$ a.m. - entry time be
$10: 00$ a.m. - steer show
$11: 00 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m} .-$ goot show
12:30 p.m. - lamb show
2:00
p.
For more information please contact Mik
Smith County Extension office 364-3573.

## Special speakers at humane soclety

 The local humane society will old its monthly meeting 7 p.m.,Monday. Jan. 17 at the Community Center. Special Guests Tom Cannon and Treci Trammel I rom the Moore Counts Animmel
Society in Dumas. Everyone is encouraged to come and hear about the marvelous animal shelter which has recently been built in Dumas.

## TV give-away scheduled

Hereford Relay for Life will be given away Jan. 22 at Hereford Regional Medical Center. Tickets are $\$ 5$ each and are still

Community wide service announced me hereford Ministerial Alliance will host the monthly Fellowship Church, 401 W . Park Avenue. This service will
commemorate National commemorate National Sanctity of Human Life Sunday and begin
the observance of Sanctity of Human Life Weee, Jon. 16.23. The the observance of Sanctity of Homan Life Week, Jan. 18-23. The
service will feature Roger Hodges and his worship band. All
residents of the community are invited CORRECTION
The contractor for the concrete work at the Hereford Texas
Federal Credit Union construction project was misidentified in the caption accompanying a photograph in Thursday's editition of the
Hereford Brand. The contractor is B.L. Jones Concrete of

## THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## News digest

Court allows wolves to remain
DENVER (AP)- In a key decision involving one of the
nation's endangered species, a federal appeals court has ruled
that hundreds of transplanted gray wolves can remain in the northern Rockies.
Mark Van Putten, president of the National Willdife Federation, said Thursday's decision by the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of
Appeals has "enormous significance nationwide." "The practical effect is that wolves are here to stay", he said.
Jon Robinett, who says his livestock have been attacked repeatedly by wolves at his ranch in Dubois, Wyo., about 40
miles from Yellowstone National Park, was disappointed with the ruling.
"I just don't think they paid close enough attention to what
was presented to them," he said. "Maybe they weren't wellversed in the Endangered Species Act."
The appeals court reversed a 1997 decision by a Wyoming The appeals court reversed a 199 decision by a Wyoming
federal judge who ruled that a federal wolf reintroduction program in Yellowstone and central Idaho was illegal.
U.S. District Judge William Downes ordered the reintro-
duced wolves removed but stayed his ruling pending the duced wolves removed but stayed his ruling pending the
appeals court ruling Ranchers and state farm bureaus oppose the 5 -year-old
program because they say the wolves endanger livestock. They program because they say the wolves endanger livestock. They
also claim that the program is unnecessary because there is
already a viable wolf population in the area, which the already a viable woif population in the area, which the
government and environmental groups deny. government and environmental groups deny
In suing over the program, the American Farm Bureau
Federation and state chaters in Wyoming, Montana and Idaho employed an unusual tactic.
They said that while native wolves are covered by the
Endangered species Act, reintroduced wolves are considered Endangered Species Act, reintroduced wolves are considered
part of an experimental population" and can be shot if they pare
threaten livestock. The farm groups said the reintroduction
progrem program the eappeals court said the 1973 act and a section added
by Congress in 1982 were intended to allow the Interior by Congress in 1982 were intended to allow the Interior
Department flexibility in its approaches to the goals of preserv. Department flexibility in its approaches
ing and recovering threatened animals.









Carrying on -. Wade McNutt did more than his fair share of 'carrying on' Thursday at the annual Koobraey event. In his periormance. McNutt carried an electric keyboard, saxophone, as he played a number of popular songs on the saxophone with the electronic keyboard providing backup and ryythm.

## Land returns to Native tribe

Package deal benefits national parks, rivers

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)
The Clinton administration is reportedly preparing to return
80,000 acres of federal land to deal also intended to help
clean up tons of mining waste
near the Colorado River and
two national parks. nea
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about $\$ 47$ million and moving acre Naval Oil Shale Reserve the waste more than $\$ 100$ milNo. 2, about 150 miles south- lion. The Clinton administraeast of Salt Lake City.
The reserve was acquired
by the federal government in the removal of the waste.
The proposal also calls for

## EPA denies tactics to protect Gore

ing the Clinton (AP) - Republicans and farmers are accuswhether to exempt California from regulations requiring etha Gore' gasoline blends to avoid damaging Vice President Al Environmental Protection Agency officials deny that politics is playing a part either in the decision or its timing. The
caucuses take place Jan. 24 . But farmers see California as a vast new market for ethanol, a product of corn, and they are promising to make EPA's
decision an issue in the general election in November if it rules against them.
"My fear is that the administration has decided that it is
more interested in California's big oil interests than it is in the more interested in California's big oil interests than it is in the
Midwest farmer, and doesn't want to make public its decision until after the Iowa caucuses," said Sen. Charles Grassley, R-
The politics of ethanol is so powerful that Gore's campaign has a volunteer dressed up as a giant ear of corn trailing
challenger Bill Bradley around Iowa, a reminder of Bradley's challenger Bill Bradley around lowa, a reminder of Bradley's
former opposition to federal ethanol subsidies. Iowa is a major former opposition torn-producing state.
The National Corn Growers Association says Gore is likely
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national emergency. The re-
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80,000 acres to the tribe with
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oil and gas development on the land be returned to En-
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The agency
the the money to clean up the
abandoned Atlas mine
Moab, in south Moab, in southeastern mine near
There are uranium tail. million tons not far from both the Arches and Canyonlands national
parks. The sediment spans 150
acres and stand acres and stands 40 feet high.
Contaminants from the Cold War-era tailings are seeping War-era tailings are seeping
into the Colorado River, 750
feet away, and feet away, and threatening
three endangered fish, the three endangered fish, the
southwestern willow flycatcher, southwestern willow flycatcher,
razorback sucker and Colorado squawfish. The river is also a source of drinking water for
25 million people in the W 25 million people in the West,
though authorities have said though authorities have said
there is no significant threat

Commission estimated that he waste more than $\$ 100$ mil-
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ported stolen from the 100
block of Avenue E .
SHERIFF"S DEPARTMENT
Arrests

Panhandle Press Association General Excellence winner 1999

## LIFESTYLES



Stop the Vlolonee - The goal of the Deat Smith County Crisis Center is to provide help for victims of domestic violence or sexual assault. Funds such as those donated by the American center advisory board, accepts a check from AMBUCS president Pat Michael.

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## Ann Landers



Dear Ann Landerst My Waldo," gets a five days a friend who neighborhood.
The our
Triver akes over an hour, and Waldo really does appreciate the ride. He has offered to pay his
riend, but the guy refuses to aceept any money. He does hewever, allow Waldo to fill he tank occasionally.
Here's the problem, Ann Waldo and I see very little of each other because we both work long hours. This friend oves to gab. When he drive sit in front of our house for hours, talking and drinking eeer. When I suggested he tel he guy he needs to go inside That's why you don't have any friends."
Do you think it's me, Ann? Does Waldo owe this fellow him a ride to work? I would appreciate your thoughts on his because 1 am doing a Dear Slow Burni Would ou prefer that Waldo sit in avern with his friend and
drink beer? Face the facts dear. Your husband enjoys the guy's company. He also enjoy
the beer. P.S.: Maybe if you' consider cutting back you

## Drivers needed

The Deaf Smith County chapter of the American Cancer Society is currently o Recovery," which provides free transportation for local cancer patients. Volunteers will receive some training and can be reimbursed for
their mileage. Information for cancer patients needing transportation or anyone
interested in volunteering is interested in volunteering is availab
7200 .
week and "sweeten up," Waldo
would come in the house Dear Ann Landorsa My dear father suffered a stroke recently, and has been in a
convalescent center for the past three months. I am able to visit him more frequently
than other family members because I live in the same
city Although the illness has im. paired Dad's memory and many days when he is lucid and speaks quite clearly. Most
of the time, I can only relate of the time, I can only relate
these conversations to other these conversations to other
family members over the tele. phone, and much gets lost in the retelling. My wonderful cousin came up with a simple
solution that 1 hope will help others in the same situation.
other My cousin suggested I bring a small cassette recorder with me when I visit my father.
This way, I can state the date and let my father know we are taping his conversation for others to enjoy. Some days, he understands, other days he doesn't, but the visit is there
for all the grandchildren, for all the grandchildren,
nieces and nephews to treasure and be able to hear Dad's voice. The tapes are easy to send in the mail and will serve your readers know. - Liz in your readers know
Sacramento, Calif.
Dear Lizt What a aplend dea! As time goes on, those tapes will become more valuable. How I wish I had thought
of it when I interviewed my
Women's Division holding annual membership drive
New members are currently being sought by the Women's County Chamber of Commerce according to vice president and membership
Hathaway.
placed on members have been compete to see which and will sign up the most new members. Losing team members will
prepare dinner for winning team

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## Merry Mixers Square Dancers elect new officers, sweetheart

Merry Mixers Square Dancers elected new officers and a new Jweetheart during the regular January business meeting.
Paula Eubanks was selected to serve as sweetheart for 2000 and she was elected president. Also elected were Clarence andMMildred
Betzen, vice president; Ben and Betzen, vice president; Ben and
Vondell Plummer, secretarytreasurer; Joe and Tommie
Boeckman, Kathy Keyes and

What's for Lunch


EREFORD I.S.D. Breakfast
MONDAY-No School. Staff Development. TUESDAY-Waffle sticks with cosey, or cereal, buttered toast, WEDNESDA MY-Breakfast burrito; or cereal butteredfast pineapple juice, milk choice. THURSDAY-Sausage patty, biscuit and jelly; or cereal, buttered toast, orange smiles, milk choice.
FRIDAY-Cheese toast; cereal, buttered toast, grape juice, milk choice.
MONDAY
MONDAY-No School. Staff
TUESDAY-Pepperoni pizze
garden salad with dressing, min corn on cob, hot peach cobbler
milk choice. burger, tate ts with catsup vegetable sticks with di strawberry banana with dip,
choice.
with peppers and picante sauce lettuce with tomato bits, Spanish rice, seasoned pinto beans, sliced peach
FRIDAY-Hamburger, burger


Ted Ray and Janet Coleman
Clarence and Miladred Betzen, Joe and Tommie Boeckman, Gid an Juanita Brownd, Clarence and Kay Behrends, Bill and Billi McDowell, Mike and Anna Solomon, Cindy Seward and her son Jason, Kathy Keyes, Larry Paschel, Dr. Trow Mims, Paula Subilling, and
Merry Mixers dance every Merry Mixers dance every
Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Center and the public is always



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Mens Cinch and Chaps by Ralph Lauren shirts 1/2 price!
All other mens shirts $20 \%$ off!
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# Church News 




















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Immanuel If you have questions
contact Immanuel Lutheran Church at 364-1668.
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Pastor Ted Tyylor and the Nazarene
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held Jan 23 , starting with the noon
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ap 4 P. m. this Sunday.
The PTO Auction is set for March
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## TEMPLO EL CALVARIO ABSEMBLYOFGOD

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Barm Barn Church is located 6 miles west
on Harrison Hwy And then $21 / 2$ miles Check the echedule of events in this
month's neweleter ot find out about
January activities at Barn Church.
AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Jim Bulin and the congregation
of Avenue Baptist Church. 130 North
25 Mile Avenue, invite you to worship with them.
Sunday, school begins at $9: 45$ a.m.
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Bulinis sermon title will be Preparing Bulin's sermon titte will be Preparing
the Way of the Lord," from Matthew 3:
1.6. The Unity Service of the Hereford
Ministerial Alliance will be Sunday,
Jan 16 at 6 pm and
 Baptist Church have been canceied.
The Latios Prayer group meeta 6
p.m. Monday. Choir practice is $7: 30$


Proclamation - Mayor Bob Josserand signs a proclamation
declaring Jan. 16-23 as "Sanctity of Human Life Week," Observing the signing are pastors Mike Sullivan, left, of First Assembly of God and Brady Boyd, right, of Trinity Feilowship. Through the cooperative efforts of Hereford Ministerial Alliance,
"Sanctity of Human Life Week" proclaims that all life is Godsancity of Human Lite Week"
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Sunday school for all ages begns at
9:30 a.m. and the morning worship service s.m.arts at the morning worship $10: 30$. $A$ nursery is
provided. The Intercessory Prayer Group
meets Monday ${ }^{\text {atm. }}$ p. Praeer Group meeta. $9: 30$ the Ladier On Wednesday we have our
Childrenis Church and Youth Group
meet at 7 p.m. Also, we have our Home Chidrens Churcho and Youth Group
meet at 7 p.m. Also, we have our Home
Groups for anyon over age. Cail $364-8866$ for information on
places and times for Home Groups.
Frar more information or
prayer, call $364-8866$ or $364-2423$ need

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he Sunday worship services are held
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# AS. Herepord Brand - Friday, January 14, 2000 <br> Improving Fast <br> Wrestling loses dual match to Boys Ranch, but keeps improving on mat 

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The wrestling is based on che improvements of each in. wrestler gets. Weil ..
The Hereford Whiteface may not have beaten the 54.27 to be exact, but the Whitefaces showed a vas amount of improvement on the ${ }^{\text {mat. }}$. .
"We are green, but we are ing hard and we are trying to do well," Hereford coach Mike Dominguez, "I am really proud
of all these kids. They all ${ }_{\text {wrestled well. }}$
The road to improvement started with Seth Pietsek in the 171-pound division.
Pietsek, who had to leave the dual match early for undisclosed reasons, held off Mike Lefls, 3-0. It would be Pietsek's last
dual home match as a Here dual home match as a Here-
ford wrestler. Another Hereford wrestler
with a successful night was with a successful night was
Randall Burrows in the 180pound division.
Burrows overcame a rough start to hold down Justin Lefls
and score the pin $3: 18$ into the match. "I am just happy that I got


Soth Pletsek takes control by holding on to Boys Ranch's Mike Lafle on Thursday. Pietsek won his last home match, 3-0.
the win in front of the home did," Dominguez added. but came up short was Tyler part after struggling in the crowd and it feels good," Bur- James Witkowski fought Yenzer in the 160-pound class, Liberal (Kan.) Tournament.
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wins and losses and get better and had a few chances to $\begin{aligned} & \text { Steinbrecher } 3: 53 \text { into the learning } \\ & \text { like at experience," } \\ & \text { like }\end{aligned}$ Hammerbeck, a nationally-reclike at practice," "Burrows goes out there and gives it his all. Sometimes he up he wanted to phert end, up he wanted to put a winner
on the mat and he definitely
make a quick pin, but was not able to accomplish the feat. He lost $3-0$ to Ben Another wrestler who was Another wrestler who was
match.
One of the easier Hammerbeck, a nationally-recwins was by Herd ogny re good, former state Hammerbeck, who pinned champs; they beat me and Pena in 38 seconds. It was a redemption on his


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## Sacramento Kings give Spurs 107-103 defeat

SACRAMENTO (AP) - 14 points before outscoring The start of the playoffs is San Antonio $26-19$ in the
four months away. The Sac- fourth quarter, winning their ramento Kings and San An- third straight game and movonio Spurs are ready for ing to 13-2 at Arco Arena. postseason intensity now. It was only the second We talked about it at our game the Spurs have allowed shootaround, how we needed o make this
playoff game,"
gings coach playoff game," Kings coach
Rick Adelman said after the Kings' $107-103$ win Thursday night. "We had to understand o keep playing our game. keep playing our game.
Chris Webber scored oints and had 19 rebounds or the Kings, who trailed by lose,

Webber ignited the rally,
scoring 10 straight points at
one stretch. He had a slight one stretch. He had a slight edge over Tim Duncan, who
finished with 33 points and 20 rebounds, but also had six turnovers. "Webber played a great game," Duncan said. "He shot
the ball well down the stretch, and those are shots that on any given night on a usual basis, I don't give up
those shots at the top of the those shots at the top of the
key. But he made three in a
row." he made three in a
Duncan had 16 points in
the first quarter and
row."
Duncan had 16 points in $\begin{gathered}\text { Kings maintained a slim lead, } \\ \text { Webber made an acrobatic }\end{gathered}$
the first quarter and 20 basket and followed with a
points and 12 rebounds by halttime, helping San Antonio take a $61-54$ lead. He
was limited to only two field goals and nine points in the second half.
"Tim Duncan is such a great player," Adelman said.
He has so many facets to his has so many facets to Chris is doing now. He's just a very toogh player to guard." Despite going over four
minutes without minutes without a field goal
in the fourth quarter, the Webber made an acrobatic
basket and followed with

## Eicke

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Eicke's efforts against team performed well Gonzales helped Hereford to "I thought we played rekeep the game close in the ally well. against Palo Duro,"
second half and nearly pull she said. "Jackson had her 25 off the upset victory. pull she said. but we'll see what Nonetheless, Jackson happens next time."
scored 25 points on Here- Next time, it may be Eicke scored 25 points on Here- Next time, it may be Ei
ford. But Eicke thought her who gets all the points.

## Wrestle

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## taught me a lesson. I had me going."

going,
Perez dedicated my chance and I blew it. There dedicated his win to
learned from my mistake and, the lone senior of the squad hopefully, I'll do better." Pietsek
But on this night, "It was Pietsek's last home Hammerbeck keyed Hereford's road to improvement. match was just very
"My motine for me, but I had to set an example for the guys," Hammerbeck said of his leadership role, "It was laid down
on me the way Javier Alonso on me the way Javier Alonso
went down with his ACL. I ust had to step up." Luis Perez also continued wrestling excellence with a
pin victory over Joseph Nin victory over Joseph
Weatherspoon in 4:14, in the 19-pound division. "I had to get aggressive on ot of smack, saying he was going to win in the first
minute." Perez said. "That got

It's possible because Eicke in games past. a few points in games past. points, and at other times, she's had 17 points and that's one of those unconscious things as a player when you
jumper over Duncan, putting 2:28 remaining. points, Robinson had 17 Maints, Avery Johnson 15 and Mario, Elie Is for the Spurs. "Both teams got after it and down the stretch they obviously shot it very, very
well, ${ }^{\text {s }}$ spurs coach Gregg well, Spurs coach Gregg
Pepovich said. "So they de-
served to win." served to win." points for Silliams scored 22
Nick Nick Anderson had 10.
Predrag An Predrag Stojakovic opened
the fourth quarter with two -pointers and a jumper. The
Kings made six of their first Kings made six of their fir seven shots in the quarter.
"I missed a couple. layups that were open, but I layups that were open, but 1
had to just put those out of
my mind," said Stous my mind," said Stojakovic who had all eight of his
points in the first three min points in the first three min
utes of the fourth quarter. Trailing by 12 points mid way through the third pe riod, the Kings went on a 18
3 rut, pulling within two. De 3 rut, puling within two. De
spite missing 23 of 31 shot in the third quarter, the
step up," Harrison said gling, you try to find strug ging, you try
ket somehow."
Eicke knows she's able to score, but also knows her ability. have that same "Tori (Walker) and Valprie (Guzman) have always been our go-to girls," Eicke said. "You always can depend on
them and you can depend on anybody in this team. "Everybody scores and
that's what's neat about it that's what's neat about it that you have anyone who
has the ability to score," she has the ability to score, she
added. "If they stop Tori, we can go to Valerie; if they stop Valerie, we can go to
Ashley (Fangman) and that's Ashley (Fangman) and that's
what neat about it. I just do what neat about it. I just do
my job and if I get the opportunity, I know I have to score."
Eicke
Eicke hopes that by season's end, she can score
more than fust points for more than yust poin
her basketball team.
"We all want to make the playoffs and not play that third-place game like we did
last year." she said." We want to come out knowing that we have a shot at district and have to work each game, every practice. past the regional
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## Hescocitio pets review

3y David Cormaln
Nose squashed against the window of high society，gawky oung Tom ripley would do antalizing treats the of the the other side of the glass．
Even kill． ven kill． ＂The Talented Mr，Ripley， hony Minghella＇s first movie since＂The English Patient，＂is he chilling story of a social climber in the 1950 s whose
aspirations come with a body aspirat
count．
His
His talents are many：Mim iery，skullduggery，forgery，and
a capacity for covetousness capacity or covetousness， that would do Cain proud．He also plays a mean piano and Beon．
Matt ipley Damon stars as Tom baron，who steals the wealth the life，the identity of the rich，and gives them to the
poor－namely，Tom Ripley poor－namely，Tom Ripley．
We first see Tom ticklin the ivories as a hired pair o hands at a ritzy party．The Princeton logo on Tom＇s jacket
borrowed，like all things Ripley）catches the eye of the host，a shipping magnate who

## of conscience．On film，how over，he suffers from the real ization that he has achieved

 ant son，Dickie Greenleaf，The senior Greenleaf dis patches Tom to Italy to lure the hedonistic life he shares
with his girlfriend Marge Wherwood（GWyneth Paltrow），
With a grand of Greenleaf reenbacks in his ocket，Tom greenbacks in his pocket，Tom
raduates from his squalid rraduates from his squalid
basement apartment in New York to a first－class cabin on Europe．
Instead Instead of landing his prey the errand boy is hooked by in Tom＇s avph lifestyle，and oy Dickie himself．He falls for Dickie＇s clothes，mannerisms azz music，even his scent．At of the snoozing Dickie＇s a snif while Dickie is wearing them hing gotten to like every thing about the way you live，＂
Tom tells Dickie．＂It＇s one big For a For a time，Dickie finds
Tom a refreshing lark， Tom a refreshing lark，True
to his iderich nature，Dickie eventually loses interest and
decides to cast decides to cast Tom aside．
Words are exchanged on a Words are exchanged on
boating trip，bloodshed follows and Tom finds himself up creek with Dickie＇s paddle and an opportunity to step into
his hero＇s shoes．A chameleon to the core，Tom seizes the day with relish．
Minghella
Minghella wisely takes broad liberties with the
Patricia Highsmith novel on Patricia Highsmith novel on
which the movie is based．In print，Tom Ripley is a cold
conniver with barely a whiff ization that he has achieved at a price：living with
his goal the horrific deeds that got him
there，and with the possibility here，and with the possibility
that more such acts might be needed to keep the things he now calls his own． While the book is heavy on
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nusings，Minghella aliso deftly musings，Mingheila also defly acters，who are little more han two－dimensionial target
n Tom＇s sights in the novel in Tom sights in the novel．
Dickie and Marge，thei friends Freddie Marge，（their
Seymour Hoffilip Seymour Hoffman）and Peter

 joyful fraternity of expatriate－
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ist Meredith Logue（Cate Blanchett），as a counterpoint of naivete to Tom＇s ruthles plotting． ＂The Talented Mr．Ripley，＂
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#### Abstract

George. Texans are clamoring to vote for him," said pollster Julie Weprin. She said the survey sug. where else" for votes. The telephone survey of 1,000 registered Texas voters was con ducted Sunday through Wednesday by Weprin's firm, Blum \& Weprin by Weprin's firm, Blum \& Weprin Associates Inc., for both newspa pers. The poll has a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points the margin of error widens to plu or minus 6 percentage points for the likely Democratic primary vot ers. The March 14 Texas Democratic presidential primary remains up for grabs, although Gore has a big ad-


"It's George, George and more George. Texansare clamoring to vote for him (Democrats) should go somewhere else." Jullo Woprln, pollister

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only 6-7 years. It is a lot more expensive, but worth ft in the long run,
Holmes Cottenstruction has contracted with a Hereford com pany, Pioneer Concrete Co. of Texas, for all of the concrete to be used for the roads.
Holmes also is looking for a location to store materials while in Hereford as well as looking for local help. "We will be coming in here and we will be looking for some
extra help," company vice president James Holmes said. The construction contract also James Holmes said. clause. Holmes Construction employees will run snow plow equipment to make it easier on city and county road and
bridge employees. At Thursday's meeting Chris Freeman of bridge employees. At Thursday's meeting Chris Freeman o
the TxDOT office in Canyon asked Nolen for a place to dump extra sow preventing it from piling up in the roads. Noien
suggested Veterans Parr. The project's finalized plans will be ready Feb. 1 and The project, which is 1.9 miles in length, is estimated to take 256 working days, or 15 months.
Day apologized for disrupting the pur Day apologized for disrupting the public last time and said
they have new solutions to keep Hereford drivers happier and make it easier on them to drive.
"We're disrupting the public, but this time not as much. We learned our mistakes last time and will fix them this time
Day said. Day said.
Our jobs wouldn't be here it if weren't for the public," McFaul
said.

## Koobraey

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Kurtis Flood, Riley Hall, Seth Pietsek and L.J, Vallejo
Teacher of the Year: Laurel Horton, Britt Narrell and Paige Parks;
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Most Handsome Candidates: Bryce Banner, Chris Barajas,
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on. photos of the Kookbraey winners will be published in Saturday's edition of the Hereford Brand.
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## Ex-president says son can change U.S. mood

## DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) - Mak. win, he would restore respect."

 ing a rare appearance on behalif of The crowd's reaction was mixed. andidate who can change the mood of political cynicism in America. W:'s campaign Thursday with pitch for support from some 700 people
at a high school in Atiantic beefe at a high school in Atlantic before
becoming the after-dinner speaker amber of Commerce ban quet here later in the evening.
His earlier private fund-reitings had been at Buah campaign aidd the father will be making more public appearances
on behalf of the son.
In Atlantic, in southwester Iowa, the former president called the national political atmosphere
"rank" and said he thought it could be changed fast.
White House will do lo
change fouse will do enough to some of the cynicism about politics
will change $f f$ whever has respect for the office
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son If he were fortunate enough to

Leroy Neison of Atlantic sail "Like they
"Like they say, the apple sometrme doesn't fall very far from the
tree, and I think his son will carry aid. in the same manner," Nelson Richard Michaels of Attantic saic lot, but he didn't think the younge Bush is clear about the issues. "His name is Bush but is
shouldn't be beat-around-the-Bush," Michaels said
Bush leads the public opinion
polls in lowa by margins of 2 points and mot margins of 2 in preferences for the Jan 24 cau cuses that begin the process of hoosing a new president. Sen. John nationally, Bush's closest challenge "I can tell you in lowa in lowa tion counts,", you in the former organizatold reporters. "I came in here as (an) asterisk wi, but I won." Thai was in 1980, wh
Reagan in lowa

## Clinton

## rom Pace

GOP presidential front runner George W, Bush But facing re-election, many Republican lawmakers are as districts Democrats to bring federal dollars home to their limits would require. Besides, the stron
Besides, the strong economy is producing so much federal money for both extra spending and tax cuts. And with the GOP eager to end this year's session of Congress early for the fall campaign, a deal to raise the limits might limit timeing the limits or ch By either ignoring che surpased this year ching them, the limits will They werting be arpassed chis year by tens of billions of dollars. as both tarties indulged inear by $\$ 2$ billon and the year before too like declaring the census an emergency. Even so formally raising the spending
bipartisan farewell to tight restraints envisioned in 1997 , when federal deficits prevailed. It would also underline that with swellin annual surpluses, politicians and voiers have little taste for such spending restrictions.
Clinton will propose letting spending rise somewhat below the anonymity but said Democratic officials speaking on condition of the fiscal 201 other details were not availabie. The plan will be in the fiscal 2001 budget the president presents $F$ Feb. 7
year - and hundreds of billions over the next decade - beyond what the limits would permit.
The spending caps are aimed at restraining one-third of the \$1,7 trillion Cederal buaget. The limits affect all spending excep holders of federal debt
Under current law, the caps would force such spending downwar from $\$ 613$ billion in fiscal 2000 - which runs through Sept. 30 The limits are due to expire after that Som
officials said Clinton might propose extending spending caps for several more years.
White House economic adviser Gene Sperling declined to say Clin the caps" last year.
they lacked the votes to abandoned the spending caps after findin complained

## Domenici

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Instead, the GOP promised to not spend the two-thirds of the *:
trillion federal surolus projected throung 2009 coming from Social Security, a pledge they believe the public more readily under soci Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M called last month for raising the limits. Neither House Speake Dennis Hastart, R-Ill,, nor Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R Miss, have ruled it out.
exchange for reserving parts of the surplus for tax cuts or debl exchange
reduction, aides said.
"We need to establish a new reality that restrains spending in an era of surpluses" and would "leave room for a Bush tax-cut plan,", sai Kasich, R-Ohio.
The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office will try evading the issue by producing three surplus estimates later this month: On assuming the spending caps hold, and two assuming the limits ar

Inflation jumped 2.7\% in '99, most in 3 years
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tively contained in most othe areas, posting the best per formance since the mid-1960 Outside of energy and food,
the "core" rate of inflation the core rate of inflation rose just 1.9 percent last year,
the smallest annual increase since a 1.5 percent rise in
1965, the Labor Department 1965, the
said today,
Last's year core rate was
even better than a 2.4 percent increase in 1998 and
suggests that inflation remains

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gauge, was up 0.2 percent gauge, was up 0.2 percent,
less than many analysts were forecasting. The December advance came from a leap in gasoline and other energy
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